

# CountryMinded

## Special Resolution Proxy Voting Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ appoint  
(your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman or other agent)

to be my proxy at the National Conference to be convened on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Econo Lodge Motel, 236 Goonoo Goonoo Rd, Tamworth, NSW.

to vote on my behalf on the Resolutions to be put in the following manner:

(\* You may indicate to vote “for”, “against” or “abstain”. If you abstain your vote will not be used to calculate the required majority.)

### Resolution 1: Election of the National Executive

Ratify the election of the National Executive:

Methuen Morgan  
Charles Nason  
Chris Buckman  
Andrew Richardson

For	Against	Abstain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explanatory Note:

In line with our Constitution at least one third of the National Executive positions must be contested.

There are nine positions available on the National Executive. There were six members current.

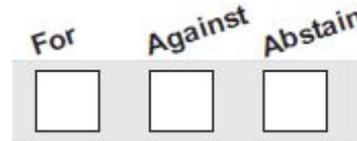
Charles Nason and Methuen Morgan were sitting member of the National Executive and have vacated their seats and subsequently renominated. Andrew Richardson is a Roma based rural contractor. Chris Buckman is a Tamworth based disability services professional.

Given that there were five positions to contest and we only received four nominations there is no contest and therefore no need for an election per se.

## Resolution 2: Change to the Principles of the Party

Change the Principles of the Party by adding a principle

The business of Government at the individual and institutional level must be held accountable to the highest standards of performance excellence utilised in the commercial sector. The incidences of public sector waste, abuse of power and impunity undermines a successful and efficient delivery of service and must cease. All levels of Government have a responsibility to embrace a culture of productive service excellence.



Explanatory Note:

At the last meeting member proposed an addition to the Principles of the Party that sought to address issues of excessive regulation and intervention as well as the overbearing and impervious nature of the public service. It read:

*Government has a responsibility to embrace a culture of productive service excellence, it will;*

- *Measure and report publicly the social and commercial cost/benefit of each government regulation imposed on residents and businesses.*
- *Measure and report publicly customer satisfaction in each transaction delivered by all government executives/officers, delivering all services to residents and businesses; whether the service is delivered directly to a resident or business, or delivered to another government executive/officer, who in turn delivers the service to residents or businesses.*
- *Senior government officers will become personally liable for their negligent or malicious actions and abuse of power, in a manner similar to that of company directors and senior executives in respect of their performance of their roles.*

The debate on the day indicated support for the intent of the notion, but some concern about the wording of the principle. It was clear that the motion would not gain the necessary 90% level of support and the motion was set aside for consideration and possible redrafting.

Resolution 2 is proposed to capture the intent of the original motion in a format that might win support.

This change will require a 90% majority vote by participating members.

### Resolution 3: Change to the Principles of the Party

Change the Principle 2.4 of the Party from

It aims to restore to individuals the right to make their own choices and to accept responsibility for their consequences, on the basis that they make better decisions than government.

to

CountryMinded aims to restore basic rights to individuals to make their own choices and accept personal responsibility for those choices. CountryMinded rejects the any propensity to enforce a “nanny state” by excessively regulating people’s personal lives and choices with no demonstrable greater good.

For	Against	Abstain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explanatory Note:

The original wording of the Principle has been criticised as potentially suggesting Government has no role in regulating behaviour in business. The intent of the Principle was in relation to people’s personal lives and does abrogate Government’s responsibility particularly in relation to the extraordinary power and influence of big business and bureaucracy itself.

In the spirit of the CountryMinded’s commitment to be a responsive and proactive organisation the Executive has suggested this amendment to be clear that while we believe Government has a role to ensure commerce is fair and orderly that regulatory intervention should interfere as little as possible in the how ordinary people lead their personal lives.

This change will require a 90% majority vote by participating members.

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In order to be valid this proxy must be received at least 24 hours prior to the National Conference commencing. Proxies may be returned by:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_