

**FRASER ANNING'S  
CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL  
PARTY**

**CONSTITUTION**



*“One nation under God, united by the crimson threads of kinship”*

## 1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Party is Fraser Anning's Conservative National Party, and commonly referred to as the Conservative Nationals.

## 2. OBJECTS

- 2.1 The objects of the Party are as follows:

- a) To promote
- i) the vision of Sir Henry Parkes of Australia as an English speaking, predominantly European Christian Commonwealth, as originally described in 1901 when Australia as a nation was founded;
  - ii) social cohesion by an immigration program that gives preference to those best able to integrate and assimilate;
  - iii) traditional family values, including recognising marriage as only the union of a man and a woman and the sanctity of human life at all ages, including both the unborn and the elderly;
  - vi) government through the democratic consent of the governed;
  - v) individual freedom, including unrestricted freedom of speech, association and belief;
  - vi) private enterprise;
  - vii) private property as an inviolable natural right;
  - viii) universal home-ownership as a national objective;
  - ix) Australian ownership of our infrastructure, manufacturing and agriculture;
  - x) widely distributed ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange through owner operated farms, small business and co-operatives;
  - xi) collective bargaining in agriculture and industry;
  - xii) orderly marketing of agricultural products;
  - xiii) the development of rural and regional infrastructure and the re-industrialisation of Australia;
  - xiv) an end to usury through the establishment of a not-for-profit government bank;
  - xv) the right to own firearms and use them in self-defence;
  - xvi) welfare as a safety net but restricted to citizens;
  - xvii) citizens initiated referenda and voluntary voting;
  - xviii) decentralization of power and competitive federalism;
  - xix) a fair taxation system that encourages productivity and savings and rewards hard work;
  - xx) the restoration of Australia's national sovereignty through repudiation of coercive international treaties and a foreign policy that puts Australia first;
  - xxi) a capable and well-resourced military and strong support for our veterans.
- b) To provide Australia with a truly conservative nationalist force organised with the aim of winning office and advancing the abovementioned objects.
- c) To secure the election to the Federal Parliament of a candidate or candidates endorsed by the party.

### 3. POWERS OF PARTY

- 3.1 The Party shall have the power to:
- a) receive and accept donations and endowments of money or any form of property, from any legal person within the bounds of the law,
  - b) produce, publish, issue and distribute any material it sees fit such as books, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals and other literature to promote the objects and policies of the Party
  - c) invest any moneys of the Party in such manner as may from time to time be determined
  - d) engage and dismiss employees and agents of the Party
  - e) grant and pay salaries or other payments to any person in recognition of services rendered to the Party
- 3.2 The Party is formed to carry out the objects above mentioned and not for the purpose of securing financial profit to the members from the transactions thereof.
- 3.3 The income and property of the Party whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Party as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to the members of the Party, provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration whether by way of salary or honoraria or otherwise in return for any service actually rendered to or on behalf of the Party, to any officers or servants of the Party or to any member thereof or other person.
- 3.4 If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Party there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be paid or distributed amongst any other organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Party and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Party under or by virtue of this Constitution, such organisations to be determined by the National Executive of the Party at or before the time of dissolution

### 4. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 4.1 The organisational structure of the Party shall comprise:
- a) National Executive

- b) Federal Conference
- c) Federal Secretariat
- d) Federal Divisional Councils
- e) Policy Standing Committee
- f) Young Conservative Nationalists

## 5. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- 5.1 The management of the affairs of the Party and the exercise of the powers of the party as defined in section 3 shall be the responsibility of the National Executive.
- 5.2 The National Executive shall have the power to do all things necessary in the day to day management of the Party to achieve the objects and policies of the Party, including the power to:
- a) review the fees and other contributions payable
  - b) foster the establishment, development and growth of Federal Divisional Councils and other structures of the Party, and for that purpose to make regulations governing the powers of operation of such Branches and structures, which regulations shall have effect as if they were provisions hereof
  - c) Suspend or disband branches and committees
  - d) endorse candidates for federal elections and federal by-elections
  - e) reschedule meetings of the Federal Conference
  - f) establish subcommittees and receive reports for such purposes as it shall think fit
  - g) appoint the Federal Director
  - h) appoint the Chairman of the Policy Standing Committee
  - i) exercise such other powers as may be provided for by this Constitution
- 5.3 The National Executive shall comprise the:
- a) Federal Leader
  - b) Any State Parliamentary Leaders

