Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says he will put a motion forward on Tuesday for a motion to be debated on the next General Business Day (Wednesday) which ask all members of Parliament to support an inquiry into political donations.

Gerry says this will be the motion:

1. all existing NT legislation and any other relevant legislation relating to political donations.
2. all donations to political parties and independents in the NT over the last 20 years
3. the role of politically allied companies such as the Nelson Foundation and Foundation 51 and other third parties to see if they are being used as fronts to avoid the disclosure of political donations
4. the transparency and accountability of the existing funding regimes
5. other jurisdictions and their practices in relation to political donations
6. other matters that the Board of Inquiry may wish to pursue that would assist in improving the confidence of the public in relation to the transparency and full disclosure of political donations and possible effects on Government policies and approvals

and that the Inquiry report back to the Administrator within 6 months or any other extended period it reasonably considers necessary with any recommendations it considers appropriate that would improve the transparency and accountability of any matters relating to political donations.

Gerry says it’s an appropriate time for an inquiry to clear the air with all the accusations flying around. The public are dismayed about what is happening and if their faith is to be restored in our democratic processes which include elections then we need to make sure those elections and the way they are funded are transparent, accountable and able to be independently scrutinised.

This inquiry is the best way to do just that.
Cessi foro gallinarum sed surgo