

# Constitution and Rules

## ① Name

- 1. The name of the Party shall be Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Party (*in the rules called the Party*)
  - 1.2 The abbreviation of the Party's name shall be **HEMP**.

## 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, and 6.1, .2, .3, .4
- 3.8 Membership of the Party (HEMP NSW) shall be deemed to include membership of the HELP END MARIJUANA PROHIBITION (HEMP) PARTY ( abbrev. HEMP ) registered under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

#### **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 in a suitable newspaper
- 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 Endorsement of Election Candidates**

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 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

#### **7 Amendment of the Constitution**

- 7.1 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.

#### **8 Adoption**

The Constitution in tot was adopted at the 2006 Annual General Meeting.