

NEW ZEAL

PARTY CONSTITUTION

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1. STANDING

NAME

- 1.1 The Party shall be known as 'NewZeal Party Incorporated'.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTY

- 1.2 NewZeal Party is a non-profit making, incorporated society established to undertake political activity to maximize the influence of NewZeal Party's vision, values and principles in the government of New Zealand.

VISION

- 1.3 NewZeal Party seeks a unified, prosperous, secure and peaceful nation. We seek opportunities for all citizens to thrive in Aotearoa New Zealand.

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

- 1.4 We believe our vision can be achieved by building a society based on the following values and principles:
- 1.4.1 Loyalty to our country and to our citizens;
 - 1.4.2 NewZeal Party is committed to the security of our national borders;
 - 1.4.3 NewZeal Party values family. We believe thriving families build strong communities;
 - 1.4.4 NewZeal Party values life, and values people.
 - 1.4.5 We believe everyone:
 - a) has personal responsibility;
 - b) has freedom as an individual, which includes, freedom of speech, conscience, faith and assembly, whether we agree or disagree, every person matters;
 - c) is cared for with dignity and respect;
 - d) is entitled to be loved and supported;
 - e) deserves basic human rights (education, health, employment, housing, justice).
 - 1.4.6 NewZeal Party is committed to the economic growth of our country. Aotearoa New Zealand is rich in natural resources, which are to be developed, stewarded and sustained wisely. We believe these precious resources belong to the people of New Zealand for the benefit of its citizens and for the future generations to come.
 - 1.4.7 Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Tiriti should be honoured and upheld in NewZeal Party, government, society and the whanau.

REGISTERED OFFICE

- 1.5 The registered office of the Party will be at such place as the NewZeal Party Executive Board from time to time determines.

2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 2.1 No member, supporter or person may use or permit to use any intellectual property, patents, trademarks, logos, technical processes, data bases owned and held by the Party without first obtaining the prior written approval of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

3. MEMBERSHIP

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership to NewZeal Party will be open to any person who is an Elector and who;
- 3.1.1 completes and submits to the Party Secretary the NewZeal Party Membership form (in the form from time to time approved by the NewZeal Party Executive Board);
 - 3.1.2 pays the NewZeal Party Membership Fee;
 - 3.1.3 is not a member of another political party; and
 - 3.1.4 is approved for membership by the Party Secretary.
- 3.2 The NewZeal Party Executive Board will have the absolute discretion to grant or refuse membership to any person, or to cancel membership in accordance with these rules, and will not be required or obliged to give any reason for doing so.
- 3.3 On becoming a member, the member agrees to be bound by, and to observe these rules.
- 3.4 NewZeal Party Members agree their information shall be supplied to Regional Branches for connecting members for NewZeal Party activity within that Region.

ELECTORATE MEMBERSHIP

- 3.5 Any person who becomes a member of NewZeal Party shall be a member only of the Electorate in which he or she resides, and if that electorate operates with Regional Branches, then they shall only be a member of the Regional Branch in which he or she resides.
- 3.6 If a member transfers their place of residence from one electorate to another, he/she must give due notice to the Secretaries of both Regions, advising the Regional Branches of their transfer of residence. That member shall then be deemed to be a member of the appropriate electorate Regional Branch to which that person has transferred residence to.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 3.7 The Party Secretary will keep and maintain a register of members. This will be called the "NewZeal Party Membership Database" and shall be the official record of membership for the Party.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

- 3.8 The Party shall set a minimum membership fee which will be reviewed annually.
- 3.9 Members must pay a Membership Fee;
- 3.9.1 on becoming a member; and
 - 3.9.2 every three (3) years.
- 3.10 Membership fees are not refundable.

