



Republican Party of Australia Constitution.txt  
REPUBLICAN PARTY of AUSTRALIA (RPA)  
CONSTITUTION

1. IDENTITY AND STANDING

- 1.1. This Constitution identifies and governs The Republican Party of Australia hereinafter referred to as "The Party"
- 1.2. All members and sister organisations (otherwise known as "The Umbrella Group of The Party") are jointly and severally bound by this Constitution
- 1.3. No division of The Party may adopt any rule, policy or procedure inconsistent with this Constitution except with special leave to do so granted to it by the National Executive of The Party

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. The Party is unequivocally an advocate for an Australian Republic and it will champion a directly-elected Australian Presidency
- 2.2. The Party is a secular-humanist orientated, libertarian democratic co-operative of the enlightened centre which is nationally structured
- 2.3. The Party regards over-government i.e. too much governance with three levels of structure as counterproductive to sensible and practicable policy-making and implementation in the national interest
- 2.4. The following Principles represent The Party's enduring values:

Economic Principles

- Free markets and freedom of movement and choice
- Fair Free trade in goods, services and capital
- Unashamed promotion of Australian-made products
- Widespread ownership of private property

Social Principles

- Civil society with encouragement of benefaction and volunteerism
- Civil liberties and individual freedom
- Personal responsibility under the rule of law to the utmost greatest extent
- ALL-welcoming, ALL-cultural policy of Intra-Nationalism and inclusiveness fostering a Homeland Australia assimilationist policy reflecting a mature, green & gold set of values to replace discernible, overhanging colonial and imperial past structures

Governance Principles

- Constitutional, liberal, multi-party democracy
- Ethical and impartial governance under the rule of law
- Devolution of power, moreover decentralised governance [two tiers] and corresponding competitive federalism

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The objectives of The Party are to:
  - 3.1.1. Promote the principles and policies of The Party
  - 3.1.2. Seek the election of its endorsed candidates to the House of Representatives and the Senate
  - 3.1.3. Apply for electoral funding, as appropriate
  - 3.1.4. Obtain then retain tax-deductibility status
  - 3.1.5. Maintain not-for-profit status

4. MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- 4.1. There shall be seven categories of membership:
  - 4.1.1. Standard
  - 4.1.2. Concession

- 4.1.3. Honorary
- 4.1.4. Sponsor
- 4.1.5. Premium
- 4.1.6. National Executive
- 4.1.7. Life

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- 4.2.1. The National Executive will decide the suitability for membership of ALL who apply to join The Party
- 4.2.2. The National Executive may reject ANY application for Party membership without being required to give ANY reasons to the rejected applicant
- 4.2.3. The National Executive may expel ANY existing member without being required to give reasons for doing so
- 4.2.4. A member may at any time by notice in writing to the National Secretary resign his/her membership
- 4.2.5. Membership entitlements are not transferable i.e. a right, privilege or obligation which a member has by reason of being a member of The Party is not capable of being transferred to another person and therefore that membership entitlement terminates upon cessation of membership
- 4.2.6. The liability of a member of The Party to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of The Party or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of The Party is limited to the amount, if any, of unpaid membership dues owed by the member in question

5. PARTY ORGANISATION

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- 5.1. There shall be one National Executive and it shall be comprised of members from at least three of the six States of the Commonwealth
- 5.2. There shall be State Executives once The Party is deemed to be sufficiently viable
- 5.3. The National Executive shall be the principal governing body of The Party, with authority to:
  - 5.3.1. Promote The Party's principles and policies
  - 5.3.2. Improve public perceptions of The Party
  - 5.3.3. Select candidates for Federal elections
  - 5.3.4. Set membership fees
  - 5.3.5. Formulate and adopt national policies consistent with the principles of The Party
  - 5.3.6. Establish such permanent or temporary committees as may from time to time be required
  - 5.3.7. Make, repeal and/or amend such by-laws as are from time to time considered necessary for the well-being of The Party
  - 5.3.8. Create procedures for the resolution of disputes and disciplining of members based on the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice
  - 5.3.9. Call an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Party
  - 5.3.10. Perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of The Party
  - 5.3.11. Receive and consider motions and recommendations from National Conferences and/or Annual General Meetings and/or Extraordinary General meetings
  - 5.3.12. Recommend to the National Conference/Annual General Meeting the appointment of an auditor
  - 5.3.13. Present strategies and policies it has adopted to the National Conference for ratification, rejection or amendment
  - 5.3.14. Retain control over ALL party funds

6. OFFICE BEARERS

- 6.1. The National Executive shall select from among its members the office-bearers of The Party, being:
  - National President
  - National Vice-President

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National Secretary/National Executive Director\*  
National Assistant Secretary  
National Treasurer

\*The National Executive Director's role includes that of National Registered Officer

6.2. The National Executive shall appoint Ex-Officio members as it deems fit

6.3. The National Secretary/National Executive Director shall:

Have overall responsibility for correspondence in connection with The Party  
Ensure the maintenance of a register of members as directed by the National Executive  
Record all appointments of office-bearers and members of the National Executive  
Ensure that minutes are taken of all proceedings at National Executive meetings and  
Annual General meetings of the Party and, where applicable, Extraordinary General meetings  
Present such minutes to the subsequent corresponding meeting for approval as a true  
and accurate record, have them signed by the Chairman of that meeting and have them retained as  
the principal record of the transactions attendant

## 7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1. There shall be one General Meeting each year known as the Annual National Conference, to be held at a time and place determined by the National Executive and at a different regional township each year, also

7.2. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by not less than three National Executive members or by a petition of 30 financial members of The Party fold

7.3. All financial members of The Party shall be entitled to attend an Annual General meeting or an Extraordinary General meeting of The Party

7.6. General Meetings shall be open to observers unless closed (entirely or for certain sessions) by decision of the National Executive or resolution of the meeting

7.6. A quorum for either an Annual General meeting or an Extraordinary General meeting shall be 5 financial members of The Party fold

## 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

8.1. This Constitution may be changed by:

8.1.1. A motion on notice from the National Executive to an Extraordinary General meeting or by way of a motion on notice from the rank & file membership

8.1.2. A recommendation from the Australian Electoral Commission