

Electoral Newsfile

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Party Registration

The Australian Electoral Commission maintains a *Register of Political Parties*. The register lists those parties which may be eligible to claim public funding for their election campaigns and which can have the party affiliation of their endorsed candidates printed on the ballot papers. For a party *not* registered, the endorsed candidate of that party (as distinct from the party itself), is eligible to claim public funding.

Eligibility

To be eligible for registration a party must -

- either be a parliamentary party, which is a political party with at least one member currently elected to the Parliament of the Commonwealth or the State, or the Legislative Assembly of a Territory; or
- a political party that has at least 500 members nationwide; and
- be established on the basis of a written constitution.

Applications

Applications for registration of a political party must be made to the Commission's Central Office. For parliamentary parties, the party secretary or all of the party's parliamentary members may make application. For other political parties the application must be signed by 10 members of the party.

The application must:

- set out the name of the party;
- state its abbreviation (if any);
- set out the name and address of its registered officer;
- state whether the party wishes to receive public funding; and
- be accompanied by a copy of the constitution of the party.

Notification and Objection

When an application is received by the Commission, a notice is published in the *Commonwealth Gazette* and major newspapers in each State and Territory inviting any persons who believe that the application:

- does not relate to an eligible political party;
- does not meet the legislative requirements of the Commonwealth Electoral Act; or
- seeks registration of a name which should be refused by the Commission,

to lodge an objection (setting out written particulars of the grounds for that belief) during the month after the date of notice. Any person or organisation may object to the party being registered on these grounds.

Time Taken to Process Applications

The minimum time possible for the registration of a party depends on when the application is received. For straight-forward applications this usually takes 6 weeks. One week is allocated to organising the typeset proof of the notifications for the gazette and newspapers. (All notifications appear on a Wednesday, as the gazette is only published weekly on that day and the notifications in the newspapers and the gazette have to appear simultaneously.) The Act also provides for a period of one month for the receipt of objections. The sixth week sees the preparation of the submission to the Electoral Commissioner for his determination. Applications which require membership check to be conducted, or have to be sent back for clarification or attract objections, can take longer.

Refusal

The Commission will refuse to register a party if the name or abbreviation of the party:

- is obscene;
- is the name, or abbreviation of the name, of another registered party;
- closely resembles the name, or abbreviation, of another party; or
- comprises the words Independent Party, or contains the word Independent together with the name of another registered party.

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REGISTER OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Parties registered as at 12 February 1990

Name of Party

(Where one has been lodged, the party's abbreviation is indicated in *Italics*.)

A.C.T. Referendum First Group
 Australian Conservative Party - *A.C.P.*
 Australian Democrats - *Democrats*
 Australian Family Movement - *A.F.M.*
 Australian Greun Party - *The Gruens*
 Australian Labor Party (ALP) - *A.L.P.*
 Australian Labor Party (N.S.W. Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (South Australian Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) - *Australian Labor Party*
 Australian Labor Party (Northern Territory Branch) - *A.L.P.*
 Call to Australia (Fred Nile) Group - *Call to Australia (C.T.A)*
 Call to Australia (Fred Nile) Group - *Call to Australia (CTA) NSW*
 Call to Australia (Fred Nile) Group - *Call to Australia (CTA) Vic*
 Citizens' Electoral Councils Group - *C.E.C. Group*
 Combined New Australia Party - *C.N.A.P.*
 Communist Party of Australia
 Democratic Labor Party (DLP) of Australia - *Democratic Labor Party (DLP)*
 Democratic Socialist Party - *Dem. Soc.*
 Grey Power
 Independent EFF - *EFF*
 Irina Dunn Environment Independents - *Environment Independents*
 Liberal Party of Australia - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia (NSW) - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division) - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia - Queensland Division - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party (W.A. Division) Inc. - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia (S.A. Division) - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia - Tasmanian Division - *Liberal*
 Liberal Party of Australia - ACT Division - *Liberal*
 National Party of Australia - *National Party*
 National Party of Australia - NSW - *National Party*
 National Party of Australia - Victoria - *National Party*
 National Party of Australia (Queensland) - *National Party*
 National Party of Australia (WA) Inc. - *National Party*
 National party of Australia (S.A.) Inc. - *National Party*