MEMBERSHIP IS PERSONAL

- 3.11 The rights and duties of a member are personal. They cannot be assigned or transmitted to anyone else. Membership rights and duties end when membership ends.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 3.12 A person will cease to be member when;
- 3.12.1 a member gives notice in writing to the Party Secretary of his or her resignation;
 - 3.12.2 the NewZeal Party Executive Board believes at its absolute discretion that if a member has failed to comply with these rules, or is guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Party, and has provided notice to the member of its decision to expel;
 - 3.12.3 the NewZeal Party Executive Board or Electorate or Regional Branch Committee may cancel or suspend the membership of the Party of any person whose actions, in their opinion, prejudice the interests of the Party. Such cancellation or suspension, unless imposed by the NewZeal Party Executive Board, must be

- approved by the NewZeal Party Executive Board before it is enforced;
- 3.12.4 any person who is enrolled as a member of the Party and who, in opposition to the Party's official candidate, accepts nomination for any Parliamentary election, or who nominates any other person in opposition to the official candidate, shall cease to be a member of the Party;
- 3.12.5 a member has not paid their membership fee within six (6) months of the date on which it was due; or
- 3.12.6 a member dies.
- 3.13 The Party Secretary must record in the register of members the date on which the member ceased to be a member.
- 3.14 A member who has resigned or been expelled from NewZeal Party will cease to represent the Party, and will return to the Party all material produced by the Party (including any membership cards, handbooks and manuals).

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

- 3.15 Any member may resign from membership of NewZeal Party by notice in writing to the Party Secretary and to the Secretary of the Regional Branch or Electorate concerned.

READMISSION OF FORMER MEMBERS

- 3.16 Any former member may apply for re-admission as a member in the manner prescribed for admission of new members.

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 3.17 Members must treat all information relating to commercial arrangements entered into by NewZeal Party as strictly confidential and must not disclose any information regarding those arrangements or any other confidential or commercially sensitive information relating to the Party, to any third party without the prior written approval of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

4. SUPPORTERS

- 4.1 Any person shall be eligible to apply to become a Supporter of NewZeal Party and in doing so generally expresses support for the purposes, values and principles of the Party. A Supporter shall not have any of the rights of a Member of the Party.
- 4.2 Any person shall be eligible to apply to become a Financial Supporter of the Party if that person makes an annual donation to the Party and in doing so generally expresses support for the philosophy and activities of the Party. A Financial Supporter shall not, unless otherwise provided in these Rules, have any of the rights of a Member of the Party.

5. PECUNIARY GAIN

- 5.1 No member shall take individual action that pledges the Party without having been authorised to do so by the NewZeal Party Executive Board, or the Regional Branch Executive.
- 5.2 All property (including money) accruing as a result of any activity undertaken in the name of NewZeal Party or generally on behalf of the Party or by any member of the Party, (including a Candidate or Member of Parliament) shall belong to NewZeal Party and be subject to the control of the NewZeal Party Executive Board as to use and disposal.
- 5.3 No member shall derive any pecuniary gain from the property or operations of the Party (except as an employee, temporary or otherwise,) or for services rendered or supplies made.
- 5.4 In the event of the Party being wound up no member of NewZeal Party at the date of winding up shall personally be entitled to participate or benefit in any way in the distribution of any assets of the Party both real and personal.
- 5.5 No member or any person associated with any member shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the NewZeal Party organisation in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever. Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to what would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value).

6. MEETINGS

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 6.1 At least 10 days before the date fixed for a general meeting of the Party, the Secretary must send each member of the Party email notice specifying the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at it.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.2 Any general meeting of the Party except the annual general meeting is a special general meeting. The NewZeal Party Executive Board may convene a special general meeting whenever it sees fit. Reference in these rules to general meetings includes both annual general meetings and special general meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.3 NewZeal Party must convene an Annual General Meeting of its members in each calendar year. The NewZeal Party Executive Board must set the date of the meeting. The notice convening the annual general meeting must state that the meeting is the annual general meeting. The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be, but not limited to;
- 6.3.1 confirm the minutes of the last annual general meeting and any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - 6.3.2 receive from the NewZeal Party Executive Board reports on the activities of the Party since the last annual general meeting; and
- 6.4 The meeting may also transact any special business determined by the NewZeal Party Executive Board of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.

