

21st Century Australia Party

“Bringing Australia's education and political systems into the 21st Century, and create greater prosperity for all Australians.”

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

Part I - Name

1. The name of the Organisation shall be the 21ST CENTURY AUSTRALIA PARTY, which name shall be adopted by the Divisions in the States and the Australian Capital Territory if or when established. Its abbreviation will be 21CA.

Part II - Objectives

2. The objectives of the Organisation shall be to have an Australian nation:-
 - (a) Dedicated to political liberty and the freedom and dignity of man whereby all live by the principles of compassion, truthfulness and goodwill to all;
 - (b) Safe from external aggression;
 - (c) With an abundant and prosperous 21st Century economy, for all Australians, to fairly share in the massive wealth our large continent-nation can provide;
 - (d) In which an intelligent, free and liberal Australian democracy shall be maintained by:-
 - i. a Parliament controlling the Executive and the Law controlling all;
 - ii. freedom of speech, religion and association;
 - iii. freedom of citizens to choose their own way of living and of life, subject to the rights of others;
 - iv. protecting the people, environment and animals against harmful exploitation;
 - v. looking primarily to the encouragement of self realisation, personal growth, education, individual initiative and enterprise as the dynamic force of progress;
 - (e) In which men and women who have been members of the fighting services and their dependants shall enjoy honour and security and where preference and generous repatriation benefits are recognised;
 - (f) In which primary, secondary and tertiary industries are promoted, new and adequate markets developed, the lot of country people improved, rural amenities increased, and decentralisation of industries encouraged;
 - (g) In which there shall be no nationalisation of any Australian industry without the approval of the people;
 - (h) In which constant employment at reasonable wages is available to all willing and able to work;
 - (i) In which employer and employee have a sense of common interest and duty, and share as co-operators in all advances of prosperity, and in which living standards rise steadily as physical resources expand and ingenuity grows;
 - (j) In which social provision is made for the aged, the invalid, the widowed, the sick, the unemployed and their children;
 - (k) In which adequate medical services are within the reach of all;
 - (l) In which a comprehensive system of child and adult education is redesigned into a modern day, 21st Century, Education System that promotes self empowerment; personal, family, social and global responsibility; curriculums specifically designed to meet the demands of the modern world including financial education as well as tailored curriculums based on the natural tendencies and predisposition's of students so that all may achieve abundance and success in their lives;
 - (m) In which the youth of the nation is given every encouragement to develop its talent to the full, recognising that from its ranks will come the leaders of tomorrow;

- (n) In which every single Australian will benefit by the provision of an economically successful environment that encourages, inspires and supports all Australians to perform at higher levels, thus adding even more value to society;
- (o) In which we have a business environment of compassionate capitalism and strong social conscience;
- (p) In which the people will not be forced into voting if they choose not to;
- (q) In which an independent board of fiscal experts will oversee, permit and advise on government spending in order to achieve the absolute best returns, socially and economically on the taxpayers hard earned dollar;
- (r) In which a fair tax system will be created so as not to punish the wealthy nor disadvantage the poor.
- (s) In which voters may initiate policy and vote on major policy through the use of advanced technologies;

Part III - Powers

3. The Organisation shall have the following powers:-

- (a) to establish in any place within Australia branches of the Organisation, and Divisions in the States and the Australian Capital Territory;
- (b) to provide, maintain and manage and carry on Headquarters, Clubs, Social Centre's and places of meeting or recreation or instruction within Australia as may be required, and to furnish, equip and provide supplies therefore;
- (c) to purchase, take on, lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal estate, which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Organisation;
- (d) to construct, maintain and alter any houses, building or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Organisation;
- (e) to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purposes of procuring contributions to the funds of the Organisation in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions, memberships or otherwise;
- (f) to invest any moneys of the Organisation not immediately required for any of its objects, in such a manner as may from time to time be determined
- (g) to enter into any arrangement for amalgamation, joint working or co-operation with any Party, association, society or body of persons whether incorporated or not carrying on work or having objects similar to the work and objects of the Organisation and to assist and support by pecuniary contributions or otherwise the operations of any such Party, association, society or body, and to take over upon any terms all or any of the property, undertakings and liabilities of any such Party, association, society or body;