Northern Territory Country Liberal Party - *C.L.P.*

Nuclear Disarmament Party - *NDP*

One Australia Movement - *O.A.M.*

Pensioner Party of Australia - *P.P.A.*

Rex Connor (Snr) Labor Party

Senator Brian HARRADINE Group

Socialist Party of Australia - *S.P.A.*

The Greens

 Central Coast Green Party - *Central Coast Greens*

 Cowper Greens

 Eastern Suburbs Greens - *The Greens*

 Green Alliance Senate - New South Wales - *Green Alliance*

 Greens in Lowe - *Greens*

 Illawarra Greens

 South Sydney Greens

 The Green Party of South Australia - *The Greens*

 Western Australian Green Party - *The Greens (W.A.)*

 Western Suburbs Greens

The Australian Ethnic Democrats - *AUSED*

The MacArthur Gruen Party - *The Gruens*

Torres United Party - *TUP*

Unite Australia Party - *United (U.A.P.)*

United Tasmania Group - *U.T.G.*

Party Registration, cont.

De-registration

The Commission may de-register a party on the following grounds:

- the party has ceased to exist;
- the original registration was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation;
- a period of 4 years has elapsed since the polling day in the last election for which the party endorsed a candidate;
- a non-parliamentary party has ceased to have at least 500 members;
- a party that was a parliamentary party when it was registered, has ceased to be a parliamentary party *and* has fewer than 500 members; or
- at the request of the party.

Inspection

The *Register of Political Parties* is available for inspection without charge at the Commission's principal office in Canberra, its State Head Offices and Darwin Head Office. A full copy of the Register, showing the name and address of each party's registered officer, can be obtained under the *Freedom of Information Act* (\$30-00 application fee and 10 cents per page).

A list of names and abbreviations of all registered parties is available from the Commission's principal office in Canberra free of charge.

1989 Electoral Roll Print

The hard copy print of the 1989 Electoral Roll has now been distributed.

Copies may be purchased at a price of \$25 per division.

AEC Central Office sells Australia wide sets.

AEC Head Offices sell sets for their particular States.

AEC Divisional Offices sell rolls for their Division.

LATEST ENROLMENT FIGURES

Figures gazetted on 17 January, 1990.

St George	68245	-0.78
Shortland	71414	3.82
Sydney	65238	-5.15
Throsby	67474	-1.90
Warringah	65298	-5.06
Wentworth	62195	-9.57
Werriwa	77347	12.45

DIVISION	ENROLMENT	% DEVIATION FROM AVERAGE DIVISIONAL ENROLMENT
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State Total	3507931
Average Enrolment	68783

New South Wales as at 3 January 1990

Banks	66552	-3.24
Barton	68493	-0.42
Bennelong	66996	-2.59
Berowra	67145	-2.38
Blaxland	66333	-3.56
Bradfield	67811	-1.41
Calare	70390	2.33
Charlton	70321	2.23
Chifley	71129	3.41
Cook	67435	-1.95
Cowper	76748	11.57
Cunningham	65915	-4.16
Dobell	74740	8.66
Dundas	65541	-4.71
Eden-Monaro	72531	5.44
Farrer	70996	3.21
Fowler	69855	1.55
Gilmore	69681	1.30
Grayndler	65183	-5.23
Greenway	65403	-4.91
Gwydir	67281	-2.18
Hughes	71612	4.11
Hume	68013	-1.11
Hunter	70787	2.91
Kingsford-Smith	66984	-2.61
Lindsay	69476	1.00
Lowe	66570	-3.21
Lyne	77021	11.97
Macarthur	68070	-1.03
Mackellar	66088	-3.91
Macquarie	68296	-0.70
Mitchell	73003	6.13
Newcastle	64681	-5.96
New England	71015	3.24
North Sydney	62583	-9.01
Page	71647	4.16
Parkes	67180	-2.33
Parramatta	65523	-4.73
Phillip	66347	-3.54
Prospect	73147	6.34
Reid	67003	-2.58
Richmond	70657	2.72
Riverina-Darling	63963	-7.00
Robertson	74575	8.42

