

AUSTRALIAN FABIANS INC - RULES

1. NAME

The name is AUSTRALIAN FABIANS INC

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Board" means the Board of Directors.

"Financial year" means the year ending on 31st December.

"General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 11.

"AF" means the Australian Fabians

"Member" means a member of AF.

"Branch" means a local branch of the AF constituted according to rule 40(1).

"Branch Representative" means a member of the Board elected to the Board by a Branch of the AF as specified in Rule 40(1)

"The Regulations" means regulations under the ACT.

2.2 In these rules, a reference to the Secretary of the AF is a to the person who holds office under these Rules as Secretary

2.3 Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1958* and the Act as in force from time to time.

3. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

3. 1 A named person who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the AF on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these rules. The AF, believing in equal citizenship in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective of sex, race or creed who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work, and are eligible for membership of the Australian Labor Party.

3.2 A nomination of a person for membership of the AF:

- (a) Shall be made in writing in the form set out in Appendix 1;
- (b) Shall be lodged with the Secretary; and
- (c) Shall be accompanied by the appropriate subscription payable under the rules.

3.3 As soon as practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the Secretary shall refer the nomination to the Board:

3.4 Upon a nomination being referred to the Board, the Board shall consult the relevant State Branch and determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.

3.5 Upon a nomination being approved by the Board, the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee in writing that he or she is approved for membership of the AF. Upon a nomination being rejected by the Board the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee in writing that his or her nomination has been rejected and refund the sum of the subscription which accompanied the nomination.

3.6 The Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the register of members kept by him or her and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the AF.

3.7 A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his or her membership of the AF:

- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
- (b) terminates upon the cessation of his or her membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.

4. ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription rate shall be the amount determined by the Board, payable in advance on or before the first day of January for the calendar year.

5. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Secretary. Copies of the relevant state register shall be made available to each State Branch Board.

6. RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 6.1 A member of the AF who has paid all moneys due and payable by him or her to the AF may resign from the AF by first giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her intention to resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member.
- 6.2 Upon the expiration of a notice given under sub-clause 6.1, the Secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.

7. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

7.1 Subject to these rules, the Board may by resolution:

- (a) expel a member from the AF;
- (b) suspend a member from membership of the AF for a specific period; or
- (c) Fine a member, not exceeding \$20, if the Board is of the opinion that the member:
 - (i) has refused or neglected to comply with these rules; or
 - (ii) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the AF.

7.2 A resolution of the Board under sub-clause 7.1:

- (a) does not take effect unless the Board, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub clause 7.3 confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and
- (b) where the member exercises a right of appeal to the AF under this clause does not take effect unless the AF confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.

7.3 Where the Board passes a resolution under sub-clause 7.1, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on a member a notice in writing:

- (a) setting out the resolution of the Board and the grounds on which it is based;
- (b) stating that the member may address the Board at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;

- (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting;
- (d) informing the member that he or she may do one of the following:
 - (i) Attend that meeting;
 - (ii) Give to the Board before the date of the meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (iii) Not later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the AF at a general meeting against the resolution.

7.4 At a meeting of the Board in accordance with sub clause 7.3 the Board:

- (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
- (b) shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
- (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.

7.5 Where the Secretary received a notice under sub-clause 7.3 he or she shall notify the Board and the Board shall convene a general meeting of the AF to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.

7.6 At a general meeting of the AF convened under sub clause 7.5:

- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
- (b) the Board may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
- (c) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
- (d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

7.7 If at the general meeting:

- (a) two thirds of the members vote in person or by proxy in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
- (b) in any other case, the resolution is revoked.

8. DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

- 8.1 The grievance procedure set out in this rules applies to disputes under these Rules between:
- a) a members and another member; or
 - b) a member and the Association
- 8.2 The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- 8.3 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- 8.4 The mediator must be:
- a) a person chosen by agreement the parties, or:
 - b) in the absence of agreement:
 - I. in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Association; or
 - II. in the case of a disupute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed bu the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Dept of Justice)
- 8.5 A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- 8.6 The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- 8.7 The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 8.8 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must:
- a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - b) allow due consideration of all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.

8.9 The mediator must not determine the dispute

8.10 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9.1 The AF shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members.

