



Peaceful  
Bayside

## CONSTITUTION OF PEACEFUL BAYSIDE

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## **Preamble:**

Welcome to Peaceful Bayside.

Peaceful Bayside started with a petition for peaceful streets, quickly growing into the Peaceful Bayside Action Group with 3000 supporters. In 2021 late Peaceful Bayside Action Group ran a ticket of independent candidates in the Bayside Council election, with the community electing Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas for WARD 5.

In 2023 Peaceful Bayside Action Group is registering "Peaceful Bayside" as a political party. This will enable us to run candidates in future council elections and make it easier for our supporters to vote for us.

### **Peaceful Bayside's Vision:**

Together, let's make Bayside a better place to work, play and thrive.

Where we enjoy world-class, shared public spaces - our beaches, parks, and bush reserves.

Where we can shop comfortably in our community, with safer streets, adequate parking, and easy-to-use active travel and public transport routes, so we can all better support local businesses and ensure prosperity.

Where our rich, varied, and diverse cultural communities are cherished, and we become a go-to place in Sydney for unique community events and celebrations.

Where we have places for our young and young at heart to enjoy art, music, sport, and great food.  
Where our women and girls are empowered, and we all live respectfully and harmoniously.

Below are the specific ways we strive to enable and empower our local community:

#### **I AM HEARD**

We will listen and respond to the community's needs by implementing better community consultation.

#### **I AM SAFE**

We will help fix dangerous driving and hooning by implementing best practice urban design strategies to better protect our community, working with all vested parties.

#### **I AM PROTECTED**

We will address the high levels of domestic violence placing a heavy drain on policing resources, by empowering local women socially and financially

#### **I AM RESPECTED**

We will create more community and cultural events in Bayside, building social cohesion to enrich the lives of residents of all abilities and backgrounds.

#### **I AM COMFORTABLE**

We will create well-designed shared paths, connectivity for commuting, lighting for night-time activities, and improve facilities for both active and passive users

#### **I AM VALUED**

We will reduce the amount of development and ensure proper community consultation on the future of Bayside.

#### **I AM SUSTAINABLE**

We will address the risks associated with climate change, including implementing a council food waste system and a net zero emissions target.

#### **I AM HAPPY**

We will increase the liveability, activities, and social value of residents of all ages.

#### **I AM AT EASE**

We will ensure better management of our precious green spaces, preventing illegal rubbish dumping and restoring biological diversity.

## **1. Purpose of this Constitution**

The purpose of this constitution is to establish and govern the unincorporated political party known as Peaceful Bayside.

The abbreviated name of Peaceful Bayside is: PBay

This Constitution may be amended by the written agreement of a majority of members of the Management Committee, provided that any such amendment is in accordance with any applicable requirements of the Local Government Act or of the NSW Electoral Commission.

In this Constitution:

- "Declaration of Party Membership" means the form approved by the NSW Electoral Commissioner in accordance with the Electoral Act 2017 (NSW) and published on the NSW Electoral Commission website;
- "Deputy Registered Officer" means the person appointed to the role of Deputy Registered Officer of Peaceful Bayside pursuant to Section 5 of this Constitution and shown as such in a register of office holders maintained by the Management Committee;
- "Local Government Act" means the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) as may be amended from time to time;
- "Management Committee" means the Secretary, Registered Officer and Deputy Registered Officer;
- "Registered Officer" means the person appointed to the role of Registered Officer of Peaceful Bayside pursuant to Section 5 of this Constitution and shown as such in a register of office holders maintained by the Management Committee;
- "Secretary" means the person appointed to the role of Secretary of Peaceful Bayside pursuant to Section 5 of this Constitution and shown as such in a register of office holders maintained by the Management Committee.

## **2. Objectives of Peaceful Bayside**

The objectives of Peaceful Bayside include:

- maintaining registration as a political party under the Local Government Act;
- promoting the election to council of a candidate or candidates endorsed by Peaceful Bayside;
- developing and promoting evidenced-based policies, in consultation with its members and the community, that represent the needs and interests of the communities in which Peaceful Bayside candidates are elected to council; and
- encouraging broader and deeper community engagement in matters affecting local government areas where Peaceful Bayside candidates are elected to council.

### **3. Membership of Peaceful Bayside**

#### **3.1 Eligibility to apply for membership**

A person is eligible to apply for membership of Peaceful Bayside if they:

- are a natural person;
- are not a member of another political party;
- are aligned with the objectives of Peaceful Bayside;
- are enrolled to vote in council elections in New South Wales; and
- agree to be bound by this Constitution.

#### **3.2 Application for membership**

A person may apply for membership of Peaceful Bayside in writing to a member of the Management Committee.

#### **3.3 Appointment as a member of Peaceful Bayside**

As soon as practicable after receiving an application for membership of Peaceful Bayside, a member of the Management Committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application and shall notify the applicant of the decision.