Victoria as at 3 January 1990

Aston	70739	-0.76
Ballarat	68963	-3.25
Batman	74017	3.83
Bendigo	71240	-0.06
Bruce	72962	2.35
Burke	66389	-6.86
Calwell	69920	-1.91
Casey	70501	-1.10
Chisholm	75282	5.60
Corangamite	69592	-2.37
Corinella	67389	-5.46
Corio	72934	2.31
Deakin	72888	2.24
Dunkley	69726	-2.18
Flinders	66865	-6.20
Gellibrand	73910	3.68
Gippsland	72060	1.08
Goldstein	75364	5.72
Higgins	72783	2.09
Holt	65621	-7.94
Hotham	72742	2.04
Indi	69547	-2.43
Isaacs	73691	3.37
Jagajaga	69161	-2.98
Kooyong	71376	0.12
Lalor	66792	-6.30
La Trobe	70899	-0.54
McEwen	69036	-3.15
McMillan	73511	3.12
Mallee	74530	4.55
Maribymong	72287	1.40
Melbourne	71849	0.78
Melbourne Ports	71720	0.60
Menzies	69227	-2.88
Murray	72865	2.21
Scullin	71509	0.31
Wannon	74574	4.61
Wills	74422	4.39
State Total	2708883	
Average Enrolment	71286	

Queensland as at 3 January 1990

Bowman	78351	7.30
Brisbane	67416	-7.67
Capricornia	68554	-6.11
Dawson	72641	-0.51
Fadden	67797	-7.14
Fairfax	81589	11.73
Fisher	83016	13.69
Forde	68472	-6.22
Griffith	68251	-6.52
Groom	73764	1.02
Herbert	74442	1.95
Hinkler	72123	-1.22
Kennedy	70757	-3.09
Leichhardt	75241	3.04
Lilley	68734	-5.86
McPherson	84148	15.24
Maranoa	70425	-3.54
Moncrieff	81741	11.94
Moreton	66497	-8.92
Oxley	67598	-7.42
Petrie	73055	0.05
Rankin	72253	-1.04
Ryan	73626	0.83
Wide Bay	71914	-1.51
State Total	1752405	
Average		
Enrolment	73017	

Western Australia as at 3 January 1990

Brand	67457	-1.58
Canning	63721	-7.03
Cowan	64523	-5.86
Curtin	72915	6.37
Forrest	68899	0.51
Fremantle	70356	2.64
Kalgoorlie	67696	-1.23
Moore	64709	-5.59
O'Connor	71577	4.42
Pearce	66165	-3.47
Perth	72887	6.33
Stirling	71133	3.77
Swan	71471	4.27
Tangney	66105	-3.55
State Total	959614	
Average		
Enrolment	68544	

South Australia as at 21 December 1989

Adelaide	72707	-0.73
Barker	71776	-2.00
Bonython	75142	2.60
Boothby	73764	0.71
Grey	69031	-5.75
Hawker	70023	-4.39
Hindmarsh	72432	-1.10
Kingston	74280	1.42
Makin	73840	0.82
Mayo	78399	7.04
Port Adelaide	73013	-0.31
Sturt	71567	-2.29
Wakefield	76157	3.98
State Total	952131	
Average		
Enrolment	73241	

Tasmania as at 3 January 1990

Bass	59638	-1.31
Braddon	59714	-1.18
Denison	59479	-1.57
Franklin	61537	1.82
Lyons	61791	2.24
State Total	302159	
Average		
Enrolment	60432	

Australian Capital Territory as at 3 January 1990

Canberra	82534	-0.14
Fraser	82769	0.14
State Total	165303	
Average		
Enrolment	82652	

Northern Territory as at 3 January 1990

Average		
Enrolment	73711	

**TOTAL FOR AUSTRALIA:
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