

**AUTOMOTIVE, FOOD, METALS, ENGINEERING, PRINTING & KINDRED
INDUSTRIES UNION**

NATIONAL POLITICAL FUND

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S STATEMENT

On 7 December 2021 the National Council of the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the National Council Political Fund for the year ended 30 September 2021. The National Council declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards.
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of *the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act);
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the National Council Political Fund for the financial year to which they relate;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the National Council Political Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPFR relates and since the end of that year:
 - (i) meetings of the National Council Political Fund were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation; and
 - (ii) the financial affairs of the National Council Political Fund have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation; and
 - (iii) the financial records of the National Council Political Fund have been kept and maintained in accordance with the RO Act; and
 - (iv) the financial records of the National Council Political Fund have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other branches of the organisation; and
 - (v) no information has been sought in any request by a member of the National Council or Commissioner duly made under Section 272 of the RO Act; and
 - (vi) no orders for inspection of financial records has been made by Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the RO Act.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the National Council:



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National Secretary – Steven Murphy

7 December 2021

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REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION 255(2A)

The State Council presents the expenditure report, as required under subsection 255(2A), on the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union National Council Political Fund for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Categories of expenditures	2021 \$	2020 \$
Remuneration and other employment-related costs and expenses – employees	-	-
Advertising	-	-
Operating costs	360,858	390,140
Donations to political parties	88,682	50,259
Legal costs	-	-



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National Secretary – Steven Murphy

7 December 2021

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Contributions		476,940	482,664
Interest received		<u>1,308</u>	<u>6,205</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>478,248</u>	<u>488,869</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees	3	349,338	360,190
Audit and accountancy fees	4	11,300	10,240
Bank and government charges		120	210
Delegation expenses – Employees		100	-
Donations – over \$1,000		87,682	49,000
Donations – \$1,000 or less		1,000	1,259
General office		<u>-</u>	<u>19,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>449,540</u>	<u>440,399</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>28,708</u>	<u>48,470</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Other Comprehensive Income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>28,708</u>	<u>48,470</u>

The above statement of should be read in conjunction with the notes

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	80	30
Receivable from: Cash Investments National Council	1,084,654	1,048,638
Prepayments	16,556	23,914
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,101,290</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>
LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,101,290</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated Funds	<u>1,101,290</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>1,101,290</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Accumulated Funds \$
Balance at 30 September 2019	1,024,112
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>48,470</u>
Balance at 30 September 2020	<u>1,072,582</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>28,708</u>
Balance at 30 September 2021	<u>1,101,290</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Contributions and Remittances		476,940	481,059
Interest Received		1,308	6,205
Payments to Suppliers		(478,198)	(487,274)
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NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5(b)	50	(10)
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NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		50	(10)
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Cash at the beginning of the year		30	40
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CASH AT END OF THE YEAR	5(a)	80	30
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the reporting period, and the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (RO Act)*. For the purpose of preparing the general purpose financial statements, the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union National Council Political Fund is a not-for-profit entity.

The financial report is for the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union National Council Political Fund. The Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union is an organisation registered under the RO Act. The Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries Union National Council Political Fund is a Branch of the registered organisation. In accordance with the RO Act the Union is a body corporate and has perpetual succession. By virtue of this method of incorporation, the Union and the Branch are not subject to the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with historical cost. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the incorporated association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the incorporated association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Contributions are recognised as income at the point in time the National council transfers the monies it receives from members for the Political Fund.

Interest revenue is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

Income Tax

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as the Union is exempt from Income Tax under Section 50 - 15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Financial Instruments

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective rate of interest method.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables on the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to the Australian Tax Office is included as part of receivables or payables as appropriate.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

Adoption of New Australian Accounting Standard requirements

The Branch has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Branch.

Going concern basis of accounting

The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the fund is a going concern, which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The Political Fund believes it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis for preparing the report on the grounds that the National Council has made an undertaking to provide financial support to the fund.

The Political Fund does not provide any financial support to any other Branch of the AFMEPKIU.

