The Constitution of

*Kim for Canberra*

Party

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CONSTITUTION OF Kim for Canberra

## NAME

* 1. The name of the Party is Kim for Canberra ("the Party").
	2. The Party was established on 8 August 2021 for political purposes under the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

## PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS OF THE PARTY

* 1. The guiding principles and objects of the Party are:

To endorse and promote candidate/s for election to Federal office for the House of Representatives and Senate in the Australian Capital Territory who will commit to:

* Bringing an independent, non-partisan, consultative, respectful and positive voice to the Federal Parliament and its deliberations as a Senator representing Canberra.
* Bringing directly into Parliament and its deliberations*,* expert knowledge and public policy work, including around citizenship, refugee policy, gender equity, and constitutional change.
* Bringing an independent voice *for Canberra* through, advocacy on behalf of Canberra’s population in the Senate, including valuing national institutions, an independent public service, and through advocacy around further Senate places for Canberra, ensuring consultative mechanisms to draw from Canberra’s needs directly.

## MEMBERSHIP

* 1. The Founder is the Founding Member of the Party and is, on commencement of the Party, the Leader of the Party.
	2. The Party has:
		1. Parliamentary Members; and
		2. Regular Members.
	3. Any natural person can apply, in writing, to become a Member of the Party. The application must:
		1. include the applicants full name, address and contact details;
		2. confirm they are not a member of another political party, where that membership and its objectives compromises the party in the views of the Leader of the party.
	4. Regular Members will be able to vote.
	5. Members must:
		1. treat all other persons associated with the Party with respect and courtesy;
		2. comply with the Party Constitution;
		3. not act in a manner that compromises or is prejudicial to the Party's objectives, interests or reputation;
		4. keep their details held by the Party up to date; and
		5. pay all subscriptions, fees and/or levies (if any) when they are due.
	6. Membership will cease if a Member:
		1. Submits their resignation in writing;
		2. Dies;
		3. Has their Membership cancelled due to failing to meet the expectations of clause 3.5 and its sub-clauses or clause 3.3.2.

## DECISION MAKING

* 1. The Leader will pass Resolutions for the Party.
	2. The Secretary will sign and date all Resolutions of the Party.
	3. The Leader may at her discretion have a Resolution decided on by a Vote of the Members.

## VOTING

* 1. Voting may be conducted by 'secret ballot' or a 'show of hands', with the method selected being the most appropriate for the matter being voted on.
	2. The decision will be the option that receives the greatest number of votes.
	3. All members of the party may vote and all votes are of equal value.
	4. In the event of a tie, the Leader shall have the casting vote.

## OFFICE BEARERS

* 1. The Party Offices will be:
		1. Leader (the Founder will be the Leader on establishment)
		2. Secretary;
		3. Treasurer;
		4. Party Agent; and
		5. Party Registered Officer.
	2. The Leader is responsible for:
		1. Providing overall guidance for the Party;
		2. Defining any subordinate rules, guides and/or process for use with Party activities;
		3. Performing the role of spokesperson for the Party.
	3. The Secretary is responsible for:
		1. Handling the daily management and administration of the Party;
		2. Dealing with Correspondence on behalf of the Party;
	4. The Treasurer is responsible for:
		1. Managing the Party's finances;
		2. Authorising and tracking expenditure of Party funds consistent with the Party Objectives as defined by the Constitution.
	5. The Party Agent is responsible for:
		1. identifying and ensuring the Party's legal disclosure requirements are met;
		2. keeping the records required by law;
		3. lodging the Party's annual financial disclosure return;
		4. receiving any election funding on behalf of the Party.
	6. The Party Registered Officer is responsible for:
		1. nominating the party's endorsed candidates for the Senate;
		2. selecting the party's registered name; the party's registered abbreviation and the logo to be printed on ballot papers.
	7. A Member may hold multiple Offices.
	8. The Leader may appoint other Members into the Offices or seek nominations.

## CONSTITUTION

* 1. This document is the Party Constitution, defining the Party Principles and Objectives and general conduct.
	2. All other rules, guides and/or processes established for use by the Party are subordinate to this Constitution.
	3. The Constitution may be amended by a vote requiring a majority of party members present at a meeting, which is called with at least 24 hours-notice and has a quorum of 50 members. If the vote is tied the casting vote is made by the Leader.
	4. Final decisions about policies are made by the Leader subject to this Constitution.

## COMMENCEMENT

* 1. This Constitution may be adopted by a Resolution of the Founding Member and will come into effect in accordance with that Resolution.

## MEETINGS OF THE PARTY

* 1. The Party will conduct an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance with Party Rules.
		1. The Party Executive is responsible for organising and conducting the AGM and as such will determine, the date, time and place it occurs.
	2. The Party may conduct other Party Meetings.
	3. The Leader may convene a meeting on behalf of the Party when she deems it necessary.

## PARTY RESOURCES

* 1. Resources made available to the Party must only be used for Party purposes and achieving the Party objects.

## WINDING UP

* 1. The Party may be wound up or deregistered:
		1. through voluntary special resolution;
		2. in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act.
	2. In the event the Party is wound up, the Party must:
		1. satisfy its debts and liabilities as a priority;
		2. return any property in its possession to its rightful owner, property without a rightful owner should be passed to an entity with similar objectives to the Party;
		3. provide surplus funds to an entity with similar objectives to the Party.
	3. The decisions are to be determined by Resolution.

## DEFINITIONS

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| Term / Item | Definition / Meaning |
| Annual General Meeting | A formal meeting of the Party Membership, notification sent to all Party Members, to discuss and address matters of the Party as per the promulgated agenda |
| Candidate | a Member who is endorsed by the Party as a candidate for election to Parliament. |
| Commonwealth Electoral Act | is reference to the *Commonwealth Electoral Act1918 (Commonwealth)* as amended. |
| Constitution | this constitution of the Party. |
| Financial Year | a year commencing on 1 July and concluding on the following 30 June, or part thereof following incorporation. |
| Founder | Kim Rubenstein, the Founding Member of the Party. |
| Leader | Kim Rubenstein. |
| Member | a member of the Party. |
| Membership | membership of the Party. |
| Objectives | the objects of the Party as outlined at clause 2.1. |
| Office Bearer | a person who holds an office within the Party. |
| Parliamentary Member | is a Member who is a member of the Parliament of theCommonwealth at that time. |
| Party | Kim for Canberra |
| Party Executive | the collection of Office Bearers described at clause 6.1 |
| Political Party | is a political party within the meaning of the Commonwealth Electoral Act |
| Public Statements | includes press releases and other formal and informal statements to the media for or on behalf of the Party. |
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