

Labor Environment Action Network (NSW Branch) Rules

A. Organisation

A.1 The name of the organisation is '*Labor Environment Action Network (NSW Branch)*' hereafter known as '*LEAN*'

A.2 LEAN is a voluntary non-for-profit unincorporated association

B. Objectives

B.1 LEAN's Objectives are:

1. To drive environmental protection and sustainability
2. To put environmental protection and sustainability at the centre of Labor's culture, values and party platform
3. To ensure the Australian Labor Party (ALP) is the leading party of the environment in NSW and Australia

C. Membership

C.1 Membership of LEAN is open to all members of the NSW Branch of the ALP

C.2 Membership of LEAN is open to all residents of NSW who are prepared to accept LEAN's objectives and who have associations with no other Australian political party

C.3 Members of LEAN must not actively oppose the ALP or the ALP's Official Candidate during an election

C.4 Individuals who have been expelled from the ALP are ineligible for LEAN Membership

D. Joining LEAN

D.1 A person must personally apply to join LEAN by:

1. Completing a membership application form
2. Submitting that form to LEAN (either electronically, in person or via post)
3. Pay any membership fee as determined by the Executive

E. National affiliation

E.1 LEAN supports a National LEAN structure for the promotion of LEAN's objectives for Federally related issues and policies.

E.2 LEAN will contribute to LEAN Nationally by:

1. Appointing delegates or convenors to LEAN Australia
2. Affiliating to LEAN Australia if required
3. Contributing financially to LEAN Australia if required

F. LEAN Executive

- F.1 The executive of LEAN comprises of
1. A Convenor
 2. A LEAN Organiser
 3. 5 other Executive members
 4. Any NSW based Convenors or Office bearers of the National LEAN Organisation
- F.2 The Executive is empowered to carry out the functions of LEAN between meetings
- F.3 The Convenor and the Organiser be the authorised signatories to LEAN's Bank Account with 'any two' to sign. Other members of the Executive may be authorised as signatories where necessary
- F.4 Only the Executive is authorised to make public statements or issue press releases on behalf of LEAN.
- F.5 The Executive shall maintain the LEAN membership register.

G. MEETINGS

- G.1 In the spirit of LEAN's aspiration to be a mass voluntary organisation:
1. General meetings of LEAN should only be convened when required
 2. Meeting formalities should be less structured and more participatory
 3. Meetings should focus on policy formation, education and campaigning activities
 4. Meetings should be held at different locations throughout the State
 5. It is permissible to hold meetings by teleconference and members are allowed to participate in meetings held by teleconference
 6. Meetings are to be chaired by the Convenor or the State Organiser
 7. Meeting notification must be provided to members with at least 1 week notice. Notification can be provided by email, mail, Facebook event, text message or notice in the Party's Journal
 8. Meeting minutes must be recorded, and previous meeting minutes must be available, upon request, at formal LEAN meetings
- G.2 There should be a minimum of two general meetings held in a calendar year, one of which will also be the Annual General Meeting.
- G.3 At the Annual General Meeting:
1. The LEAN Executive should be elected
 2. The Patrons and any other positions of LEAN be appointed (such as the National Convenor)
 3. The annual accounts be received and approved
 4. The rules may be amended
- G.1 LEAN will adopt the ALP's (NSW Branch) Party Rules in relation to the conduct of the meetings in terms of "Rules of Debate" (Currently Schedule H of the NSW Labor Rules)

H. Policies

H.1 LEAN may, from time to time, adopt official policies and campaigns that are in accordance with LEAN's objectives.

H.2 LEAN can actively pursue those policies and campaigns amongst Party members, Parliamentary caucuses, in Party forums (such as conferences) and to the general public.

H.3 LEAN's official policies and campaigns are not binding on LEAN members. There are no penalties for LEAN members who oppose LEAN's Official Position.