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***MEDIA ALERT***

**HOW DEMOCRATIC IS AUSTRALIA? AN INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF FUNDING ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PARTIES**

A special event hosted by AIIA Queensland will examine current Queensland and national laws relating to electoral campaign contributions on ***Tuesday, March 24th in Brisbane.***

Former diplomat, journalist and past President of AIIA Queensland, Dr Jeremy Webb, will compare the laws relating to political campaign funding in the US, UK, Canada and New Zealand, in his discussion about this increasingly controversial issue.

The media is welcome to attend this event.

***TIME: 6.00pm AEST***

***DATE: Tuesday, March 24th***

***VENUE: Harris Terrace, 46 George St., Brisbane***

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