



**MANIFESTO AND CORE POLICIES  
AUSTRALIAN LIBERTY ALLIANCE**

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### **The Case for a New Political Movement**

As civic-minded Australians we cannot remain passive and watch while damage is done to our nation, our communities and our families. We will make a stand for what is right, just and not negotiable; values our forefathers worked, bled and died for. Lobbying politicians, writing submissions, informing and rallying others are worthwhile activities which may change opinions and influence policies over time. However, while volunteering our time to inform about the impact of Islam on Australia, we conceded that major parties are not prepared to discuss the divisiveness of multiculturalism and the de-construction of Western civilisation.

Parties have come to the fore which share aspects of our concerns. However, we believe religion and state must be separate. We stand for an integrated multi-ethnic society that returns to values of self-reliance, which lives within its means and leaves no legacy of debt to future generations. We want to give civic-minded Australians the opportunity to become part of a new political movement, and offer Australian voters a new vision and hope for the future. We welcome citizens from all walks of life to become part of this innovative political movement. We open for membership in 2014 with the formal party launch in 2015.

We are a secular movement with values based on Judaeo-Christian heritage and Humanism. Whether we follow a religion or no religion at all, we acknowledge and respect this heritage, which has advanced Western civilisation, Liberty and Universal Human Rights more than any other. Future generations deserve a better Australia. The time has come to rebuild the Lucky Country.



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### **Part 1 – Our Name: Australian Liberty Alliance**

#### **On Australia**

Australia is not just the place we call home. Australia is our commonwealth, our nation and the sum of our communities. Whether old or new Australians, this is the continent we want our children and grandchildren to own as free citizens, to be safe, prosperous and advance confidently with a happy heart.

Our Australia stands for individual liberty, small government, Western values built on Judaeo-Christian and Humanistic foundations, social fairness and an integrated multi-ethnic society with one set of laws for all, regardless of colour, gender or creed. There is no place for big government, racism, political correctness, moral relativism, divisive multiculturalism or tolerance for the intolerant.

Migrants do not dream of a new life in Australia because we are a Socialist, Islamic or tribal society. Migrants come for the freedom, justice and prosperity only Western civilisation creates.

#### **On Liberty**

We choose Liberty over Freedom because Freedom has a different meaning to different people. Liberty is defined as absence of coercion and as such is an absolute, whereas democratically established laws can limit Freedom. Liberty is civilised Freedom.

#### **On Alliances**

Australian Liberty Alliance is inclusive and seeks to unite individuals and groups for a common cause. Australians fought in alliance with like-minded people against the foes of Liberty and Western civilisation.



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Today we stand on the shoulders of those who sacrificed everything and overcame great odds to build and preserve Australia. Compared with our forefathers, our sacrifices are small and the odds are better.

With dedication, courage and perseverance we join together to advance policies for the benefit of our families, communities and the nation.

**Let's Rebuild the Lucky Country!**





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### **Part 2- Key Policy Areas**

#### **1. Smarter Smaller Government**

In the past decade government spending has increased beyond the limit of sustainability. We have been inundated with more laws, regulations and intrusive bureaucracy.

We stand for small and delegated government to serve the people of Australia. When elected we will halve the number of federal ministers to 24 core portfolios, rigorously reduce unproductive overheads and stop wasteful government programs.

Australian Liberty Alliance seeks to create the opportunities for Australians to be proudly self-reliant. We believe that a healthy society creates both the economic environment whereby individuals can pass from cradle to grave without government help and equally helps those in need. We must reduce federal public expenses to the lower 20% bracket of GDP. In 2014 the figure stands at 26%.

We propose the introduction of a secure electronic voting system, fixed four-year terms for federal MPs and fixed eight-year terms for Senators. Arbitrary resignations by an MP or Senator forcing a by-election must have financial consequences for the resigning member or his party.

#### **2. Integration over Separation**

We will work towards an integrated multi-ethnic society based on core Western values and individual Liberty. We will stop the Islamisation of Australia and end divisive multiculturalism. Central to all our policies will be integration over separation and equal rights and obligations for all Australians.



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### **3. Stop the Islamisation of Australia**

Islam is not merely a religion, it is a totalitarian ideology with global aspirations. Islam uses the religious element as a means to project itself onto non-Islamic societies, which is manifest in the historical and ongoing expansion of Islam.

