

# CONSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIA FIRST PARTY (NSW) INCORPORATED.

## **1. AUSTRALIA FIRST PARTY**

1.1 Australia First Party is a political party which is incorporated under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) shall be formally known as "Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated" but which for ease of expression in this Constitution shall be referred to as "Australia First" or "the Party".

1.2 This Constitution is the constitution for the Federal level of Australia First and has jurisdiction over the Party's affairs at Federal level and the relationship of the Federal Party to associated State and Territory Parties which desire to use the Party name.

1.3 This Constitution for Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated shall operate in tandem with the Constitution of Australia First Party Incorporated in ways as set out hereunder. It is recognized that this body shall form a structure within the former so as to guarantee the integrity, continuity, structure, policies and programme of the political party. It is the duty of the party's National Council and other State and Territory Councils to educate Members to the purposes of Australia First Party Incorporated and the protections it offers.

## 2. THE OBJECTS

The objects of Australia First include the endorsement, nomination and election to the respective Australian Parliaments of Members of the House of Representatives and of Senators, and Members of State or Territory Parliaments and of City and Shire Councils, who support the Core Policies of Australia First and who present as general policies such policies as Australia First endorses in respect of each electorate or council area from time to time. The party also is represented directly in the community and works in all organisations and associations which represent and serve Australians in their community, cultural and trade and vocational lives and works to uphold and articulate Australian cultural values to our Australian People. The party shall uphold an Electoral And Community Programme, based upon its Core Policies and as modified from time to time.

## 3. CORE POLICIES OF AUSTRALIA FIRST

The core policies of Australia First are the basis of association of the party and are considered in this constitution an historical statement of position. They are (with their original explanations) as follows:

3.1 Ensure Australia Retains Full Independence

Protect our sovereignty (national, constitutional and personal) and maintain an adequate defence whilst being compassionate and fair in our nation's international dealings.

## 3.2 Rebuild Australian Manufacturing Industries

This is the only way we can be self sufficient. It will provide jobs for our children, and help buy back the farm and allow Australia to be free of foreign debts. Our infrastructure has been run down over many years - it must be rebuilt. We must improve the practicality and relevance of our educational systems, and target government support for industry to diversify, innovate, perform and expand. We recognise that small business is fundamental to this policy. A satisfactory financial environment is also essential.

3.3 Control Foreign Ownership

Bring foreign ownership and investment back under control.

3.4 Reduce and Limit Immigration

Immigration mistakes can be big long term mistakes. Immigration policy must take into account social cohesion, employment opportunities, urbanisation and environmental issues.

3.5 Abolish Multiculturalism

End the divisive, government funded and institutionalised policy of multiculturalism.

3.6 Introduce Citizen's Initiated Referenda

Amend the Australian Constitution so that the people can initiate constitutional referendums which, if approved by the Australian people, will amend the Australian Constitution. This simple step will confirm the political authority of voters and make politicians aware that they are the servants of the Australian people, not their masters.

3.7 Strengthen the family

Promote policies that strengthen and protect the traditional family.

3.8 Strive to Rebuild A United Australia

Promote policies that recognise the interdependence of city and country.

3.9 Democratise Other Policy Issues

All other policies (non-core policies) are matters of free conscience and are not binding upon Australia First Parliamentarians who are to represent their electorates. Issues of public interest on which Australia First needs to formulate policy will be canvassed with the party membership and plebiscites conducted where deemed appropriate by the National Council.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Composition of Membership:

Members of Australia First shall be:

4.1.1 Parliamentary Members who are Members of the Commonwealth Parliament, or of an Assembly of an Australian Territory, or of an Australian State Parliament, whose names are held in a Register of Parliamentary Members maintained by the Secretary.

4.1.2 Founding Members whose names are held in a register of Founding Members maintained by the Secretary; and

4.1.3 Ordinary Members whose names are held in a Register of Ordinary Members maintained by the Secretary.

4.2 Application for Membership

4.2.1 Any person over the age of 17 years who supports all of the core policies of Australia First may make application to become a Member of Australia First.

4.2.2 Any application for membership that is in accordance with Clause 4.2.1 shall be considered by the National Council and may be accepted or rejected by the National Council at its absolute unfettered discretion.