9.2 The annual general meeting shall be held on such day as the Board determines.

9.3 The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

9.4 The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- (b) to receive from the Board reports upon the transactions of the AF during the last preceding financial year;
- (c) to elect officers of the AF and the ordinary members of the Board; and
- (d) for the Returning Officer to announce the results of ballot for the Board for the coming year
- (e) to appoint a Returning Officer for the coming year who shall conduct the ballot for elected members of the Board
- (f) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the AF in accordance with section 30 (A) of the Act.

9.5 The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.

9.6 The Annual General Meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

All general meetings, other than the annual general meeting, shall be called special general meetings.

- 10.1 The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the AF and, where, but for this sub-clause, more than 15 months would lapse between annual general meetings, shall convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- 10.2 The Board shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the AF.
- 10.3 The requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- 10.4 If the Board does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- 10.5 A special general meeting convened by members in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Board and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the AF to the persons incurring the expenses.

11. NOTICE OF MEETING

- 11.1 The Secretary of the AF shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the AF, cause to be sent to each member of the AF at his or her address appearing in the register of members, a notice by pre-paid post stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- 11.2 No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.
- 11.3 A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the Secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.

12. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 12.1 All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- 12.2 No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- 12.3 Fifteen members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- 12.4 If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than three) shall be a quorum.

13. PRESIDING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 13.1 The Chairman shall preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the AF.
- 13.2 If the Chairman is absent from a general meeting, the Deputy Chair shall act in his/her place. If both Chair & Deputy Chair are absent, the members shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairperson at the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF A MEETING

- 14.1 The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 14.2 Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.
- 14.3 Except as provided in sub-clauses 14.2 and 14.2, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

15. DETERMINATION OF MATTERS AT A GENERAL MEETING

15.1 A question arising at a general meeting of the AF shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the AF is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

16 VOTING

16.1 Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the AF, a member has one vote only.

16.2 All votes shall be given personally.

16.3 In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

16.4 A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies due and payable by him or her to the AF have been paid, other than the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current year.

17. POLL AT GENERAL MEETINGS

17.1 If, at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken at that meeting in such a manner as the chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

17.2 A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairperson or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairperson may direct.

18. BOARD

19.1 The Affairs of the AF shall be managed by a Board constituted as provided in Rule 20.1.

19.2 The Board:

(a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the AF;

- (b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by general meetings of the members of the AF; and
- (c) subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Board to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the AF.

20. OFFICE HOLDERS

20.1 The voting members of the Board of the AF shall be made up of:

- (a) A Chair
- (b) A Secretary;
- (c) Elected Branch representatives, as determined under Rule 20.9 and elected as per the regulations specified in relevant Branch Rules
- (d) A Research Director
- (e) A Communications Director
- (f) A Young Members Director

20.2 The officers of the AF shall consist of:

- (a) A Patron of the AF
- (b) A Chair
- (c) A Deputy Chair
- (d) A Secretary;
- (e) An Assistant Secretary
- (f) A Treasurer
- (g) A Research Director
- (h) A Communications Director
- (i) A Young Members Director

20.3 The officers of the AF shall be chosen according to the following:

- (a) The Chair and Secretary shall be directly elected to their positions by a postal ballot of all members of the AF according to the provisions of Rule 22
- (b) The Patron shall be formally invited in writing by the Chair to take up his/her position on behalf of the Board
- (c) Director positions shall be appointed from members of the AF by elected members of the Board
- (d) All other officer positions shall be appointed by and, wherever possible, from the elected members of the Board