A multitude of groups, movements and multi-national organisations are actively pursuing this agenda globally, including in Australia. These organisations differ in their strategies, tactical approach and their message, but the common denominator is the desire to promote Islam and project Islam's societal model of a divinely ordained theocracy across the world.

Islam does not accept the separation of religion from state, but seeks dominance over all aspects of human life and society. Whereas we see religion as part of life, Islam sees life as part of the religion. This is not 'Islamism' or a minority view by extremists, this is basic Islamic doctrine. While only a small number of Muslims actively pursue this agenda, Islam's divine law makes it the duty of all Muslims to contribute to this effort according to their abilities. No other religious ideology in our time has both the doctrinal aspiration as well as the economic and demographic muscle to impose itself globally.

It is our core policy that all attempts to impose Islam's theocracy and Sharia law on our liberal society must be stopped by democratic means, before the demographic, economic and socio-political realities make a peaceful solution impossible.

Australian Liberty Alliance will seek to enact the policy proposals outlined in the white paper "Practical Steps to Stop Islamisation", published by Q Society of Australia Inc in February 2014.



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These proposals include a 10-year moratorium on all resident visa categories for applicants from member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Exceptions shall apply to the humanitarian intake of persecuted non-Islamic minorities from OIC countries.

Further, we will require for accredited Islamic organisations in Australia to formally accept the supremacy of Australian law and universal human rights over Islamic doctrine and Sharia law. For example full face coverings in public spaces shall be prohibited.

We will seek to prevent the implementation of any aspect of Sharia finance, Sharia courts and the influence of local or foreign Sharia councils over Australian institutions, our economic system and our supply chain. Among the proposed measures is the mandatory labelling of products and services from companies that have taken out halal certification, the implementation of the 'user pays' principle for halal certification schemes and an end to religious discrimination in Australia's secular organisations.

#### **4. Real Reconciliation: No place for Apartheid in Australia.**

If you are born here to Australian parents, then you are a native Australian. If you take out Australian citizenship, swear your oath of allegiance to Australia and do not owe allegiance to another country, then you are an Australian by choice. Whether native or by choice, all Australians deserve to have the same rights and obligations. Nobody in Australia should consider himself deserving of more rights or fewer obligations, merely because of skin colour or ancestry.

We believe the only way to overcome disadvantages and racism in our society is to eliminate what divides us.



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True equality and genuine respect cannot come from different laws for different classes of people. Apartheid South Africa had different laws for different races. We do not want this in Australia.

For us “affirmative action” is another word for institutionalised racism and apartheid. Dividing people according to race or ethnic self-identification creates division, jealousy and hatred. However, Australian Liberty Alliance recognises that certain individuals or groups have circumstances that require specific interventions appropriate to their needs.

Australian Liberty Alliance will work towards an Australia where people are special because of what they know, what they achieve and what they do for each other, not because of the colour of their skin. We stand against apartheid and racism. We stand for an integrated multi-ethnic Australia that everyone can be proud to call home.

### **5. For a Liveable Australia**

We propose a more sustainable approach to immigration which, supported by fair social and taxation policies, aims for a more liveable Australia for this and future generations.

Better conditions for Australian businesses and more opportunities for working Australians are the keys to a prosperous future, a sustainable economy and a strong social security system.

Population growth will be directed toward regional areas and the Northern and Western parts of Australia.



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### **6. Affordable Energy for a Cleaner Australia**

Life as we know it ends without reliable access to affordable, clean, safe energy and a healthy environment. Australia has enormous reserves of Thorium and Australian Liberty Alliance will investigate the use of efficient and safe options to replace our ageing coal-fired power stations.

We will phase-out unsustainable subsidies for uneconomical and unreliable energy sources connected to our power grid. However, we will continue to assist Australians in remote and rural off-grid locations with sensible wind and solar technology. We will reduce our dependency on oil-based fuels through the promotion of abundantly available natural gas for CNG-powered vehicles and foster research, production and export of non-combustive engines for cars and other applications.

### **7. Focus on Citizenship and Community Spirit**

Australian Liberty Alliance believes Australian citizenship is a privilege and not a right. We will reform the access to and benefits of Australian citizenship.

New applicants for Australian citizenship shall be required to revoke any other citizenship and Australian citizens applying for another country's citizenship shall have their Australian passport revoked. With us there will be no dual citizenship in the future. We aim to make Australian citizenship the relevant criteria for our social and welfare system. We will revoke Australian passports from habitual criminals who still hold dual-citizenship.