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2. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The National Council Political Fund makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates by definition seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

Critical judgments in applying the National Council Political Fund's accounting principles

There are no critical judgments that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

3. AFFILIATION FEES

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Australian Labor Party NSW	71,802	71,142
Australian Labor Party Victoria	104,066	108,046
Australian Labor Party Queensland	68,625	88,935
Australian Labor Party Northern Territory	2,123	2,441
Australian Labor Party South Australia	22,778	25,773
Australian Labor Party Western Australia	72,032	59,193
Australian Labor Party Tasmania	7,912	4,660
	<u>349,338</u>	<u>360,190</u>

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4. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTANCY FEES

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Auditors		
Audit Fees	-	-
Preparation of financial statements	-	-
Financial member affiliation audit	10,700	9,640
Other audit and accountancy services	600	600
	<u>11,300</u>	<u>10,240</u>

5. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
(a) For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks and other financial institutions.		
Cash at bank	<u>80</u>	<u>30</u>
(b) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus/(Deficit)		
Surplus/(Deficit)	28,708	48,470
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	7,358	1,922
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables from National Council General Fund	(36,016)	(45,902)
(Decrease)/Increase in Trade and other payables	-	(4,500)
CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>50</u>	<u>(10)</u>

6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) *General objectives, policies and processes*

The National Council Political Fund is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the National Council Political Fund's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the National Council Political Fund's exposure to financial instrument risk, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

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6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

The National Council Political Fund's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks and receivables. The main risks the National Council Political Fund is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk (see section (e) below), liquidity risk and credit risk.

The National Council have overall responsibility for the determination of the National Council Political Fund's risk management objectives and policies.

(b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the National Council Political Fund incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors fail to settle their obligations owing to the National Council Political Fund.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provision for doubtful debts, as disclosed below:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>80</u>	<u>30</u>

The cash and cash equivalents are held in a high quality Australian financial institution.

Receivables from National Council General Fund	1,084,654	1,048,638
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There has been no history of default, no amounts are past due and all receivables are likely to be repaid within the expected terms.

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the National Council Political Fund may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments.

The National Council Political Fund is not significantly exposed to this risk; as at 30 September 2021 it had \$80 (2020: \$30) of cash and cash equivalents to meet these obligations as they fall due. The financial liabilities recorded in the financial statements at 30 September 2021 and 30 September 2020 was nil.

The National Council Political Fund manages liquidity risk by monitoring cash flows.

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6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

(d) *Market Risk*

Market risk arises from the use of interest bearing financial instruments. It is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk).

(e) *Interest Rate Risk*

The National Council Political Fund's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and liabilities are summarised below:

30 September 2021	Floating/fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	80	-	80
Receivable	1,084,654	-	1,084,654
Prepayments	-	16,556	16,556
	<u>1,084,734</u>	<u>16,556</u>	<u>1,101,290</u>
Weighted average interest rate	0.6%	0%	0.6%
Financial Liabilities			
Payables	-	-	-
Net Financial Assets	<u>1,084,734</u>	<u>16,556</u>	<u>1,101,290</u>
30 September 2020	Floating/fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	30	-	30
Receivable	1,048,638	-	1,048,638
Prepayments	-	23,914	23,914
	<u>1,048,668</u>	<u>23,914</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>
Weighted average interest rate	0.6%	0%	0.6%
Financial Liabilities			
Payables	-	-	-
Net Financial Assets	<u>1,048,668</u>	<u>23,914</u>	<u>1,072,582</u>

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6. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

(e) *Interest Rate Risk (Cont'd)*

Sensitivity Analysis

2021	Carrying Amount	+0.50% (50 basis points) Profit	-0.50% (50 basis points) Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	80	-	-
2021	Carrying Amount	+0.50% (50 basis points) Profit	-0.50% (50 basis points) Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Receivable	1,084,654	5,423	(5,423)
2020	Carrying Amount	+0.50% (50 basis points) Profit	-0.50% (50 basis points) Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	30	-	-
2020	Carrying Amount	+0.50% (50 basis points) Profit	-0.50% (50 basis points) Loss
	\$	\$	\$
Receivable	1,048,638	5,243	(5,243)

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As a result of the evolving nature of the COVID-19 outbreak and the rapidly evolving government policies of restrictive measures put in place to contain it, as at the date of these financial statements, the Branch is unable to reliably estimate the full financial effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on the future financial performance and financial position of the Fund.

There were no events that occurred after 30 September 2021, and/or prior to the signing of the financial statements, that would affect the ongoing structure and financial activities of the Political Fund.