4.2.3 The Secretary shall on behalf of Australia First keep and maintain the register of Members in accordance with The Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) and unless otherwise specified by the National Council, this register shall be kept at the residence of the Secretary.

4.2.4 Applicants for Membership shall be directed to a published version of this Constitution and advised that by joining the party they will have agreed to this Constitution.

4.3 Rights of the Membership

4.3.1 All Members of Australia First shall enjoy equal and full rights of Membership and as otherwise described in, or delimited by, this constitution.

4.3.2 Members' right of access to and publication of Party information and records shall be limited to that which is required to be provided and made public under the Electoral Acts of the Commonwealth, States and Territories unless otherwise determined from time to time by the National Council.

4.3.3 Unfinancial Members (ie Members whose subscriptions to the Party are in arrears), and persons who are not Members, may not vote at any meeting of Party Members or hold or exercise any Office in the Party or be nominated as Parliamentary or Council candidates. The Chairman (no matter how referred to or named) of any Party meeting may require proof of Members payment of current subscriptions to the Party before allowing such Members to enter the meeting or vote on any motion.

4.3.4 Party membership, or any right of a Member, shall not be terminated or suspended except in accordance with and subject to the express provisions of this Constitution.

4.3.5 No Member of Australia First may become a member of its National Council, or of a State or Territory Council, or be a designated organizer operating under a Federal or State constitution, or be a candidate for Australia First in any election unless he/she is a member of Australia First Party Incorporated in good standing.

4.3.6 Any member of Australia First seeking membership in Australia First Party Incorporated may be shown its Constitution and its current rules, and may thereafter apply to become a member of that organisation.

4.4 Cessation Of Membership

A Member shall cease to be a Member of Australia First:

4.4.1 On the Member's written resignation, or death, or at the discretion of the National Council on conviction for an indictable criminal offence.

4.4.2 Should any Member's subscription, or other money due to Australian First remain unpaid for three months, that fact shall be notified to that Member, and should the amount due remain unpaid for one month after that notice, the National Council may strike the Member's name off the books, then the membership shall cease. That is at the discretion of the National Council. A former Member may reapply for membership and, upon paying the current yearly subscription, may be accepted by the National Council.

4.4.3 The National Council may resolve to terminate membership for any of the following reasons, or for other reasons, but it shall first cite a complaint to the affected member and invite a response:

a) That the Member has acted or failed at act, in the opinion of the National Council, in a manner which, in the opinion of the National Council, is prejudicial or detrimental to Australia First.

b) That termination of the membership is, in the opinion of the National Council, in the best interests of the Party.

c) That the Member has, in the opinion of the National Council, abused,

threatened, vilified, insulted or defamed another Member.

d) That the Member has made a public statement which, in the opinion of the National Council, is substantially contrary to Party core policy. (Nothing in this clause shall prevent Members freely debating any Party policy amongst Party Members in private.)

e) That the Member has acted contrary to, or failed to act in accordance with, the Constitution and Rules of the Party (including the Member's State or Territory Constitution and Rules).

f) That the Member has acted in a manner which, in the opinion of the National Council, has caused, or was intended or likely to cause, disruption at a Party meeting.

g) That the Member has made a false or misleading statement concerning the Party or it's affairs, interests or Member(s).

h) That the Member has acted dishonestly or deceptively.

i) That the Member has made public, or contributed to the publication of, Party information which the Member was not authorised by the Party to make public.

If the National Council nonetheless opts to terminate the membership, it shall give an explanation or justification for membership termination under the above clauses; thereafter, the Member's membership subscription for the current membership period shall be reimbursed to the Member on a pro rata basis. The National Council shall provide the said explanation or justification to the Member's respective State or Branch committee.

4.5 Suspension of Membership

4.5.1 Where the National Council considers termination of a Membership on any of the grounds at Clause 4.4.3 above, it may decide to suspend the Membership (in lieu of termination) where, in the opinion of the National Council:

a) the offence is trivial and unintentional.

b) the offence is not serious and the Member apologises to any aggrieved Members for misconduct and makes good any loss.

c) suspension is in the best interests of the Party while investigation of an alleged reason for termination of membership is investigated.

4.5.2 Where the National Council resolves to suspend a Member under clause 4.5.1, the suspension imposed may be for a period of up to 12 months and may suspend any or all rights of the Member for that period.

