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1. Name

The name of the Organisation shall be, Freedom Rights, Environment, Educate Australia Party which will be commonly known as the F.R.E.E. Australia Party and referred to in this document as the Party or Organisation.

2. Definitions

In these rules:

"Act" means the Incorporated Associations Act -1985 (SA) or the comparable Act of any given State of Australia.

"AGM" means Annual General Meeting called to elect the Committee of the Organisation.

"Branch" or "Party Branch" is that which is determined to be a constituted meeting as agreed by the Founding Party Committee.

"Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Organisation at the appropriate State or Federal level which contains both Executive and Ordinary officers of the Party.

"Executive" or "Relevant Executive" means those members of Committee of Management of the Organisation at the appropriate State or Federal level that are elected office bearers of the Party.

"Founding Party Committee" means the original committee formed in the State of South Australia at the time of registration of the Party and kept in perpetuity.

"General meeting" means a general meeting of members of the Organisation convened in accordance with these rules.

"Manifesto" means the document created by the Founding Party Committee as is named F.R.E.E Australia Party Manifesto.

"Member" means a member of the Organisation.

"Notice" or "Notification" shall be given by the Party by advertisement in the local paper, or electronic means such as website or face book or by any other form of public notification e.g. TV, Radio, other internet media or email or land mail.

"OCBA (SA)" Office of Consumer and Business Affairs South Australia, registry office of political Parties incorporated associations and businesses for the State of South Australia and holder of relevant Constitutions or other comparable organisation in any given State of Australia.

"Ordinary Officers" means those elected members of the Committee which bear no office.

3. Objects or Purposes of the Organisation

The function of the Party shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following;

- (a) To endorse a candidate or candidates to stand for an Australian Parliament;
- (b) To promote its core values in relation to all Australians;

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- (c) To act as a Political party;
- (d) To promote such activities for the benefit of the Party;
- (e) To maintain these principles and objects.

4. Powers

The Organisation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To establish in any place within the Australian Commonwealth, branches of the Organisation;
- (b) To provide, maintain and manage and carry on headquarters, clubs, and places of meeting as may be required, and to furnish, equip and provide supplies therefore;
- (c) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Organisation in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise;
- (d) To receive and accept donations gratuities gifts subscriptions endowments money or any form of goods or services, or anything that may be considered in this manner;
- (e) To appoint a Trustee or Trustees personal or Corporate to receive or hold any property on behalf of the Organisation;

(f) The Organisation is formed to carry out the objectives abovementioned and not for the purpose of trading or securing pecuniary profit to the members from the transactions thereof;

(g) To open and operate ADI (authorised Deposit Taking Institution).

(h) Any Constitution made and agreed to under the terms of the previous Constitution shall be deemed to be the Constitution once accepted by the OCBA (SA) and shall be retrospective accordingly.

5. Party Structure, the Committee of Management

(a) In order to be elected to the Committee a person will have to be a member for not less than twelve (12) months or given special permission by the relevant executive of the day.

(b) A member successfully elected to the Committee may hold more than one office position if necessary, to be agreed by a majority vote of the relevant Executive.

(c) A member elected to any Executive or Committee position may also be a candidate and remain in said position if elected into Parliament.

(d) The Committee has the power to appoint a sub-committee(s), in addition to or apart from delegated deputies by an Executive member; subject to the conditions as determined by the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall have the authority to interpret the meaning of these rules and any other matter relating to the affairs of the Organisation on which these rules are silent.

(f) The affairs of the Organisation will be managed and controlled by the Committee or delegate(s) thereof;

The party shall have the following positions and functions;

5.1 Officers of the Party and their functions

5.1.1 Public Officer

The Public Officer shall act as the central contact person for the general public and the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) in dealings with the Organisation; as required by the Act.

