

CONSTITUTION
Of
OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTY (STOP THE GREENS)

1. NAME OF THE PARTY

- 1.1 The name of the party will be Outdoor Recreation Party (Stop The Greens) (herein referred to as “the Party”)

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Party are to:

- 2.1 Seek the election of its candidates to the
- 2.1.1 Commonwealth House of Representatives and Senate
 - 2.1.2 NSW Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
 - 2.1.3 Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
 - 2.1.4 Queensland Legislative Assembly
 - 2.1.5 Western Australian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
 - 2.1.6 South Australian House of Assembly and Legislative Council
 - 2.1.7 Tasmanian House of Assembly and Legislative Council
 - 2.1.8 Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
 - 2.1.9 Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory, plus
 - 2.1.10 Local Government bodies in all jurisdictions.
- 2.2 Support, protect and promote the activities and interests of those who engage in outdoor recreational activities.
- 2.3 Protect and promote the activities and interests of organisations that encourage responsible access to public land.
- 2.4 Promote the right of the public to use public lands for recreational purposes.
- 2.5 Promote a science-based approach to the environmental challenges facing Australia founded on free enterprise and civil rights.

- 2.6 Counter the political influence of those who promote an emotive, unscientific and/or collectivist approach to environmental problems.
- 2.7 Seek public funding as permitted by legislation.
- 2.8 Raise funds to support, promote and further the objectives of the Party.
- 2.9 Undertake any act that may be conducive, ancillary to or support any other objective.

3. IDENTITY AND STANDING

- 3.1 This Constitution identifies and governs the Party throughout Australia, including any subordinate bodies.
- 3.2 All members and subordinate bodies of the Party are jointly and severally bound by this Constitution.
- 3.3 No part of the Party may adopt any rule, policy or procedure inconsistent with this Constitution except as required by law.
- 3.4 No separate constitution may be adopted by any subordinate body unless with the specific approval of the National Executive.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 All members shall be individuals who have applied for and been accepted in their own right and not as a representative of an organisation or group.
- 4.2 Applications for membership shall be in a manner prescribed by the National Executive.
- 4.3 It shall be a condition of membership that members agree to abide by this constitution, whether express or implied at the time of joining.
- 4.4 Membership of the Party is open to any person who has not been expressly excluded from membership and who agrees to comply with this Constitution.
- 4.5 Membership shall include membership of the national Party and any subordinate bodies to which the applicant is, by virtue of his or her location, entitled to belong.
- 4.6 The National Executive may reject any application for membership on the ground that its acceptance would be contrary to the best interests of the Party.
- 4.7 Subject to this Constitution the National Executive may create categories of membership.
- 4.8 Only members who have been members for at least 24 months shall be entitled to vote on Party matters or hold Party positions. Such members shall have one vote each.

- 4.9 The National Executive shall prescribe procedures for suspension and expulsion of members based on the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- 4.10 Subject to 4.9, the National Executive may suspend or terminate the membership of any member on the ground that its continuation is against the best interests of the Party.
- 4.11 Unless approved by the National Executive, no member may also belong to another Australian political party.
- 4.12 Any member or subordinate body may recommend to the National Executive that an application for membership be rejected or a member suspended or expelled.
- 4.13 A person ceases to be a member of the Party if he or she dies, resigns or is expelled from the Party by the National Executive.
- 4.14 A member may at any time by notice in writing to the Secretary resign his/her membership.
- 4.15 If a member of the Party ceases to be a member, the Secretary must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which membership ceased.
- 4.16 Membership entitlements are not transferable A right, privilege or obligation which a person or organisation has by reason of being a member of the Party is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person or organisation, and terminates on cessation of membership.
- 4.17 The liability of a member of the Party to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Party or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Party is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Party.
- 4.18 The liability of members of the Party's governing bodies shall be the same as for ordinary members.

