

MAY 2025 FEDERAL

CONSTITUTION

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### **Federal Constitution of Reform Party AU**

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 'The Party' means Reform Party AU.
- 1.2 'ABN' means Australian Business Number.
- 1.3 'EGM' means Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 1.4 'AGM' means Annual General Meeting.
- 1.5 'The Board' means the Party Board.
- 1.6 'Rules' means Rules by The Board under this constitution.
- 1.7 'Branch' means a branch or subsidiary of The Party.
- 1.8 'AEC' means the Australian Electoral Commission.

## 2. Name & Standing

- 2.1 This Constitution identifies and governs the **Reform Party** in Australia, including any current and future Divisions, is hereinafter referred to as Reform AU or "The Party".
- 2.2 The Party exists as an 'Other Unincorporated Entity', ABN 58 629 489 884.
- 2.3 All members and branches are jointly and severally bound by this constitution.
- 2.4 All policies of The Party must be consistent with this constitution.

# 3. Objectives

- 3.1 The Party's first objective is to acquire sufficient membership to qualify for AEC eligibility as a registered political party.
- 3.2 Once eligible, The Party will take measures to apply to the AEC to become a registered political party.

#### 4. Goals

- 4.1 The Party's goals will ensure all Australians are given every opportunity to thrive, whoever and wherever they are by providing provisions that lead to improved and better opportunities. This includes, and is not limited to the following goals:
  - 4.1.1 Repeal poor policy from previous governments.
  - 4.1.2 Reduce regulatory burden.
  - 4.1.3 Simplify government processes.
  - 4.1.4 Streamline fiscal policy where possible.
  - 4.1.5 Protect family values.
  - 4.1.6 Protect an empower the vulnerable.
  - 4.1.7 Support freedom of speech.
  - 4.1.8 Improve essential services.
  - 4.1.9 Improve competition in low-competition industry sectors.
  - 4.1.10 Promote what unites us, and not what divides us.

## 5. Membership

- 5.1 Membership is open to Individuals who support the party's objectives. Members
  - 5.1.1 Be enrolled to vote with the AEC.
  - 5.1.2 Not be a current member of another political party.
  - 5.1.3 Adhere to the party's code of conduct.
- 5.2 Membership can be revoked if, after becoming a member of the Party, a person:
  - 5.2.1 Joins any other political party anywhere in Australia.
  - 5.2.2 Joins any organisation membership of which the Board has declared to be incompatible with membership of the Party.
  - 5.2.3 Without the authority of the Board, sets up or has set up or has aided and abetted the setting up of another political party, whether registered with the AEC or not.
  - 5.2.4 Supports or promotes any other political party
  - 5.2.5 Is later found already to be a member or former member of another political party or organisation membership of which the Board has declared to be incompatible with membership of the Party.

- 5.2.6 Stands against a member of a Reform AU candidate in any election or assist any non-Reform AU Party candidate against a Party candidate in any election.
- 5.2.7 Is found to be a person who has been expelled from the Party; or
- 5.2.8 Engages in behaviour which in the discretion of the Party Chairman brings the Party into disrepute.
- 5.3 The Party Chairman shall revoke their membership forthwith. Any person whose membership is revoked under this Article may appeal against that decision within 14 days of notification thereof being sent to them. Such an appeal shall then be heard within a reasonable time by a panel composed either of the Party Secretary and two members of the Board.

### 6. The Party Board

- 6.1 There shall be established, a committee known as the Party Board (hereinafter 'The Board'), which shall function as the principal management and administrative authority of The Party.
- 6.2 The duties, powers and responsibilities of The Board shall include, but are not limited to:
  - 6.2.1 Ensuring that the Party works towards the achievement of the objectives set out in section 3 above in an efficient and judicious manner.
  - 6.2.2 managing the Party's funds, structure and employees.
  - 6.2.3 advising the Party Leader on political matters.
  - 6.2.4 approving the Party's policies and manifestos.
  - 6.2.5 ensuring that the Constitution of the Party is in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia.
  - 6.2.6 Managing and conducting the Party's disciplinary procedures.
  - 6.2.7 Making or amending from time to time such Rules of Procedure as it deems appropriate for the efficient conduct and administration of the Party.
- 6.3 The composition of The Board will be as follows:
  - 6.3.1 The Party Public Officer
  - 6.3.2 The Party Leader
  - 6.3.3 The Party Deputy Leader
  - 6.3.4 The Party President
  - 6.3.5 The Party Secretary
  - 6.3.6 The Party Treasurer
- 6.4 As The Party acquires more members, the composition of The Board will be reviewed.

## 7. Leadership and Elections

- 7.1 Leadership positions include Party Leader, Deputy Leader, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 7.2 Elections are held no more than 3 years via democratic processes, once The Party becomes as registered political party. Until such time, this will be reviewed every 6 months.

## 8. Meetings and Decision-Making

- 8.1 Regular meetings shall be held at national and local levels.
- 8.2 Decisions are made by majority vote unless otherwise specified.

### 9. Finance

- 9.1 The party shall maintain transparent financial records.
- 9.2 Funding sources include membership dues, donations, and lawful fundraising activities.

#### 10. Amendments

10.1 Amendments require a 65% majority by all paid-up party members.

#### 11. Dissolution

11.1 The party may be dissolved by a 75% majority vote at a specially convened National Congress.

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