

The Australian Union of Democratic Control

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF WAR

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OBJECTS.

2. To bind together the people of Australia for the establishment and maintenance of Permanent Peace.
3. To create where practicable Branches of the Union consisting of all persons and organisations in sympathy with the objects of the Union.
4. To co-operate wherever possible with similar organisations in other parts of the world.
5. To advocate the following:—
 - (a) The creation of adequate machinery to ensure democratic control of foreign policy and that each British Dominion shall have a voice in the foreign policy of the Empire.
 - (b) The establishment or development on a proper basis of a Parliament or Council of the Empire which shall have charge of the foreign affairs of the Empire: That in the meantime no treaty, arrangement, or undertaking shall be entered upon in the name of the British Empire without the sanction of the British Parliament.
 - (c) That the foreign policy of the British Empire shall be directed to the establishment of a Concert of Europe, and the setting up of an International Council or Parliament world-wide in scope, whose decisions shall be public.
 - (d) That until such an International Council or Parliament has been created, Britain shall urge upon the Powers a resort to the existing Court of Arbitration, or to a Commission of Enquiry or to other means provided by Hague Conventions for the avoidance of war.
 - (e) That Great Britain shall propose as part of the settlement of the present war a plan for the drastic reduction of armaments by the consent of all the belligerent Powers and the abolition of private manufacture and trade in armaments.
 - (f) That no territory in any part of the world shall be transferred from one government to another without the consent of the population of such territory.
 - (g) The universal abolition of conscription, and of compulsory military training.

MEMBERS.

6. All persons who subscribe two shillings per annum shall be Members of the Union and entitled to vote for, and eligible to be elected to, the State Council provided that they have subscribed for at least three months prior to any general Meeting of the Union.

THE COUNCIL.

7. The management of the Union shall vest in the Council to consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Representatives from affiliated organisations, and Councillors elected by the members of the Union in the Month of June in each year, the number of Elected Councillors shall be on the basis of ten (10) for the first one hundred (100) Members of the Union or part thereof, and one (1) for each additional twenty-five (25) Members. The Council shall have power to appoint persons to act until the next June in the event of any vacancy occurring. It may appoint an Executive Committee and other Committees to transact business of detail and urgent in character.

AFFILIATION OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- (8) Organisations which are in sympathy with the objects of the Union may affiliate by paying a minimum fee of 5/- per annum this entitling them to send three (3) representatives to the Council.
- (9) The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of June to receive reports and statements, elect Councillors and transact any other business.
- (10) Alterations of the Constitution shall be made at the Annual Meeting only. Notice of proposed alterations shall be given to every Branch at least six weeks before such meeting is held.

JOHN C. STEWART, Honorary Secretary,
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