5. PARTY ORGANISATION

5.1 National Executive

- 5.1.1 There shall be one National Executive, comprised of at least four and no more than eight individual members duly elected in accordance with this Constitution.
- 5.1.2 Members of the National Executive shall serve for a period of two years and, upon expiry of the term, are eligible for re-election.
- 5.1.3 The National Executive shall be the principal governing body of the Party, with authority to:
- 5.1.3.1 Promote the Party's objectives and policies.

5.1.3.2 Improve public perceptions of the Party.

5.1.3.3 Select candidates for elections.

5.1.3.4 Set membership fees, if any.

5.1.3.5 Formulate policies consistent with the Objectives of the Party.

5.1.3.6 Raise funds and undertake expenditure in support of the Party's objectives.

5.1.3.7 Make, repeal and amend such by-laws as are from time to time considered necessary for the well-being of the Party.

5.1.3.8 Form such permanent or temporary committees as may from time to time be required.

5.1.3.9 Perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Party.

5.1.3.10 Exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the Party, other than those functions required by this Constitution to be exercised by a General Meeting of members.

5.1.4 The National Executive shall:

5.1.4.1 Receive and consider motions and recommendations from National Conferences.

5.1.4.2 Present policies it has adopted to the National Conference for approval.

5.1.4.3 Retain control over all membership fees and other Party funds.

5.1.4.4 Provide for the maintenance of a register of members.

5.1.5 No member of the Party, including individual members of the National Executive, shall have the authority to act or speak on behalf of the Party without the approval of the National Executive.

5.2 Subordinate Bodies

5.2.1 Subject to there being sufficient members, interest and organisation, the National Executive may approve the establishment of subordinate bodies of the Party.

5.2.2 The National Executive may (but is not obliged to) delegate to subordinate bodies certain powers including the power to:

5.2.2.1 Select candidates for nominated electorates, by-elections and elections.

5.2.2.2 Operate a bank account.

5.2.2.3 Raise and accept donations.

5.2.2.4 Formulate policies specific to a region.

5.2.3 Each such subordinate body shall operate subject to this Constitution and within the powers delegated to it.

5.2.4 The National Executive may withdraw a delegation, in whole or part, at any time.

6. OFFICE BEARERS

6.1 National Executive

6.1.1 The National Executive shall elect from among its members the office-bearers of the Party, being:

National President
National Vice-President
National Secretary
National Treasurer

6.1.2 No more than two office-bearer positions may be filled by one member of the National Executive.

6.1.3 The National Executive shall elect from among its members a National Registered Officer.

6.1.4 The National President shall:

6.1.4.1 Be the Senior Executive Officer of the Party.

6.1.4.2 Chair all National Executive and National Conference meetings of the Party.

6.1.4.3 Be a member “ex officio” of all committees.

6.1.5 The National Vice-President shall:

6.1.5.1 Perform the duties of the President during his/her absence or at his/her request.

6.1.5.2 Be a member “ex officio” of all committees.

6.1.6 The National Secretary shall:

6.1.6.1 Have overall responsibility for correspondence in connection with the Party.

6.1.6.2 Ensure the maintenance of a register of members as directed by the National Executive.

6.1.6.3 Record all appointments of office-bearers and members of the National Executive.

6.1.6.4 Ensure that minutes are taken of all proceedings at National Executive meetings and general meetings of the Party including the National Conference.

6.1.6.5 Present such minutes to the subsequent corresponding meeting for approval as a true and accurate record and retained as its principal record.

6.1.7 The National Treasurer shall:

6.1.7.1 Have overall responsibility for the care of the Party's finances.

6.1.7.2 Ensure that all membership fees, donations and other monies collected are promptly paid into a bank account approved by the National Executive.

6.1.7.3 Ensure that all payments authorised by the National Executive are made.

6.1.7.4 Ensure that correct accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Party, including full details of receipts and expenditure.

6.1.7.5 Ensure the maintenance of an accurate and current register of Party assets.

6.1.7.6 Present to each meeting of the National Executive a statement of income and expenditure for the period since the prior meeting.