- (h) to produce and publish and to distribute gratuitously or otherwise such books, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals and other literature as may seem calculated to promote the objects of the Organisation utilising any technologies deemed prudent;
 - (i) to receive and accept donations, subscriptions and endowments or money or of any form of property;
 - (ii) to borrow money with or without security for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects or exercising any of the powers of the organisation;
 - (iii) to draw, make, accept, indorse and discount bills of exchange and similar instruments for the purpose of or in conjunction with the exercise of the powers of the Organisation under paragraph (j)(i) of this clause;
 - (k) to improve, manage, develop, sell, exchange, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with or turn to account (but subject to any such consent or approval as may by law be required) all or any of the property of the Organisation;
 - (l) to engage and dismiss all paid officers and servants of the Organisation and fix their remuneration and terms of employment;
 - (m) to grant and pay such pensions, salaries, gratuities or other sums in recognition of service to any person as may from time to time be approved by the Federal Executive or the Executive of a Division of the Organisation;
 - (n) to appoint a trustee or trustees personal or corporate to receive and hold any property on behalf of the Organisation and to allow any such property to remain outstanding in such trustee or trustees;
 - (o) to do all such acts and things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment or furtherance of any of the objects or the exercise of any of the powers of the Organisation;
4. The Organisation is formed to carry out the objectives above-mentioned and not for the purpose of trading or securing pecuniary profit to the members from the transactions thereof.
5. The income and property of the Party whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Party as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to the members of the Party. Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration whether by way of salary or honoraria or otherwise in return for any service actually rendered to or on behalf of the Party, to any officers or servants of the Party or to any member thereof or other person.

6. If upon winding up or dissolution of the Party there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members of the Party but shall be given or transferred to some company, association, society or other body having objects similar or in part similar to the objects of the Party and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Party under or by virtue of the Constitution such company, association, society or other body to be determined by the Federal Council of the Party at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof such Judge of the Supreme Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

Part IV - Structure of the Organisation

7. The Organisation shall comprise:-
 - (a) the Federal Council, The Federal Council may create additional divisions and structures, as it sees fit.
 - (b) the Federal Secretariat, which will be the administrative centre and headquarters for the organisations operations and activities.
 - (c) the Federal Executive which will comprise of the Federal Council of office holders, divisional presidents and appointed representatives for the management of the directives of the Federal Council;

Part V - Membership

8. Any person who is a resident of Australia or its Territories or who has a vote at the Federal or State election or an election for the Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly shall be eligible for enrolment as a member.
9. Rules relating to qualifications and applications for membership and their acceptance, expulsion of members, annual membership fee and rights and obligations of members shall be provided for in this Constitution as follow:
 - (a) pay an annual membership fee, if applicable, as set by the Federal Council;
 - (b) Are not currently members of any other registered political party and do not join another party whilst a member of the 21CA;

Part VI - Branches

10. Branches of the Organisation may be formed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
11. Branches of the Organisation may, with the consent of the Federal Council and upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, be formed in the Northern Territory.
12. The functions of a branch shall be:-
 - (a) to promote the objects, policy and platform of the Organisation;
 - (b) to work for the election to Parliament of the selected and endorsed candidate of the Organisation, and for that purpose to co-operate with all the other branches within the electorate and with committees in organising the electorate to that end;
 - (c) to enlist supporters of the Organisation as members of the branch;
 - (d) to raise funds for the purpose of the Organisation and for furtherance of its objects;
 - (e) to secure the enrolment of every person eligible as an elector and the removal from the Electoral Roll of the names of all unqualified persons;
 - (f) to encourage within the branch and the Organisation all educational work of a political, social and economic character;
 - (g) to adopt resolutions for submission to the Council of the Division or to such other committees in the Divisions as may be provided for in the Constitution of the Division and until such Division is created submission will be to the Federal Council.

No branch shall affiliate with any outside body without the consent of the relevant Federal Council.
13. Each branch shall elect annually or biennially a Committee consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other office bearers, delegates or committees as may be required by the Federal Council.
14. Subject to this Constitution and to the right of the relevant Divisional authority from time to time to prescribe by-laws to be observed and binding on branches generally, each branch shall have the conduct and management of its own affairs, although ultimate control rests in the Federal Council's decisions.
15. Where, in the opinion of the relevant Divisional authority or Federal Council, it is impractical to form a branch in an electorate, it may approve of the formation of a contact group or groups, and may from time to time prescribe by-laws for their control and management.

16. In this Part “the relevant Divisional authority” means the Council of the Division, the Executive of the Division or such other body, which, under the existing Constitution of the Division concerned, is vested with the requisite power. If the Constitution of the Division is silent as to which body shall exercise the power, then the relevant Divisional authority shall be the Executive of the Division.

