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Subject Re: Law Reform Committee - Review of the Members of
Parliament (Register of Interests) Act

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The Australian Greens - Victoria support a code of conduct for MPs. This was a policy we took to the last election and can be seen here:
http://mps.vic.greens.org.au/system/files/Greens+A5+letter_Greens.pdf

Specifically it stated

Code of conduct for parliamentarians

Despite recommendations by the Constitutional Commission, there is no code of conduct for parliamentarians other than a rudimentary outline in the Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978. We need a comprehensive regime to articulate and uphold the ethical standards expected of ministers, ministerial staff and parliamentarians both in the performance of their public duties and in their transition to private life.

**Adopt a comprehensive Code of Conduct setting out the standards expected of parliamentarians, including specifically a two-year cooling-off period before ministers or their advisers can work in industries they previously regulated.*

We also supported and endorsed the Australasian Study of Parliament Group discussion paper on Ministerial Accountability, specifically as it relates to a Code of Conduct for Ministers.

Hope these comments help inform your inquiry

cheers
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