6.1.7.7 Present at the National Conference an accurate balance sheet and a profit and loss account covering the financial year immediately preceding the National Conference.

6.1.7.8 Ensure the Party complies with such financial reporting obligations as are required by law.

6.1.8 The National Registered Officer: shall undertake such functions as are required by legislation.

6.1.9 The National Executive shall direct the National Registered Officer as to the nomination of candidates for elected office and the allocation of preferences on group voting tickets and the Registered Officer shall comply with such direction.

7. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

7.1 Meetings of the National Executive shall be held at such times and places as the National Executive shall determine:

7.1.1 At least twice each financial year; or

7.1.2 Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt by the National Secretary of a requisition by a majority of members of the National Executive.

- 7.2 A quorum shall comprise half the number of members of the National Executive. Where this is an odd number, the quorum shall be half minus one.
- 7.3 Not less than two (2) days' notice shall be given for a meeting of the National Executive.
- 7.4 All matters before the National Executive shall be decided by a simple majority of those present except where this Constitution provides otherwise. Where a vote is tied the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 There shall be one General Meeting each year known as the National Conference, to be held at a time and place determined by the National Executive.
- 8.2 Special General Meetings may be called by the National Executive and shall be called if requested by a petition carrying the signatures of not less than 20 percent of voting members. Such meetings shall be called at least one week and no more than six weeks from the date when the request was received.
- 8.3 All members shall be entitled to attend a general meeting. Only eligible members shall be entitled to vote.
- 8.4 The National Secretary shall ensure that members are notified of each General Meeting not less than four weeks prior to its occurrence.
- 8.5 All matters for decision at a General Meeting shall be submitted to the National Secretary not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.
- 8.6 General Meetings shall be open to observers unless closed (entirely or for certain sessions) by decision of the National Executive or resolution of the meeting.
- 8.7 The agenda for the National Conference shall be as determined by the National Executive but shall include the following:
 - 8.7.1 A report by the National President.
 - 8.7.2 A report by the National Secretary.
 - 8.7.3 Receipt and consideration of the minutes of the prior National Conference.
 - 8.7.4 Receipt and consideration of the National Treasurer's report including financial accounts.
 - 8.7.5 Elections to fill such vacancies on the National Executive as fall due.
 - 8.7.6 The appointment of an auditor.
 - 8.7.7 Consideration of policies adopted by the National Executive and their approval or rejection without amendment.

8.7.8 General business.

8.8 There shall be no quorum for general meetings.

8.9 Unless proper notice has not been given or the holding of the meeting is seriously hampered by events beyond the control of the National Secretary or National Executive, general meetings shall not be adjourned.

9. ELECTIONS

9.1 Elections for half of the National Executive plus casual vacancies (if any) shall be conducted at each National Conference.

9.2 Nominations for election to the National Executive shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than two weeks prior to the National Conference.

9.3 Candidates for election to the National Executive must be nominated and seconded by two existing members of the National Executive.

9.4 Except as provided in 9.5, only members present at the National Conference and eligible to vote shall be permitted to vote. There shall be no proxy votes.

9.5 The National Executive may allow a postal vote of voting members on particular issues, not including the election of members of the National Executive.

9.6 A casual vacancy on the National Executive may be filled by the National Executive until the next National Conference when it shall be filled by election. The term of any member so elected shall be the remainder of the term of the member whose departure created the casual vacancy.

9.7 The method of voting for the National Executive shall be optional preferential, conducted by secret ballot.

9.8 A Returning Officer may be appointed to conduct the election. The Returning Officer shall not be entitled to vote.

9.9 A member of the National Executive may be removed by a unanimous vote of all other members of the National Executive on two occasions not less than two or more than four months apart.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be changed by:

10.1 A motion on notice from the National Executive to a general meeting; and

10.2 Approval of that motion by at least two-thirds of votes cast at the general meeting.

Adopted by the National Executive 15 Apr 2013