## **5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members shall pay such subscriptions to Australia First as from time to time shall be determined by the National Council.

6. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

## 6.1 Composition

The National Council shall consist of a President and Councillors. The President may appoint a Vice President from the Members of the National Council and who shall be taken to deputise for the President in his/her absence. The National Council shall appoint a suitable Party member to serve as National Secretary and who shall be responsible for the general correspondence, archives and daily business of the party and other specified tasks as here established.

## 6.2 Rights and Powers

All rights and powers of Australia First are vested in the National Council. These rights and powers shall be exercised in accordance with and subject to the express provisions of this Constitution and shall include, but not be limited to:

6.2.1 The general management of the affairs of Australia First.

6.2.2 The appointment of all officers of Australia First, and the determination of their responsibilities, including the appointment of State and Territory officers to be responsible for the registration of Australia First in each State and Territory.

6.2.3 Determination of the method of selection of all Parliamentary and Council candidates.

6.2.4 Control of all assets and finance of Australia First and the allocation of their use either directly or by delegation.

6.2.5 Control of access to and use of all Australia First's information including Party membership lists and all other modes of general contact with listed Members.

6.2.6 Acceptance and rejection of membership applications and terminations of membership.

6.2.7 Amendment of this Constitution and the Rules made thereunder (subject to Clause 12 herein).

6.2.8 The initial establishment of the Australia First State and Territory constitutions.

6.2.9 Subject to Clause 6.4 herein, the determination of the method by which elections for National Councillors, and any other elected office holders of Australia First, are conducted and, at the discretion of the National Council, the method may be by postal ballot of all financial Members.

6.2.10 The use of Australia First's name within the Commonwealth of Australia.

6.2.11 The incorporation, if any, of Australia First for a period of four years from its establishment. However, after a period of four years from its establishment, Incorporation or amendments to Incorporation will also require a majority endorsement by a voice of all Australia First's Members.

6.2.12 Promulgation of rules to assist in the administration of Australia First affairs and to further assist Australia First in the promotion of its objectives and core policies provided that such rules are not contrary to or inconsistent with the express provisions of this Constitution.

6.3 The First National Council

The First National Council was the Australia First Party Management Committee in place at the time this Constitution is adopted by that Management Committee. This Council served the party 2007 – 2011.

6.4 Elections For National Council

Elections for the President and Councillors of the National Council will be held within six months after any Federal General Election. This shall not apply to the First National Council until it has served a term of not less than twelve months from the time Party registration has been approved and notified. In respect of National Council elections:

6.4.1 The President shall be elected by all Australia First Members. It shall be recognized by the Members that their President must be a member of Australia First Party Incorporated.

6.4.2 A Councillor from each State and Territory of the Commonwealth in which the Party has a minimum membership of one hundred (100) Members (or where the National Council waives this minimum membership requirement) shall be elected by a vote of all Party Members in that State or Territory. It shall be recognized by the Members that their Councillor must be a member of Australia First Party Incorporated.

6.4.3 Up to three other Councillors may be appointed from the Party membership by the National Council to fulfil essential tasks of party organization. One of these shall be the National Secretary. It shall be recognized by the Members that these additional Councillors must be members of Australia First Party Incorporated.

6.5 Meetings and Decisions of The National Council

6.5.1 Decisions of the National Council, unless specified otherwise in this Constitution, shall be decided by a simple majority of National Council Members and, in case of a tied vote, the President shall have the deciding vote.

6.5.2 A meeting of the National Council may be called by the President or on the request of three National Council Members. All National Council Members shall be informed of such meetings which shall be conducted in a manner determined by the President. The manner may be by telephone, facsimile, post, a physical meeting of Council Members, or any combination of these alternatives. Where a physical meeting of Council Members is called, fourteen days notice is required unless the matter is deemed urgent by the President.

6.5.3 A quorum for a National Council meeting consists of half the National Council plus one. Proxy votes shall be counted towards the quorum.

6.5.4 The Secretary, or other person appointed by the National Council, shall take minutes of every National Council meeting and shall send copies of the minutes of each meeting to all Members of the National Council within three days after the conclusion of a meeting. The minutes shall record which persons voted in favour, against and abstained in respect of each and every motion and resolution considered by such meetings.