- c) Chairman
  - d) Secretary
  - e) Treasurer
  - f) President of the Young Conservative Nationalists
  - g) Chairman of the Policy Standing Committee
- 5.4 The National Executive shall meet *at least* quarterly, at such date, time and place as decided by the Chairman: teleconference or any other electronic method by which members can be heard, and which the body determines will not compromise its confidentiality.
- 5.5 Quorum, meeting and voting procedures
- a) A quorum for a meeting of the National Executive shall be three (3).
  - b) All members of the National Executive shall have a vote on all motions put to the National Executive.
  - c) The Chairman shall chair the meeting of the National Executive.
  - d) If at any time the Chairman is absent from a meeting of the National Executive, the Committee shall elect another of its members to chair the meeting.
  - e) In the case of an equality of votes on any motion at a meeting of the National Executive, the chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
  - f) In the event of the President of the Young Conservative Nationalists being unable to attend a meeting of the National Executive, he or she may appoint, in writing, a nominee who must be, a member of the Young Conservative Nationalist Executive.
  - g) All decisions of the National Executive, shall be decided by a simple majority of those who, being present and entitled to vote, vote on the resolution.
  - h) Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting of the National Executive by the Secretary and shall be signed as a correct record thereof by the chair of the meeting.
- 5.6 In such case where a member of the National Executive resigns, or otherwise ceases to be able to serve, the National Executive shall appoint a replace until the next Federal Conference.
- 5.6 State Division may be affiliated to the party at the direction of the National Executive, and will be governed by constitutions approved by the National Executive.

- 5.7 All members of the National Executive shall be member ex-officio of all sub-committees, Federal Divisional Councils and other party structures.

## 6. FEDERAL CONFERENCE

- 6.1 A Federal Conference shall be convened by the National Executive at least once every three (3) years, at such time and place determined by the National Executive.

- 6.2 Federal Conference shall have the power to:

- a) Elect the national executive office bearers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)
- b) Adopt policy for the Party by considering and voting on such policy motions as may be submitted by:
  - (i) National Executive
  - (ii) Young Conservative Nationalists
  - (iii) Policy Standing Committee
  - (iv) Federal Divisional Councils, as created by the National Executive
- c) Receive addresses from the Federal Leader and other speakers as determined by the National Executive
- d) Receive such reports as the National Executive may determine
- e) Consider such matters as the chairman of Federal Conference may permit.

### 6.3. Delegates to Federal Conference

- a) Federal Conference shall comprise:
  - i) All members of National Executive
  - ii) One (1) members of each Federal Divisional Council, as recognised by the National Executive
  - iii) One (1) delegates of the Young Conservative Nationalists organisation from each State, elected by their respective state organisations.
- b) No member of or delegate to Federal Conference may be a member of any other political party or political organisation,

#### 6.4. Quorum, meeting and voting procedures

- a) A quorum for Federal Conference shall be not less than one-quarter of those who in accordance with clause 6.3 of this Constitution are entitled to attend;
- b) All delegates to Federal Conference shall have a vote on all motions put to Federal Conference;
- c) The Chairman shall chair the Federal Conference;
- d) If, at any time, the Chairman is absent from a meeting of the Federal Conference, the Federal Conference shall elect a member of the National Executive to chair the meeting;
- f) In the case of an equality of votes on any motion at a meeting of Federal Conference, the chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote;
- g) All decisions of Federal Conference shall be decided by a simple majority of those people who, being present and entitled to vote, vote on the resolution;
- h) Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each Federal Conference by the Secretary and shall be signed as a correct record thereof by the chair of the meeting. Such minutes shall be confirmed by the next meeting of the National Executive.

#### 6.5 Convening of Federal Conferences

- a) Not less than fifty (50) days' notice in writing shall be given to the members of the party of the convening of a Federal Conference.
- b) If, in the interests of the Party, the National Executive deems it necessary to postpone the holding of a Federal Conference, the National Executive may do so by notice in writing to members.

### 7. FEDERAL SECRETARIAT

7.1 There shall be a Federal Secretariat of the Party, and shall be made up of the Federal Director and such staff and facilities as the National Executive may determine.