Taxpayers shall not subsidise associations formed around foreign nationalities. Savings will be directed towards community groups and service clubs who serve the whole community without discrimination.



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### **8. Improving Health Care and Ageing in Dignity**

We recognise the cost of our healthcare system increases by an average 8% per year. Taxes and levies cannot grow indefinitely at the same rate. Therefore we have to differentiate between needy Australian citizens and deserving senior residents on one hand, and those who can afford to contribute more and foreign nationals on the other. Australian Liberty Alliance believes the latter must provide more towards their medical needs.

We see an urgent need to remove administrative overburdening from our health system. GPs are the essential gateway to our health system and doctors must be able to spend their time with patients, instead of being tied up by more and more red tape.

Australian Liberty Alliance shall foster the widespread use of co-located facilities in the public and private health systems to save money and encourage efficiency. In addition, strengthening of private health fund membership, including more effective disincentives for those who can afford to, but do not have private insurance. This will allow pensioners and low-income patients a more timely treatment in the public system.

We propose to further remove pressure from the public hospital system by setting up publicly funded day surgery clinics with 23 hour licences, which concentrate on efficient standard procedures.

This will allow the majority of patients in the public hospital system to be operated on in a day-hospital setting to maximise quick patient turn around. In turn major public hospitals can be freed up for emergencies and major surgeries.



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Australian Liberty Alliance sees a particular need to strengthen health services for Australians in remote and Aboriginal communities. It is necessary to effectively combat mental health issues and substance abuse among young Australians and improve mental health services for prisoners. We further see an urgent need for more effective intervention to prevent road trauma among young Australians, caused by substance abuse and inadequate driving skills.

While we consider the NDIS as necessary for our caring society, we believe the scheme requires a sound financial basis and a gradual introduction, focusing first on those with the highest needs.

Australian Liberty Alliance will respond to the challenges of more Australians living longer by fostering private-public partnerships to operate more efficient, integrated aged-care centres and state-of-the art palliative care units. As we live longer we must contribute more to our retirement nest egg. To this end we propose a stepped increase of mandatory superannuation contribution to ultimately 15%, including a mandatory 3% co-contribution by the employee.

### **9. Smarter Learning: Brighter Future**

We shall return public schools and universities to their core function, reintroduce a firm focus on general knowledge into our education system and refocus on more traditional methods of education and appreciation of Western civilisation.

Children must be prepared for the realities of life. Advancing to the next class level in primary schools shall be based on objective learning outcomes.

We favour a needs-based national school voucher system, empowering parents to choose the school they prefer for their children.



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We will seek to base the funding of Australia's universities on a more targeted, performance-based HECS/HELP scheme that will benefit engaged students, hard-working academic staff, as well as our national economy. Many university departments will need to allow a broader range of opinions and freedom of speech.

Our universities should reflect the broader socio-political spectrum of Australian society. Retired Australians shall be given the opportunity to attend lectures in publicly funded Australian universities.

### **10. Freedom of Information**

The world is moving swiftly towards the digital age. However, the benefits will only materialise for Australia when everybody can access and submit information online. We propose to provide Australian citizens with a limited but free Internet service to access essential services, public administration and critical information in a way that is cost-neutral to the government.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century equivalent to public broadcasting, libraries and community centres. Additional bandwidth at higher speed and unrestricted access remains available through optional plans at commercial rates.

Government must not engage in filtering information available via commercial or academic internet services, except on explicit request by the end user, such as families wanting to protect their children or employers controlling access for employees via the company network.



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### **11. A Free Press and 'Back to Basics' for Public Broadcasting**

We reject any form of censorship or political oversight over the work of journalists.

We aim to privatise SBS, together with non-core sections of the ABC. The core of the ABC shall provide one national free-to-air TV channel for news and current affairs, one free quality channel for children as well as essential radio, satellite and online services for rural and remote areas. The ABC should retain the brief to connect Australian ex-pats and overseas friends with Australia.

Our publicly owned broadcaster needs to reflect the broader socio-political spectrum of Australian society.

### **12. Fairer Trade and Securing Australian Jobs**

This is a complex issue. In general we accept the theory that free trade between nations will increase the standard of living for all. We also understand that securing Australian jobs and manufacturing diversity is of the utmost importance to Australia. We cannot allow unfair trade to destroy Australian jobs.

If elected we will review all international trade agreements and renegotiate agreements which are disadvantageous to Australia's interests.

