

Renew Queensland Party

Queensland State Constitution

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1. NAME

The name of the Party is “Renew Queensland Party”, may also be referred to as “RenewQld”.

2. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 PRINCIPLES

The Renew Queensland Party is committed to maximum personal freedom for all Queenslanders. Primarily, but not limited to freedom of speech, freedom of association, and the freedom for all Queenslanders to pursue their best life. RenewQld takes the position that the individual, not government, is best placed to make decisions regarding their lives. Furthermore, it is the view of RenewQld that the primary function of the government is to protect people’s rights, and not to control them.

2.2 OBJECTIVES

- i. Repeal all COVID-19 laws. The government should not have the authority to prevent law abiding Queenslanders from working, running businesses, moving freely, attending education, seeing friends and family, and participating in lawful activities. The government should be offering advice and support not dictates. These unjust COVID-19 laws and dictates are damaging Queensland and Queenslanders. This current crisis is one of governments’ making, not natures.
- ii. Reform Queensland’s Constitution. The state constitution is the framework under which laws can be formed. Reforming the Constitution to manifest natural law, thereby preventing authoritarian and draconian measures from being implemented by reactionary a government against all residents. Enshrining the rights of the individual Queenslander to pursue their best life, will result in a better Queensland for all.
- iii. Restore Queensland’s Bureaucratic Integrity. State government departments currently have the ability to make and enforce policy which is either not legislated, or is biased in partisan ways. By ensuring that any department policy accurately reflects the legislation ensures that all Queenslanders are treated equally and fairly regardless of their personal situation or beliefs.
- iv. Remove Unnecessary Regulation. The current excessive regulatory environment will impede Queensland’s ability to recover from this government induced disaster.
- v. Decentralise Programs and Services. The current top-down paradigm leads to rigid, less targeted approaches, and a greater incentive for fraud. Given the extreme diversity of Queensland in population density, geography and industry, decentralising government programs will result in better outcomes for all Queenslanders.
- vi. Repeal or Repair any law that either specifically privileges or disadvantages any group or ideology. The law should treat all fairly and equally.

- vii. RenewQld is committed to the promotion of endorsed candidates for election to the Queensland Legislative Assembly.
- viii. RenewQld supports smaller government and less government intervention into the lives and business of all Queensland residents.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- i. Membership to the Party is open to all who support its Principles and Objectives, are registered on the Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll and entitled to vote in elections for the Parliament of Australia.
- ii. All Membership is to be applied for in writing or via electronic application on Party prescribed forms available on the website.
- iii. Membership Applications will be approved by the Executive Committee.
- iv. Membership is denied to any individual who has been convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence in the 10 years prior to their application to become a Member.
- v. Any Member who is convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence may not continue to be a member. Their membership will be deemed to have immediately ceased upon conviction.

The three forms of Party membership are Life Member, Full Member, and Associate Member.

Life Membership is approved by the executive committee. Life and Full Membership have a membership fee and schedule set by the Party.

Life and Full Party membership is for 4 years, and at the expiration of 4 years the member is required to complete Membership renewal form and pay renewal fee.

Associate Membership is for 4 years, and at the expiration of 4 years the member is required to complete Associate Membership renewal form.

Life/Full Membership – Entitlements

- i. Attend and vote at General Party meetings
- ii. Be elected into an office or formal position within the Party.
- iii. Stand as a candidate in any election the Party contests.
- iv. Participate in the decision making process of the Party.

Associate Membership – Entitlements

- i. Attend General Party meetings

4. PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

RenewQld recognises the importance of confidentiality of Members' personal information and will abide by National Privacy Principles.

The Party will:

- i. Only collect personal information necessary for the Party's functions and activities, and will ensure that all Member details are not disclosed to, or accessed by, unauthorised persons.
- ii. Provide Member information to an entity (e.g. Electoral Commission Queensland) when we are required to by law.
- iii. Allow a Member to access his or her personal information held by the Party if requested to do so in writing by the Member.

5. RESIGNATION & EXPULSION

- i. A member may resign from membership of the Party by a letter of resignation addressed to the Secretary of the Party.
- ii. A member may be expelled from the Party by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- iii. A member may be suspended by vote of Executive Council, pending the outcome of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Party shall not be less than six (6) members and be comprised of:

- i. Secretary;
- ii. Treasurer;
- iii. President;
- iv. Vice President;
- v. Registered Officer;
- vi. Party Agent

An Officer of the Party shall be eligible to be elected at the Annual General Meeting if they are a full member of the Party.

