

Party Rules

1. Name of the party

- 1.1. The party is called “David Pollard Independent”, hereafter known as The Party
- 1.2. The party name may be abbreviated to “David Pollard”

2. Functions and/or objectives of the party

- 2.1. The Party is an unincorporated, voluntary, not-for-profit association
- 2.2. The main aim of The Party is the promotion of the election to the ACT Legislative Assembly of a candidate or candidates endorsed by it
- 2.3. The Lead Candidate endorsed will be the Party Leader
- 2.4. The Party will aim to endorse at least one other candidate for election to the ACT Legislative Assembly
- 2.5. Further, all endorsed candidates seek to represent the best interests of their constituents above all else

3. Membership requirements

- 3.1. To be eligible to join the party, a person:
 - 3.1.1. Must be enrolled to vote in an upcoming ACT Legislative Assembly Election
 - 3.1.2. Must disclose any association with an existing political party or organisation (note that simply having an association/membership with another party/organisation will not disqualify you from joining The Party)
- 3.2. Members may be one or more of the following categories:
 - 3.2.1. Founding member if their membership begins before the party has been registered as a political party for 60 days
 - 3.2.2. Financial member if the member chooses to pay an annual membership fee of \$250
 - 3.2.3. Supporting member if none of the above apply
- 3.3. Joining the party
 - 3.3.1. An eligible person may apply to join the party by filling in an application form
 - 3.3.1.1. An application may be completed online via www.davidpollard.com.au
 - 3.3.1.2. An application may be completed as per Schedule 1 – Application for Membership and submitted to a representative of The Party
 - 3.3.1.3. Details consistent with Schedule 1 – Application for Membership may be provided directly to The Party in any manner convenient to both the applicant and the party, including but not limited to email, telephone, or in person
 - 3.3.1.4. The Executive Committee will advise applicants of the outcome of their application
- 3.4. Leaving the party
 - 3.4.1. A person may inform the Secretary in writing of their resignation from the party
- 3.5. Suspension from the party
 - 3.5.1. The Secretary may suspend the membership of a member who appears to behave in a way, privately or publicly, that goes against the functions and objectives of the party
 - 3.5.2. A member will be notified in writing that their membership has been suspended, for what reason, and for what duration
- 3.6. Expulsion from the party

- 3.6.1. The Secretary may revoke the membership of a member who behaves in a way, privately or publicly, that goes against the functions and objectives of the party
- 3.6.2. A member will be notified in writing that their membership has been revoked, and for what reason

4. The party's decision-making processes

- 4.1. The Party Leader is David Pollard, previous Independent Candidate for Yerrabi
- 4.2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Party Leader and Office Bearers
- 4.3. As the primary function of the party is to promote the election of the Party Leader, the Party Leader will have full discretion to make any decision to achieve that aim. Decisions may be made at any time, and do not require a vote at a general meeting
- 4.4. The Executive Committee can call a meeting as required
- 4.5. Annual general meetings (AGM)
 - 4.5.1. An AGM will be held within six months of the end of each financial year
 - 4.5.2. Seven days' notice will be given for the AGM, which will detail the date, time, and location, as well as any vacant positions, and an application form for said vacancies
 - 4.5.3. Applications must be endorsed by the Party Leader to be considered valid
 - 4.5.4. Applications can be submitted any time up until the position is filled
- 4.6. General meetings
 - 4.6.1. General meetings will be held as required to best achieve the functions and objectives of the Party
 - 4.6.2. Outside of an Election Year, General meetings will be required once per year, to coincide with the AGM
 - 4.6.3. In an Election Year, General meetings may be required more often, though will be held at least once to coincide with the AGM
 - 4.6.4. General meetings may be held physically, virtually using web conferencing software, or a mixture of both
 - 4.6.5. Three days' notice will be given for a General meeting, which will detail the date, time, and location
- 4.7. Special General meetings
 - 4.7.1. Special General meetings will be held as required to best achieve the functions and objectives of the Party
 - 4.7.2. Special General meetings may be held physically, virtually using web conferencing software, or a mixture of both
 - 4.7.3. Three days' notice will be given for a Special General meeting, which will detail the date, time, and location
- 4.8. Notice
 - 4.8.1. Notice shall be delivered via any contact details provided by a Member, though the preference is via email
 - 4.8.2. Notice may also be delivered via social media platforms endorsed by the Executive Committee
- 4.9. Quorum
 - 4.9.1. Quorum for a Meeting shall be at least half (rounded up) of the Executive Committee, and must include the Party Leader

5. Office bearers of the party

- 5.1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - 5.1.1. Party Leader
 - 5.1.2. Secretary

- 5.1.3. Treasurer
- 5.1.4. Any other positions that the Executive Committee creates for the purpose of administering and furthering the Functions and Objectives of the Party
- 5.2. The term of all positions except Party Leader ends at the conclusion of the second AGM following their appointment.
- 5.3. The term of the Party Leader is perpetual
- 5.4. When calling an AGM, the Executive Committee will advise members which positions will be vacant, ongoing, or will be automatically renewed for another term
- 5.5. Members shall be appointed to these positions by the Party Leader after receiving applications to fill a vacancy, and consulting with the Executive Committee
- 5.6. Initial office bearers upon registration of the Party shall be:
 - 5.6.1. David Pollard (Party Leader, Secretary)
 - 5.6.2. Stephanie Pollard (Treasurer)

6. Details related to the keeping of the party's accounts

- 6.1. The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping the Party's accounts and spending/reimbursing funds
- 6.2. Party funds will be deposited into a bank account
- 6.3. Cash position as well as any significant variation in funds will be reported at a general meeting
- 6.4. Party funds will be directed to the aims and objectives of the party, including incidental costs (eg: bank fees incurred by The Party)
- 6.5. Financial statements prepared by the Treasurer will be presented at each AGM
- 6.6. Financial statements will be audited per the requirements of an Incorporated Association as specified by the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (even though The Party is unincorporated)

7. Mechanism for changing the constitution

- 7.1. This constitution may be changed by the Executive Committee at a Special General meeting
- 7.2. Along with notice for a Special General meeting called to change the constitution, a copy of the proposed change will be circulated to members
- 7.3. As the primary function of the party is to promote the election of the Party Leader, a full review of these rules will be conducted on their successful election to the ACT Legislative Assembly
 - 7.3.1. The intention of this review will be to update the functions, objectives, and rules of The Party to support the elected Member
 - 7.3.2. Members of The Party who were members prior to the election which triggers this review will be invited to participate in the review process
 - 7.3.3. The Executive Committee may invite newer Members and non-members to participate in the review process

Schedule 1 – Application for Membership

All details provided must be as per the ACT electoral roll.

Required details marked with an asterisk (*)

Full name*:

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Street number and name*:

Suburb*:

Post code*:

Email*:

Phone:

Membership type*: Financial member (\$250 annually) Supporting member (no fee)

Other political party/organisation associations*:

Any other information you wish to provide:

I hereby apply for membership of the David Pollard Party and declare that the information provided is true and complete. I understand that there are no rights or responsibilities of membership other than those laid out in the Party Rules

Signed:

Date:

Definitions

Election Year

The period of approximately 12 months leading up to an ACT Legislative Assembly is to be held. This may be varied slightly if the election is delayed, or otherwise to suit the functions and objectives of The Party

Lead Candidate

The Candidate for an election that is the primary focus for The Party's activities and spending

The Act / The Electoral Act

The relevant and current legislation that relates to elections to the Legislative Assembly of the ACT, namely the *Electoral Act 1992*