

RADICAL DEMOCRATIC REFORM (RDR) PARTY

CHARTER & CONSTITUTION



1. CHARTER

1.1. Preamble

The party is founded on the ideal that political leadership, as distinguished from mere administrative control, is best achieved when communities are represented by local independent leaders collaborating within a structured organic process.

Our core objectives are to empower individuals and promote community health by establishing, monitoring and actively maintaining appropriate guardrails and essential safety nets, grounded in the principles of fairness, choice, freedom, opportunity, and personal as well as collective responsibility, while limiting Political intervention to what is necessary for effective governance.

1.2. Foundational Principles

- **Democratic Agency** — promoting our democracy as more than just compulsory participation. Where citizens feel they are genuine authors of collective political decisions, by exercising meaningful influence over the laws, institutions and public power that governs them.
- **Pragmatic Radicalism** — the relentless pursuit of optimal economic and political policy and frameworks that provide a platform of broad alignment for locally elected independent community representation to govern via a Conscience Caucus, balancing collective cohesion and individual autonomy, without forcing uniformity.
- **State Neutrality** — policy must reflect the best interests and general welfare of the population without preference or favour for any religion, ideology or material interests, and with vigorous resistance to the undue influence of external powers, organised and special interest groups.

1.3. Conscience Caucus

Our “structured organic process” is a method of working and developing policy that combines clear frameworks with flexible, adaptive evolution.

In other words the Foundational Principles provide direction, coherence, and accountability, without rigid, top-down control, and instead, empowers leadership and allows decisions to emerge naturally as individuals interact, learn, and respond to changing conditions and as new information and perspectives arise.

Candidates broadly commit to Party Policy priorities but should demonstrate leadership and vote according to their individual judgement, particularly on topics involving ethics, social issues, or matters affecting their local community electorate.

2. CONSTITUTION

2.1. Name

The name of the Party is the **Radical Democratic Reform (RDR)** Party.

2.2. Objectives

To advance policies and elect representatives to the Parliament of Australia that align with the Charter.

2.3. Membership

- **Eligibility** — any person is eligible for membership who is enrolled to vote in Australia, is not a member of another registered political party and supports the Party's Charter and Constitution.
- **Withdrawal** — membership is automatically void where eligibility expires and may be cancelled for conduct prejudicial to the Party, fraudulent or dishonest behaviour or conviction of a criminal offence.
- **Members Rights** — all members have the right to vote for the preselection (subject to rules) of candidates.
- **Financial Members Rights** — members have the right to stand for and vote for internal office and preselection (subject to rules), and propose policy for consideration by the Party Congress.

2.4. Governance

- **Party Congress** — the governing body of the Party from which the Executive and Preselection Candidates are elected by the Membership. It's primary objectives are to consider for approval any proposed changes to the Charter and Constitution, policy proposals from the Membership and election of the Executive Council.
- **Executive Council** — consisting of Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to an additional five Councillors, the primary responsibility is to manage party co-ordination, finances, compliance, administration, implementation of Party Congress decisions and candidate endorsement.
- **Candidate Nominations** — candidates must declare all financial interests and potential conflicts of interest, meet the legal requirements for election and achieve the required minimum volume of Member endorsement.
 - must have resided in the electoral area for a minimum three (3) years
 - must have a current passport and been to a minimum of three different countries outside of Australia
 - must NOT have dual citizenship
 - must be between the ages of 30 – 63 years when elected.

Candidates must comply with reasonable requests for third party investigation and achieve Executive Council endorsement prior to participation in preselection.

- **Preselection** — candidate confirmation is by ballot of eligible local members.

2.5. Parliamentary Leadership

The Parliamentary Leader is elected by the parliamentary members, and is responsible for representing the party publicly, leading the parliamentary members and implementing party policy in Parliament.

The Deputy Parliamentary Leader is elected in the same manner.

2.6. Amendments

Amendments to the Charter and/or Constitution require a three-quarters majority at the Party Congress.

2.7. Dissolution

The Party may be dissolved by a three-quarters vote of the Party Congress.

3. VERSION HISTORY

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