

Direct
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15th JULY 2007

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 109

***** MONTHLY MEETINGS *****

6.00pm - 7.30pm - First Friday of the month
Upstairs at 3CR - Community Radio Federation, 21 Smith Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne

FRIDAY	3RD AUGUST	2007
FRIDAY	7TH SEPTEMBER	2007
FRIDAY	5TH OCTOBER	2007 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY	2ND NOVEMBER	2007

***** STAMP APPEAL *****

If you have a few 50cent stamps to help 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule' defray postage costs, please send them to P.O. BOX 5035, ALPHINGTON 3078, VICTORIA.

***** JULY MEETING REPORT *****

The July meeting encourages members to stand as independents at the next Federal election that will be held later this year or early next year on a 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule' platform. Two (2) members of the Party will be standing as independent Senate candidates in Victoria. If anybody else is thinking of standing anywhere in Australia on a 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule' ticket, drop the Secretary a line.

The July meeting canvassed ways to gain public exposure for the Party's electoral campaign and ways to increase membership. We encourage all members to try to obtain one (1) new member before the end of the year. If you need application forms, write to the Secretary or download them from the website. If you have any ideas, please send them to the Secretary and they will be discussed at the August meeting.

According to the Party's Constitution, the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) must be held in the first week of October. This year it will be held upstairs at 3CR - 21 Smith Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne on Friday the 5th of October. The meeting will start at 6.00pm.

***** NOMINATIONS *****

Nominations for:

- National Convenor
- Registered Officer
- Treasurer
- Secretary

must be lodged by the 1st of September 2007. Nominations must be accompanied by the membership details and signature of three (3) Party members plus the written acceptance of the nominee. If more than one (1) nomination is received for a position, a postal ballot of all financial members will be held to determine who has the greatest degree of support amongst the members. Postal ballots must be received by the members at least ten (10) days before the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.). Completed postal ballots must be received at least one (1) business day before the A.G.M. All official positions are voluntary.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND WANT TO NOMINATE FOR A POSITION, THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE WILL ORGANISE FOR THREE (3) MEMBERS TO NOMINATE YOU.

***** MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN *****

• Australian Capital Territory	00
• New South Wales	11
• Northern Territory	01
• Queensland	04
• Western Australia	02
• South Australia	06
• Victoria - Melbourne	53
• Victoria - Regional	32
TOTAL	109

A Federal election year gives us the opportunity to raise our public profile, make people familiar with our ideas and should result in a significant membership increase. Whether we are able to register as a political party before the 2010 election, is dependent on our ability to substantially increase Party membership during the 2007 Federal election.

We encourage you to become involved in the 2007 Federal election as independent candidates or as political activists raising Direct Democracy as a viable, practical alternative to Parliamentary Rule.

***** 'THE LAND CONVENTION 1857 - 2007 - DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN ACTION' *****
by Dr. Joseph TOSCANO

Copies of this book can be downloaded from the website www.rulebythepeople.org from the 20th of June 2007 or you can purchase a copy for AUD\$10.00 Send 20 x 50cent stamps to:

The Secretary Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule,
P.O. Box 5035, Alphington 3078,
Melbourne, AUSTRALIA.

Joseph TOSCANO / National Convenor
Mick DORAN / Secretary
'DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMANTARY RULE'

REMEMBER!! –

'AN ORGANISATION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE EFFORT PUT IN BY ITS MEMBERS'.

******* HELP NEEDED *******

– Our most pressing cost is stamps.

Send us a book of 50cent stamps to help meet our increasing postal bill