Australian Liberty Alliance understands that only successful and healthy businesses can employ Australians and pay them good wages. We will work towards more balance between workers and employers rights so that well paid, long term employment can be possible. We need to make it easier for businesses to employ more Australians. We will examine the rules and regulations that have Australian businesses tied up in red tape. Excessive union behaviour that leads to increased labour cost and sends jobs overseas must be banned.



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Redundancy outcomes need to be more equitable, so that staff of large corporations and employees of smaller businesses are not treated differently.

We believe all recipients of unemployment benefits should either be undergoing training, or should be participating in some form of 'work for the dole'. 'Work for the dole' would be age-related so that younger people work more days per week than older people, establishing the habit of work.

Australia must have access to healthy and affordable local seafood. We are committed to a sensible re-opening of our fishery grounds and effective protection from illegal foreign fishing.

### **13. Restoring Civil Society**

It is vital that all members of society respect the law. With this in mind ALA believes that teaching the concept of respect for others and the law should begin from an early age. Supporting the work of our Police Force with appropriate enforcement and sentencing by the courts is the first and essential step. We must restore and protect the rights of law-abiding citizens and victims of crime.

### **14. Advancing the Natural Family.**

We consider the natural family to be the primary building block of humanity and the foundation of civil society. The viability and well-being of families are therefore of primary concern for us.

We understand and respect that some Australians prefer to live in same-sex partnerships. We will combat negative stereotyping and mitigate financial disadvantages for homosexual couples where they still exist.



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However, we reject the notion that homosexual partnerships are the same as marriage and natural families. The right of children to grow up in a natural family must remain protected and “alternative sexual orientations” shall not be actively promoted in schools and public institutions.

Giving birth should not be considered a substitute for income. To this end we shall lower child benefit payments from the third child on, while providing a considerable income tax credit for one parent to ensure a young family on a single wage can cope with the cost of living.

Mandatory health checks and immunisation for children will be a condition for receiving full child benefits. We consider both mother and father to be paramount for a child’s positive development. We will rigorously hold to account parents who neglect their children. Adoption for natural families should be made more accessible.

### **15. Protecting More Than Our Environment**

It is critical that we protect our pristine environment for our children, but also to uphold our standing as producer of high quality food, attract more international tourism and promote Australia as the preferred location for clean industries of the future.

Extreme natural events were described in Australian poetry a century before the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change created hysteria about rising sea levels. In fact the earth has been both warmer and cooler than it is today.

When the first coal-fired engine was shipped to Australia, our continent was already infamous for its droughts and floods.



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Australian Liberty Alliance acknowledges the climate is changing and that human activity impacts on the environment. Climatology, geology, oceanography and astronomy are disciplines of science and as such based on verifiable evidence. We are neither 'believers' nor 'deniers' when it comes to climate change. A number of recent claims made about potential future variations of our planet's climate are not based on scientific facts, but on computerised speculations and consent amongst special interest groups.

A rational approach to demographics combined with economic realism will change the driving force behind the debate about climate change. Australian Liberty Alliance recognises the importance of addressing concerns about toxic waste in industry and tackling the accumulation of rubbish in ocean and landfill sites. A national deposit scheme for drink containers and fostering the use of biodegradable packaging material for take-away food outlets shall be among our key policies for practical environmental protection.

### **16. Foreign Affairs**

We see the need for a better balance between the benefits of targeted foreign investment, the wishes of local communities and the need to protect our national interest. We propose that the right of foreigners to purchase real estate and other property must be fully reciprocal. Only nationals of a country, which allows Australians free access to its own property market, shall be permitted to own property in Australia. Everyone else can lease Australian real estate.

As a responsible and caring member of the world community, foreign aid is an important part of our national identity. However, we believe that aid should be directed only to governments subscribed to the UN Charter on Human Rights and who guarantee gender equality and protection of religious minorities.



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Australian Liberty Alliance believes the current UN Charter on Refugees is out-dated and compromised. We would remove Australia from this charter and take sovereign control of our borders. We shall further review other multinational agreements under consideration of Australia's national interests.

Resettling people from Africa, the Middle East and Asia is counter-productive and drains these nations of their most valuable assets. If resettlement is the only option, then this must be close to the homeland and in a culture similar to the refugees' own cultural, religious and social framework.

