

Guidelines for Submitting Policy Proposal/Amendment to National Council

Any policy proposal approved by Conference will be entered in the Manifesto without any changes. This means that proposals submitted must be in the correct format for inclusion in the Manifesto. The National Council **will refuse to accept proposals that are not in the correct format**. If you are going to submit a proposal make sure you familiarise yourself with the current manifesto.

The policy submission **should start** with a paragraph briefly describing why the submission has been made.

Example of a Manifesto Proposal

Manifesto Proposals are numbered.

1. The first digit is that of the manifesto section in which the policy lies.
2. The second digit is the policy number
3. The third digit refers to the successive elements of the policy.

For example:

2.3 State Accountability

2.3.1 We call for the state to publish clear and comprehensive annual accounts, in the same way that private companies do. These comprehensive public accounts would list all taxes collected and list all expenditure items, and would link to detailed information on each specific area.

2.3.2 We call for this information to be accessible from a single website.

2.4 Health

Amending a current policy.

After the introductory paragraph the submission should reproduce the policy paragraphs that are going to be amended with the words to be changed in italics.

The paragraphs with the new wording should then be inserted into the submission in their final form including numbering.

Adding to a current policy

The submission should contain the new paragraphs in their final form. Numbering should normally follow on from the last number.

If the addition is to be inserted between existing paragraphs, then the whole policy which will be subject to renumbering must be reproduced with the new paragraph(s) in their correct place in italics and the other paragraphs correctly renumbered.

Proposing a new policy.

The new policy must be given, properly paragraphed and numbered. New policies will be added at the end of the section to which they belong.

Example.

Introduction

It is proposed to insert a new paragraph into policy 3.12 on Globalism. This will recognise that well managed companies, with good product development programs, will be in a process of adding modern equipment for the new product that will make it uneconomical to continue to produce the old products. It may make sense to transfer these to countries with cheaper manufacturing so that these products can continue to be sold profitably into markets not yet developed enough to be able to use the new product.

3.12 Globalism

3.12.1. Our parliamentary democracy . . .

3.12.2. *We recognise that businesses with well managed product development will have older product lines for which there is still a profitable market but not if produced with the newly developed processes and skilled personnel that the company now passes as a result of the product development. In the se cases it makes sense to transfer production of these product to countries where costs are lower.*

3.12.3. The globalism being inflicted on us is neither desirable nor inescapable. It is not the product of an inevitable historical process. We need not stand by and allow our identity and way of life to be sacrificed to its needs.