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### A run on the banks

Sometimes, just sometimes, there's an almost touching naivety about the Greens. "The big banks have made it clear that unless we stop demanding a royal commission, they won't rule out a scare campaign going into the next election," a begging letter from the finance spokesman **Peter Whish-Wilson** begins. "Instead of welcoming scrutiny, they are considering threatening their own customers with the baseless spin that a royal commission will increase mortgage rates ... Will you make a donation of \$12 right now to buy

an ad in *The Canberra Times* so that on Monday morning every member of parliament can see just how many Australians are backing a royal commission?" Members of parliament read *The Canberra Times*? Oh, Peter! It's only ever looked at by an ever dwindling pool of public service superannuants as they sit in the sun outside their retirement villas a couple of hours outside the capital on the nearby NSW coast.