Australian Liberty Alliance considers Israel to be the only liberal democracy in the Middle East today. We find Israel is not deserving of the criticism from those with limited understanding of historical and socio-political developments in the Levant. We acknowledge Israel's right to exist in peace and within secure borders, including the traditional homelands of the Jewish people in Judea and Samaria, with Jerusalem as its undivided capital.

### **17. Defending Australia**

The dismantling of Australia's defence capabilities must be stopped. If elected we will return the defence budget to at least 2.0% of GDP. We need short-term booster programs to maintain our sea and air defence capabilities.

Our greater region is facing uncertain times and strengthening ties with our traditional allies is a key objective. However, we reject the deployment of the ADF in combat roles for reasons other than the defence of Australia's sovereignty, or the defence of our allies from attack.



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If we order our soldiers to risk their all, we must give them rules of engagement they can live with. Political, religious or gender sensitivities must never imperil Australia's soldiers. We do not believe that our fighting men and women perform a job like any other and we support the preservation of military traditions.

### **18. No Need for Constitutional Change**

The current Constitution of Australia may have some shortcomings, but has served us well for over a century. Any new constitution will not be free of imperfections, and it will have the distinct disadvantage of not being tested through times of peace, war and turmoil. In the recent referendum the Australian people rejected Republicanism. We have no intention of repeating this in the foreseeable future. We also see no need to change our National Anthem or Flag.

### **19. Broader and Fairer Taxation Means Less Taxes for All**

Australia's tax base is shrinking, while our demand for public services, health care and a myriad of worthy causes grows exponentially. This imbalance has led us into a debt spiral we struggle to contain with the current tax system.

Australian governments were unable to set us on an even keel during the longest economic boom in our history. So what hope is there when the economy goes into recession, public expenditure increases and the tax base shrinks? Public assets that were sold to plug holes in previous budget years cannot be sold again.

Australian Liberty Alliance sees an urgent need to rethink how the Commonwealth and States collect, manage and distribute our taxes. As a short-term measure we are committed to reducing the size of government and cutting down non-essential projects. In the long term we will adhere to three principles when working towards a restructure of the Australian tax system:



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i. The tax base must be as broad as possible while tax rates should be kept as low as possible. We prefer lower tax rates on income and profit in return for an increased tax rate on all goods and services.

ii. Foreign companies selling products and services in Australia must pay their fair share where their revenue is generated. The 'off-shoring' of profits to reduce tax liabilities in Australia must be stopped.

iii. Taxation compliance costs must come down for businesses and for individuals. Furthermore, tax laws should be simplified. As a result individual Australians will be able to complete their own personal tax returns without professional help.

To stem the wave of small and medium Australian retailers closing down, the GST-free threshold on overseas purchases must urgently be lowered from currently \$1,000 to \$100.

### **20. The Controversial Debates**

**Right to Life:** We believe elected representatives of our party should decide these questions based on their own conscience. However, if called upon to take an in-principle position we find an abortion should not be performed after the first trimester unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**Euthanasia:** While we find an adult has every right to terminate his own life, we hold that another person's immediate involvement in the act of ending a human life is legally not justifiable. To be asked to intentionally end a loved one's life is for most an unbearable thought. Likewise, in some cases the motivation to end a life may not always be that of selflessness compassion.



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Therefore we think it is best that active participation in ending a human life shall remain punishable as a crime of murder to ensure fundamental values and legal boundaries remain intact.

This final phase of our life is best left in the hands of well-trained palliative care workers and compassionate doctors, not those of politicians and judges.



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### **Part 3 – Our Organisation**

#### **1. Incorporation, Intellectual Property and Start-Up**

The party is incorporated with ASIC as a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee. The party name, party logo and other intellectual properties, such as registered business names or Internet domain names, are used under a licence agreement with Australian Liberty Alliance Management Pty Ltd.

The licensor agrees to fund the start-up of the party, up to and including the formal launch event in 2015. After this it is expected that the party has attracted sufficient support, membership and funding to operate without further financial support from the licensor. The license agreement is in perpetuity. The licensor charges a license fee of one (1) dollar per year, plus any fees paid to third parties for the periodical renewal of rights and licences.

The licensor may cancel the license agreement, if the licensee deviates from principal values and core policies set out in this manifest.