## 7. PARTY SPOKESMAN

7.1 The sole official spokesman of the Party shall be the President, except only when a replacement or other spokesman is appointed by resolution of the National Council from time to time. Party Chairmen in the State organisations may make statements on party activities and events with the discretion of the National Council.

7.2 No member shall make, or is authorised to make, any statement on behalf of the Party except as specified above in this clause. This does not inhibit candidates for the party explaining party electoral policy and activity in election periods

## 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 The Secretary shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Party to be held within four months of the end of the Party's financial year at a place determined by the National Council.

8.2 At the Annual General Meeting of the Party the National Council shall present to Members all financial and other information required by the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) to be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Party together with other reports on Party affairs and activities the National Council wishes to present. 8.3 The President shall allow what in his opinion is reasonable time for Members to ask questions concerning the reports presented and the affairs of the Party generally.

8.4 No other business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of the Party. All other general meeting business of the Party shall be conducted in accordance with Clause 9 below entitled 'Special General Meeting'. For convenience of Members, and with due prior notice to Members, the National Council may convene such a Special General Meeting immediately before or after an Annual General Meeting of the Party to conduct any Special General Meeting business required.

8.5 The Secretary shall give Members twenty-one days notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting of the Party. This notice may be post to each Member or by a notice or notices placed in the print media. Accidental omission to notify any Member of the Annual General Meeting in due time or at all shall not render void any such meeting.

8.6 At the discretion of the National Council, the Annual General Meeting of the Party may be conducted by post in lieu of holding a physical meeting. In this case, the reports mentioned at 8.2 above shall be sent to all Members by post and Members questions answered by post.

8.7 Proxy votes shall be permitted.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting of Australia First where:

9.1.1 authority is given by the National Council, or

9.1.2 a requisition is made and signed by at least thirty three percent (33%) of all Members, or ten percent (10%) of all Members in each of any three States or Territories represented on the National Council, stating the subject or subjects intended to be discussed.

In all cases the subject matter to be discussed shall be set out in the form of a Notice of Motion.

9.2 Such a meeting shall be convened by the Secretary for the consideration of such subject or subjects only and not later than three months after such authority or requisition (as the case may be). At least twenty-one days notice in writing of the meeting, and the Notice of Motion or the purport thereof, shall be given to each Member. Accidental omission to notify a Member in due time or at all will not render void any such meeting or resolution.

9.3 The quorum for any such meeting shall be twenty five percent (25%) of the membership. Should insufficient Members attend to form a quorum within

fifteen minutes of the time notified for such a meeting, then the meeting shall lapse.

9.4 In the case of a resolution which does not amend this Constitution, the majority necessary to carry a resolution in Special General Meetings shall be a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. In the case of a resolution which amends this Constitution, the majority necessary to carry a resolution in Special General Meetings shall be a seventy-five (75%) majority of those present and entitled to vote. 9.5 Only financial Members shall be entitled to vote at Special General Meetings, but any accidental breach of this paragraph shall not invalidate any election or resolution.

9.6 At the discretion of the National Council, or if requested in a requisition mentioned at 9.1 above, proposed Special General Meetings resolutions shall be put to the entire Party membership by postal ballot, in lieu of calling a physical Special General Meeting, in a manner determined by the National Council. A postal ballot conducted under this clause is deemed to be, and the results shall have the same force as, a physical Special General Meeting. Where a postal ballot is conducted under this clause:

9.6.1 In the case of a resolution which does not amend this Constitution, the majority necessary to carry the resolution shall be a simple majority of all valid postal votes returned.

9.6.2 In the case of a resolution which amends this Constitution, the majority necessary to carry a resolution shall be:

a) a seventy five percent (75%) majority of all valid postal votes returned, or b) a seventy five percent (75%) majority of valid postal votes returned in a majority of States and Territories represented on the National Council provided that a simple majority of all valid postal votes returned is also achieved.

9.6.3 A case for any resolution, not exceeding two A4 typed pages unless approved by the National Council, may be made by those lodging a requisition under Clause 9.1 above. The National Council may also make a written case for or against any resolution. Copies of documents making a case for or against any resolution under this clause shall be sent with the associated ballot paper to each Member.

9.6.4 The National Council may require prepayment of Party costs associated with any requisition made under Clause 9.1 above prior to taking any action.

