

**NOTICE OF PARTY REGISTRATION DECISION
APPLICATION TO ENTER A LOGO IN THE REGISTER OF
POLITICAL PARTIES APPROVED
INVOLUNTARY MEDICATION OBJECTORS
(VACCINATION/FLUORIDE) PARTY**

Notice of decision under subsection 134(6A) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) and Statement of Reasons

I am writing in accordance with subsection 134(6) of the Electoral Act to notify you of the determination of the application by Involuntary Medication Objectors (Vaccination/Fluoride) Party (the Party) to enter a logo in the *Register of Political Parties* (the Register).

I am authorised to determine this application under section 134 of the Electoral Act as a delegate of the Electoral Commission.

Decision

I have determined that the application by the Party to enter a logo in the Register should be approved under subsection 134(6) of the Electoral Act.

Reasons for Decision

I have decided to approve the application by the Party to enter a logo in the Register. Consequently, the following logo, as set out in the application, was entered in the *Register of Political Parties*:



Materials I have taken into account

In making my decision, I have had regard to:

- the application by the Party to enter a logo in the Register received by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on 26 March 2019;
- Part XI of the Electoral Act;
- internet searches of trademarked and licenced logo images undertaken by a service-provider engaged by the AEC;
- the *Commonwealth Electoral (Logo Requirements) Determination 2016*;
- the Register and the Register of Political Parties of each Australian state and territory; and
- the *AEC Party Registration Guide*.

Findings of fact

On the material before me, I make the following findings:

Party logo

The logo set out in the application:

- is not obscene;
- is not the logo of any other person;
- does not so nearly resemble the logo of any other person that it is likely to be confused with or mistaken for that logo;
- is not one that a reasonable person would think suggests that a connection or relationship exists between the applicant and a registered political party if that connection or relationship does not in fact exist;
- does not comprise the words “Independent Party”;
- does not contain the word “Independent” and the:
 - name, or abbreviation or acronym of the name of a recognised political party;
or
 - matter that so nearly resembles the name or an abbreviation or acronym of a recognised political party that the matter is likely to be confused with or mistaken for that name or that abbreviation or acronym;
- is in black and white;
- is a vector graphic in electronic format;
- is 100% black in a CMYK colour space;
- is contained within a frame of 10 mm by 10 mm;
- is able to be reproduced correctly within a frame of 7 mm by 7 mm;
- does not include live text, transparency or overprinting and custom halftone, transfer curve or colour profile settings; and
- is in a PDF file, of less than 5 megabytes, that complies with International Standard ISO 32000-1:2008 as in force at the time this instrument commences.

Accordingly, on the basis of the materials before me, I am satisfied that the proposed Party logo meets the requirements of subsection 126(2AA) and section 129A of the Electoral Act and the specifications described in *Commonwealth Electoral (Logo Requirements) Determination 2016*.

Other procedural application requirements

I am satisfied that the application by the Party to enter a logo meets the requirements of paragraph 134(1)(b) and subsection 134(2) of the Electoral Act for a non-Parliamentary party. The application:

- was in writing, signed by three members of the Party;
- set out the names and addresses of the applicants and particulars of the capacity in which each applicant makes the application.

On 6 September 2019, I determined that the application had passed the initial assessment and approved the advertisement of the application under paragraph 132(1)(c) of the Electoral Act. A notice of the application was advertised on the AEC website and in 10 major newspapers on 16 September 2019. The closing date for objections was 16 October 2019.

Two written particulars were lodged which did not address the requirements of section 132 of the Electoral Act and were not published on the AEC website.

For the reasons outlined above, I approve the application from the Party to enter a logo in the Register, as a delegate for the purposes of Part XI of the Electoral Act.

Review rights

Under subsection 141(2) of the Electoral Act, a person (including an organisation) affected by the decision who is dissatisfied with the decision, may make a written application to the Electoral Commission for internal review of this decision within 28 days after the day on which the decision first comes to the notice of that person. There is no fee payable for requesting an internal review.

Requests for review of this decision should be addressed to Mr Tom Rogers, Australian Electoral Commissioner, and emailed to commission.secretariat@aec.gov.au or posted to Locked Bag 4007, Canberra City ACT 2601.

How do I request an internal review?

In accordance with subsections 141(2) and 141(3) of the Electoral Act, an application for review must:

- be in writing;
- specify the name of the applicant; and
- set out the reasons for making the application.

If you wish to apply for additional time beyond the 28 days to make an application for review of the delegate's decision, please also include the reasons for the application for additional time.

Who conducts an internal review?

The Electoral Commission, which is comprised of three members, the Australian Electoral Commissioner, a judicial member and a non-judicial member, conducts internal reviews. Under subsection 141(4) of the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission review an application and make a decision to either:

- affirm the decision under review;
- vary the decision under review; or
- set aside the decision under review and make a decision in substitution for the decision set aside.

What can I do if I disagree with the outcome of an internal review?

If an internal review decision has been made by the Electoral Commission a person whose interests are affected, and who is dissatisfied with the decision made by the Electoral Commission, may apply to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) for an external merits

review of the decision. More information on how to apply to the AAT and any applicable fees can be found on its website: www.aat.gov.au/applying-for-a-review/how-to-apply.

Freedom of Information

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) any person has the right to request access to documents held by the AEC. For more information about access to documents under the FOI Act please visit the AEC's "Access to AEC information" webpage at: www.aec.gov.au/information-access/index.htm.

Should you have any queries regarding party registration, please contact the AEC on 02 6271 4552, visit www.aec.gov.au or email fad@aec.gov.au.

(signed)

Joanne Reid
Acting Assistant Commissioner
Delegate of the Electoral Commission

30 October 2019