#### **2. Organisational Structure**

The party is a singular national body and shall not form separate branches in the states and territories. The structural elements of the party are:

- The National Executive Board
- The National Members Council
- Standing and Temporary Party Committees
- Electorate Support Groups
- The Executive Advisory Council



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**The National Executive Board (NEB)** is the primary lead body of the organisation and manages the day-to-day business of the party. The first members of the NEB are appointed by the Foundation Members and later elected by the Executive Members of the company. The NEB also performs the statutory function of the company in accordance with the Corporations Act.

Persons appointed or elected to the NEB shall hold office for two years. Only Executive Members may nominate and vote in elections to the NEB. The first NEB election after the foundation of the organisation shall be held within twelve (12) months following the first federal election after the formation of the party. Future NEB elections shall be scheduled for the same time as the National Members Council meets and the AGM is held.

**The National Members Council (NMC)** will become the forum for all members of the party. The NMC meets for the first time within 12 months after the federal election following the 2013 elections, and then once every year. Party members elect the NMC Chairman, NMC Secretary and Speaker of the NMC. Prior to the election the NEB must endorse all candidates who wish to nominate. The NMC Chairman has a consultative seat on the NEB. The NMC shall become the conduit between the party membership and the NEB.

**Standing and Temporary Party Committees** (referred to as SPC if standing and TPC if temporary) are internal working groups proposed by members, installed by the NEB and briefed to perform a defined set of tasks within the party. This can be for a temporary purpose (e.g. managing of a particular election campaign), or permanent to perform an ongoing function, (i.e. managing the nominations of candidates). Under normal circumstances the Vice President of a related portfolio shall chair the committee.



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The NEB may install and dissolve a party committee at any time. The members of each committee elect a Chair, Deputy Chair as well as an Administrator. Members may take part in one or more committees, depending on their experience, skills and time constraints. All nominations require the approval of the NEB.

**Electorate Support Groups:** Three or more party members may form an Electorate Support Group (ESG) within the boundaries of their federal electorate.

Members of the ESG typically establish a support base within their local community, promote the aims and values of the party, and develop from among their membership suitable candidates to represent the interests of the local constituency. The establishment of an ESG requires authorisation by the NEB. ESGs elect a Leader, a Deputy Leader and an Administrator. Nominations require the confirmation by the NEB. An ESG may be dissolved by the NEB at any time.

**The Executive Advisory Council** is an informal group of individuals with special talents and knowledge, who support the values of the organisation. Executive Advisory Council members are invited and appointed by the NEB. They are not necessarily members of the party.

### 3. Types of Membership

The party differentiates between the following types of membership:

- Social Member
- Party Member
- Ordinary Member
- Executive Member
- Member of the Executive Advisory Council

**Social Members (SM)** share our values, abide by the party rules, pay a one-off \$5 guarantee and annual dues as set by the NEB from time to time.



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Social Members do not have to be Australian citizens or enrolled on the federal electoral roll. SMs are encouraged to volunteer in ESGs and during election campaigns, but may not vote, stand for elections or hold an office with the party. SMs are not relied upon for party registration in accordance with the Electoral Act.

**Party Members (PM)** must be Australian citizens registered on the electoral roll, share our values, abide by the party rules, pay a one-off \$10 guarantee and annual dues as set by the NEB from time to time. Annual dues for party members will be reduced to \$10 per year for the first two business years and revert to an amount set by the NEB as required to cover the administrative cost of the party. British subjects, who were registered on the Australian electoral role before 1984, may also join as Party Members. Party Members are relied upon for party registration in accordance with the Electoral Act. PMs may not stand for elections or hold an office with the party, unless endorsed by the NEB.

**Ordinary Members (OM)** fulfil the same criteria and enjoy the same rights as Party Members. Ordinary Membership is by invitation and Party Members may be invited by the NEB to become Ordinary Members, usually after three years of active membership in the party. OMs can stand and vote in party elections depending on their endorsement level.

OMs are expected to freely volunteer their time and resources and, if endorsed, take up leadership roles in the organisation. OMs pay a guarantee amount of \$20 and annual dues as set by the NEB from time to time.

**Executive Members (EM)** are the foundation members of the organisation as well as individuals, who have contributed to the party as OM for a substantial period of time. Executive Membership is by invitation and requires approval by the NEB.



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EMs abide by the party rules, pay a guarantee amount of \$50 as well as annual dues as set by the NEB from time to time. EMs have unrestricted voting rights and may stand for all elections, subject to the constitution.

**Members of the Executive Advisory Council (MAC)** are individuals invited and endorsed by the NEB who offer advice and specialist knowledge to the executive board. MACs are not required to be members of the party or the company.