Part VII - Divisions

17. There shall be a Division established in due time of the Organisation in each State and the Australian Capital Territory consisting of the members of the Organisation resident therein and, subject to this Constitution, the management and control of the affairs of a Division shall be vested in the Council of the Division, overseen and under the jurisdiction of the Federal Council.
18. The Council of a Division, shall have in addition power -
- (a) to exercise all or any of the powers of the Organisation as hereinbefore mentioned within the boundaries of its Division;
 - (b) to delegate all or any of its powers to the Executive of the Division or such other committee or committees as it may deem expedient, with the exception of any power or duty which is expressly reserved to it;
 - (c) to make rules or regulations for the conduct of its own business and that of the Division.
19. There shall be elected annually or biennially as determined by that Division a President, an Executive and such other office bearers and committees for the Division as may be provided for the Constitution of the relevant Division.

Part VIII - Federal Council

20. There shall be a Federal Council which shall consist of:-
- (a) the President of each Division;
 - (b) each State and Territory Parliamentary Leader;
 - (c) the Federal Parliamentary Leader and Deputy Leader, and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Party in the Senate;
 - (d) the Immediate Past Federal Council President;
 - (e) subject to clauses 28 and 29 of this Constitution:-
 - i) the Federal Council President;
 - ii) the Federal Council Vice-Presidents;
 - iii) the Honorary Federal Council Treasurer;
 - iv) the successor to the Federal Council President;
 - v) the successor to the Honorary Federal Council Treasurer;

- vi) the Federal Council Secretary;
 - vii) the successor to the Federal Council Secretary.
- (f) In the case of this party being newly founded or there being vacancies the Federal Council will be made up of the minimum, being:
- i) the Federal Council President;
 - ii) the Federal Council Vice Presidents;
 - iii) the Honorary Federal Council Treasurer;
 - iv) the Federal Council Secretary.
21. Save as expressly provided in this Constitution, the management and control of the federal affairs of the Organisation shall be vested in the Federal Council and, in addition to any powers and duties herein given and vested in the Federal Council, such Council shall have power:-
- (a) to exercise all or any of the powers of the Organisation as hereinbefore mentioned;
 - (b) to make such by-laws as may be required for carrying out any of its powers;
 - (c) to delegate all or any of its powers to the Federal Executive or such other committee or committees as it may deem necessary to establish and expedient, with the exception of any power or duty which is expressly reserved to the Federal Council.
22. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions the duties of the Council shall be:-
- (a) to do everything in its power to stimulate the progress of the parties objectives in Australia;
 - (b) to express the views of the Organisation on current political questions as they arise;
 - (c) to raise, administer and invest funds for the performance of its duties and those of the Federal Executive and the Federal Secretariat;
 - (d) to maintain the Federal Secretariat;
 - (e) to co-ordinate the activities of the various Divisions in relation to federal matters;
 - (f) from time to time determine, alter or amend the platform of the Party subject to provisions hereinafter contained.
23. (a) The Federal Council shall elect annually a President, Two Vice-Presidents and a Treasurer. The Federal Council shall adopt the following procedure in conducting the election.

- (b) The Federal Council may in its discretion elect to the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer any person who at the time of election is a financial member of a Division of the Party whether or not such a person is also a member of Federal Council.
 - (c) A person elected to the office of President, Honorary Treasurer, Secretary or Vice-President shall be a member of Council ex officio from the time he assumes office. If he is not a member of Council at the time of his election he shall become a member of Council ex officio immediately the result of his election is declared notwithstanding that he shall not assume the office to which he has been elected until the conclusion of the meeting of the Council at which he is elected.
24. (a) The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall assume their respective offices at the conclusion of the meeting of Federal Council at which they are appointed and shall hold the same until the conclusion of the meeting of the Council at which their successors are appointed.
- (b) All other members of the Federal Council and members of all Committees shall continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are appointed.
25. The Federal President shall preside at all meetings of the Federal Council at which he is present. In the absence of the President, the Chair will be taken by a Vice-President, or, in the absence of both Vice-Presidents, by some person elected by the Council for that meeting of the Council.
26. Any extraordinary vacancy in the offices of President, Vice-Presidents or Honorary Treasurer shall be filled by the Federal Executive, subject to the confirmation of the next meeting of the Federal Council.
27. (a) The election process will be by way of nomination by a current Federal Council member and such nomination must be approved by at least 2 other Federal Council members before the nomination will be considered for voting.
- (b) A unanimous vote of 75% or greater is required to have a new Federal Council Member elected.
- (c) A current Federal Council Member unless indicating that he wishes to resign his position will automatically be eligible for re-election without requirement of nomination nor acceptance of nomination;
- (d) A current Federal Council Member will automatically retain his position if no new nominees are eligible for election.

