ONE NATION POLITICAL PARTY

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ONE NATION POLITICAL PARTY

One Nation Party as amended 2005

National Constitution 2005
1. **PARTY NAME AND CONSTITUTIONAL STANDING**

The name of the Party is **ONE NATION Political Party** which name shall be adopted by the Federal and State Divisions or as changed as notified to **ONE NATION and/or (relevant Division)**.

1.1 This affirms:- All State Divisions and Federal Divisions of the One Nation Political Party are parts of the same Political Party and One is part of the other under this Constitution. Those Divisions being One Nation Divisions operating in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

1.2 The Party's purpose shall be:-

(a) to achieve the objectives of One Nation Party;
(b) to secure the election of representatives to Federal and State Parliaments and to such Local Authorities as the Party may from time to time determine.

1.3 This Constitution:- identifies the principles governing the conduct of the Party's affairs and the bodies responsible for implementing them.

1.4 All Party documents, including any State Constitution, are binding documents.

1.5 The Party will establish a State Constitution to achieve the objectives of the Party and to identify the principles governing the conduct of the Party’s affairs and the bodies responsible for implementing them in a division, that state constitution will take precedent over all others within the relevant state, and, including this constitution.

2. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

2.1 In this Constitution, unless some other meaning is clearly intended:

'body' means a committee or officer or Party Unit of the Party at divisional, regional or branch level;

'branch' means a group of members of the Party formed with the approval of the relevant State Executive and includes existing branches of the Party, as ratified by the State Executive;

'Campaign Committee' means the relevant National, State or Local Authority Campaign Committee;

'division' means the organisation of the members of the Party within each State.
'elected public office' or 'public office' means an elected position in a Federal or State Parliament, or Local Authority or other similar government body within Australia;

'endorsed candidate' means any person who has been granted Party pre-selection;

Federal means National and National means Federal;

'Local Authority' means any City, Municipal or Shire Council within each State;

'majority' means more than half of the eligible persons 50% + 1 voting;

'member' means a person who is enrolled as a financial member of the Party;

'National Adviser' means the National Adviser of the Party appointed by the National committee from time to time;

National Conference' means the meeting of the eligible members of the Party, called by the National committee under the National Constitution from time to time;

'National Constitution' means the National Constitution of the One Nation Party;

'National committee' means the group of members appointed or elected to the position of National committee by the relevant state body from time to time;

'officer' means a person who holds an office as appointed or elected under this Constitution from time to time;

'Party' means the unincorporated, and incorporated Political Party named Political Party known as One Nation and its divisions and associated entities;

'Party ballot' means a ballot open to members of the Party who are eligible under this Constitution;

'Party Unit' or 'unit' means any branch, region, division, State Executive, State Conference, National committee, or any other body of the Party as constituted by this Constitution and/or by the National Constitution;

'policy' means a public statement by the Party in promotion of the objectives of the Party;

'political party' means an organisation or group of people active in political affairs related to achieving the election of persons to any public office, whether or not registered under any relevant Federal or State legislation;

'pre-selection' means the endorsement by the Party, in accordance with this Constitution, of a person to stand as a candidate of the Party for elected public office;

'region' means a group of branches organised into geographical areas or electorates within the State, with the approval of the State Executive;
'relevant Director' means a State Director of the Party within a division, from time to time;

'relevant governing body' in a national context, means the National committee, in a divisional context, means the State Executive, in a regional context, means the governing body of the region, and in a branch context, means the governing body of the branch, from time to time;

'State' means a Division and a Division means a State or Territory of the commonwealth of Australia;

'State Constitution' means the State constitution, established in conjunction with this Constitution to achieve the objectives of the Party in a division;

'State Director' means the State Director of the Party appointed by the State Executive from time to time;

'State Executive' means the group of members within the appointed or elected to the position of State Executive within a division under a State Constitution;

'State President' means the State President of the Party elected to the position under the relevant State Constitution from time to time;

2.2 Any provision requiring a person's signature on a document must be construed as meaning that such document be signed by that person with his personal signature, except that where a person is unable to sign his name in writing, then his signature must be deemed to be his mark where this is identifiable as such and is made in the presence of a witness who must personally sign the document as such witness; and

2.3 (a) Words expressed in the singular shall include the plural.

