

January 12 2019

To the attention of the Funding and Disclosure Committee

We wish to lodge an objection to the registration of **Fraser Anning's Conservative National Party**.

With respect to [Section 129 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act](#), subsections (d) and (da):

(d) so nearly resembles the name, or an [abbreviation](#) or acronym of the name, of another [political party](#) (not being a [political party](#) that is related to [the party](#) to which the application relates) that is a [recognised political party](#) that it is likely to be confused with or mistaken for that name or that [abbreviation](#) or acronym, as the case may be; or

(da) is one that a reasonable person would think suggests that a connection or relationship exists between [the party](#) and a [registered party](#) if that connection or relationship does not in fact exist; or

The abbreviated name **The Conservative Nationals** can easily be confused with the Parliamentary parties **Australian Conservatives**, **Liberal National Party of Queensland** and **National Party of Australia** (aka **The Nationals**).

Australian Conservatives are fielding a Senate candidate in Queensland, as declared in May 2018:

<https://www.conservatives.org.au/lyle-shelton-named-australian-conservatives-lead-senate-candidate-in-queensland>

The abbreviated name **The Conservative Nationals** may confuse a voter in Queensland (or elsewhere) who wishes to support **Australian Conservatives**.

Similarly, **The Conservative Nationals** may confuse a voter who aligns with the values of the **Liberal National Party of Queensland** or the **National Party of Australia** (aka **The Nationals**).

I would also like to request you verify that the application for registration contains the required list of the names of the 500 members of the party as stated in [Section 126 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act](#).

Yours sincerely,



Michael [redacted] and Gregory [redacted]