28. The Council shall appoint such committees, as from time to time it may consider necessary. It shall fix their numbers and determine the scope of their authority. All such committees shall be subject to the authority of the Council and shall report to it whenever it meets.
29. The Federal President, the Immediate Past Federal President and the Federal Parliamentary Leader of the Party shall be members ex officio of all Federal committees.
30. There shall be an ordinary meeting of Federal Council each calendar year unless the Federal Executive otherwise determines, provided that in no case shall there be more than two years between ordinary meetings of Council. Special meetings of Federal Council may be held on such occasions, as Federal Executive shall determine.
31. At all meetings of the Federal Council a quorum shall consist of Five persons. Each member of Federal Council has a duty to act in the interests of the Organisation as a whole.
32. Should any members of the Council be unable to attend any meeting he, or failing appointment by him the President of the relevant Division, may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Federal Secretary, appoint some other person being a member of the Council of his Division or the Federal Council to act as his proxy, and such person shall vote on his behalf accordingly.
33. Except for the general meeting, special meetings may be attended by way of technologies such as Skype, tele conferencing, video conferencing or circular resolutions will be acceptable for urgent matters. Circulation may use all means of appropriate technology.

Part IX - Federal Executive

34. (i) There shall be a Federal Executive consisting of :-
 - (a) the Federal President;
 - (b) the Vice-Presidents;
 - (c) the Federal Parliamentary Leader;
 - (d) the Deputy Federal Parliamentary Leader;
 - (e) the Leader of the Parliamentary Party in the Senate;
 - (f) the Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Party in the Senate;
 - (g) the Honorary Federal Treasurer;
 - (h) the Presidents of the Divisions;
 - (i) The Federal Secretary
 - (j) the Immediate Past Federal President; except

- (ii) in the case where there are not the required parliamentary or division leaders then the minimum requirement for the Executive will consist of:
 - (a) The Federal Council President;
 - (b) The Federal Council Vice-Presidents;
 - (c) The Federal Secretary;
 - (d) The Honorary Federal council Treasurer.

35. Subject to this Constitution and to the control of the Federal Council, the management of the affairs of the Council shall be vested in the Federal Executive, and in addition to any powers and duties herein given and vested in the Federal Executive it shall:-

- (a) exercise the powers and functions of the Council between meetings other than the power to amend this Constitution;
- (b) do all things necessary and essential to the efficient management of the affairs of the Council;
- (c) report to each meeting of the Federal Council its doings since the previous meeting of the Council;
- (d) The Federal Executive shall have the following power, in relation to candidates chosen for the Senate and the House of Representatives:-
 - (i) where the Federal Executive, on the reference of the relevant Division or the advice of the Candidate Review Committee, is of the view that following the preselection or endorsement of a candidate there are matters or potential public controversy with regard to the personal circumstances of that candidate which were not taken sufficiently into account in the preselection process and which are likely to jeopardise the Party's prospects of electoral success it may request the relevant Division to review the preselection or endorsement of that candidate in accordance with the appropriate procedures of that Division and report back to the Federal Executive within a reasonable time on the outcome of its review;
 - (ii) following the receipt of the Division's review set out in paragraph (i) above, and after hearing the candidate, if the Federal Executive is not satisfied with the review and considers that the selected candidate is not the most suitable candidate, it may by an affirmative vote of at least 60% of its members present revoke the selection of the candidate for the Senate or Federal electorate in question and require the Division to take such steps as are necessary to select or appoint a new candidate who shall become the selected candidate for the Party;
 - (iii) for the purposes of paragraph (i) above the Candidate Review Committee shall comprise the Federal President, the two Federal Vice-Presidents, the Federal Secretary, the relevant State President and a relevant Divisional Vice President chosen by the Division