5.1.2 President

- (a) The President when available shall preside at meetings of members of the Organisation and of the Committee and will be Chairperson of said meetings.
- (b) When necessary will enforce the rules of the Party.
- (c) Manage the discussion of matters tabled for consideration.
- (d) This position has authority to make representation for and on behalf of the Party as required for this position and in particular to make agreements binding on the Party in conjunction with at least one other relevant Executive member and to be ratified at the next relevant Executive meeting by not less than two thirds majority at that meeting.
- (e) The President may delegate or withdraw a deputy(s) as required.
- (f) The President has authority to act in all other positions if required.
- (g) There may be from time to time a vice president appointment that shall have the same powers as the President; the latter shall take precedence upon disagreement or difference of opinion.
- (h) Should a vote be held by the relevant Executive which results in a tie then the President shall hold the deliberative vote. This vote shall be final and absolute and not subject to further discussion or scrutiny.

5.1.3 Secretary

- (a) The Secretary is responsible for general correspondence and any organizational matters and shall maintain adequate correspondence files and bring relevant correspondence before the Committee for consideration;
- (b) This position has authority to make representation for and on behalf of the Party as required for this position and in particular to make agreements binding on the Party in conjunction with at least one other relevant Executive member and to be ratified at the next relevant Executive meeting by not less than two thirds majority at that meeting

(c) The Secretary may delegate or withdraw a deputy(s) as required.

5.1.4 Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer shall attend to the banking of the Organisation, income and recording transactions, in the Organisation's books and records.

(b) The Treasurer shall provide regular financial reports to the Committee.

(c) The Treasurer shall also prepare the Organisation's financial reports and statements for consideration and adoption by the Committee before they are presented to the members;

(d) The treasurer is authorized to issue payment for and on behalf of the Party.

(e) This position has authority to make representation for and on behalf of the Party as required for this position and in particular to make agreements binding on the Party in conjunction with at least one other relevant Executive member and to be ratified at the next relevant Executive meeting by not less than two thirds majority at that meeting.

(f) The Treasurer may delegate or withdraw a deputy(s) as required.

5.1.5 Spokesperson

(a) The Party Spokesperson shall be responsible for speaking on behalf of the Party and shall provide authorization of public statements for and on behalf of the Party;

(b) The Party Spokesperson to determine authorization of candidate or member statements.

(c) This position has authority to make representation for and on behalf of the Party as required for this position and in particular to make agreements binding on the Party in conjunction with at least one other relevant Executive member and to be ratified at the next relevant Executive meeting by not less than two thirds majority at that meeting

(d) The Spokesperson may delegate or withdraw a deputy(s) as required.

5.1.6 Ordinary officers

(a) Ordinary Committee members, the number of which will be determined by the inaugural committee in the first instance and at any future time by the Committee; shall hold positions on the Committee for the benefit of the organization.

(b) Shall hold one vote apiece on the Committee.

(c) Shall have authority to represent the relevant Executive to the general membership and public on matters ratified by the Committee.

5.1.7 Other Positions

(a) The relevant Executive of the day shall have authority to create or withdraw any other position as it sees fit.

(b) Any position so created shall be subject to the conditions stipulated by the relevant Executive.

(c) Any position so created requires minutes recorded of the position and duties thereof clarified.

6. Appointment of the Committee of Management

(a) The Committee of management shall consist of four (4) Executive officers and four (4) Ordinary officers until such time as the relevant Executive determines it necessary to do otherwise.

(b) A Committee member shall be a natural person;

(c) At each AGM one half of the members of the Committee, being the longest serving members, shall retire;

(d) A retiring Committee member shall be eligible to stand for re-election without nomination. No other person shall be eligible to stand for election unless a member of the Organisation has nominated that person at least twenty eight (28) days before the AGM by delivering the nomination of that person to the Secretary of the Organisation. The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and the nominee;

(e) In the event of more than one (1) nomination for any vacant positions a vote shall be taken at the AGM by those present or by proxy vote.

(f) The Committee may appoint a person to fill a casual vacancy and such a Committee member shall hold office until the next AGM of the Organisation and shall be eligible for election to the Committee without nomination; unless disqualified under any other part of this Constitution or by a relevant Executive order.

7. Proceedings of the Committee

(a) The Committee shall meet together for the dispatch of business at least 12 times per annum;

(b) Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the event of equality of votes the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote;

(c) A quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be one half of the members of the Committee;

(d) A member of the Committee having a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract or proposed contract, with the Organisation must disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the Committee and shall not vote in respect of that contract or proposed contract.

