

Election Campaign Donation Return [Local Government Act 2020, Section 306] [Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020, Regulation 46]

Election Details: Name of Council: **Mornington Peninsula Shire Council**
 Ward (if applicable): Election Date: **24 October 2020**

Candidate Details: Full Name of Candidate:
 Address of Candidate:

Details of Gifts: ¹

| Full name of donor | Address of donor | Date of Gift | Description or form of Gift ² | Value of Gift (\$) |
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Candidate Declaration:

I declare that this election campaign donation return includes a complete record of all gifts required to be disclosed by me under section 306 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Regulation 46 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 and that the details provided in this election campaign donation return are a true and accurate record.³

Signature: Date:

¹ If no gifts of the type that must be disclosed have been received, write the words “*No disclosable gift*” on the form, complete the declaration and lodge as described below.
² For a gift in the form of goods or services, describe the gift and provide an estimated market value of the gift. For a gift in the form of money, give the exact value of the gift and describe the form in which the gift was given (e.g. cash, cheque).
³ Election Campaign Returns must be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer of the council within **40 days** after the election day. **(Due before Thursday 03 December 2020)**

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(If insufficient space, attach additional forms, number and initial all pages and sign the last page.)

Campaign donation returns

Guidance material – Election Campaign Donation Returns

Election candidates are required under Victorian law to provide campaign donation returns. All candidates in Victorian local government elections must submit a return within 40 days of election day.

What is a Campaign Donation Return?

A campaign donation return (CDR) is a record of donations or gifts, including in-kind support, during the donation period.

The return is supplied to candidates as a form, enabling candidates to fill in details of donations or gifts they have received above the \$500 threshold, as applicable under section 306 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Candidates must also disclose if they have not received any donations or gifts.

Submitting a CDR

Candidates must submit their completed CDR to the council's Chief Executive Officer within 40 days after election day, **even if they were not elected and/or did not receive gifts**.

You should receive a blank CDR form and submission instructions before election day, and also receive a reminder to submit your return during the 40 day submission period.

Each individual candidate **must** submit a CDR.

What happens if I don't submit a CDR?

Submitting a CDR is a legal requirement and **your** responsibility as a candidate. Failure to submit a CDR, or providing false or misleading information on a CDR, can result in prosecution and fines of more than \$9900 (as of 1 July 2020).

What details must my return contain?

All fields must be filled out and the declaration signed by you. If you received no gifts, you may indicate this in the "Details of Gifts" section by writing "No disclosable gifts" in the table provided.

What is the Local Government Inspectorate?

The Inspectorate, led by the Chief Municipal Inspector, is the integrity agency for local government in Victoria and investigates alleged offences under the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government Act 2020*, including electoral offences.

We will be monitoring the submission of Campaign Donation Returns by candidates and may prosecute any candidate who fails to comply with section 306 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Further information

Read the *Local Government Act 2020* (Sections 306-310), Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact us by email with the subject 'Campaign donation returns query':

inspectorate@lgi.vic.gov.au