

# RAINBOW ALLIANCE



A Movement of People  
with many shades of opinion  
but one common aim  
of ending the exploitation  
of people and nature

## What Are the Aims of the Movement?

- Equal access by all groups and individuals to resources and services
- Living and working relationships based on co-operation and mutual aid
- Forms of consumption and work that are safe, environmentally sound, socially useful, personally fulfilling and available to all
- Democratic and decentralised decision-making coupled, however, with public ownership and control of resources and enterprises to ensure equality, ecological balance and national autonomy
- A sustainable economy that preserves biological diversity and environmental integrity
- Aboriginal land rights and Aboriginal self-determination, and also recognition of the unique value of Aboriginal culture
- Institutional changes to ensure:
  - public participation at all levels of decision-making
  - rigorous protection of civil liberties
  - rights of women, trade unionists, consumers, ethnic communities and all disadvantaged sections of the community
  - free access to, and democratic control of media
- An independent, internationalist, non-aligned foreign policy
- A non-nuclear, defensive, self-reliant security policy
- Non-violent methods and processes for the resolution of conflict

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- I/we wish to apply for:
- full individual membership
  - associate individual membership
  - affiliate membership

Name .....  
(include name of contact person in the case of organisation)

Address .....

Postcode ..... Telephone .....

Membership fee \$..... Donation \$..... Sum Enclosed \$.....

Please return to appropriate address as shown on reverse side.

## A New Vision

We are living in anxious and dangerous times, but amidst the crisis there are growing signs of hope. That's what the rainbow means.

People are fast losing faith in the old politics of greed and fear. They are beginning to see through the lies and the deception. They are ready to resist, to assert their right to a just, compassionate and sustainable future.

### Common Ground

People are questioning the conventions that we have been taught to take for granted. They are challenging the structures that oppress people, especially women, blacks, the poor and the weak. But the commitment to change also touches the ground of our personalities and our culture.

We are all in this together. That too is what the rainbow means. We represent various shades of opinion, diverse backgrounds and experiences, but we are ready to work together in order to break loose from economic and military systems that exploit people and nature.

Our awareness must be global and holistic, but at the same time our energies must aim to create new political space locally, regionally and nationally. In all of this it is important to communicate and coordinate our practical efforts, working them into mutually supporting structures and common policies.

**Rainbow Alliance is a movement, a process, not a party**

Rainbow Alliance is a movement. It is a space for negotiation and common action. Activists from across Australia have been helping to prepare the ground.

This new initiative claims no moral superiority over others. It is, however, a movement of people and ideas unlike anything previously attempted in this country. It aims to weld together the entire range of social, economic and political issues.

In moving forward we wish to make common cause with everyone who works to create life and hope. We aim to cultivate trust and tolerance amongst ourselves and in relations between groups. If we can succeed in this we will have gone a long way in changing the social and political landscape.

**Hope is the key to change. Our vision of the future is possible. We have the will. We aim to find the way.**



## What Are the Movement's Tasks?

**Educate** ourselves and the community

**Build** community locally, regionally and nationally

**Co-operate** with progressive social movements

**Celebrate** through leisure, work and art the beauty and dignity of life

**Cultivate** self-reliance individually and collectively

**Develop** comprehensive and coherent policies

**Intervene** politically, and, where appropriate, contest local, state and federal elections in a way that reflects the movement's educational priorities and democratic processes

**Network** internationally with like-minded groups and movements not only in the West but in the East and in the Third World, particularly in Asia and the Pacific.

## Who Can Join?

Anyone who agrees with the aims and principles of the movement can join as an individual.

Members of political parties are welcome as associate members.

Any organisation, other than a political party, may affiliate

Associate members and affiliated organisations are encouraged to take part in the discussions and activities of the movement.

Decision-making rights are reserved to ordinary members.

## Membership Fees

### Individuals

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| low income    | \$15 ( <i>or what you can afford</i> ) |
| middle income | \$30                                   |
| high income   | \$60                                   |

### Affiliates

|       |       |
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| small | \$30  |
| large | \$120 |

**The national contact address is:**

P.O. Box 494 Sth Brisbane Qld 4101

**The contact address in your state is:**

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