7.2 The Federal Director shall be:

- a) The chief executive officer in charge of the Federal Secretariat
  - b) Unless otherwise determined by the National Executive, the Federal Director will be responsible for all Federal election, Federal by-election and Federal referendum campaigns
  - c) The registered officer of the Party for the purposes of the Commonwealth Electoral Act.
- 7.3 The terms of employment of the Federal Director shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive.
- 7.4 The Federal Director shall be appointed by the National Executive acting in consultation with the Federal Leader.
- a) The Federal Secretariat shall perform such functions as required by the Federal Leader and the National Executive including:
  - b) Provision of administrative, research and support facilities as required to the Parliamentary team, National Executive, Federal Conference, and Young Conservative Nationalists
  - c) Arranging facilities for and coordinating meetings of Federal Conference and National Executive, and maintaining minutes of such meetings
  - d) Preparing and publishing material aimed at further promoting the Party
  - e) Any other activities required by the Federal Leader and the National Executive to assist the Party to maintain and increase its representation in the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 7.5 The Federal Secretariat shall perform its functions in accordance with an annual budget and separate election, by-election and referendum campaign budgets as determined by the National Executive.
- 7.6 There is no provision preventing a member of the National Executive being appointed to fulfil the role of Federal Director.



## 8. POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE

- 8.1 There shall be a Policy Standing Committee which shall coordinate and facilitate the development of policy and philosophy, and make recommendations to the National Executive in relation to the same. The Policy Standing Committee shall comprise:
- a) A chairman, who shall be elected by the National Executive
  - b) The Federal Leader
  - c) The Chairman
  - d) The President of the Young Conservative Nationalists
  - e) 2 members elected at the Federal Conference
  - e) Such other members as may be appointed by the Chairman of the Policy Standing Committee.
- 8.2 Governed by the rules established and approved by the National Executive

## 9. FEDERAL DIVISIONAL COUNCILS

- 9.1 A Federal Divisional Council shall be formed in each Federal Division in Australia, membership permitting.
- 9.2 A Federal Divisional Council will consist of all Members resident within its Federal Division,
- 9.3 A Federal Divisional Council must meet at least twice in each calendar year under the following conditions;
- a) One of the meetings must be an Annual General Meeting, and it must be held no more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting of the Federal Divisional Council.
  - b) The Annual General Meeting and the other or one of the other meetings must be separated by a period of not less than two months.
  - c) A copy of the draft minutes for each meeting (clearly marked as such) must be forwarded to the Party Secretary promptly after the meeting.

- d) If the minutes as subsequently adopted differ from the draft, a copy of the minutes must be forwarded to the Party Secretary promptly after adoption.
  - e) If a Federal Divisional Council does not hold meetings in accordance with this clause it will not be entitled to send delegates to Federal Conference. The restriction will continue to apply until, in a following year, the Federal Divisional Council has held meetings in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), except for the requirement that the Annual General Meeting be held no more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 9.4 Each Federal Divisional Council shall elect annually an Executive comprising a Chairman, one Deputy Chairman, a Secretary/Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other members as it considers necessary. Such members must be in attendance at the meeting or signify in writing or by telephone to the Chairman or Secretary of the Federal Divisional Council that they are willing to accept a position for which they may be nominated. It may also elect a committee consisting of the Executive officers and such other members of the Federal Divisional Council as it considers necessary. It may also appoint such other officers or committees as it considers necessary.
- 9.5 A quorum of a Federal Divisional Council meeting shall be not less than 25% of its total membership.
- 9.6 The duties of Federal Divisional Councils shall be to -
- a) Recommend prospective candidates to stand for its Federal Electoral Division to the National Executive;
  - b) Organise and, subject to the direction of the National Executive, to conduct the campaign of the endorsed candidate for the Federal Electoral Division in co-operation with such candidate;
  - c) Hold meetings as and when required;
  - d) Pass resolutions on prospective policy proposals to send to the Policy Standing Committee;
  - e) Elect one (1) delegate to Federal Conference.
- 9.7 A Federal Divisional Council meeting must be convened by giving members 14 days' notice of the meeting.

## 10. YOUNG CONSERVATIVE NATIONALISTS

- 10.1 There shall be a Young Conservative Nationalists, which shall be governed by a Constitution approved by the National Executive, with such members between the ages of sixteen and thirty years inclusive as elect to join.
- 10.2 The governing body of the Young Conservative Nationalists shall be the Young Conservative Nationalists Council, which shall consist of members elected at the Young Conservative Nationalists Conference.
- 10.3 The Young Conservative Nationalists Conference shall meet immediately prior to the Federal Conference meeting to elect its office bearers, and consider other business including prospective policy proposals, and may convene such other meetings as it shall think fit.