9.6.5 Proxy votes shall be permitted.

## 10. FINANCE

10.1 After providing for all expenses and payments considered by the National Council to be necessary or desirable the balance of the funds of

Australia First may be utilised or dealt with in such manner as the National Council may determine for the furtherance of the objects of Australia First.

10.2 The income and property of Australia First shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purpose and objects of Australia First. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or indirectly to the Members of Australia First. Nothing in this clause shall prevent the reimbursement of approved expenses incurred on behalf of the Party, or the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or employee of Australia First or to any person in return for services rendered to Australia First, where such reimbursement or payment is approved in writing by an office bearer of the Party who is empowered to approve such payment or reimbursement under, and does so in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution or Rule made hereunder.

10.3 Until otherwise determined by the National Council, records of account shall be kept by the Treasurer of Australia First including detailed records of all receipts, payments assets and liabilities pertaining to the Party. The Treasurer shall allow any Member of the National Council access to these records at all reasonable times to inspect and make copies of any or all records.

10.4 Unless otherwise determined by the National Council, the Treasurer shall furnish all Australia First financial and accounting reports and documents required by law or requested by the National Council from time to time.

10.5 The National Council at any time may appoint an auditor to audit the records of account of Australia First. All Party office holders and Members shall give all reasonable cooperation and assistance in such an audit.

10.6 In respect of each electorate Branch (or sub-branch) of the Party, whose constitution, rules, corporate status, performance and conduct are approved by the National Council, the National Council shall allocate to each such Branch up to twenty percent of full (but not concessional or discounted) membership subscriptions raised by each Branch from 1 July 2008.

11. THE COMMON SEAL

11.1 The National Council shall have power to provide a Common Seal for the purposes of Australia First and from time to time destroy the same and substitute a new seal in lieu thereof.

11.2 The common Seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

11.3 The common Seal shall be used only by the authority of a resolution of Australia First and shall be affixed to all necessary deeds, instruments, mortgages, contracts and other documents in the presence of the President and the Secretary of Australia First or any two Members of the National Council authorised by the National Council for any of the above purposes. 11.4 A true and correct record shall be kept by the Treasurer, unless otherwise determined by the National Council, of all such instruments, deeds, mortgages, contracts, and other documents to which the seal is affixed.

## 12. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered or repealed or a new Constitution may be made in accordance with Clause 9 above (Special General Meeting) PROVIDED THAT in the first four (4) years from incorporation this Constitution may be altered on the 75% majority vote of the National Council.

## **13. DISSOLUTION**

13.1 Australia First may be dissolved only by a Special General Meeting resolution in accordance with Clause 9 above. The majority required to carry a dissolution resolution shall be the same as that required to amend this Constitution.

13.2 If, after the dissolution of Australia First there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts liabilities and debentures, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of Australia First but shall be given or transferred to some charitable object or objects, or to some other incorporated association which has objects similar wholly or in part to the objects of Australia First, which prohibits a distribution of its income and property among its Members. Such charitable object or incorporated association shall be determined by the Members of Australia First at or before the time of dissolution.

14. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS A document may be sent by or on behalf of the Party to any Member by personally delivering the same or by sending it by post to the Member at the Member's address shown in the appropriate Australia First membership register. A posted document under this clause is deemed to have been served on or delivered to the Member at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

## **15. STATE AND TERRITORY ORGANISATIONS**

15.1 Establishment of State and Territory Organisations

15.1.1 The National Council may establish State and Territory Party organisations to further the objectives of the Party. This may include a State entity defined as a registered political party in a State and whose constitution has been crafted to be consistent with the purposes of this Federal Constitution:

These organisations may also include, but are not limited to, the following Party entities (Entities), no matter how they are referred to or named, which shall be governed by this Constitution and, where provided, a State or Territory Constitution approved by the National Council in respect to the State or Territory in which the Entity exists and generally by such rules of branch organisation as the National council shall issue:

a) Branch - A group of Party Members who agree to associate to further the objectives of the Party in a local area (usually a State, Territory or Federal Electorate).

b) Regional Council - Delegates representing a number of Branches in a region.

c) Zone Council - Delegates representing a number of Regional Councils.d) State or Territory Council (or Executive) - the committee having a general management responsibility for the affairs of the Party in a State or Territory.