8. Disqualification of Committee members

The office of a Committee member shall become vacant if a Committee member is:

(a) Disqualified from being a member by the Act;

(b) Expelled as a member under these rules;

(c) Permanently incapacitated by ill health; where such incapacity prevents the member from fulfilling that role.

(d) Absent without apology for more than three (3) meetings per annum:

(e) Provides self disqualification for any reason.

9. Meetings

Types of meetings shall consist of but not limited to the following;

- (a) Annual General meeting
- (b) Special general meetings
- (c) General meeting
- (d) Executive meetings
- (e) Any other meeting as determined by the relevant Executive

9.1 Annual General Meetings

- (a) The Committee shall call an AGM in accordance with the Act and these general rules;
- (b) The AGM shall be held within five (5) months after the end of its financial year.

9.1.1 Order of business meetings

The confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM and of any special general meeting held since that;

The consideration of the accounts and reports of the Committee and the Auditors report (if Auditors report is required);

The election of Committee members;

The appointment of Auditors (if required);

Any other business requiring consideration by the Organisation in general meeting.

9.2 Special General Meetings

- (a) The Committee may call a special general meeting of the Organisation at any time where the matter cannot wait until the next available meeting.
- (b) A member who so wishes may call a special meeting for any reason but:

(i) must first present his petition to at least two members of the relevant Executive and subsequently agreed to by a majority vote of the relevant Executive to call a Special meeting, or secondly if the relevant Executive deny the call the member may;

(ii) provide signatures and membership number of at least 10 percent of the membership base to the Secretary who shall then provide a mail out with all associated costs paid in advance at the initiating member's expense. The mail out from the initiating member requesting a special meeting must include the reasons for calling the special meeting in accordance with other parts of this Constitution as it relates to meetings;

(c) Every requisition for a special general meeting shall be signed by the relevant members present at that meeting and shall state the purpose of the meeting.

9.3 Notice of General Meeting

(a) At least fourteen (14) days notice of any general meeting shall be given to members. The notice shall set out where and when the meeting will be held;

(b) Notice of a meeting at which a special resolution is to be proposed shall be given at least twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting;

9.4 Proceedings at General Meetings

(a) The President if available shall preside as Chairperson at a general meeting of the Organisation;

(b) If the President is not present within ten (10) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or he or she is present but declines to take or retires from the chair, the Secretary shall chair the meeting or other Executive member.

(c) Ten members present personally or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting;

(d) If within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum of members is not present, a meeting convened upon the requisition of members shall lapse. In any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date, time and place to be determined by the Secretary or Chairperson in lieu.

9.5 Voting at General Meetings

(a) Subject to these rules, every member of the Organisation has only one (1) vote at a meeting of the Organisation. The Chairperson may request that membership cards be displayed in advance of a vote to prove membership validity or any other proof as may be required by the Chairperson;

(b) Subject to these rules, a question for decision at a general meeting other than a special resolution, shall be determined by a majority of members who vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at that meeting;

(c) Unless a poll is demanded by at least five (5) members, a question for decision at a general meeting shall be determined by the Chairperson at the time of the vote by either a show of hands, a secret ballot or any other means as specified by the Chairperson;

(d) Subject to these rules every member of the Organisation that casts a vote shall have been a member for more than twenty eight (28) days prior to the date of the meeting.

9.6 Poll at General Meetings

(a) If a poll is demanded by at least five (5) members, it shall be conducted in a manner specified by the Chairperson and the result of the poll is the resolution of the meeting on that question;

(b) A poll demanded for the election of the Chairperson or on a question of adjournment shall be taken immediately, but any other poll may be conducted at any time before the close of the meeting.

9.7 Special and Ordinary Resolutions

A special resolution is a special resolution as defined in the Act;

An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a simple majority at the general meeting.

9.8 Proxies

A member shall be entitled to appoint in writing a natural person who is also a member of the Organisation to be their proxy and attend and vote at any general meeting and AGM of the Organisation. That written notice shall be provided to the President or Secretary prior to that meeting.