- 20.4 The provisions of Rule 23 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in the sub-clauses (1) and (2)
- 20.5 Each officer of the AF shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.
- 20.6 In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause 20.1 and 20.2 except State Branch Representatives referred to in sub-clause 20.1 c, the Board may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his or her appointment.
- 20.7 Subject to Rules 20.3 to 20.5 and Rule 23 a Deputy Chair shall be eligible to exercise voting rights on the Board when representing the Chair
- 20.8 Subject to Rules 20.3 to 20.5 and Rule 23, the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary should be filled by elected members of the Board, where possible, and as such do not in themselves bestow voting rights on those that hold them, in the normal course of Board business.
- 20.9 Branch Representatives of the AF shall have voting rights according to the formula below:
- (a) Each Branch shall elect one member to represent it on the Board
 - (b) Where such Branch constitutes fewer than 30 members for the period up to the 2007 annual general meeting, and 40 thereafter its representatives shall have observer status on the Board and have no voting rights in the conduct of the business of the Board
 - (c) Where such Branch has more than 30 but fewer than 300 members for the period up tot the 2007 annual general meeting, and 40 members thereafter, its representative shall have full voting rights in the conduct of the business of the Board
 - (d) Where a Branch has more than 300 members at the time of its Branch Annual General Meeting, that Branch shall be eligible to elect 2 Branch Representatives to the Board, both with full voting rights in the conduct of Board business

21. VACANCIES

- 21.1 For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the AF becomes vacant if the officer or member:
- (a) ceases to be a member of the AF;
 - (a) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or

(b) resigns his or her office by notice in writing to the Secretary.

21.2 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of any member of the Board, except State Branch Representatives referred to in sub-clause 20.1c, the Board may appoint a member of the AF to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his or her appointment.

22. ELECTIONS

22.1 Nominations of candidates for direct election as the Chair and Secretary of the AF:

(c) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the AF and accompanied by the written consent of the candidates (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and

(d) shall be delivered to the Returning officer of the AF by the date fixed in advance by the Returning Officer for the close of nominations.

22.2 If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Board, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.

22.3 If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

22.4 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

22.5 The ballot for the election of the Chair and Secretary shall be conducted by the Returning Officer, appointed as per Rule 8.4(e) as a postal vote of all members of the AF.

(a) The Returning Officer shall call for nominations in the penultimate newsletter issued in each Calendar year.

(b) Nominations having been received by the deadline set by the Returning Officer, he/she shall determine whether a postal ballot is required according to Rules 22.3 and 22.4

(c) If a ballot is required then the Returning Officer shall notify members and issue ballot papers in the final Newsletter issued by the AF in a calendar year so that votes can be received, and processed prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the AF.

- 22.6 A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been nominated for another office for election at the same election.

23. COOPTION TO THE BOARD

The Board may, at its discretion, co-opt additional members to specific roles on the Board. However, these co-opted members shall not be accorded voting rights on the Board in the normal course of its business

24. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

- 24.1 The Board shall meet at least three times in each year at such place and such time as the Board may determine.
- 24.2 Special meetings of the Board may be convened by the Secretary or any 10 members of the Board.
- 24.3 Notice shall be given to members of the Board of any special meeting specifying the general notice of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.
- 24.4 Any 10 members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of a meeting of the Board. Attendance may be in person or via telephone.
- 24.5 No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.
- 24.6 At meetings of the Board:
- (a) The Chair or in his or her absence the Deputy Chair shall preside; or
 - (b) If the Chair and the Deputy Chair are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Board as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- 24.7 Questions arising at a meeting of the Board or of any sub-Board appointed by the Board shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine. In the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- 24.8 Written notice of each Board meeting shall be served on each member of the Board by delivering it to him or her at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by prepaid post addressed to him or her at his or her usual

or last known place of abode at least two business days before the date of the meeting.

24.9 Subject to sub-clause 20.4 the Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Board.

25. VICE PRESIDENTS

The title of Vice-President shall be applicable to past Presidents who are living and to persons so appointed by an annual general meeting on a recommendation from the Board, and shall continue until such time as he or she indicates in writing to the Secretary a contrary desire. The Vice-Presidents shall not be members of the of the Board unless elected or co-opted in accordance with these Rules.

26. SECRETARY

The Secretary of the AF shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each Board meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at Board meetings.

27. TREASURER

27.1 The treasurer of the AF:

- (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the AF and make all payments authorised by the AF; and
- (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the AF with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the AF.

27.2 The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause 28.1 shall be available for inspection by members.

28. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS

28.1 The AF in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Board before the expiration of his or her term of office and appoint another member in his or her stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first mentioned member.

28.2 Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause 28.1 makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the AF (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that they be notified to the members of the AF, the Secretary or President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the AF or, if they are not to be sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

29. PUBLICATIONS

No resolution of a political character expressing an opinion or calling for action, other than in relation to the running of the AF itself, shall be put forward in the name of the AF. No book, pamphlet or tract submitted to the AF shall be published unless approved by the Board. All publications sponsored by the AF shall bear a clear indication that they do not represent the collective view of the AF.