15.1.2 The name of each Entity shall begin with 'Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated' followed by the description of the Entity approved by the State or Territory Council, if such exists, otherwise by the National Council.

15.1.3 A State or Territory Council may establish and abolish Branches, Regional Councils, Zone Councils and other Entities. Any Member who is aggrieved by such action may appeal to the State or Territory Council to have the action reviewed by the State or Territory Council within two months of such appeal and, should the Member not be satisfied with the decision of that review, he may appeal to the National Council for review of the action. In such cases, the decision of the National Council in respect of the said action shall be final.

15.1.4 A State or Territory Council may, where it considers the action is necessary and in the best interests of the Party, terminate the term of office of any Office Bearer in any Entity in that State or Territory and appoint a caretaker Office Bearer to that Office until an election for a new Office Bearer can be held. The time for such election shall not be longer than three months unless a longer period is approved by the National Council. An Office Bearer whose term of office is terminated under this clause is not eligible to be elected or appointed to any Party Office for a period of twelve months unless approved by the State or Territory Council.

15.1.5 The National Council may, where it considers the action is necessary and in the best interests of the Party, terminate the term of office of any Office Bearer in any State or Territory Council and appoint a caretaker Office Bearer to that Office until a new Office Bearer can be elected or appointed. The time for such election or appointment shall not exceed three months. An Office Bearer whose term of office is terminated under this clause is not eligible to be elected or appointed to any Party Office for a period of twelve months unless approved to do so by the National Council.

15.2 Precedence of National Constitution

15.2.1 In the event of any conflict between the Constitution or Rules of any Party Entity and this Constitution (and any Rule made under this Constitution), then this Constitution (and any Rule thereunder) shall take precedence.

15.2.2 Where the Constitution or Rules of any Party Entity are silent on any matter, the Entity shall be governed by this Constitution and any Rule made thereunder.

15.2.3 Each State and Territory Constitution shall contain the following clause: "This Constitution is established under the Constitution and Rules of the Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated and is subject to compliance with the Constitution and Rules of the Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated and, should there be any conflict between this Constitution and the Constitution and Rules of the Australia First Party Incorporated, the Constitution and Rules of the Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated shall take precedence. This clause may not be amended or deleted from this Constitution without the written approval of the National Council of Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated"

15.3 Branch Governance

Where no State or Territory Constitution exists or is silent on any matter, Branches shall be governed by the following in the order of precedence given:

- a) This Constitution.
- b) Any rule made under this Constitution.
- c) Any resolution of the National Council.

d) The Rules for Incorporated Associations pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 (NSW) in respect of the Committee of Management of the Branch and procedures and rules relating to Branch meetings and funds management.

15.4 Dissolution of Entities.

In the event of the dissolution of any Entity the assets under the control of that Entity shall be disposed of as follows:

15.4.1 In the case of dissolution of a State or Territory Council, all assets under the control of that State or Territory Council shall be transferred to the National Council of Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated.

15.4.2 In all other cases of dissolution of an Entity, all assets under the control of that Entity shall be transferred to the State or Territory Council of the State or Territory in which the dissolution of the Entity occurred or, in the event of no State or Territory Council existing, all such assets shall pass to the National Council of Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated.

15.5 Minutes of Proceedings

The Secretary of an Entity shall keep true and complete minutes, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, of all proceedings of that Entity and shall make copies of such minutes available to the Party Secretary, or a person nominated by the Party Secretary, as directed by the Party Secretary from time to time.

## 15.6 Finance

15.6.1 No member or Entity shall open an account with any financial institution where the account name contains the words "Australia First" unless the opening of such an account, the operating rules of the account and the account name are all approved in writing by the Party Treasurer.

15.6.2 Financial institution accounts operated by any Entity shall require the signature of at least two duly authorised Members of the Entity to debit such accounts. The two signatories shall not be related or reside together.

15.6.3 No Member or Entity shall open an account with any financial institution where the complete account name is styled 'Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated'. Where an entity is authorised to open a financial institution account, the full name of the Entity shall be included in the account name e.g. 'Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated (Alice Springs Branch)'.

