

LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Delegated Authority

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

As provided by Clause 5.2 of the party's constitution, the National Executive of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) hereby grants the following powers and responsibilities to the South Australian branch as an authorised subordinate body of the Party.

Membership

All Party members residing in the state of South Australia may be regarded as members of the South Australian branch.

Governance

Financial members of the branch shall elect a State Committee of at least two and up to six members, with half elected each year and each member serving for two years.

The State Committee shall have authority to:

- Promote the party's Principles
- Improve public perceptions of the Party
- Select candidates for South Australian State and Local Government elections including by-elections
- Undertake fund-raising activities
- Recruit members into the LDP
- Maintain a bank account for the purpose of holding funds raised (other than membership fees, or donations specifically earmarked by the donor for use in federal elections or purposes outside South Australia, both of which shall be deposited into the Party's national bank account)
- Develop policies relevant to state or local government issues that are consistent with the Party's principles and for which there is no existing policy at a federal level
- Form such committees as may from time to time be required
- Organise and conduct an annual State conference.
- Recommend to the National Executive the appointment of a Registered Officer for South Australia, and the nomination of candidates for South Australia seats at federal elections.

The State Committee shall appoint from among its members a State President and State Treasurer. Other office-bearers may be appointed as it chooses.

The responsibilities of the State President shall be:

- Act as the head of the South Australia Branch.
- Keep the National Executive fully informed of Branch activities.
- Ensure that the details of persons recruited to the Party are forwarded to the National Executive without delay.

The responsibilities of the State Treasurer shall be:

- Have overall responsibility for the care of Branch finances.
- Ensure that all monies collected are promptly paid into a bank account approved by the State Committee.
- Ensure that all payments authorised by the State Committee are made.
- Ensure that correct accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the Division, including full details of receipts and expenditure.
- Ensure the maintenance of an accurate and current register of Branch assets.
- Present to each meeting of the State Committee a statement of income and expenditure for the period since the prior meeting.
- Provide a monthly financial report to the National Treasurer comprising bank balance and movements in and out of the account since the previous report.
- Provide or contribute to any financial reports required by electoral authorities.
- Cooperate in providing the Branch's accounts for auditing, if required.

Not less than two (2) days notice shall be given for a meeting of the State Committee.

All matters before the State Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of those present. Where a vote is tied the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Election of State Committee

The State Committee shall be elected at a State conference.

Only members present at a State conference and eligible to vote shall be permitted to vote. There shall be no proxy votes.

A casual vacancy on the State Committee may be filled by the State Committee until the next State Conference when it shall be filled by election. The term of any member so elected shall be the remainder of the term of the member whose departure created the casual vacancy.

Members standing for election to the State Committee may nominate themselves but may not be nominated without their consent.

Unless the number of nominations equals the number of vacancies, voting for the State Committee shall be optional preferential, conducted by secret ballot.

A Returning Officer may be appointed to conduct the election, who shall not be entitled to vote.

A member of the State Committee may be removed by a majority vote of all other members of the State Committee on two occasions not less than two or more than four months apart.

This authorisation is valid until varied in writing by the National Executive. The National Executive has the right to vary or withdraw it in whole or part at any time.

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