(b) Words or expressions in the masculine form shall include the feminine form and vice versa.

2.4 In the event that any provision or provisions of this constitution are invalid or Unenforceable, then the remaining provisions of this constitution shall remain in full force and effect and this document shall be deemed to have been amended so as to remove such invalid provision or provisions.

2.5 In the event that any right, power or privilege of the Party or the National Executive created hereunder shall at any time be exercisable only on compliance with of any statute or Act of Parliament(State or Commonwealth) then, any such right, power or privilege of the Party or the National Executive, shall be exercised upon due compliance with the provision of such statute or Act, notwithstanding that the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution which (except only to the extent of such inconsistency) shall remain in full force and effect in all respects.

3. PARTY OBJECTIVES

3.1 The principles and objectives of the Party are as follows:-
(a) To continue to support the fight to bring about the necessary changes for fair and equal treatment of all Australians, within a system of government recognising and acting upon a need for Australia to be truly one nation.

(b) To ensure the rights of individual citizens to freely express themselves and participate fully in all aspects of our democracy.

(c) To protect and nurture our sovereignty and national pride.

(d) To protect and preserve our flag, history and way of life and to promote the achievements of our historic Australian culture.

(e) To encourage, enthuse, protect, nurture and educate our young so they have equal opportunity to achieve all they can and take their rightful place in a decent society.

(f) To actively pursue and promote treaties, investment and development as deemed appropriate and in the national interest.

(g) To ensure and honour the memory of those who gave their lives in defence of our country.

(h) To appropriately honour and reward those who risked their lives in defence of our country, in particular those who sustained wounds in the process or now suffer ailments as a consequence.

(i) To ensure law abiding Australians are afforded the highest levels of protection from crime and its perpetrators.

(j) To ensure those accused of crimes are dealt with justly and those convicted of crimes endure appropriate penalties.

(k) To ensure law abiding Australians, with legitimate purpose, will always have reasonable access to firearms to undertake various activities including the defence of themselves and their families in their own homes.

(l) To ensure our society remains benevolent in its approach to our fellow citizens in genuine need.

(m) To treat all Australians equally and justly and with government assistance based on need not race.

(n) To support and advocate traditional family values to uphold the institution of the family, and to coordinate the fight against those who wish to destroy the family unit as the foundation of decent society.

(o) To re-vitalise and support our defence forces and personnel and ensure Australia builds and maintains an appropriate level of national security and defence.
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(q) To restrict foreign ownership of Australia, end the sale of public assets and repeal United Nations treaties of no benefit to Australia.

(r) To restore tariff protection, revitalise Australian industry and manufacturing and initiate financial support for small business and the rural sector, in particular in the interests of creating national wealth and employment.

(s) To take positive action on such matters as taxation reform, education, health, unemployment, crime, the environment and the discrimination created by political correctness.

(t) To re-establish and maintain a truly national bank to develop our country for the benefit of all Australians.

(u) To abolish divisive and discriminatory policies, in particular, those that divide the nation according to race or creed.

(v) To secure the election to public office of members committed to the objectives of the Party.

3.2 The Party is confident the objectives set out in clause 3.1 subparagraphs (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u) and (v) respectively, are achievable aims and objectives of the Party, and once achieved, may no longer be relevant Party objectives for the purposes of this Constitution.

(b) In the event any of the objectives mentioned in clause 3.2(a) are achieved in the future, in whole or in part, then the National Committee in conjunction with the State Executives shall be authorised and empowered by this Constitution, to delete herefrom or amend any such objectives of the Party, without the requirement to amend this Constitution as provided by clause 19.