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 - (i) Where the Federal Executive on the advice of the relevant Division or the advice of a Review Committee is of the view that the public actions or statements of Federal candidates or Members of Parliament are not in the best interests of the Party, it may request the relevant Division to take whatever action that Division considers necessary (including to express concern, censure, reprimand, dis-endorse or expel).
 - (ii) Following the advice on the Division's action, if the Federal Executive is not satisfied with the procedures adopted in accordance with paragraph (i) above, it may by an affirmative vote of at least 60% of its members present take whatever action it considers necessary (including the power to express concern, censure, reprimand, dis-endorse or recommend expulsion to the relevant Division or body) but before such power is exercised any candidate or Member who is likely to be affected by such action shall have the right to be heard.
 - (iii) Where the Federal Executive resolves to dis-endorse a candidate it shall require the Division in question to take such steps as are necessary to select or appoint a new candidate who shall become the selected candidate for the Party.
 - (iv) For the purpose of paragraph (i) above the Review Committee shall comprise the Federal President, the two Federal-Vice Presidents, the relevant State President and a relevant Divisional Vice President chosen by the Division;
- (f) convene a National Convention of the Organisation so far as is practicable, at least once in every three years;
- (g) At all times The Federal Executive maintains the powers to take disciplinary action in respect of any member or members and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to impose a penalty, to suspend any member from membership of the Organisation, to withdraw endorsement of any candidate or to expel a member from the Organisation;

36.

- (a) The Federal Executive has responsibility to protect the Party's name, logo, brand and other intellectual property of the Party.
- (b) The Federal Executive may by notice in writing remove the right of a State or Territory Division or other associated body of the party to use the Party's name, logo, brand and other intellectual property, and may establish, constitute or reconstitute a Division in a State or Territory. The exercise of this power shall require a resolution passed by a vote of not less than 75% of the members of Federal Executive,.

37. The Federal Executive may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of members of the Executive or of the Organisation.

Every sub-committee shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations which may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Federal Executive and shall hold office for such period as the Executive shall determine.

The Federal Executive may empower any sub-committee so appointed to make final decisions upon any question and take action thereon.

38. The Federal Executive may meet for the dispatch of business and adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings and proceedings as and when it thinks fit; A member may participate and vote in Federal Executive Meetings by tele- conference or video conference (or other suitable technology) if they so request.
39. At all meetings of the Federal Executive the Federal President or his nominee shall preside and the person so presiding shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.
40. Should any member of the Executive be unable to attend any meeting he may by writing under his hand addressed to the Federal Secretary appoint some other person being a member of the Federal Council to act as his proxy.
41. At all meetings of the Federal Executive a quorum shall consist of five persons. Each member of Federal Executive has a duty to act in the interests of the Organisation as a whole.

Part X - Federal Secretariat

42. There shall be a Federal Secretariat, which shall be established at such place and under such conditions as the Federal Executive may from time to time determine.
43. The Secretariat shall be composed of a Director and other such officers as the Director may appoint.
 - (a) The Director shall appoint officers of the Federal Secretariat and fix their remuneration and the terms of their employment.
44. The power and functions of the Federal Secretariat shall be:-
 - (a) to co-ordinate the activities of the Divisions on a Federal basis;
 - (b) to record and give effect to decisions of the Federal Council and Executive; and to report progress to Divisions on all resolutions submitted to Federal Council;
 - (c) to provide means for economic and political research and study;
 - (d) to establish efficient contact between the Organisation and the Federal Parliamentary Party and the public by all such means as may be available;
 - (e) to maintain constant contact with Divisions and office-bearers of the Divisions;
 - (f) generally to attend to such matters as may be referred to it by the Federal Council or Executive;
 - (g) to undertake Federal election campaigns in conjunction with Divisions.

Part XI - Publicity

45. Publicity for Federal purposes shall be controlled and organised by the Federal Secretariat, under the general control of the Federal Council, and in co-operation with any publicity section or committee, which may be established by each Division.

Part XII - Parliamentary Party

46. The Parliamentary section of the Organisation shall consist in the Federal sphere of the members of the Organisation elected to Federal Parliament and maintaining membership of the Organisation, and in each State of the members of the Organisation elected to the State parliament, and it shall be known as the Federal Parliamentary Party and the State Parliamentary Party respectively. In the Australian Capital Territory the Parliamentary section of the Organisation shall consist of the members of the Organisation elected to the Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly and maintaining membership of the Organisation and it shall be known as the Australian Capital Territory Parliamentary Party.
47. The Parliamentary Party shall:-
- (a) appoint its Leader, who shall thereupon become the Parliamentary Leader of the Organisation;
 - (b) be responsible for the work and duties of Members of Parliament and for the organisation of that work.
48. It shall be the duty of the Parliamentary Party and of the Organisation to keep one another informed on all political matters and to co-operate closely. There shall be regular meetings between the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Party, Deputy Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Party and the Leader of the Parliamentary Party in the Senate, the Federal President and the Federal Vice-Presidents.

