

Direct
Democracy

Not **P**arliamentary **R**ule



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SICK OF GIVING SIGNED BLANK CHEQUES TO PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF?

TIRED OF BEING TREATED AS MUSHROOMS BY YOUR FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES?

WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW YOUR PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES VOTE IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT?

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READ ON

Thank you for considering joining DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE. Enclosed is an application form that consists of two parts that you need to fill in to join the party.

- A. The party's Constitution please read and if you agree with the ideas in the Constitution please sign, date and attach two 60 cent stamps to the form.
- B. An application for membership that needs to be completed to register the party. We need over 500 members to register the party. Registration allows candidates to use the party name on Federal election ballot papers and stand as candidates for the party.

Please complete this application and send it back to us in a stamped self-addressed envelope as soon as possible.

Thank you

Dr. Joseph Toscano
National Convenor, Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule

***P.S.** If you have friends or family who want to join Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule, please photocopy attached application form before you fill it in and pass it (photocopies) on to your friends and family.*

Written and authorised by National Convenor Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule,
Joseph Toscano, Melbourne Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

CONSTITUTION

A. AIMS

Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule is a political party that promotes direct democracy as an alternative to parliamentary rule. The organisation aims to stand candidates in Federal elections both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. We aim to create a society based on direct democratic principles where the people involved in a decision make that decision and appoint delegates to coordinate those decisions at local, regional and national levels.

B. PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

(i) Any financial member of Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule is able to nominate to stand for a seat in the House of Representatives or the Senate. Who stands for particular House of Representative seats will be determined by financial members of the party who reside in those seats by a voluntary first past the post postal ballot of eligible members. Senate candidates will be selected by members of the party residing in that State. Who is selected will be decided by a voluntary first past the post postal ballot of the members of the party residing in that State. The order in which candidates appear on the Senate paper will be determined by the number of votes each candidate receives in the postal ballot (from highest to lowest). The candidate with the most votes takes the first spot.

(ii) Any member who decides to stand for a House of Representative seat or the Senate must provide a signed undertaking with their nomination form that they are responsible for their nomination fees and any electoral expenses they may incur. All funds and assets raised by the candidate remain the responsibility and assets of the candidate.

(iii) Every successful nominee for a House of Representative or Senate seat will lodge with their nomination form a signed Statutory Declaration that states:-

“If elected, I will take my instructions about how I will vote for particular parliamentary bills from the majority opinion expressed in a voluntary plebiscite of all financial members. If my vote does not reflect the majority opinion expressed by the membership I will resign my parliamentary seat and will give any wages I received while in parliament as a representative of Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule back to the party.”

(iv) Any member that is selected by the members of the party to stand as a parliamentary candidate must send their nomination fee to the party's Registered Officer so that the party can lodge their nomination form to the Electoral Commission. No nomination forms for candidates will be lodged unless nomination fees and the statutory declaration outlined in Section (iii) has been received by the party's Registered Officer with the nominees nomination papers.

C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting will be held every year in the first week of October. Nominations for the position of

- National Convenor
- Registered Officer
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Must be lodged by the 1st of September. Nominations must be accompanied by the membership details and signature of three party members, plus the written acceptance of the nominee. If more than one 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 among the members. Postal ballots must be received by the members at least ten days before the Annual General Meeting. Completed postal ballots must be received at least one business day before the A.G.M. All official positions are voluntary.

D. ELECTED PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

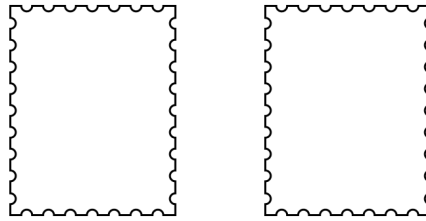
(i) Votes about parliamentary bills before our elected representatives in Federal parliament, must reflect the majority opinion of those party members that have expressed an opinion about that particular bill through a voluntary ballot of all financial members of the party.

(ii) Parliamentary members who refuse to follow the members' direction will be forced if necessary through the courts to honour the undertaking they signed (B iii). Every successful nominee for a House of Representative or Senate seat will lodge with their nomination form a signed Statutory Declaration that states:-

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E. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fee is two sixty cent stamps for five years membership. The stamps must be attached to the Membership Form.



F. DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

- (i) Decisions regarding the selection of candidates and the election of officials will be determined by a first past the post system. The candidate or the official who gains the most votes will win the position.
- (ii) Constitutional changes to Section A, B, D, F and G of the Constitution will be made by consensus. Consensus must be reached by all financial members of the organization.
- (iii) Constitutional changes to Section C and E of the Constitution will be determined by a majority vote of 75% of all financial members who take part in a voluntary plebiscite on proposed constitutional alterations.
- (iv) Proposed constitutional changes must be received by the Secretary in writing by the 1st of July each year. Proposed constitutional alterations must be accompanied by the signatures of 5% of all financial members to be placed on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting that must be held in the 1st week in October.

G. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

(i) Any member of another registered political party who does not renounce their membership of that party or if while a member of Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule becomes a member of another registered political party will be automatically expelled from Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule.

Any member expelled can appeal their expulsion directly to the membership by submitting a written statement about the reasons why they believe they should not be expelled to the secretary. All appeals will be dealt with at the next Annual General Meeting.

I

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am entitled to be on the Australian Electoral Roll.

I agree to the Constitution of Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule.
I have attached my membership stamps to the application form.

Signature:

Date:

Send completed application forms to:

National Convenor,
Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule
P.O. Box 5035
ALPHINGTON, VIC
AUSTRALIA 3078

You will receive a signed membership card acknowledging you are a member of Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule within one week of sending your completed application form to us by post.

Application For Membership



Surname <i>(please print)</i>			
Given Name(s) <i>(show given name(s) in full)</i>			
Residential Address			
City/Suburb		State	
Postcode		Phone Work	
Phone Home		Fax	

Declaration

I wish to become a member of the above party.

I am eligible to enrol for Federal elections.

(You are eligible to enrol for Federal elections if:

- you are 17 years of age or older; and
- you are an Australian citizen; and
- you have lived at your present address for at least the last month.)

(British subjects who are not Australian citizens are eligible to enrol for Federal elections if they were on a Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll on 25th January 1984.)

* I consent to this form being forwarded to the Australian Electoral Commission in support of the party's application for registration. (Strike out if not applicable.)

I declare that all the information i have on this form is true and complete.

Signature	Date / /
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* **Please note:** This form may be forwarded to the Australian Electoral Commission to confirm that the party meets the party registration requirements. The AEC conducts random surveys to verify membership and it is possible that they may contact you asking you to confirm that you signed this form. The form will be treated by the AEC in strictest confidence. It will only be used to verify the party's entitlement to registration and or no other purpose. The form will then be returned to the party. No copy or information contained in the form will be kept by the AEC.