9.9 Minutes

- (a) Proper minutes of all proceedings of general meetings of the Organisation and of meetings of the Committee shall be entered within one (1) month after the relevant meeting in a minute's book kept for the purpose;
- (b) The minutes kept pursuant to this rule must be confirmed by the members of the Organisation or the members of the Committee at a subsequent meeting;
- (c) The minutes kept pursuant to this rule shall be signed by the Chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings took place or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding meeting at which the minutes are confirmed;
- (d) Where minutes are entered and signed they shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence that the meeting was convened and duly held, and that all appointments made at a meeting shall be deemed to be valid.

10. Memberships

- (a) Applications for membership are to be lodged on forms identical to that contained in Appendix 2 of this Constitution;
- (b) Any person who is over the age of 16 years and who supports the Objectives of the Party, and who agrees to be bound by this Constitution may apply to become a member of the Party;

- (c) In order for a membership to be considered and approved the membership subscription must accompany his or her registration form;
- (d) A person seeking to become a member of the Party must not and cannot be a member of any other registered political party in the Australian Commonwealth;
- (e) All applications will be reviewed by the relevant Executive or its designated deputy;
- (f) Where the Executive or its designated deputy rejects a membership application the rejected person will be notified in writing within 90 days or as soon as practical and have any monies refunded;
- (g) In order to be elected to the Committee a person will have to be a member for not less than twelve (12) months;
- (h) A register of members shall be kept by the Secretary;
- (i) The membership registry shall be accessible only by a member with express permission of three (3) Committee members and permission can be revoked at any stage by two (2) members of the Committee or the President.

10.1 Types of memberships.

- Single – (1 x vote)
- Family (which will include the applicant – (1 x vote), their spouse (1 x vote) and any of their children under the age of 18 will be classified as Juniors membership.
- Pensioner / Concession membership – (1 x vote)
- Juniors – “Young and FREE” membership (non voting). Minors will be ineligible to vote at any meetings and will not be able to hold a position on Committees.
- Corporate membership (1 x vote) on behalf of the Corporation / Business.
- Special membership as determined and specified by the Committee.

10.2 Membership fees

Membership fees shall be applicable to the various types of memberships by an amount set by the Committee from time to time.

The Executive may from time to time waive the membership fees of its membership.

10.2.1 Sitting members

(a) A member that is a sitting member of Parliament must pay a levy calculated as 5% of their annual Parliamentary Salary, being the basic salary and additional salary specified under the Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990, but not including Electoral or other allowances, being calculated on a pro rata basis in respect of periods less than 12 months.

(b) The levy is payable in equal monthly instalments in arrears. The first payment of the levy is due on the first day of the calendar month next following the date on which the member becomes a member of the State Parliamentary Party (as the case may be). Thereafter, the levy is due on the first day of each succeeding calendar month.

(c) If the first day of a calendar month falls on a weekend or public holiday the levy shall be paid on the next following business day.

(d) Should the member resign from the Party whilst still a sitting member that member is liable to pay a pro rata amount equal to the remaining time of his current term of office.

10.3 Membership terminations

The Committee may, upon its own motion or upon a complaint in writing concerning one of its members resolve to terminate or suspend for such period as it decides the membership of any member who in its opinion has been guilty of any act or conduct detrimental to the interests of the Party.

Reasons for termination shall apply when and not limited to the following:

- (a) A member of the Party opposing an endorsed Candidate or supporting a Candidate opposing a Candidate or occupying a position on a committee or publicly speaking or canvassing on an opposing Candidate's behalf, shall automatically cease to be a member of the Party;

- (b) Any person not being a member of the Party who as a Candidate opposes or has opposed an endorsed Candidate shall not be eligible for membership of the Party;
- (c) While being a member of the Party retains or accepts membership of another political party; and/or while being a member of the Party acts or makes statements, which in the opinion of the Committee causes damage to the good name and reputation of the Party or brings the Party into disrepute;
- (d) The member disclosed sensitive information gained by virtue of Party membership when not authorized to do, or breached agreed upon confidentiality concerning any Party policy matter or other internal affairs of the Committee.

* Any person who has their membership terminated or has resigned will not be eligible for pre-selection for future elections unless the relevant Executive shall have otherwise given special permission.

