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## Legalise Cannabis Australia - Constitution

### 1. Name

1.1 The Name of the Party shall be Legalise Cannabis Australia (*in the rules called the Party*)

1.2 The abbreviation of the Party's name shall be Legalise.

### 2. Aims.

The Aims of the Party shall be:

2.1 to endorse candidates to contest elections to the Federal Parliament of Australia.

2.2 To re-legalise Cannabis for

2.2.1 personal use

2.2.2 medical and therapeutic uses

2.2.3 and industrial purposes

2.3 collecting and disseminating knowledge relating to all or any of the Party's aims.

2.4 campaigning to, and lobbying of, all sectors of the community.

2.5 organising fund raising for the Party.

2.6 conducting and facilitating research relating to all or any of the Party's aims.

2.7 to apply for and seek public funding for electoral purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Electoral Act 1918 as amended.

2.8 do all such things as may be necessary, expedient or desirable to carry out the aims of the Party as seen herein.

### 3. Membership

3.1 Any person enrolled on the electoral roll and eligible to vote in elections to the Parliament shall be eligible to be a member of the Party.

3.2 Acceptance of membership to the Party is the determination of the Registered Officer

3.3 No initial or annual membership fee shall be payable by a member of the Party.

3.4 Life Membership shall be established by a single payment of \$100

3.5 A member may resign from membership of the Party by giving written notice thereof to the secretary of the Party.

3.6 It is a condition of membership that;

3.6.1 Member support the aims of the Party and agree to accept the rules and regulations of the Party.

3.6.2 Members do not nominate against any preselected or endorsed candidates of the Party for election.

3.6.3 Members do not actively oppose the Party during any election.

3.6.4 Members, upon election to a Parliament or Local Council as an endorsed candidate of the Party must actively support the aims of the Party as listed from 2.1 to 2.8

3.7 Expulsion of a Member

Subject to giving a member an opportunity to be heard or make a written submission to an Extraordinary General meeting of the Executive Committee may resolve to expel a member for any misconduct detrimental to the interests of the Party including any breach of rules 3.6.1, .2, .3, .4

#### **4. The Executive Committee**

4.1 The Executive Committee of the Party shall be comprised of;

4.1.1 Secretary, who will be responsible for the carrying out of the administration, the keeping of the records, and for the conduct of the correspondence of the Party.

4.1.2 Treasurer

4.1.3 President

4.1.4 Vice President

4.1.5 Registered Officer; and

4.1.6 Deputy Registered Officer

4.2 The Executive Committee in office at the date of registration of the Party shall, unless they resign, hold office for a period of one year from the date of such registration and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

#### **5. The Annual General Meeting**

5.1 Elections for office bearers will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Party. Any member of the Party is eligible to stand for election

5.1.1 The secretary shall give 28 days notice of the AGM via email and on social media.

5.2 Nominations must be received by the secretary at least one week before the Annual General Meeting

5.3 All voting at the Annual General Meetings will be open ballot by those present at the meeting only. Voting for Office Bearers will be by open ordinary ballot.

5.4 The secretary of the Party may make such regulations for the calling of Extraordinary General meetings as may be appropriate to further the aims of the Party.

5.5 The Annual General and Extraordinary General Meeting can only meet for purposes if a quorum of any three members of the Executive Committee plus four other general members is reached.

#### **6. General Meetings**

6.1 General meetings are to be held at a minimum quarterly, but may be held more frequently at the discretion of the Executive Committee, as necessary to meet the aims of the Party.

6.2 General meetings may be held in person, via electronic platform, or any combination as decided by the Committee from time to time.

6.3 The Treasurer's report on the financial status of the Party shall form part of the agenda.

6.4 The minutes of a general meeting will be made available to the Membership in electronic format (e.g. via email) no later than 30 days after the date of the general meeting upon request by a member.

6.5 General business arising between general meetings may be dealt with via in-person, telephone, written or electronic communications between all Committee Members, as decided by the Committee from time to time.

#### **7. Endorsement of Election Candidates**

7.1 Candidates for election to the Parliament or to Local Councils shall be endorsed or dis-endorsed by the decision of the Executive Committee of the Party

7.2 The allocation or preferences, if any, to other parties and/or candidates in elections to Parliament shall be determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with our candidate/s

## **8. Amendment of the Constitution**

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

## **9. Adoption**

The Constitution in tot was adopted at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.