15.6.4 The Treasurer of an Entity shall keep true and complete records of all revenue, property, assets, liabilities and expenditure of that Entity and shall provide such records to the Party Treasurer (or a person nominated by the Party Treasurer) in a form, and at all times, directed by the Party Treasurer. The records kept shall include all source documents such as receipts, invoices, and other claims for payment, financial institution statements, certificates of ownership, etc. The Party Treasurer, or his agent, may audit these records at any reasonable time and make copies of any or all records. Members shall cooperate and truthfully provide all information requested in relation to such audits.

15.6.5 In the event that the Party Treasurer has reason to suspect that malpractice, maladministration, or other irregularity may have occurred in respect of a Party Entity, he may freeze the assets and financial institution accounts under the control of that Entity, or direct that such assets and accounts by frozen, until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Party Treasurer.

15.6.6 No member or Entity or Office Bearer of any Entity shall incur, or allow to be incurred, any debt or liability in the name of Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated or any Entity of the Party without prior written approval of the National Council.

15.6.7 All membership subscriptions shall be sent to the Party Treasurer or deposited in the Party national financial institutions account. No membership subscription shall be deposited in the financial institutions account of any Entity unless approved by the National Council. All money directed to the Party (whether cash, cheque, money order, postal order, electronic funds transfer or otherwise) shall be forwarded to the Party Treasurer or deposited in the Party national financial institutions account unless documentary evidence shows, and is kept for audit purposes, that the said money is directed exclusively to an Entity (using the exact full name of that Entity) in

which case that Entity may deposit the said money in it's full financial institutions account.

## 15.7 Membership Suspension

Where a State or Territory Council is satisfied that a membership in that State or Territory should be terminated or suspended by the National Council, it may, by a resolution carried by a majority vote and notice to the Member of the same, suspend any or all Party Membership rights of the Member for a period not exceeding one month. The State Secretary shall immediately and in writing inform the National Secretary of the suspension setting out the full reasons and providing copies of all documents relating to the suspension and, at the discretion of the State or Territory Council, may recommend what action the National Council should take in respect of membership termination or suspension.

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3.7 Strengthen the Family

Promote policies that strengthen and protect the traditional family.

3.8 Strive to Rebuild A United Australia

Promote policies that recognise the interdependence of city and country.

# 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:

#### Refer Part 12. Change of Constitution and:

As the Constitution of the registered party states in Part One, paragraph 3, it is an associated part of a Federally registered party (and is recorded as an associated entity of it by the Australian Electoral Commission) and which is also an incorporated body – and its Constitution operates in tandem with the constitution of these bodies. When the committee of the registered party meets and acts, it does so by reference to the constitution of these bodies. It has been the intention of the Federal party to create a simple structure to make it possible to place the party name on the ballot for New South Wales local elections, not to maintain some separate 'entity' other than as State law prescribes. In that regard, it means that the registered party is meant to operate in a streamlined way in accordance with the parent structures.

The AGM would take a simple vote on any matter proposed by the committee or a member. The resolution would be formulated and considered as guided by the terms of Part 12 (Change of Constitution).

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

In addition to Part Four of the Constitution (paragraphs 4.2.2 and 4.4.1):

1. A person would fill in a simple membership form which would contain all relevant information for the party's purposes and those of the New South Wales Electoral Commission and forward that to the Secretary.

2. The Committee would vote on whether to accept or not the membership.

3. The removal of a person from membership is referred to in Part Three paragraph 5 of the Constitution. It does not set out any procedure; hence in that case, reference would be made to the constitution of Australia First Party (NSW) Incorporated where the expulsion process is explained in detail.

(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:

- 1. Part Three paragraph 7 indicates the supremacy of the parent party over the registered entity. Removal of an officer by decision of the parent party would occur according to its procedures and that would nullify the person's membership of the committee under this Constitution.
- 2. The AGM could replace an officer Part Four, paragraph 10.
- 3. The committee could suspend an officer pending an AGM. That power would lie in the Constitution of the parent party.

(vi) the <u>names</u> 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*:

- 1. James Saleam (Registered Officer)
- 2. Kim Lorraine Sharp (Deputy Registered Officer)
- 3. Joanne Nickl (Secretary)
- 4. James Albert Falconer (Party Agent).

These officers, as the committee, would ensure the registered party complies with the requirements of the New South Wales Electoral Commission.

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