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8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, ASSETS AND COMMITMENTS

The National Council Political Fund is not aware of any contingent liabilities or commitments that would require disclosure in this financial report.

9. RELATED PARTIES

Key management personnel compensation and other Related Party transactions have been disclosed in the National Council's financial report.

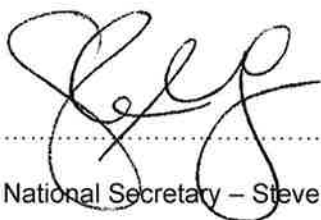
10. SECTION 272 FAIR WORK (REGISTERED ORGANISATION) ACT 2009

In accordance with the requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of subsection (1) to (3) of section 272, which reads as follows:

Information to be provided to members or Commissioner:

- (1) A member of a reporting unit, or the Commissioner, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- (2) The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which, the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- (3) A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of National Council.



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National Secretary – Steven Murphy



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National President – Andrew Dettmer

7 December 2021

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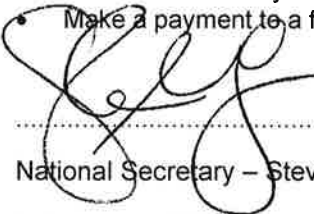
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OFFICER DECLARATION STATEMENT

I, Steven Murphy, being the Secretary of the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing & Kindred Industries, declare that the following did not occur during the reporting period ending 30 September 2021:

The reporting unit did not:

- Agree to provide financial support to another reporting unit to ensure they continue as a going concern
- Acquire an asset or liability due to an amalgamation under Part 2 of Chapter 3 of the RO Act, a restructure of the branches of an organisation, a determination or revocation by the General Manager, Fair Work Commission
- Receive capitation fees from another reporting unit
- Receive revenue via compulsory levies
- Receive donations or grants
- Receive revenue from undertaking recovery of wages activity
- Incur fees as consideration for employers making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions
- Pay capitation fees to another reporting unit
- Pay Wages and Salaries, Superannuation, Leave and Other Entitlements, Separation and Redundancies to Office Holders or other than Office Holders, as these are paid by the National Council and are included in the financial report of the National Council only
- Pay any other expense to another reporting unit
- Pay compulsory levies
- Pay a grant that was \$1,000 or less
- Pay a grant that exceeded \$1,000
- Pay to a person fees or allowances to attend conferences or meetings as a representative of the reporting unit
- Incur expenses due to holding a meeting as required under the rules of the organisation
- Pay legal costs relating to litigation
- Pay legal costs relating to other legal matters
- Pay a penalty imposed under the RO Act or the Fair Work Act 2009
- Have a payable for Wages and Salaries, Superannuation, Leave and Other Entitlements, Separation and Redundancies to Office Holders or other than Office Holders, as these are paid by the National Council and are included in the financial report of the National Council only
- Have a payable for Employee Provisions for Office Holders or other than Office Holders, as these are paid by the National Council and are included in the financial report of the National Council only
- Have a payable with other reporting unit(s)
- Have a payable to an employer for that employer making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions
- Have a payable in respect of legal costs relating to litigation
- Have a payable in respect of legal costs relating to other legal matters
- Have a fund or account for compulsory levies, voluntary contributions or required by the rules of the organisation or branch
- Transfer to or withdraw from a fund (other than the general fund), account, asset or controlled entity
- Provide cash flows to another reporting unit and/or controlled entity
- Have another entity administer the financial affairs of the reporting unit
- Make a payment to a former related party of the reporting unit


National Secretary – Steven Murphy

7 December 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the members of Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union,
National Council Political Fund

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, National Council Political Fund ('National Council Political Fund'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, the Committee of Management Statement, the subsection 255(2A) report and the officer declaration statement.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of National Council Political Fund, presents fairly, in all material respects the National Council Political Fund's financial position as at 30 September 2021 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and any other requirement imposed by these Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the National Council Political Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The Committee of Management are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the National Council Political Fund's operating report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The Committee of Management of the National Council Political Fund are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, and for such internal control as the Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

- As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:
Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the National Council Political Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the National Council Political Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the National Council Political Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the National Council Political Fund to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the National Council Political Fund audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Committee of Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that are identified during our audit.

Declaration by the auditor

I declare that I am an auditor registered under the RO Act.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd



Grant Saxon
Director

Sydney, 7 December 2021