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Dear Integrity Commission of Tasmania,

My submission is in relation to former Premier Paul Lennon who is a [registered lobbyist](#) with his PR company Paramul Pty Ltd.

His clients include Federal Group, Neville Smith Forest Products Pty Ltd, Patriarch Resources and UTAS.

[Controversially](#), Lennon remains a member of the Derwent Valley Branch of the Tasmanian Labor Party, and [remains active](#) in promoting some ALP members of parliament such as Dean Winter.

I believe Paul Lennon has used his influence in the Labor Party to promote candidates who were ambivalent about poker machine reform and environmental conservation, and I don't think it is feasible for registered lobbyists such as Lennon to hold any office or membership of the party.

Clearly, the same should apply for all political parties in Tasmania.

According to the [Tasmanian Government Lobbying Code of Conduct](#):

8.1 Lobbyists shall observe the following principles when engaging with Government representatives:

...

(d) keep strictly separate from their duties and activities as lobbyists any personal activity or involvement on behalf of a political party;

I would like the Integrity Commission of Tasmania to investigate whether 8.1 (d) in the code of conduct precludes membership and office bearing of political parties?

What level of separation is implied by this code of conduct?

And how this might this rule be strengthened?

Tasmanians should have confidence that registered lobbyists (and especially former Ministers and Premiers) are not leveraging their roles and reputations as members and office bearers for private interests and commissions from clients.

I also support strengthening of the cooling off provisions

Kind regards,

Bill Dodd