Upon notification of termination, to the members registered address in the Party records, from the Party by the Committee, that member's Party rights shall be suspended, including during any appeal to the Committee.

Termination of Party membership can occur when there is an agreement of not less than two thirds of the Committee; membership fee shall be forfeited to the Party.

10.4 Membership resignations

- (a) A member of the Party may tender resignation of membership at any time in writing to the Committee.
- (b) Membership fee shall be forfeited to the Party upon acceptance of resignation.

10.5 Notification of change

The obligation rests with the member for advising the Party registry of any change relevant to the Party; i.e. change of address, membership status (single/family) contact details etc.

11. Grievances and Disputes

The resolution procedure set out in this rule applies to grievances or disputes under these rules between:

A member and another member

A member and the Organization

- a) It is preferable for grievances to be managed informally and confidentially within the Executive or attached sub-committees directly by those so affected.
- b) Where a grievance is not resolved at an informal level, the grievance is to be submitted in writing to the Party President by the aggrieved person.
- c) The Party President will acknowledge receipt of the submission in writing and attempt to resolve the issue at the earliest opportunity.
- d) Copies of the submission will be kept secure in the Presidents records.
- e) If the aggrieved does not want to write to the Party President the option is available to submit an open letter to the Party Executive stating the nature of the grievance and the reasons for bypassing the Party President.
- f) If the aggrieved is not satisfied with the outcome of the process the Party President initiated the option is available to call a special meeting of the Executive to seek resolution in that forum.
- g) If the aggrieved chooses to call a special meeting of the Executive a written submission must be made to the Executive outlining reasons for doing so.
- h) A quorum of the Executive upon receipt of the submission will undertake a preliminary investigation to ascertain what action if any to follow.
- i) If the quorum declines to entertain the grievance because it judges it frivolous or vexatious an attendant member of that quorum will notify the concerned party in writing.
- j) If the quorum decides the grievance is frivolous or vexatious that will be the final avenue of review within the Party.
- k) If the quorum consider a special meeting warranted an attendant member of that quorum will notify all involved parties in writing.
- l) The Grievance/Dispute process before a special meeting of the Executive is the final avenue of review within the Party.
- m) Each stage of the resolution process is to remain confidential.

- n) Each stakeholder in the grievance/dispute is entitled to have a support person present during all processes.

11.1 General Procedures and Principles

- a) All parties will be afforded the opportunity to be present throughout the special meeting of the Executive.
- b) Witnesses may be called, examined and cross examined where the evidence is directed at important issues of fact that are in dispute between the parties.
- d) Parties wanting to call witnesses must seek prior permission from the Executive. The request should identify the witnesses and the proposed areas of enquiry.
- e) Executive decisions will be made by majority decision.
- a) The parties will be bound by the decision of the Executive.

11.2 Investigation Procedure

- a) The appellant's presentation to the special meeting of the Executive is first.
- b) Details that have been included in a written submission need not be repeated at the special meeting.
- c) Both parties are to be given equal opportunity to comment on submissions, ask questions, present evidence and examine witnesses.
- d) The special meeting of the Executive may ask questions of the parties or witnesses to clarify issues and submissions.
- e) Following the investigation, the Executive members will retire to consider all of the material presented.
- f) The outcome of the hearing will be communicated in writing to the parties.

12. Financial Reporting

The first financial year of the Organisation shall be the next period ending on the next 30 June following registration / incorporation and thereafter a period of twelve (12) months commencing on first of July and ending on 30 June each year.

13. Accounts to be kept

The Organisation shall keep and retain such accounting records as are necessary to correctly record and explain the financial transactions and financial position to the Organisation in accordance with the Act.

14. Accounts and Reports to be laid before Members

The accounts together with the Auditors report (if required) on the accounts, the Committee's statement and the Committee's report, shall be laid before the members at the AGM.

15. Annual Return

The annual (periodic) return (if applicable) shall be lodged with the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs within six (6) months after the end of each financial year. It must be accompanied by a copy of the accounts, the Auditors report, the Committee's statement and Committee's report.

