

# CONSTITUTION

# The Constitution of The Nationals

### Part 1: Leadership

**1a**: The hierarchy goes:

Party Leader, Deputy Party Leader,

Party Member.

**1b**: The Leader will run all day-to-day management of the party.

**1c**: Deputy Leader will run smaller items the Party Leader cannot run or step in for the Party Leader.

**1d:** in order for a party leader to be removed, a vote must take place among party members. At least 80% is required to pass.

**1e:** nominations for leadership positions like party leader, deputy leader. A leadership election takes place among party members. If 3 or more candidates applied to the leadership election then preferential voting shall be used, 51% is required to win. If no candidate reaches 51% in the first round then a series of rounds elimination will determine the winner.

#### **Part 2: Internal Elections**

2a: The Internal Election process is run by the Party Leader

**2b**: Internal Elections will be decided by whoever gets a majority of votes. This can be achieved by candidates working together to make a deal which will ultimately get one over the line for a majority.

**2c**: The nomination process will last for 5 hours, after which, The voting process will last for 5 hours.

**2d**: The votes cast must be from party members and any breach will result with a party investigation.

### Part 3: Membership Rights

**3a**: Party Membership can be granted by anyone in the leadership team.

**3b**: Any member may be expelled with a party vote, which is proposed by any party Member.

**3c**: Any member can propose a change or concern over anything to do with the party must be raised with the party leader or deputy leader.

### **Part 4: Party Dissolution**

**4a**: Should The Nationals require a dissolution. The party will cease operations and let the Liberal Party take over operations. **4b**: should The Nationals ask for a merger, the decision shall be put forward to a vote among party members. At least 51% is needed to pass.

#### Part 5: Election Candidates/Preselection

**5a:** The Nationals shall only run in seats that include regional and rural areas of Australia.

**5b:** candidate preselections shall be voted on by party members, a majority of votes is needed to win.

# Part 6: Approval of Agreements Between Parties

**6a:** agreements such as confidence and supply or coalition shall be made by the party leader.

**6b:** party leader shall approve with a majority support among party members.

# Part 7: Amendments to Party Constitution

**7a:** amendments made to the constitution shall be made by any member of the party.

**7b:** such proposal/s of amendments must be put forward to a vote among party members, a majority of votes is required to win. **7c:** amendments shall then be approved by the party leader if the vote passes.

# Part 8: Expulsion of Party Members

**8a:** if a party member acts inappropriately, votes against the party wishes, is involved in a felony or crime then a vote takes place among party members. A majority of the votes is required to pass.