

# PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION QLD STATE CONSTITUTION 2017

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## 1.0 PARTY NAME AND CONSTITUTIONAL STANDING

- 1.1 This is the Constitution for the Pauline Hanson's One Nation Queensland, "**the Party**".
- 1.2 The Pauline Hanson's One Nation Queensland is a subsidiary body of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Political Party ("**the National Body**").
  - 1.2.1 As a subsidiary body, the Party is subject to the National Body rules outlined in the National Constitution as they apply to the Party.
- 1.3 If any provision or provisions of this constitution are deemed invalid or unenforceable, then the remaining provisions of this document shall remain in full force and effect and this document shall be deemed to have been amended to remove such invalid provision or provisions.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

- 2.1 To achieve the objectives of Pauline Hanson's One Nation Political Party as described by the National Constitution.
- 2.2 The promotion of endorsed candidates for election to the Queensland Legislative Assembly.
- 2.3 To drive membership and fundraising activities in support of the Party's objectives.

## 3.0 THE STATE EXECUTIVE

The structure of the Party under this new Constitution, is to manage it on the following principles:

- 3.1 The State Executive is the supreme rule, policy and decision making body of the Party and is empowered, subject to any contrary provision contained in this Constitution, to manage and make decision in relation to all affairs of the Party.
- 3.2 The State Executive must not consist of less than four members.
- 3.3 At a minimum, the positions of:
  - 3.3.1 State President
  - 3.3.2 State Director



### 3.3.3 State Treasurer

### 3.3.4 State Secretary

shall exist.

## 3.4 The State President and State Director shall each have the responsibilities of:

3.4.1 Undertaking actions as necessary to drive and manage the Party's growth in the State.

## 3.5 The State Treasurer shall have the responsibilities of:

3.5.1 Managing and maintaining absolute accuracy in regard to the Party's financial records;

3.5.2 Ensuring the Party complies with any financial obligations imposed upon it by law or the National Body;

3.5.3 Liaising with, and reporting to, the National Treasurer on the financial activities of the Party.

## 3.6 The State Secretary shall have the responsibilities of:

3.6.1 Managing the day to day official correspondence of the Party;

3.6.2 Recording the minutes of State Executive meetings;

3.6.3 Ensuring that any required records in relation to the functioning of the Party are kept in an orderly and accurate manner.

## 3.7 The State Executive may meet as often as it deems necessary but must meet at least bi-monthly.

3.7.1 A meeting may take place in person, via teleconference, conference call or any other electronic or physical methods or combination of methods whereby the State Executive members in attendance may all be heard and which the State Executive believes will not compromise the confidentiality of the meeting.

3.7.2 A quorum of the State Executive is achieved when 75% or greater of the members of the State Executive are in attendance.

3.7.3 A simple majority shall review, discuss and then decide on all matters before the State Executive for consideration at that time.

3.7.3.1 The State Executive has the option to defer deciding on any matter presented at a meeting.



- 3.8 The State Executive shall recognise the National Executive as the overriding body of the Party.
- 3.8.1 This means that the National Executive shall, if necessary, have the power to intervene or overrule decisions of the State Executive for the protection of the Party and National Body.
- 3.8.2 The State Executive will be obliged to follow all instructions from the National Executive in relation to carrying out the business of the Party.
- 3.9 Members may resign from the State Executive by providing written notice to the State Secretary.
- 3.10 Members may be appointed to the State Executive on:
- 3.8.1 nominees for appointment being submitted to the National Executive for approval; and
- 3.8.2 a majority vote by the existing State Executive on the National Executive approved nominees.
- 3.10.1 Notice of the appointment of new members to the State Executive must be forwarded to the National Executive immediately on the member's appointment.
- 3.10.2 Members may also be removed from the State Executive by a decision of the majority of the State Executive with the consent of the National Executive

## 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership is open to any individual who:
- 4.1.1 Is over 18 years of age and agrees to the objectives of the Party;
- 4.1.2 Has paid the membership fee to the National Body;
- 4.1.3 Agrees to uphold this Constitution and the National Constitution;
- 4.1.4 Agrees to not bring the Party into disrepute either through their conduct or conduct reckless of care;
- 4.1.5 Has not been convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence in the 10 years prior to their application to become a member.
- 4.1.5.1 No Member who is convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence may continue to be a member. Their membership will be deemed to have immediately ceased upon conviction.