Part XIII - Determination and Implementation of Federal Platform and Policies

59. Platform
- (a) As between the Organisation and the Federal Parliamentary Party, the Organisation shall have the ultimate responsibility for determining and from time to time revising the Federal Platform. The Federal Platform shall state the Party's philosophical position on the policy framework required to meet the objectives of the Organisation and shall set out the principles against which policy shall be formulated.
 - (b) The Council shall carry the primary responsibility for the determination and, from time to time, the revision, of the Federal Platform on behalf of the Organisation. It shall be the responsibility of the Federal Executive to communicate the Federal Platform and any changes to it from time to time to the Federal Parliamentary Party, through the Federal Parliamentary Leader.

- (c) The Federal Parliamentary Party may, through the Federal Parliamentary Leader, from time to time ask for a review of the Federal Platform or any part of it. Upon receipt of any such request, the Federal Secretariat shall refer it to the Council, which may (subject to paragraph (e)):
 - (i) adopt it or refer it back to the Federal Parliamentary Party for further consideration; and
 - (ii) in the case of matters affecting the implementation of the Federal Platform, advise the Federal Parliamentary Party thereon.
- (d) Any Division may, from time to time, ask for a review of the Federal Platform or any part of it. Any such request may only be made upon a resolution to that effect by the Executive of the relevant Division and shall be forwarded to the Federal Secretariat for submission to the Council. Upon receipt of any such request, the Federal Secretariat shall refer it to the Council, which (subject to paragraph (e) below):
 - (i) may adopt it or refer it back to the Council of the relevant Division for further consideration; and
 - (ii) in the case of matters affecting the implementation of the Federal Platform, advise the Federal Parliamentary Party thereon.
- (e) In determining the Federal Platform and considering any revision of it, the Council shall consult with the Advisory Committee on Federal Policy in such manner, as the Council shall determine.
- (f) The Federal Parliamentary Party shall be bound by the Federal Platform,.
- (d) There shall be an Advisory Committee on Federal Policy consisting of:-
 - (i) the Federal Parliamentary Leader and the Deputy Federal Parliamentary Leader, and the Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Party in the Senate;
 - (ii) the Federal President;
 - (iii) the Immediate Past Federal President, the Federal Vice-Presidents, the Federal Secretary and the Honorary Federal Treasurer;
- (f) The Advisory Committee on Federal Policy shall, from time to time, provide such assistance to the Federal Parliamentary Party in the formulation of Federal Policy as may be requested of it by the Federal Parliamentary Party. To that end, the Advisory Committee on Federal Policy shall meet at least three (3) times in each year, at such times as may be determined by the Federal President. All meetings of the Advisory Committee on Federal Policy shall be chaired by the Federal Parliamentary Leader or, in his absence, the Federal President.

50. Nominees

Should either the Federal Parliamentary Leader or the Federal President be unable to attend any meeting of the Advisory Committee on Federal Policy he may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, appoint some other person who is a member of the Federal Parliamentary Party (in the former case) or a member of the Federal Executive (in the latter case) to act as his proxy.

Part XIV - Amendment of the Constitution

51. This Constitution may be repealed or added to or amended by the Federal Council providing a 75% majority vote by those present or their proxy. Any amendment shall come into effect immediately, unless the amending resolution provides otherwise.

Part XV – Dispute Resolution

52. (a) If there is a dispute within the party and it relates to:

- (i) the party;
- (ii) compliance with or interpretation of this constitution; or
- (iii) any rights or obligations of any members, subordinate organisations or organs of the party;

(b) the disputing party/ies may write to the division secretary or in the absence of a division, to the National Secretary. The dispute will be investigated and attempted to be resolved at this level.

(c) If it cannot be resolved then it will be referred to the National dispute resolution committee;

and

(d) if the dispute remains unresolved still an eternal mediator will be provided by the divisional council or the Federal council if deemed necessary.

(e) if a dispute is submitted frivolously by a member or members without care or concern for the legitimate functions and objectives of the party and deemed by the dispute resolution committee to be such, then the member or members may be censured and/or expelled.

Part XVI - Definitions

53. Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number. Words importing the plural number shall include the singular number. Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender. Words importing the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender.

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