

Tasmanian Greens - Member Groups

Terms of Reference

A party body established in accordance with clause 2.1 of the *Party Bodies & Decision Making By-Law* must have a defined terms-of-reference, agreed by its members and endorsed by the State Council.

Tasmanian Rainbow Greens

This is the Terms of Reference (ToR) document for the Tasmanian Rainbow Greens.

This ToR document was endorsed by the State Council on 1 July 2023.

Name

The name of the group is Tasmanian Rainbow Greens (TRG)

Membership

1. Voting members of the TRG shall be members of the Tasmanian Greens who identify as LGBTIQ+ who have requested to join the TRG.
2. The TRG must have a minimum of 10 members.
3. Anybody who is eligible to become a TRG voting member but does not wish to publicly identify as LGBTIQ+ can, if they feel comfortable, speak to a TRG Office Bearer who will act as a proxy vote on their behalf while upholding strict confidentiality at all times.
4. Allies who are members of the Tasmanian Greens may become observers of the TRG. The TRG shall elect a Convenor or Co-Convenors. Joint nominations for Co-Convenors will be accepted.
5. The TRG may elect other positions it deems necessary.
6. TRG Office Bearer positions must:
 - a. Only be held by TRG voting members.
 - b. Be re-elected at its first meeting after the Tasmanian Greens Annual General Meeting.

- c. Be filled, preferably by consensus over a vote, in the event of a vacancy.
7. If a person resigns or is removed from a shared Office Bearer position, the remaining voting members who share the position may continue in that role.
8. If the TRG Convenor or Co-Convenors' position is vacant for two months, the Tasmanian Greens State Council may appoint an interim Convenor or Co-Convenors, if needed until TRG appoints a Convenor or Co-Convenors.
9. The TRG recognises the strength in diversity, inclusion, and leadership of the most impacted and welcomes input and participation from LGBTIQ+ people who are in other marginalised groups, including but not limited to First Nations people, sistergirls and brotherboys, disabled people, people of colour, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and people from regional and rural areas.
10. A duly constituted general meeting of the TRG may vote by a 2/3 majority to exclude a member from the TRG.

Role of the Group

11. The TRG will liaise with the Tasmanian Greens and other State Greens spokespeople to:
 - a. provide assistance upon request;
 - b. act as a source of information regarding current issues in LGBTIQ+ communities;
 - c. provide suggestions regarding potential campaign opportunities on issues associated with LGBTIQ+ communities;
 - d. provide a means for socialising and supporting LGBTIQ+ members.
12. The TRG will act as a policy think tank on issues affecting LGBTIQ+ communities, reviewing Greens policy as appropriate to ensure appropriate consideration of these issues, and making recommendations to the Policy Coordination Committee.
13. If and when the TRG liaises with NGOs actively advocating on these issues, it will do so in conjunction with the State MPs office.

Budget

14. The TRG has no authority to incur debts or secure loans on behalf of the party.
15. The TRG will only expend funds provided by the party where this is in accordance with a budget that has been ratified by the State Council.
16. The TRG Convenor will be responsible for approving expenditure in the budget, although any member may request funding for activities.
17. The TRG Convenor is responsible for acquittal in coordination with the State Treasurer.

Communication & Decision Making

18. The TRG will primarily meet online to allow statewide participation, and occasionally in person.
19. All members of the body must be given a previously agreed time to review draft documents submitted in the name of the body before they are submitted, and be given the opportunity to recommend changes to them.

Anticipated Longevity

20. The TRG is ongoing.
21. In the event that the TRG fails to meet a minimum of four times for the twelve-month period leading up to the final state council in a calendar year, or fails to present a report to the State Council, a TRG dissolution item may be put on the next State Council agenda.
22. The TRG will elect a convenor for the body at least every twelve months.

Reporting & Accountability

23. The TRG will provide a brief written report of activity to each state council meeting.
24. The report to State Council should detail as a minimum:
 - a. The size of current membership ;
 - b. Details of meeting activity;
 - c. Progress towards goals of Member Body as defined in the terms of reference;
 - d. Budget report