The Secretary, Treasurer, President, and Vice President of the Party in office at the date of registration of the Party shall, unless they resign from office or from membership of the Party, hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Party, and for a period of one year thereafter, and shall be eligible to be re-elected to such offices following the expiration of such terms of office, if re-nominated (in accordance with nomination procedures) and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

The Registered Officer shall hold office for a period of three years unless otherwise resolved at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

The role of the Secretary is to maintain Party records, attend to Party correspondence, record meeting minutes, ensure that any required records in relation to the functioning of the Party are kept in an orderly and accurate manner, and otherwise carry out Party administration including making arrangements for the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings.

The role of the Treasurer is to take responsibility for Party finances including fund raising and paying expenses; managing and maintaining absolute accuracy in regard to the Party's financial records; ensuring the Party complies with any financial obligations imposed upon it by law or the Executive Committee; liaising with, and reporting to, the Executive Committee on the financial activities of the Party.

The role of the President and Vice President is to chair Party meetings, drive and manage the Party's growth, and represent the Party at official functions.

The role of the Registered Officer is to sign and submit nomination forms for the endorsed candidates of the Party, attend to the requirements of the Queensland Electoral Commission and to ensure the party complies with the Electoral Act 1992 and Electoral Regulation 2013 and any regulations involving political parties.

The role of the Party Agent is to lodge the Party's annual financial disclosure return, and receive election funding on behalf of the Party.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- i. Election as an office bearer is to take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Party. Any full member of the Party is eligible to stand for election against any member of the Executive Committee.
- ii. Nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Party two (2) weeks before the Annual General Meeting.
- iii. All voting at the Annual General Meeting and at Extraordinary General Meetings is to be held by secret ballot.
- iv. The Secretary of the Party may make such regulations for the calling of Extraordinary General Meetings as may be appropriate to promote the objectives of the Party.
- v. The Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings can only meet for voting purposes as the Party if a quorum of any 3 members of the Executive Committee plus five other general members is reached.
- vi. A member of the Party may nominate and be elected for more than one position on the Executive Committee provided that any such member must be counted as only one person for the purposes voting.

8. GENERAL PARTY MEETING

- i. General Party Meetings are to be held at least once a year.
- ii. All Party Members are eligible to attend and address the meeting but only full members are eligible to vote on motions and resolutions.
- iii. A General Party Meeting can only meet for voting purposes as the Party if a quorum of any 3 members of the Executive Committee plus 5 other general members is reached. A General Party Meeting requires 7 days' notice by way of notice of meeting and agenda distributed to all members by post, or electronic means.

9. CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

- i. A candidate for election to the Queensland Legislative Assembly shall be deemed to be endorsed by the Party if they are nominated by the Executive Committee of the Party to stand for election as a representative of the Party.
- ii. Allocation of the party's preferences at elections to the Queensland Legislative Assembly shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Party.
- iii. The Executive Committee must ensure that best practises in relation to vetting of Candidates is conducted which may vary and change from time to time as deemed necessary in the best interests of the Party.
- iv. Any preselection of ballots for the selection of candidates must satisfy the general principles of free and democratic elections.

10. ACCOUNTS

- i. The finances and accounts of the Party are to be the responsibility of the Treasurer.
- ii. The accounts are to be recorded in a manner that meets minimum standards of accounts as required by an Incorporated Association.
- iii. Funds shall be allocated for such purposes as authorised by the Executive Committee of the Party.

11. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of the Party may be amended, varied or added to on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Party provided that any such amendment is approved by a majority of members at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes in relation to the affairs of the Party will, upon referral by the Executive Committee,

be mediated, conciliated, arbitrated or otherwise heard and determined by the Dispute Committee in the manner it considers appropriate in the relevant circumstances.

The Dispute Committee will be comprised of three (3) members who will be appointed and removed from time-to-time by the Executive Committee at its absolute discretion. A member of the Executive Committee can also be appointed to the Dispute Committee.

13. DISSOLUTION

- i. The Party may only be dissolved by a vote where two-thirds of members elect to dissolve, and not less than half of current Full Members participate in the ballot.
- ii. Members will be given at least 3 months advance notice of a proposal to disband.
- iii. Dissolution is effective at whatever date the ballot may specify.
- iv. If, after the election to dissolve, all liabilities and debts have been satisfied, and remaining costs and fees with regards to the dissolution have been accounted for, there remains property belonging to the Party, that remainder shall be distributed to any organisation with similar aims and objectives as set out in this Constitution.