16. Appointment of Auditor

At each AGM the members shall appoint a person to be Auditor of the Organisation;

The Auditor shall hold office until the next AGM and is eligible for re-appointment;

If an appointment is not made at an AGM, the Committee shall appoint an Auditor for the current financial year.

17. Prohibition against securing profits for members

The income and capital of the Organisation shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its objects and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to members or their associates except as bona fide remuneration of a member for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Organisation.

18. Winding Up

The Organisation may be wound up in the manner provided for in the Act.

19. Application of Surplus Assets

If after the winding up of the Organisation there remains "surplus assets" as defined in the Act, such surplus assets shall be distributed to any Organisation which has similar objects and has rules which prohibit the distribution of its assets and income to its members.

20. Candidates

20.1 Contesting elections

(a) The Relevant Executive shall decide whether the Party should contest an election in any Federal or State Electorate.

(b) If the relevant Executive decides not to contest a particular electorate, the general membership may request the relevant Executive to reconsider the decision.

(c) The relevant Executive shall determine which Parliamentary house or electorate a candidate will stand for at election.

(d) Any Australian House of Parliament with at least two houses where there is a ticket position for a given House the candidate's ticket position shall be determined by the relevant Executive.

20.2 Eligibility

Any member of the Party shall be eligible to seek pre-selection provided that:-

(a) That person has been a member of the Party for three months immediately prior to the date on which nominations shall close for the pre-selection or if the Executive shall have otherwise given special permission.

(b) That person is not disqualified from doing so according to the Electoral Act.

(c) That person is not disqualified from pre-selection due to any of the rules contained in this constitution.

20.3 Age Restriction

That person has not reached seventy years of age on the date on which nominations shall close for the pre-selection.

20.4 Calling of nominations

The Relevant Executive shall call for nominations for pre-selection for an electorate to be contested and fix the closing date for receipt of nominations.

Notice of the calling of nominations for pre-selection and the closing date shall be:-

(a) Advertised in one morning newspaper circulating within and throughout South Australia.

(b) A notice may be given by the relevant Executive to any member by serving the member with a notice personally or by any other means appropriate, including electronic media.

(c) A notice may be given at a general meeting.

20.5 Form of nomination

Nominations for pre-selection shall be in a form approved by the Relevant Executive and shall require from the nominee only those declarations and agreements as are contained in Appendix 1.

20.6 Selection

(a) Each nominee will have an opportunity to address the General meeting for five minutes in an order determined by lot.

(b) Each nominee will be required to answer questions of the Committee at a separate meeting set aside for that purpose for a time to be determined by the Committee.

(c) The Committee, if it so desires, can require any nominee to address a question again or answer further questions.

(d) Each nominee can reasonably be expected to answer questions relating to any matter as the Committee sees fit in order to determine the suitability of the nominee for candidacy.

(e) During selection the nominee will have the opportunity to present his nomination requests but the Committee will not be bound by such request.

20.7 Endorsement

(a) A person who has been nominated in accordance with these rules shall be deemed a candidate within the meaning of this Constitution when that nomination has been accepted and endorsed by the Committee. The Committee shall not endorse a nomination without first scrutinising the nominee's eligibility to become a candidate.

(b) The Committee may refuse to accept a nomination in circumstances where it considers such a refusal to be in the best interest of the Party and shall not be bound to give its reasons.

- (c) The Committee may require from a nominee such information as the Relevant Executive deems necessary in order to determine the suitability of the nominee to become a candidate.
- (d) At any time after the endorsement of a candidate the Committee may withdraw such endorsement.
- (e) Candidates endorsed by the Committee shall be the candidates for the election for which they have been endorsed and shall receive the united support of the Party.

20.8 Other

- (a) Candidates are required to obtain authorisation from the relevant Executive member for any statements regarding Party issues or matters.

