

WELCOME TO

# Play to win – how to beat lobbyists at their own game

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# WHAT IS LOBBYING?

## 'Win for lobbyists': number of sponsored passes for parliament doubles in seven years

The orange passes allow people, often working as lobbyists, to roam the halls of power unescorted

POLITICAL LOBBYING

## Backstage in Canberra: who is lobbying our MPs?

Lobbying is big business and a part of life in Canberra, especially when Parliament is sitting. How does it work?

## Australia's political lobbying regime is broken and needs urgent reform

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## The influence game: How to access power in Australia

How do you get your foot in the door to see the people in power? Donations, freebies and jobs after politics seem to help.

## More than half of lobbyists have worked within Australian government, study finds

ANU research suggests 56% of registered lobbyists have previously held roles in politics

# The NUMBERS

*Resource Rich*

*Networked*

*Organisations geared to advocacy*

*\*numbers **exclude** in-house lobbying,  
this would more than double the spend*

**2380**

Sponsored  
Passes

**56%**

Former MPs  
or Senior  
Staffers

**500 +**

Registered  
Lobbying  
Firms

**\$700<sub>m</sub>**

Annual Spend of  
peak bodies

**\$200<sub>m</sub>**

Political  
Donations

# Who is your competition?

CCA is competing for a piece of public policy space



# HOW DOES IT WORK?

*Payment for Access and Networks*

*High retained fee*

*Represent multiple clients, often conflicted*

*Semi regulated*



**Private business interests** got more than **60 per cent** of meetings with senior state ministers.

**Consumer and community groups** were about **20 per cent**.

While trade unions are among the biggest donors, they get less than 5 per cent of meetings, although the Grattan report observes many unions access significant influence through the ALP.

**ABC NEWS**

Client's Name	
AARNet Pty Ltd	Free TV Australia
Alliance 20	Independent Schools Victoria
Allied Health Professions Australia	JWDT Land
Amazon	Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Limited
AMP Limited	Lendlease Group Services Pty Limited
Apple Pty Ltd	Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management Ltd
APT Management Services Pty Ltd	Macquarie Group Limited
Association of Independent Schools of New South Wales Ltd	McDonalds Australia Ltd
Australian Energy Council	Melbourne Airport
Bankwest	MLC Life Insurance
BBI Group	MS Research Australia
Bunnings	MyBudget Pty Ltd
Business Events Council of Australia	National Pork Producers Council
Dixon Advisory	Pharmacy Guild of Australia
Domain Principal Group	QBE Insurance Group Pty Ltd
Equinor	Quasar Resources Pty Ltd
Expedia	Sportsbet
Free TV Australia	Star Scientific Limited
Independent Schools Victoria	TAL Services Limited
JWDT Land	Tata Consultancy Services
Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Limited	Uber Australia Pty Ltd.
Lendlease Group Services Pty Limited	WPP AUNZ
Macquarie Agricultural Funds Management Ltd	Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation
Macquarie Group Limited	Yellow Edge
McDonalds Australia Ltd	
Melbourne Airport	
MLC Life Insurance	

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AARNet Pty Ltd
Air Trunk Pty Ltd
Amazon
AMP Limited
APA Group
Apple
Assistance Dogs Australia Ltd
Atlassian
Australia Health Tourism Pty Ltd
Australian Airports Association Ltd
Australian Electric Car Manufacturing Pty Ltd
Australian Heavy Vehicle Repair Association
Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Psychological Society
Nucoal Resources Ltd
Opal Aged Care
OrCam Technologies Ltd
Parametric Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd
Penrith Lakes Development Corporation
Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia Ltd
Programmed Marine Pty Ltd
Qatar Airways
QBE Insurance Group Limited
Settlement Services International
Silk Road Commercial Pty Ltd
Social Traders Ltd
Star Scientific Ltd
Steel Consultants (Aust) Pty Ltd
TAL Services Limited
Tata Consultancy Services
The Song Room Inc
The University of Newcastle
TSG Interactive Services Ltd
Used Tyre Recycling Corporation Pty Ltd
Vector Limited
Vodafone Australia
Walker Corporation
Yellow Edge

Boulderstone Consulting Services Pty Ltd	iFlight Technology Company Ltd
Bingo Industries Pty Ltd	Imagine Exhibitions
Blackstone Real Estate Australia	JWDT
Brandenburg Ensemble Ltd	Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Ltd
Brisbane Airport Corporation	Lake Macquarie City Council
BSE Maritime Solutions	Lendlease Group Services Pty Limited
Business Foundations	Life Without Barriers
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia	Literacy for Life Foundation Limited
CHC Helicopters Australia	Lottoland (Australia) Pty Ltd
Citigroup Pty Limited	Marubeni Australia Ltd
Coal River Products Association	McDonald's Australia Ltd
Community Housing Industry Association Ltd	Meat Inspectors Pty Ltd
Company B Limited	Medlab Clinical
Country Garden Australia Pty Ltd	MS Research Australia
Cure Brain Cancer	Munich Reinsurance Company of Australia Ltd
DTI Corporation Australia Pty Ltd	Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
Equinor ASA	MyBudget Pty Ltd
Evans Dixon	National Association of People With HIV Australia
Expedia	National Home Doctor Service
Fujitsu Australia Ltd.	National Pork Producers Council
Gallagher Bassett	Northside Community Forum Ltd.
Grunbiotics	Nucoal Resources Ltd
Harness Racing Australia Inc	Opal Aged Care
Heathgate Resources Pty Ltd	OrCam Technologies Ltd
Honeywell Holdings Pty Ltd	Parametric Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd
Hutchison Ports Australia Pty Ltd	Penrith Lakes Development Corporation
HydroSun Capital Pty Ltd	Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia Ltd
	Programmed Marine Pty Ltd

# BUT.... We have an edge...

*Social purpose led*

*Better and more compelling stories*

*Real constituents*



# What about CCA & its members?



Astroturfing: what is it and why does it matter?

- *Jobs*
- *Education*
- *No false narrative or astro-turfing*
- *Genuine community connection*
- *Capacity for deep relationships*





# How do we win?

- *Strategy*
- *Structural*
- *Systemic*
- *Embedded*
- *Consistent*
- *Ongoing*
- *Rigorous*
- *Planned*



# What do we do to do that?



# What should you be doing right now?

Planning, process, performance.

Stakeholder Mapping  
& Postcode Mapping

Annual event plan

Annual social media  
plan

Election plan

Why does this matter?

**VOTES =**



# Remember...

You are doing  
much of it  
already

You have the  
data

You are great at  
building  
relationships

You have a great  
story

You are part of  
the community

# Q&A

## Any questions...

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