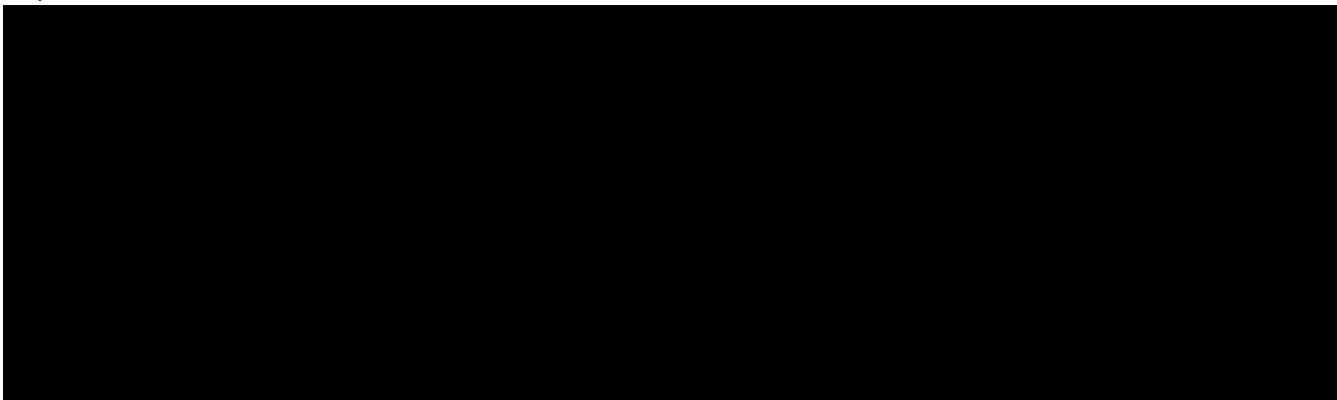


Battler – Constitution.

1. To be active in campaigning for local democracy and for environmentally friendly development and promote environmental justice.
2. To monitor developments in the Cumberland Council Local Government Area which includes Auburn, Berala, Chester Hill, Clyde, Girraween, Granville, Guildford, Greystanes, Lidcombe, Merrylands, Pemulwuy, Prospect, South Granville, Regents Park, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead, and Yennora.
3. To ensure proper planning and assessment processes are undertaken for the above areas.
4. To campaign for residents to make decisions about the future development of their suburbs.
5. To prevent the clustering of waste, hazardous, offensive and polluting Industries and Developments in the above areas.
6. To prevent the disproportionate imposition of high and medium density Developments in the above areas.
7. To ensure the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of local people regardless of income, race, religion or national origin in respect to planning, development and environmental regulations and policies.
8. To ensure the residents of the above-mentioned areas enjoy the same protection from environmental and health hazards as other residents of metropolitan Sydney.
9. To campaign for smaller wards that directly represent resident's interests, improved accountability with Councillors reporting back to residents on a quarterly basis and the right of residents to recall a nonperforming Councillor.
10. That fundraising and other activity are undertaken to fulfil the above objectives.
11. Membership of the Battler is open to all persons over the age 16 years residing in the State of NSW who agree with our constitution and aims.
12. In the event that the Battler is wound up all moneys held by the organisation will be donated to a non-profit community group active in the Cumberland Local Government area. The disbursement of moneys will need to be ratified by a majority of Battler members at a specially convened meeting.

This Constitution was adopted at the AGM on the 1st December 2010 and paragraph 2 was amended at a Battler meeting on the 22nd September 2016 to reflect the boundaries of the newly amalgamated Cumberland Council. The Battler meeting of the 17th March 2024 agreed by resolution to add paragraph 11 and paragraph 12 was added at a Battler meeting on the 14th April 2024.



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:

Members can amend the Battler's formal constitution by requesting a meeting of Battler membership through the Public Officer and Secretary with 4 weeks written notice.
A meeting of registered members can then amend the constitution with a simple majority.
The meeting requires a quorum of at least 10% of our registered members.

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

Joining the Battler: There are two categories of membership, (A) Full member, Which must be resident of NSW & enrolled on the NSW State Electoral Roll (B) Supporter member, Full members may only be accepted by agreeing to abide by the party's constitution & the Battler's list of objectives. Full members are excluded from belonging to another registered political party that contradicts the Battler's policies & objectives. Expulsion of membership is if the member s actively opposing the Party's policies & objectives. This can only be done on the initiative of a Executive member, Being the Chairperson or Secretary.

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

The Battlers structure is non - hierarchical and endeavors to encourage maximum participation of members in decision making. We mandate a minimum of four ordinary meetings per year with one weeks notice. At ordinary meetings full members can raise the full range of local issues /activities and make decision of Strategy & policy. There is a Annual General Meeting in the month of December each year & notification is four weeks notice in advance. The AGM deals with the Annual report on activities & finances. The AGM elects the Party Leadership positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer & Public Officer, Party Agent*Please See below*

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

The Battler elects positions for Public Officer, Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer at our Annual General Meeting. In the event where a majority of members petition to remove an elected person from the above elected positions, 4 weeks notice to the Public Officer or Secretary is required to call a special meeting. A quorum of at least 10% of our membership is required to validate a meeting and then a simple majority vote by those in attendance is needed to formalize a vote removing an elected 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*:

The executive leadership of the battler is Chairperson, Public Officer - Party Agent (Luke Ahern) & Secretary - Treasurer - Anthony Oldfield.

The above Battler Leadership Team have the responsibility to ensure that the Battler complies with both the Electoral Act 2017 & the Electoral Funding Act 2018 in the State of New South Wales.

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

- (iv) * Special meetings may be called at any time to deal with urgent issues & require a weeks notice to all members.
The chairpersons role is to convene & record meeting & to be the public face to the Battler.
The Secretary's role is to organize & facilitate the administration of the Battler.
The Treasurers role is manage finances & organize financial reports & oversee bank accounts & maintain financial record.
The Public Officer & Party Agent's role is manage the party's compliance with the Electoral Act 2017 & the Electoral funding act 2018 & to liaison with officials from the NSW Electoral Commission & maintain the party's registration as a political party for Local Government.