(c) Members must be notified of any change of the objectives of the Party as soon as practicable.

4. POWERS

4.1 The National Committee and any authorised officer or body of the Party under this Constitution, shall in conjunction with the State Executive have the following powers:-

(a) to establish a State Constitution in common with each division as may be determined by the Party from time to time in conjunction with this constitution;

(b) to establish in any place within Australia, branches and regions and divisions of the Party in each State;

(c) to provide, maintain, manage and carry on headquarters, clubs, social centres and places of meeting or recreation or instruction within the State as may be required, and to furnish, equip and provide supplies therefor;
(d) when deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Party, and subject to any such consent or approval as may be required, by law, to purchase, sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, improve, manage, develop, hire or otherwise acquire, deal with or turn to account all or any part of the property of the Party;

(e) to construct, maintain, improve and alter any house, building or works necessary or convenient for any of the purposes or activities of the Party;

(f) to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purposes of procuring contributions to the funds of the Party in the nature of donations, membership fees, annual renewal subscriptions or otherwise;

(g) to invest any moneys of the Party not immediately required for any of its objects, in such a manner as may from time to time be determined;

(h) to enter into any arrangement for joint working or cooperation or affiliation with any other party, association, society or body of persons whether incorporated or not carrying on work or having objects similar to the work and objects of the Party and to assist and support by pecuniary contributions or otherwise the operations of any such party, association, society or body, and to take over upon any terms all or any of the property, undertakings and liabilities of any such party, association, society or body;

(i) to produce and publish and to distribute gratuitously or otherwise such books, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals and other literature as may seem calculated to promote the objects of the Party;

(j) to receive and accept donations, subscriptions and endowments or money or any form of property on behalf of the Party;

(k) (i) to raise money or to borrow money with or without security for the purpose of carrying out any of the objectives or powers of the Party, and also to lend money to such persons, companies, or bodies on such terms as may seem expedient and to guarantee and indemnify the performance of contracts by any person, company or body (including the payment or repayment to any bank or other lender on demand or otherwise of any moneys, loans, advances or banking accommodation and interests and charges) and to mortgage charge or otherwise encumber the whole or any part of the property of the Party in support of any such borrowing, guarantee or indemnity;

(ii) to draw, make, accept, endorse and discount bills of exchange and similar instruments for the purpose of or in conjunction with the exercise of the powers of the Party under paragraph (k) (i) of this clause;

(l) to open any account with any bank and to operate by and
in all usual ways any account;

(m) to engage and dismiss employees and agents of the Party and fix their remuneration and terms of employment;

(n) to appoint and to remove a trustee or trustees who shall be appointed by and who shall remain in office at the pleasure of the State Executive to receive and hold any property on behalf of the Party and to deal therewith as directed by the State Committee from time to time;

(o) to do all such acts and things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment or promotion of any of the objects of this Constitution or otherwise for advancing the interests of the Party or the exercise of any of the powers of the Party under this Constitution;

4.2 The members of the National committee, the State Executives and any authorised officer or body of the Party are entitled to be indemnified out of the property of the Party against liabilities incurred by them in the execution or attempted execution or as a consequence of the failure to exercise any of the authorities, powers and discretions conferred by this Constitution or by virtue of being members of the National committee, the State Executive and any authorised officer or body of the Party except where any such person acts fraudulently or in bad faith or against the objectives or interests of the Party.

4.3 The Party is formed to carry out the objectives as set out in this Constitution and not for the purpose of trading or securing pecuniary profit to the members of the Party from the transactions thereof.

4.4 The income and property of the Party shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and policy objectives of the Party as set out in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the members of the Party.