- 4.1.6 Has submitted a completed application form to the Party providing, in it, the required Information.
- 4.1.6.1 The form may be digital or physical
- 4.1.6.2 The required Information for a membership application shall be determined by the National Executive from time to time but in an absence of such determination the minimum required Information will be the applicant's:
- 4.1.6.2.1 Full Name;
- 4.1.6.2.2 Date of Birth;
- 4.1.6.2.3 Residential Address.
- 4.2 The Party may, for its own protection, at the State Executive's or National Executive's discretion reject any application for membership to the Party
- 4.3 Membership is taken to be accepted once the above requirements are met and the application is processed into the relevant membership database.
- 4.4 Only current financial, unhindered members of the Party shall be eligible to:
- 4.4.1 Be considered for candidature for the Party;
- 4.4.2 Vote on relevant Party matters as determined by the State or National Executive.
- 4.4.3 Members may only be eligible to vote on such matters after being a member for more than three months
- 4.5 Members may resign by submitting notice to the Party.
- 4.5.1 The notice must provide a reason for the resignation.
- 4.5.2 The notice may be communicated over the phone, in person, in writing or electronically.
- 4.5.3 If notice is not communicated in person, it must be communicated via the address the Party holds on its relevant membership database for that respective communication medium.
- 4.6 The relevant membership database shall be prescribed by the National Body.
- 4.6.1 The Party shall not maintain a database of members other than the system prescribed by the National Body.



- 4.7 Membership is still valid until thirty days after the expiry date if no renewal is received before then.
- 4.7.1 If no payment is received before thirty days after the expiry date the member will be deemed to have lapsed in membership and any renewal beyond this point is to be treated as a new membership application.
- 4.7.2 The expiry date shall be 12 months from the date of processing.
- 4.7.3 The expiry date will be recorded in the relevant membership database.
- 4.8 As a subsidiary body of the National Body, any member of the Party is a member of the National Body. While used by the Party from time to time, the member's information shall be owned by and subject to the control of the National Body.
- 4.9 The President of the National Executive may, in exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the National Executive, approve the membership of any person who may otherwise be prohibited from membership.

## 5.0 SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- 5.1 The State Executive shall, by majority vote, endorse candidates to promote for election to the Legislative Assembly.
- 5.2 The State Executive must ensure that best practises in relation to vetting of Candidates is conducted as per instruction from the National Executive which may vary and change from time to time as deemed necessary in the best interests of the Party.
- 5.3 Any preselection of ballots for the selection of candidates must satisfy the general principles of free and democratic elections.

## 6.0 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 6.1 Any proposals to change this constitution must be approved by the State Executive and submitted to the National Executive for approval before being ratified or submitted for vote.
- 6.1.1 The National Executive shall have an absolute veto power over any proposed changes to this constitution.



- 6.2 Any proposals for this constitution to be repealed, added or amended may only be approved by either:
- 6.2.1 a vote at a State Member Conference by a seventy-five percent in favour vote of current Members in attendance at the conference; or
  - 6.2.2 by a vote in a postal ballot in excess of 50% with at least 50% of all current members returning a vote.
- 6.3 This Constitution has been ratified for presentation as a new Constitution for Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party at the 2017 Annual General Meeting on 24 August 2017.
- 6.3.1 This Constitution will come into effect immediately upon a majority vote by members at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

## 7.0 STATE MEMBER CONFERENCES

- 7.1 A State Member Conference may be called at any time by resolution of the State Executive.
- 7.2 The State Member Conference must be held at least once every three years.

## 8.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 8.1 Any disputes in relation to the affairs of the Party will, upon referral by the State Executive, be mediated, conciliated, arbitrated or otherwise heard and determined by the Dispute Committee in the manner it considers appropriate in the relevant circumstances.
- 8.2 The Dispute Committee will be comprised of three (3) members who will be appointed and removed from time-to-time by the State Executive at its absolute discretion. To avoid any doubt, a member of the State Executive can also be appointed to the Dispute Committee.

