



NEWSLETTER No.3

20th August 2005

We need 550 members, although we only need 500 members to apply for registration as a Federal political party, we want to have an extra 50 in case some members are deemed to be ineligible to be on the Australian Electoral Roll. If we can register as a political party, we can:

- a) Have the name 'DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE' put next to our candidates name on the ballot paper,
- b) We can nominate for seats all around Australia without having the problem of finding 50 people to nominate us for that seat.

We currently have 87 members, 463 short of our total. If we want to be in a position to have candidates in the 2007 Federal election, we need to have 550 members by July 2006. We need the numbers by July 2006 because it can take some time to register a political party, especially if there are objections to its registration. That means we would need about 8 members a week to obtain the necessary numbers. Currently we are enrolling 2 members per week to 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule'.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR THE 2007 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN? DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A MOVEMENT THAT WANTS TO PRICK THE PARLIAMENTARY BALLOON?

Then get a hold of our application form through the web <rulebythepopular.org> or by post P.O. Box 5035, Alphington 3078, Victoria AUSTRALIA.

JOIN US AND BECOME A BURR UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY SADDLE

INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

WILL BE HELD AT 7.00PM (meeting starts at 7.30pm) ON WEDNESDAY THE 5TH OF OCTOBER AT THE Y.W.C.A. LEVEL 2 – 489 ELIZABETH STREET, MELBOURNE.

This is a relatively easy central city location close to the Victoria Markets, tram, bus and train outlets and is close to relatively cheap backpackers accommodation and reasonably priced hotels. The Y.W.C.A. also has accommodation onsite for interstate members who may want to come to the A.G.M.

Voting and participation rights are restricted to members of 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule'. Please bring your membership card to the A.G.M. Observers are welcome to attend the A.G.M.

Direct media coverage of the A.G.M. (photographic, written, video, taper recording etc...) can only be carried out with the prior approval of members who are attending the A.G.M. Media outlets who contact the National Convenor / Registered Officer before the A.G.M. will be told that a decision will be made on the night whether they will be able to record the proceedings directly. If the A.G.M. decides not to allow the media into the A.G.M., those media representatives that want to attend will be able to hold a media conference on the evening with a delegation from 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule' elected by the A.G.M. for that purpose.

I DON'T EXPECT ANY MEDIA COVERAGE, BUT JUST IN CASE THERE ARE INQUIRIES, THIS IS ONE WAY OF DEALING WITH THEIR INQUIRIES WHILE RESPECTING THE PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF 'DIRECT DEMOCRACY NOT PARLIAMENTARY RULE'.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The proposal in the June Newsletter to officially place the proposal by 'Direct Democracy (N.S.W.)' that 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule' amalgamate with their group (see Newsletter No. 2) by being placed on the Agenda for the 2005 A.G.M. has currently the support of 2 members, Leanne and Charles Price.

In order for alterations to the Constitution to be put on the Agenda at the A.G.M., the proposal needs the active support of 5% of members - (our current membership numbers are 87), this would mean 4 members need to support the proposal. The deadline for members, who want this proposal to be officially placed on the A.G.M. Agenda to make their feelings heard, is the 1st of September 2005.

If you want this proposal to alter the Constitution, placed on the 2005 A.G.M. Agenda, please email or post your wish to have the matter placed on the Agenda by the 1st of September 2005. If the proposal to alter the Constitution does not gain the active support of the 4 members by the 1st of September, it will not be placed on the 2005 A.G.M. Agenda.

As of the 15th of August 2005, we had 87 financial members

• VICTORIA	70
• SOUTH AUSTRALIA	6
• NEW SOUTH WALES	6
• NORTHERN TERRITORY	1
• QUEENSLAND	2
• WESTERN AUSTRALIA	2
TOTAL	<u>87</u>

NOMINATIONS REQUIRED FOR:

- NATIONAL CONVENOR / REGISTERED OFFICER
- TREASURER
- SECRETARY

If you'd like to nominate but don't know three other members of 'Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule', don't worry just send in your nomination and we'll organise for three members to support your nomination. Nominations close 1st September 2005.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR

National Convenor / Registered Officer: - Joseph TOSCANO

Treasurer: - Anthony MUNSLOW

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be posted out and placed on the website on the 12th of September 2005. If you want to make a contribution to the next newsletter, email it to supporters@rulebythepeople.org or mail it to P.O. Box 5035, Alphington, 3078, VICTORIA.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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

Joseph TOSCANO

National Convenor / Registered Officer Direct Democracy Not Parliamentary Rule

******* HELP NEEDED **** – Our most pressing cost is stamps.
Send us a book of 50cent stamps to help meet our increasing postal bill**