Provided that:

(a) nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any employees or agents or service providers of the Party or to any member of the Party in return for any services actually rendered to the Party or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual course of business nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding the rate of interest paid for the time being by the Party's bankers in respect of term deposits having a maturity of 180 days on money borrowed from any member of the Party;

(b) the National committee, may, reimburse any endorsed candidate for outlays or expenditure reasonably incurred by the endorsed candidate solely for the purpose of seeking elected public office;
(c) any member may receive a distribution or other remuneration from any trust established to hold property on behalf of the Party where the specific trust deed for that trust, expressly authorises the distribution or remuneration to a member of the Party provided however, if the Party is dissolved or is to be dissolved under the provisions of the National Constitution, then the provisions of clause 4.5 will be deemed to apply.

(d) All clauses from 4.1 through to 4.4 (c) shall be by the direction of the majority vote of the National Committee.

4.5 If upon the dissolution of the Party, there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Party, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects and objectives similar to the policy objectives of the Party and whose memorandum of association or constitution shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Party under or by virtue of clause 4.4 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by ballot of the members of the Party at or before the time of dissolution and in default thereof, by application to the Federal Court of Australia for determination.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership of the Party is open to any person who:

(a) is 16 years or older, who agrees with the objects of the Party;

(b) is not a member of another Australian political party;

(c) is not excluded from membership under this/or a relevant State Constitution;

(d) agrees to uphold and comply with this Constitution and the relevant State Constitution; and

(e) pays the prescribed annual membership fee, as required by the Party from time to time.

Provided however, that the relevant State executive may, at its absolute discretion, reject an application for membership on the grounds that its acceptance would be against the Party's interests or conflict with the Party's objectives.

5.2 Any person applying for membership of the Party must complete and sign the Application for Membership form appearing in Schedule "A" to this constitution or such other form as may be approved by the relevant State Executive from time to time and lodge the application, together with the prescribed annual membership fee with a State Division of the Party.
(a) Applications for membership must be received by the Divisional Secretary. The Divisional Secretary must forward the original to the relevant State Director for presentation at the next State Executive meeting for approval.

(b) the Relevant Director, after receipt of applications for membership, must:

(i) submit all membership applications received to the next meeting of State Executive for approval;

(v) At that same State Executive meeting upon receipt of membership applications by the State Director the State Executive must either

(d) approve the membership application

(e) refuse the membership application

(f) defer making a decision on the application for membership until the next meeting of the State Executive; and

(iii) in the case of deferring making a decision, may request the State Director to make further enquiries regarding the applicant and the application for membership generally and advise the applicant without delay, of the decision to defer and report to the next meeting of the State Executive;

(c) State Executive may only defer making a decision on an application for membership once and must make a decision either approving or disapproving the membership application at the State Executive meeting immediately following the meeting at which the membership application was deferred.

(d) when the State Executive approves an application for membership, the State Director must within a reasonable time:

(i) ensure that the membership details are recorded in the membership roll or records of the Party;

(ii) give written notice to the new member of approval and the date of approval of membership of the Party and that such membership is for a period as determined by the State Executive from time to time; and

(vi) give written notice of the new member to the Secretary of the relevant Branch Secretary.

5.3 (a) No person may claim to be a member, or claim to hold to be entitled to exercise any right of membership given by virtue of this Constitution unless they are actually enrolled as a member of the Party according to the provisions of this Constitution.

(b) In the event that the status of a person's membership enrolment needs to be determined, then the membership roll maintained by the Relevant State Director in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution shall be prima facie evidence of a person's membership of the Party and the date of that membership.
5.4 (a) Life membership may be conferred on a member of the Party nominated by any State Executive and thereafter that member shall be deemed to be a financial member of the Party for life, or until revoked by National committee decision. However, no more than one member may be nominated for life membership by any State Executive in any one year.

5.5 (a) A member of the Party shall not be a member of any party or of any organisation whose name is published under clause 5.5 (b).

(b) State Executive may from time to time publish the names of persons or organisations which the National committee declares to be opposed to the objectives or interests of the Party.