21. Branches

- (a) A branch will be determined according the founding State Party committee until such time as otherwise determined.
- (b) Any branch in any location within Australia which seeks to take on the name of the F.R.E.E AUSTRALIA PARTY will abide by this Constitution and all the rules contained herein.
- (c) Any branch in any location within Australia which seeks to take on the name of the F.R.E.E AUSTRALIA PARTY will uphold the Party Manifesto and all the policies and core principles contained therein.
- (d) Branches may initiate policies which do not detract from the core principles contained within the Party Manifesto.
- (e) Branches may make suggestions for alterations or additions to the Manifesto or Constitution to the founding State Executive who will not be bound by such recommendation or suggestion.
- (f) Branches are to maintain regular communication with the founding State Party Committee and to inform said Committee of any policies it seeks to implement.

(g) The founding State Party Committee may, upon its own motion or upon a complaint in writing concerning one of its branches resolve to terminate or suspend for such period as it decides the membership of any branch who in its opinion has been guilty of any act or conduct detrimental to the interests of the whole Party.

22. Rules

(a) These rules may be altered (including an alteration to the Organisations name) by special resolution of the members of the Organisation. This includes recession or replacement by substitute rules.

(b) The alteration shall be registered with the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs, Corporate Affairs and Compliance Branch as required by the Act.

(c) The registered rules shall bind the Organisation and every member to the same extent as if they have respectively signed and sealed them and agreed to be bound by all of the provisions thereof.

(d) At any meeting a decision made to implement a rule that does not exist in this Constitution that is appropriately passed and minuted shall be held up in the same manner as this Constitution or until overruled by any future meeting of the members in a similar manner, overruled by the relevant Executive or included or excluded in a subsequent rewrite of this Constitution in review.

22.1 Inconsistencies

When a rule of this Constitution is inconsistent with the law the State or the Commonwealth, the latter shall prevail, and the former shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be invalid.

"NOMINEE DECLARATION"

I declare that all information provided on this form is true and correct in every detail.

I declare that I am not a member of any other political party.

I declare that I am not disqualified from being chosen or from sitting as a member of State/Federal Parliament.

In order to retain my membership of the Party I agree to abide by section 10 of this Constitution; memberships.

In the event of my being endorsed by the Party as a parliamentary candidate:

I agree to contest the election, to be bound by the Constitution of the F.R.E.E Australia Party and to uphold the platform of the Party Manifesto.

I agree in regard to my campaign to accept and abide by the decisions and rulings of the Relevant Executive regarding State matters and the Federal Executive regarding Federal matters.

I agree to accept and abide by the Fundraising Code approved by Relevant Executive.

I agree to be personally responsible for any expenditure incurred by me without the prior express authority of the Party Executive and I further agree to indemnify the Party against any liability arising from such unauthorised expenditure.

I agree to accept responsibility for any statements made or authorised by me in my campaign and I further agree to indemnify the Party against all actions claims damages or costs arising from any such statements.

Name.....

Signature.....

Address

Party Membership No.....

Date.....

Witnessed by.....

Signature

Date



F.R.E.E. AUSTRALIA PARTY

FREEDOM RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT EDUCATE AUSTRALIA PARTY

SURNAME		GIVEN NAMES – (PLEASE LIST ALL YOUR GIVEN NAMES IN FULL)	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			
SUBURB		STATE	POSTCODE
TELEPHONE (WORK)	TELEPHONE (HOME)	MOBILE	
EMAIL ADDRESS			
POSTAL ADDRESS (ONLY IF DIFFERENT TO RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS)			
<p>DECLARATION:</p> <p>I wish to become a member of the F.R.E.E Australia Party.</p> <p>I am eligible to enroll for Federal elections.</p> <p>(You are eligible to enroll for Federal elections if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ You are 18 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.) <p>(British subjects who are not Australian citizens are eligible to enroll for Federal elections if they were on a Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll on 25 January, 1984.)</p> <p>* I consent to this form being forwarded to the Australian Electoral Commission in support of the party's application for registration. (<i>Strike out if not applicable.</i>)</p> <p>I declare that all the information I have given on this form is true and complete.</p>			
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 for 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.

This is the annexure marked _____ referred to in the statutory declaration of _____ sworn	
(annexure number)	(name of person making the declaration)
The _____ day of _____	
(Month and Year)	
Signature of the person making the declaration _____	
BEFORE ME:	DATE:
(Signature of the person before whom the declaration is made)	
PRINT NAME	TITLE
OF WITNESS:	(if appl):

