

Legalise Cannabis Queensland (Party)

Constitution and Rules

1. Name

- 1. The name of the Party shall be Legalise Cannabis Qld (Party) (in the rules called the Party)
- 1.2 The abbreviation of the Party's name shall be LCQ (Party).

2. Aims

The Aims of the Party shall be:

- 2.1 to endorse and promote candidates to contest elections to the Queensland Legislative Assembly
- 2.2 To re-legalise Cannabis for
 - 2.2.1 personal use
 - 2.2.2 medical and therapeutic uses
 - 2.2.3 and industrial purposes
- 2.3 collecting and disseminating knowledge relating to all or any of the Party's aims
- 2.4 campaigning to, and lobbying of, all sectors of the community
- 2.5 organising fund raising for the Party
- 2.6 conducting and facilitating research relating to all or any of the Party's aims
- 2.7 to apply for and seek public funding for electoral purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Electoral Act 1918 as amended
- 2.8 do all such things as may be necessary, expedient or desirable to carry out the aims of the Party as seen herein.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Any person enrolled on the electoral roll and eligible to vote in elections to the Parliament of Australia shall be eligible to be a Member of the Party
- 3.2 Acceptance of Membership to the Party is the determination of the Registered Officer
- 3.3 No initial fee shall be payable by a Member of the Party
- 3.4 Members may join the Party by filling in a Membership form either electronically or on paper
 - 3.4.1 A Member may resign from Membership of the Party by giving written notice thereof to the secretary of the Party
 - 3.4.2 persons convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence within the previous ten years will be barred from joining the Party or continuing as a Party Member
- 3.5 It is a condition of Membership that:
 - 3.5.1 Each Member supports the aims of the Party and agree to accept the rules and regulations of the Party
 - 3.5.2 Members do not nominate against any preselected or endorsed candidates of the Party for election
 - 3.5.3 Members do not actively oppose the Party during any election
 - 3.5.4 Members, upon election to a Parliament or Local Council as an endorsed candidate of the Party must actively support the aims of the Party as listed from 2.1 to 2.8
- 3.6 Complaints Resolution Procedure

3.6.1 Where a complaint is received by or about a Member of the Party, the matter will be resolved according to the most current version of the LCQ Complaint Handling Policy.

- 3.6.1.1 An electronic copy of the most current version of the Party Complaint Handling Policy will be made available to any current Member within two business days, on request.
- 3.6.2. Subject to giving a Member an opportunity to be heard or make a written submission to an Extraordinary General meeting of the Executive Committee the Committee may resolve to discipline a Member, up to and including expulsion from the Party.
- 3.6.3 Expulsion of a Member
 - 3.6.3.1 The Executive Committee the Committee may resolve to expel a Member for any misconduct detrimental to the interests of the Party including any breach of rules 3, and 7.1, 7.2.
 - 3.6.3.2 Expulsion by the Committee is effective immediately a motion to such effect is passed.
 - 3.6.3.3 An expelled Member shall be notified by electronic or ordinary mail sent within two business days of the Member's expulsion

4. The Executive Committee

- 4.1 The Executive Committee of the Party shall be comprised of;
 - 4.1.1 Secretary, who will be responsible for the carrying out of the administration, the keeping of the records, and for the conduct of the correspondence of the Party.
 - 4.1.2 Treasurer / Agent
 - 4.1.3 President
 - 4.1.4 Vice President
 - 4.1.5 Registered Officer
 - 4.1.6 Deputy Registered Officer; and
 - 4.1.7 No more than two ordinary Committee Members who may be appointed as decided by majority vote of the Committee from time to time.
- 4.2 The Executive Committee in office at the date of registration of the Party shall hold office initially for a period of no more than one year from the date of such registration and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General meeting of the Party.
- 4.3 Incumbent and past office bearers will be eligible to nominate for re-election at any Annual General meeting of the Party.

5. The Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 The first Annual General Meeting of the Party will be held within 6 months of the Party successfully being registered with the Electoral Commission of Queensland.
- 5.2 Elections for office bearers will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Party. Any Member of the Party is eligible to stand for election
 - 5.2.1 The secretary shall give 28 days notice of the AGM in a suitable newspaper in Queensland and via electronic communication such as email to Members who provide an email address for correspondence
- 5.3 Members nominating for the positions on the Party Executive Committee shall do so on the Party's prescribed nomination form. Forms must be received by the Secretary no later than 10 business days prior to the AGM by electronic or regular mail.
- 5.4 All voting at the Annual General Meetings will be open ballot by those present at the

meeting and will include proxy votes and postal votes.

- 5.4.1 Postal votes should be sent by email or ordinary mail, to an email address or physical address as specified by the Committee from time to time. and be received by the Secretary no later than close of business two business days prior to the meeting.
- 5.4.2 Postal votes must be received by the Secretary no later than close of business two business days prior to the meeting.
- 5.4.2 Proxy votes must be completed in the form designated by the Executive Committee and presented for registration no later than close of business, two business days prior to the meeting.
- 5.5 The secretary of the Party may make such regulations for the calling of Extraordinary General meetings as may be appropriate to further the aims of the Party.
- 5.6 The Annual General and Extraordinary General Meeting can only meet for purposes if a quorum of any three Members of the Executive Committee plus four other general Members is reached. (7)

6. General Meetings

- 6.1 General meetings are to be held at a minimum quarterly, but may be held more frequently at the discretion of the Executive Committee, as necessary to meet the aims of the Party.
- 6.2 General meetings may be held in person, via electronic platform, or any combination as decided by the Committee from time to time.
- 6.3 The Treasurers report on the financial status of the Party shall form part of the agenda
- 6.4 The minutes of a general meeting will be made available to the Membership in electronic format (e.g. via email) no later than 30 days after the date of the general meeting
- 6.5 General business arising between general meetings may be dealt with via in-person, telephone, written or electronic communications between all Committee Members, as decided by the Committee from time to time.

7. Endorsement of Election Candidates

- 7.1 Candidates for election to the Queensland Parliament shall be endorsed or dis-endorsed by a majority vote decision of the Executive Committee of the Party adopting the model rules for preselection ballots contained in the Electoral Regulation 2013 (Current as at 14 February 2020)
 - 7.1.1 Candidates shall only be eligible for preselection if they meet the Party criteria for candidates.
 - 7.1.2 The Party criteria for candidates shall be made available to any Member via electronic mail within two business days, on request.
- 7.2 The allocation of preferences, if any, to other parties and/or candidates in elections to Parliament shall be determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with candidate/s

8. Amendment of the Constitution

- 8.1 The Constitution of the Party may be amended, varied or added to on the recommendation of the Executive Committee provided that any such amendment is approved by a majority of Members at an Annual General Meeting.

9. Adoption

- 9.1 This Constitution in tot was adopted by majority vote on 28/6/2020 at a meeting of the Party Steering Committee