(c) The State Executive or the National Committee may expel or exclude from the Party any person who:-

(i) while being a member of the Party, retains or accepts membership of another political party; and/or

(ii) while being a member of the Party, retains or accepts membership of any organisation whose name is published by the National Committee under clause 5.5 (b); and/or

(iii) while being a member of the Party, by or through the member's acts or statements, causes damage to the good name and reputation of the Party or brings the Party into disrepute.

5.6 Each member shall be bound, to uphold and comply with the Party's Constitution and its regulations at all times.

5.7 Members must not act against the objectives or interests of the Party and, in particular, must not:-

(a) falsely state or give the impression that a person is an endorsed candidate of the Party whether directly, or by the use of the words One Nation* or "One Nation Party" or similar words; or

(b) disclose sensitive information gained by virtue of Party membership, unless required by law.

5.8 (a) No member shall be permitted or authorised to communicate directly or indirectly with the media concerning any Party policy matter or the internal affairs of a branch, a region or a division unless first properly authorised by the National committee or the relevant State Director;

(b) By virtue of their position or office in the Party, the following persons will automatically have authority to communicate with the media on political issues provided such communications accord with Party policy:-

- State Presidents
- State Directors
- Elected Members
- Endorsed Candidates
- any member authorized individually as a Party Spokesperson.
6. The National Committee shall be established of; The President, the Secretary and the Director of each relevant State Executive as elected or appointed by the relevant State members, or their appointed replacement member, coming together to act in the manner of a management body to maintain administration of the Federal body of the Party in its best interests, their powers shall be derived from their relevant State Constitutions and this Constitution.

(a) The National committee may meet to discuss business and adjourn and otherwise regulate its business and proceedings as and when it thinks fit and, if any division/s refuses to call a meeting, then a meeting may be called by a notice signed by 50% +1 of the other members of the Divisions appointees.

(b) Any member of the National committee may participate and vote in National committee meetings by tele-conference or video conference or other electronic means if He/She so requests.

(c) At all meetings of the National committee, the Chairman as appointed or His/Her nominee shall preside as chairman.

(d) Should any member of the National committee be unable to attend any meeting he/she may appoint another member of the relevant State Executive to attend in his/her place.

(e) At all meetings of the National committee, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those members elected to their positions at a State Conference or later appointed to fill a vacancy.

(i) any member of the National committee who is considered to be deliberately refusing to attend or take part in a National Committee Meeting for the (or other) purpose of removing a quorum shall be suspended and the remaining members shall act as if a quorum was present providing that at least a simple majority of members of the committee, including the Chairman, are present in person or by electronic means.

(ii) The removal or suspension of a National committee member shall be determined by the relevant State Executive. Or by a majority vote of the National Committee passed at a National Committee meeting/teleconference called for that specific purpose.

(iii) All decisions of the National Committee shall be by majority vote of the National Committee members present in person provided that in the event that a majority vote cannot be obtained then the National chairman of the meeting of the National committee shall declare the motion lost.

6.1 (a) The National committee may delegate any of its powers to a body or committee comprising members of the Party.

(b) Every body or committee shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations which may from time to time be imposed upon it by the State Executive and shall hold office for such period as the State Executive or this Constitution shall determine.

(c) The National committee may empower any body or committee so appointed to make final decisions upon any question and take action thereon.

7. **FINANCE**

The Party shall abide by all relevant laws including electoral and association laws in relation to financing the operations of the Party.
8. **SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE**

The selection of candidates shall be determined by the relevant state executive in compliance with the relevant State Constitution.

9. **CAMPAIGN STRATEGY COMMITTEES**

The relevant State Director, shall appoint a Campaign Strategy Committee and act as Campaign Director, which subject to State Executive approval, shall have authority over all Party Units for the purpose of campaigning, including the direction of individual campaigning and all aspects of continuous campaigning.

