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Integrity

in Public

Office



The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has a Concern for integrity and respectfully speaking truth to power. This Concern began at the formation of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in England in 1652.

Integrity happens when a person is trustworthy in their responses and they are open about their true motives.

For Quakers, integrity is outwards, in our personal, societal behaviour, as well as inwards, in spiritual practice. We collectively discern what we are called by God or Spirit to do at this time regarding integrity, peace, equality, fairness, unity, care of people and of the earth.

Quakers ask for:

- the allocation of grants on the basis of merit, not vote buying;
- the capping of political donations and their declaration in real time;
- the limiting of industry influence in political decision-making when the common good or the environment are not served;
- the legislation of real consequences for politicians/ senior public servants/ appointees who prove to lack integrity; and
- the cessation of time-wasting personal attacks under 'parliamentary privilege'.

We support those who also work for greater integrity in public office and welcome others to join us.

For further information:

<https://www.quakersaustralia.info/concerns/quakers-taking-action/integrity-public-office-project>