LIMITATION ON BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

- 6.5 No business may be transacted at a general meeting of NewZeal Party except the business specified in the notice of meeting. A member who wants an item of business to be transacted at a general meeting may give seven (7) days notice of the business in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary may include the business in the next notice of a general meeting at the discretion of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

QUORUM

- 6.6 An item of business may not be transacted at an annual general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled to vote is present while the item is being transacted. The quorum is 20 members.
- 6.7 If a quorum is not present at the time for commencement of a meeting and is still not present half an hour later, the meeting is automatically adjourned to the same time and day in the next week. It is to be held in the same place unless the chairperson specifies another place at the time of the adjournment or by a written notice given to members at least 24 hours before the date of the adjourned meeting. If a quorum is not present at the time of the commencement of an adjourned meeting, and is still not present half an hour later, the quorum becomes 10 members. If that quorum is not present, the meeting is automatically dissolved.

CHAIRPERSON AT MEETINGS

- 6.8 The Party Leader must preside as Chairperson at each general and special meeting of NewZeal Party. If the Party Leader is to be absent, he/she may nominate one of the other NewZeal Party Executive Board members to preside as Chairperson at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETINGS

- 6.9 The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may adjourn the meeting with the consent of a majority of the members present at the meeting. If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting;
- 6.10 no business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting except the business unfinished at the original meeting.

THE ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE

- 6.11 A member is entitled to vote at a general meeting.

ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE

- 6.12 A member has one vote on any question that is to be decided at a general or special meeting. A vote must be given personally. No proxy votes are permitted. If votes on a question are tied, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS

- 6.13 A question that is to be decided at a general or special meeting of the Party is to be decided on a show of hands and a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried, carried unanimously, carried by a particular majority, or lost. This is to be recorded in the minute book of the Party, as evidence of fact of the votes recorded for and against that resolution.

PROXY

- 6.14 No proxy votes are permitted at a meeting.

7. BOARD MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 NewZeal Party is to be managed by an Executive Board. This Board may exercise all the powers of the Party except those that the rules require to be exercised by an annual general meeting or special general meeting.

BOARD COMPOSITION

- 7.2 The NewZeal Party Executive Board shall comprise of no less than 5 and no more than 12 members being:
- 7.2.1 the Party Leader will be ex-officio member of the NewZeal Party Executive Board; and
 - 7.2.2 up to 12 other members appointed in accordance with these rules.
 - 7.2.3 the Board composition should be diverse in gender, ethnicity and generation.
- 7.3 Members of the NewZeal Party Executive Board will hold office until they resign or vacate or are removed from office in accordance with these rules.

VACATION OF OFFICE

- 7.4 The office of an officer of the Party or of an ordinary member of the NewZeal Party Executive Board becomes vacant if that officer or member;
- 7.4.1 ceases to be a member of the Party;
 - 7.4.2 resigns from office by giving the Party Secretary notice in writing;
 - 7.4.3 becomes bankrupt;
 - 7.4.4 is assessed as lacking mental capacity to manage his or her own affairs; or
 - 7.4.5 dies.

REMOVAL OF OFFICER FROM OFFICE

- 7.5 The NewZeal Party Executive Board may remove a member of the NewZeal Party Executive Board by a majority vote at a meeting of the NewZeal Party Executive Board held for that purpose, with the exception of the Party Leader whose appointment and removal is dealt with under the Rules of this Constitution.

PROCEEDINGS OF NEWZEAL PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 7.6 The NewZeal Party Executive Board shall meet at such intervals as the NewZeal Party Executive Board determines. The Party Leader and 50% of the NewZeal Party Executive Board may convene a meeting. Adequate notice of a meeting must be given to members of the NewZeal Party Executive Board. The notice must specify the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of business to be transacted at it. Meetings may be held in digital (skype, tele-call) form or in person.

QUORUM AT A NEWZEAL PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

- 7.7 An item of business may not be transacted at a NewZeal Party Executive Board meeting unless a quorum of members entitled to vote is present while the item is being transacted. The quorum being 50% of the members of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 7.8 If a quorum is not present at the time for commencement of a meeting, and is still not present half an hour later, the meeting is automatically adjourned to the same time and day in the next week. It is to be held in the same place unless the Chairperson specifies another place at the time of the adjournment or by a written notice given to the NewZeal Party Executive Board members at least 24 hours before the date of the adjourned meeting.

APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- 7.9 The NewZeal Party Executive Board may appoint subcommittees of the Party consisting of such persons and for such purposes as the NewZeal Party Executive Board thinks fit. At least three members of every subcommittee must be members of the Party. Subcommittees will only have the powers and duties that are conferred on them by the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

CASUAL VACANCY

- 7.10 A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of office of the person whose place he or she fills. The term "office" where used in this Rule shall include membership of the NewZeal Party Executive Board or of any committee constituted under these Rules or appointment of delegates, to any annual or special meeting held in accordance with these Rules.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

- 7.11 The NewZeal Party Executive Board, members of the NewZeal Party Executive Board and any subcommittee appointed under these rules shall not be liable to the members for, or in respect of, any act, matter or thing done, or suffered in good faith in pursuance of the Objects, notwithstanding any irregularity.

INDEMNITY

- 7.12 The members of the NewZeal Party Executive Board and any subcommittee appointed under these rules will at all times be held indemnified by the Party from and against all claims, acts, proceedings and damages made, suffered or sustained by a NewZeal Party Executive Board or subcommittee member as a result of his or her carrying out in good faith the requirements of the NewZeal Party Executive Board, subcommittee or the Party.

INITIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 7.13 The initial NewZeal Party Executive Board will be appointed by the Initial Party Leader, and its members shall hold office for such term as the Initial Party Leader determines.

SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- 7.14 The Executive Board) will decide all member appointments to the Executive Board.

POWERS OF THE NEWZEAL PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 7.15 The NewZeal Party Executive Board will have the power to do all lawful acts and things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Party's objects including the power to;
- 7.15.1 determine how the Party uses its funds to pay the costs and expenses of furthering or carrying out its objectives, and for that purpose may employ such people as necessary;
- a) Annually purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire, exchange, and sell, lease or otherwise dispose of property, rights or privileges to further or carry out its objectives as necessary;
 - b) Annually negotiate and enter into any arrangements with any other organisation in order to achieve the Party's objectives, and do all things necessary in order to carry out those arrangements;
 - c) Annually invest Party funds in any investment in which a trustee may invest; and
 - d) Annually borrow or raise money with or without security on such terms as the NewZeal Party Executive Board thinks fit.
- 7.16 Notwithstanding any other provision, the NewZeal Party Executive Board may only use the Party's money to further purposes recognised by law. No money of the Party is to be applied for the sole personal or individual benefit of any member.

COMMON SEAL

- 7.17 The common seal of the Society must be kept in the custody of the Board Secretary.
- 7.18 The common seal may be affixed to any document;
- 7.18.1 by resolution of the NewZeal Party Executive Board and must be counter signed by two Board Members, or
 - 7.18.2 by one Board Member and the Board Secretary, or
 - 7.18.3 by such other means as the NewZeal Party Executive Board may resolve from time to time.

8. BOARD SECRETARY

- 8.1 NewZeal Party Executive Board may appoint a Board Secretary to assist the administrative duties as the Board determines from time to time.
- 8.2 The Secretary must be a current member of NewZeal Party.
- 8.3 Attend all general meetings and NewZeal Party Executive Board meetings and keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each NewZeal Party Executive Board meeting in the Party's minute book and the NewZeal Party Executive Board's minute book;
- 8.4 The Board Secretary and the Party Secretary maybe one in the same person or two separate people as the Board determines.

TERM OF OFFICE

- 8.5 The Secretary will hold office for such term as the NewZeal Party Executive Board determines.

9. PARTY SECRETARY

- 9.1 NewZeal Party Executive Board will appoint a Party Secretary to carry out the General Election duties of the Party Secretary according to the Elections Party Secretary Handbook, and as the Board determines.
- 9.2 The Party Secretary and the Board Secretary maybe one in the same person or two separate people as the Board determines.
- 9.3 The Party Secretary must;
 - 9.3.1 maintain regular communication with members;
 - 9.3.2 provide such information as may be requested from time to time by any member;
 - 9.3.3 ensure that the Party fully complies with New Zealand's electoral laws and policies, including;
 - a) annual statutory declarations confirming continuing eligibility for registration;
 - b) annual party donation and loan returns;
 - c) annual authorising electoral advertising; and
 - d) annual making general election expense returns.
 - 9.3.4 complete such other duties as the NewZeal Party Executive Board may determine from time to time.