A member of the Management Committee may accept or reject an application for membership at their sole and absolute discretion.

If an application for membership is approved, a member of the Management Committee shall ensure the applicant's name is entered in the register of members of Peaceful Bayside.

A person who has provided a completed Declaration of Party Membership to a member of the Management Committee is taken to have applied for membership of Peaceful Bayside under Section 3.2 of this Constitution.

#### **3.4 Register of members**

The Management Committee shall maintain a current register of members of Peaceful Bayside.

A member must provide information reasonably required by the Management Committee to ensure the register of members is accurate and current.

#### **3.5 Cessation of membership**

A person shall cease to be a member of Peaceful Bayside if:

- they die;
- their written membership resignation is received by the Management Committee; or
- they are notified in writing by a member of the Management Committee that their membership has been cancelled. Reasons for cancellation may include a member failing to comply with this Constitution in any way or a member acting in a manner that is inconsistent with the interests and objectives of Peace Bayside. Such cancellation shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Management Committee provided the decision is made in accordance with Section 4 of this Constitution.

#### **4. Structure and management of Peaceful Bayside**

##### **4.1 Structure**

Peaceful Bayside is an unincorporated political party comprising members of Peaceful Bayside and whose affairs are managed by the Management Committee in accordance with this Constitution.

##### **4.2 Decisions relating to Peaceful Bayside**

The Management Committee of Peaceful Bayside:

- has the power to perform all acts and do all things the Management Committee considers necessary or desirable for the proper management, administration, conduct and operation of Peaceful Bayside; and
- shall make all decisions in respect of all aspects of the management, administration, conduct and operation of Peaceful Bayside.

All such decisions – including as to the manner in which to perform all acts and do all things considered necessary or desirable for the proper management, administration, conduct and operation of Peaceful Bayside – must be by agreement of a majority of members of the Management Committee. Each member of the Management Committee is entitled to one vote in respect of any such decisions. In the event of an equality of votes on any decision, for example where there is a casual vacancy of one of the Management Committee member roles, the Secretary shall have a second or casting vote.

The Management Committee may from time to time create and amend rules and guidelines relating to the management, administration, conduct and operation of Peaceful Bayside that members of Peaceful Bayside and the Management Committee must comply with (as applicable), provided any such rules and guidelines are consistent with this Constitution.

##### **4.3 Composition of the Management Committee**

The Management Committee is composed of the Secretary, Registered Officer and Deputy Registered Officer.

## **5. Office holders in the Management Committee**

### **5.1 Procedure for selection and appointment of office holders**

The Management Committee shall be responsible for the selection and appointment of office holders in the roles comprising the Management Committee pursuant to its powers under Section 4 of this Constitution.

Members of Peaceful Bayside can nominate for the Management Committee's consideration candidates to fill any vacancies in office holder roles.

Persons holding the Management Committee roles are those shown as such from time to time in a register of office holders maintained by the Management Committee. Office holders will hold their roles until such time as they are removed from the role pursuant to Section 5.3 of this Constitution.

### **5.2 Roles of office holders**

The roles and responsibilities of office holders in the Management Committee shall be as prescribed by any applicable requirements binding on the office holders, including any laws (including the Local Government Act), binding requirements of the NSW Electoral Commission and any rules or guidelines prescribed by the Management Committee under Section 4.2 of this Constitution.

Without limiting the previous paragraph, office holders must provide any information reasonably required by the Management Committee for registration of Peaceful Bayside as a political party under the Local Government Act.

### **5.3 Procedure for removing a person from an office holder role**

A person shall cease to be an office holder of a role comprising the Management Committee if:

- they die;
- their written resignation from the role is received by the Management Committee; or
- they are notified in writing by a member of the Management Committee that they have been removed from the role. Reasons for removal may include an office holder failing to comply with this Constitution in any way or an office holder acting in a manner that is inconsistent with the interests and objectives of Peace Bayside. Such removal shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Management Committee provided the decision is made in accordance with Section 4 of this Constitution.

**Registered party information required under the *Electoral Act 2017* and the *Local Government Act 1993*:**

Please provide written responses in the spaces provided to address the following party information if it is not explicitly outlined in the party's constitution. This information will be published on the NSW Electoral Commission's website with the party's constitution.

(i) the party's objects:

(ii) the procedure for amending the party's written constitution:

(iii) the rules for membership of the party, including the procedure for accepting a person as a member and ending a person's membership:

(iv) a description of the party structure and of how the party manages its internal affairs:

(v) the procedure for selecting a person to hold an office in the party and for removing a person from office:

(vi) the names of the officers or members of the party responsible for ensuring the party complies with the *Electoral Act 2017* and the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*:

**Registered Officer/Secretary:** Heidi Lee Douglas

**Deputy Registered Officer:** Lee Mangion

**Party Agent:** Paul Ian Jan Oosting

**Please provide clear statements that explicitly outline all of the required information.**