30. CHEQUES

All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be authorised by two members of the Board.

31. SEAL

31.1 The Common Seal of the AF shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

31.2 The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Board and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Board or of one member of the Board and of the Public Officer of the AF.

32. ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

These rules and the statement of purposes of the AF shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

33. NOTICES

33.1 A notice may be served by or on behalf of the AF upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his or her address shown in the Register of Members.

33.2 Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

34. WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the Incorporation of the AF, the assets of the AF shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

35. CUSTODY OF RECORDS

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all books, documents and securities of the AF.

36. FUNDS

The funds of the AF shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Board determines.

37. SELF DENIAL CLAUSE

No resolution of a political character expressing an opinion or calling for action, other than in relation to the running of the AF itself, shall be put forward in the name of the AF.

38. BRANCHES

38.1 The Board may by resolution recognise as a Branch any state, local or university body where ten or more members of the Australian Fabian AF wish to establish one and agree to abide by such local rules as the Board may determine.

38.2 The rules adopted by a Branch shall conform to the rules, by-laws and regulations of the Australian Fabian AF and shall ensure that membership is limited to members of Australian Fabian AF.

38.3 Subscriptions for membership of Branches are payable only to the Australian Fabian AF.

38.4 The Secretary of every Branch shall complete the annual return circulated by the Australian Fabian AF and shall supply during the year such other reports of its activities as the Australian Fabian AF may require.

38.5 In the event of a Branch failing to meet regularly or behaving in a manner contrary to the rules or principles of the Australian Fabian AF, the Board shall have the power to withdraw or suspend recognition subject to the right of the Branch to appeal to the annual general meeting.

38.6 Funds and other assets held by a Branch are the property of the Australian Fabian AF. Where recognition of a local AF is withdrawn or suspended or a local AF dissolves, such funds and other assets as remain after meeting liabilities shall be returned to the Australian Fabian AF.

38.7 No Branch may act as an agent of the Australian Fabian AF or shall incur any liability or take any action that may lead to a claim for compensation from

the AF unless so authorised by a resolution of the Board notified to the Branch in writing.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*Preamble: **The Australian Fabians endorse the two pillars of its heritage and high ideals. It affirms the socialist principles and values of the British Fabians. It enacts the egalitarian spirit and democratic values of the Australian Trade Union movement which generated the formation of an Australian Labor Party.***

Australian Fabians promote the common good and foster the advance of social democracy in Australia through reasoned debate by:

- a) Contributing to progressive political thinking by generating ideas that reflect a level of thinking that meets the challenges of the times.
- b) Contributing to a progressive political culture by disseminating these ideas and getting them into the public domain.
- c) Creating an active movement of people who identify with, are engaged in and who encourage progressive political debate and reform, and.
- d) Influencing the ideas and policies of political parties, especially the Australian Labor Party.

Solely for the purposes of furthering the purposes set out above the AF shall have power to:

- (i) invest and deal with moneys of the incorporated association not immediately required in such manner as is from time to time thought fit;
- (ii) raise or borrow money upon such terms and in such manner as it thinks fit;
- (iii) secure the repayment of moneys so raised or borrowed or the repayment of debt or liability of the incorporated association by giving mortgages, charges or securities upon or over all or any of the property of the incorporated association;
- (iv) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the incorporated association;
- (v) act as a trustee and accept and hold upon trust real and personal estate. Provided however that the AF shall not have power as trustee of a trust to do any act or thing that, if done by it otherwise than as a trustee, would contravene the provisions of the Act of the statement of purposes or the rules.

APPENDIX 1
Membership Application Form

I, _____ (Full name of applicant)

Address _____

Suburb _____ Post Code _____

Email _____ Phone Contact _____

desire to become a member of the Australian Fabians

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the AF for the time being in force.

(Signature of Applicant)

Date _____

I, _____ a member of the AF

nominate the applicant for membership of the AF.

(Signature of Proposer) Date _____

I, _____ a member of the AF

nominate the applicant for membership of the AF.

(Signature of Proposer) Date _____