10. **REGULATIONS**

10.1 The regulations prescribe the procedures for implementing the principles identified in this Constitution.

10.2 The regulations may be prescribed, repealed, added to or amended from time to time by Party ballot or by the majority vote of the National Committee without the requirement to amend this Constitution as provided by clause 11.

10.3 Members must be notified of any change to the regulations as soon as practicable.

11. **AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

11.1 This Constitution may be repealed, added to or amended:-

(i) by a motion passed at a majority of Divisional Conference's and forwarded to the National committee.

(ii) or within a year after receiving a requisition from twenty-five per centum of the members of the Party and forwarded to the National Committee.

(iii) subject to clause 11. hereof, by majority vote of the members at a State Conference.

(iv) Regulations may be changed by a decision of the National Committee.

12 The National Committee shall be formed of each State Division's, President - Secretary - and State Director, or their appointed replacements, meeting together from time to time subject to clause 6 of this constitution. At its first meeting following adoption of this constitution by the relevant State Divisions - The National Committee shall appoint from its members or otherwise another member to the positions of National Secretary, National Party Agent, and National Registered officer for the purpose of compliance to the Australian Electoral Commission if deemed necessary by the committee.

13 **DISSOLUTION**

The Party shall not be dissolved except by resolution of full
membership of the Party passed in a postal ballot held in accordance with this constitution provided that such resolution shall not be passed unless there are seventy-five per centum or more votes cast which favour the resolution and the total number of votes cast represents at least fifty per centum of the full membership, provided that the dissolution of the Party shall not become effective until;

(a) 30 days after the result of any ballot required under clause 4.5 is declared or any determination by the Federal Court of Australia pursuant to clause 4.5. is made; or

(b) if no such ballot or determination is required, then 30 days after the declaration of a successful resolution is passed in accordance with this clause; or such other date as the resolution passed pursuant to this clause shall stipulate, whichever is the latter

14. Not withstanding anything in this Constitution, at all times this constitution will be subservient to and will defer to any existing relevant State Constitution in any division where there may be a conflict in the writing hereof.
SCHEDULE "A"  REGULATIONS FOR MEETING OF PARTY UNITS

(Note: These Regulations are subject to change from time to time in accordance with the State Constitution)

Chairman
1. The Chairman shall be in control of the meeting. All matters discussed shall be addressed to the Chair.

Voting & Ballots
2. A motion shall be decided by the meeting and elections shall be effected by a show of hands unless the meeting votes for a ballot for the particular purpose.

Amendments
3. An amendment to a motion shall be proposed whilst the motion itself is under discussion. Any further amendment shall be foreshadowed (without indicating its terms in detail) before an amendment under discussion is disposed of.

4. An amendment, if carried, be regarded as then embodied in the original motion and the person moving the original motion and the mover of the amendment shall each have a right of reply.

Right of Reply
5. The exercise of the right of reply to the motion shall terminate a debate.

Ruling of Chairman
6. Dissent from a Chairman's ruling must be moved and seconded and put forthwith. The mover will be allowed one minute to debate the reason for dissent.

No Confidence Motions
7. A motion of no confidence in any elected officer shall be the subject of notice at one meeting for consideration at the next meeting of which adequate notice, with advice of the meeting's purpose, shall be given to all members.

Reversal of decisions
8. A decision of any meeting shall only be reserved by another decision of a meeting for which adequate notice has been given, drawing specific attention to the matter involved.

Notice of Meeting
9. Adequate notice shall be no less than seven (7) days from the date of posting out or hand delivery of meeting notices.

Other provisions
10. Where the point is not covered in these regulations, it shall be governed by the procedure stated in "Chairing and running MEETINGS by Nina Valentine"

Casting Vote
11. The Chairman shall not have the right to a deliberating vote, nor, shall He/she exercise a casting vote. In the event that the votes for and against are equal the chairman shall declare the motion lost.
**SCHEDULE "E"**

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