#### **4. General Rules Concerning Membership**

Members of Australian Liberty Alliance are required to resign any membership they may have with other Australian political parties and will not join other political parties while a member of ALA. This rule may be waived for MACs.

Applications for all types of membership are subject to confirmation by the National Executive Board (NEB). The NEB may establish and alter by-laws to govern the process of admitting members as required. The NEB is not required to provide a reason why a membership application has been refused.

The NEB may award Life Member status to a person who has contributed in outstanding ways to the party. The NEB may suspend or expel a person from the party when the NEB has formed the opinion that the behaviour of the member is unbecoming for a member of the party, or likely to cause damage to the good name and reputation of the party.

The NEB will establish a formal endorsement process for members wishing to serve as candidates for party-internal roles or as candidate for public office.



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### **5. Positions and Portfolios of the National Executive Board**

Permanent Positions of the National Executive Board (NEB) are

- President of the National Executive Board
- Deputy President of the NEB
- National Party leader or his/her deputy
- NMC Chairman or his/her deputy (elected by the NMC)
- Secretary of the Party
- Deputy Secretary of the Party
- Treasurer of the Party
- Deputy Treasurer of the Party
- Legal Counsel

Portfolios for Vice Presidents with a seat on the National Executive Board are

- Australian Law and Constitution
- Health and Human Services
- Defence Forces and Veterans Affairs
- Federal Police and Emergency Management
- Finances and Public Administration
- Citizenship and Integration
- National Security and Customs
- Foreign Affairs and Aid
- National Industry and Trade
- International Trade and Industry
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Roads and Rail Transport
- Aviation and Maritime Safety
- Tourism and Regional Development
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Science and Research
- Education and Training
- Sport and Recreation
- Arts and Australian Culture

The NEB has a quorum of five (5) Members. VPs who are not EMs have a consultative role at the NEB. Each VP leads his portfolio and should chair a SPC specific to the chosen policy area, referred to as Policy Development Committee.



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### **6. Selection and Nomination of Political Candidates**

Nominations of candidates to be selected to stand for elections to a public office for the party must be endorsed and confirmed by the NEB, or by a special party committee established by the NEB for this purpose.

Electorate Support Groups are encouraged to nominate the preferred candidate to represent their individual electorate in state and federal elections. ESGs must have sufficient committed funds to run the campaign for their candidate. The ESGs of a particular state or territory are encouraged to establish a state-based committee for the purpose of pre-selecting their preferred candidates for elections to the House of Review in their state. The ESGs must have sufficient committed funds to run the campaign for their candidate.

Candidates proposed by state-based election committees will be favourably considered by the NEB, but the decision which candidates will be nominated, and in which order, lies with the NEB, or a specific committee the NEB has formed for this purpose. Candidates should be residents of the state or territory they represent. Funds raised by the party for elections will be allocated by the NEB under consideration of the most effective use to achieve a positive election outcome.

### **7. Statutory Company Positions**

To comply with the statutes of the Corporations Act relating to companies limited by guarantee, the Executive Members elect the President, Deputy President, Secretary and Treasurer of the NEB, who also act as company directors and members as prescribed by the Act. The NEB appoints from among the EMs suitable persons fulfilling the statutory roles under the Electoral Act.



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### **8. Company Office and Party Administration**

The statutory company office of the party and the seat of administration shall be in Melbourne. Only material authorised by the NEB or published by the Secretary of the party may be used at party events, meetings and campaigns.

### **9. Changes to the Constitution and Manifest of the Party**

A change to the constitution of the party or to this manifest shall require a vote by a majority of no less than two thirds of Ordinary as well as Executive Members in good standing.

### **Part 4 – Membership**

Please use the enclosed form to join Australian Liberty Alliance. Membership forms may also be downloaded from our website, or will be posted on request.

If you are currently a member of another political party, you need to cancel your membership with this party in order to join Australian Liberty Alliance.

We recommend you send a cancellation letter by registered mail and attach a copy of the letter to your membership application with Australian Liberty Alliance.

Please make sure to write your name and address exactly as it appears on the electoral role. We are required to send details of your membership application to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). The AEC may contact you in order to verify that your membership application is legitimate.

Make the first step and join Australian Liberty Alliance today.

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A membership application form is supposed to be here.  
If someone took it before you, you can download a form from our website,  
or contact our office to have it posted to you.

See overleaf for contact details.



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