## 11. MEMBERSHIP

- 11.1 The National Executive may establish any categories of membership as it sees fit.
- 11.2 Membership is open to any individual who:
  - a) Is a natural person
  - b) Has paid the required membership fee
  - c) Supports the objectives of the Party
  - d) Agrees to comply with this Constitution
  - e) Is not a member of another political party,
  - f) Has submitted a completed application form to the National Executive, providing their full name, residential address and any other details as set out by the National Executive
  - h) Has not been expressly excluded from membership
  - i) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence or serious criminal offence in the 10 years prior to their application to become a member
- 11.3 Members are considered ‘in good standing’ if at any point in time:
  - a) They hold an up-to-date financial membership
  - b) They are not subject to any form of suspension by the National Executive

- 11.4 Only members ‘in good standing’, as recognised by the National Executive, shall be eligible to:
- a) Be considered for elected party positions and candidature
  - b) Vote in relevant internal matters, as determined and required by the National Executive, provided that new members shall only be eligible to vote six (6) months after the date of the approval of their membership application
- 11.5 The approval or rejection of a membership application is at the discretion of the National Executive;
- a) The National Executive is not required, and cannot be compelled, to provide any reason for rejection.
  - b) The Chairman shall, without qualification, have the right, subject to the approval of the National Executive, to reject any person’s membership application.
- 11.6 An individual ceases to be a member if that individual dies, resigns, is no longer deemed to be a member ‘in good standing’ or has their membership suspended or cancelled by the National Executive.
- 11.7 The National Executive may suspend or cancel the membership of any member if the National Executive deems it to be in the interests of the Party. This decision is made at the sole discretion of the National Executive.
- 11.8 Members can resign by submitting a written notice to the National Executive.
- 11.9 The National Executive will cancel membership if, after becoming a member, a person joins any organisation which the National Executive deems to be incompatible with membership of the Party
- 11.10 The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances and with agreement of the National Executive, approve the membership of any person who may otherwise be prohibited from membership.
- 11.11 A membership does not lapse via failure to renew a membership fee until the expiration of 1 calendar month from the date upon which their membership was due to expire.

## 12. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 12.1 At inception of the Conservative Nationals as a party, individuals meeting the requirements for party membership may apply to the Federal Leader to join and be approved as members at his discretion.
- 12.2 The Federal Leader shall then appoint a party Chairman. The Chairman, in consultation with the Federal Leader, shall then appoint the remainder of the National Executive positions for the period until the first Federal Conference.

## 13. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

- 13.1 Subject to the Act, this Constitution may only be amended, repealed or added to by Special Resolution at a National Executive Meeting and provided notice of such amendment, repeal or addition has been distributed to National Executive Members at least Thirty (30) days in advance, provided that:
  - a) No amendment shall contravene the Act or any other legislation; and
  - b) No Member of the Party shall be bound by an amendment to the Constitution made after the date on which that person became a Member if that amendment requires the Member to take up additional financial liability or otherwise pay money to the Party.

## DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Business Day”** means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the place concerned;

**“By-laws”** means a set of rules relating to the affairs, management or operation of the Party;

**“Candidates”** means those Members who are endorsed by the Party to stand for public office in Local, State, Territory or Federal elections;

**“Chair”** means the person appointed or elected to chair any meeting in accordance with this Constitution;

**“Chairman”** means either the person appointed to that position in accordance with section 5 or section 9;

**“Constitution”** means this Constitution in force from time to time;

**“Electoral Act Positions”** means any position, office or role required to be filled under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and may include a Party agent and registered officer and deputies of those roles;

**“Federal Conference”** means the assembly of members established in accordance with Clause 6 of this Constitution;

**“Federal Director”**, means the Federal Director of the Party as defined in section 7;

**“Federal Electorate”** means a Federal electorate for the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives in the Australian Parliament;

**“Federal Electorate Council”** means the councils established by being councils in Federal electoral divisions formed in accordance with the Constitution and accepted by National Executive as per section 5 and 9 of this Constitution.

**“Federal Leader”** means the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Conservative Nationals;

**“Federal Parliamentary Conservative Nationals”** means the Party of Senators and Members elected to the Commonwealth Parliament;

**“Financial Year”** means the period commencing on 1st day of July and ending on the next 30th day of June

**“Meeting”** means a Party Meeting, Executive Meeting, depending upon the context;

**“Membership”** shall mean membership of the Party;

**“Party”** means Fraser Anning’s Conservative National Party, or such other name given to the entity for which this Constitution relates;

**“Standing Policy Committee”** has the meaning given to it in section 8;

**“Secretary”** means the Secretary of the Party;

**“State”** means a State of the Commonwealth of Australia;

**“Sub-Committee”** means a sub-committee formed in accordance with section 5.2;

**“Treasurer”** means the Treasurer of the Party;