10. SELECTION OF ELECTORAL AND LIST CANDIDATES

NOMINATIONS

- 10.1 The process of selecting Electoral Candidates will be at the discretion of the NewZeal Party Executive Board and any decisions made by the Board will be final. Every person participating, including each nominee shall sign an undertaking to keep the selection proceedings confidential.
- 10.2 In a year where there is a General Election, the NewZeal Party Executive Board may seek nominations for Electoral and List Candidates from Electorates approved by the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

- 10.3 The Party Secretary must provide notice to all members that the NewZeal Party Executive Board is seeking nominations for Electoral and List Candidates. The notice provided by the Party Secretary will invite members to forward written nominations to the NewZeal Party Executive Board within a time frame set by the Board. The nomination process shall include;
 - 10.3.1 a completed and signed 'Candidate Nominator's Form
 - 10.3.2 a completed Candidates Pledge Form
 - 10.3.3 a signed 'Acceptance of Nomination Form' from the nominee confirming their agreement to be appointed;
 - 10.3.4 a signed 'Eligibility & Bio Form';
 - 10.3.5 a nomination fee as determined by the Board;
 - 10.3.6 a photograph - a high resolution headshot on white background;
 - 10.3.7 a current Curriculum Vitae.
 - 10.3.8 or any other form approved and provided from time to time by NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 10.4 Members may nominate themselves for the Party List.
- 10.5 The NewZeal Party Executive Board has absolute discretion to approve or disapprove any person before they can be selected to be an Electorate or List Candidate.
- 10.6 After the expiry of the time period, the NewZeal Party Executive Board will consider all nominations received and may conduct any further interviews or enquiries that it deems necessary.
- 10.7 The NewZeal Party Executive Board at their discretion, may close nominations early in respect to Electoral or List Candidates, this will be given to members with at least seven days notice.

LIST CANDIDATES

- 10.8 The NewZeal Party Executive Board will produce the Party List which will consist of ranked List Candidates. When determining how many List Candidates to place on the Party List, the NewZeal Party Executive Board may have regard to;
 - 10.8.1 the number of electorates (if any) that the Party wishes to contest in the upcoming election; and
 - 10.8.2 the number of members that the Party may have in Parliament; and
 - 10.8.3 any other consideration as outlined in Summary of Selection Process Form.
- 10.9 The decision of the NewZeal Party Executive Board will be final and no error in this process made by the NewZeal Party Executive Board or anyone else will invalidate the selection of the Candidate.
- 10.10 NewZeal Party Executive Board may ask List Candidates to stand as Electoral Candidates.
- 10.11 A List Candidate may decline to become an Electoral Candidate and continue to be a List Candidate.

ELECTORATE CANDIDATES

- 10.12 Selection process is to be determined by the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 10.13 The process of selecting Electorate Candidates will be at the discretion of the NewZeal Party Executive Board, and any decisions made by the NewZeal Party Executive Board will be final.
- 10.14 The NewZeal Party Executive Board shall select and support Electorate Candidates in Electorates that the NewZeal Party Executive Board approves.
- 10.15 The NewZeal Party Executive Board may withdraw the candidacy of any candidate;
 - 10.15.1 who breaches the NewZeal Party Code of Conduct or Non-Disclosure
 - 10.15.2 who provided information to the party that was inaccurate or misleading in any material part or respect or omitted significant relevant material; or
 - 10.15.3 where in the view of the NewZeal Party Executive Board the withdrawal is in the interest of the party.

- 10.16 Conduct of Election by Electorate Candidate;
- 10.16.1 the selected candidate shall appoint, in consultation with the Regional Branch Committee, a Campaign Committee which shall ex officio, include the Regional General and Regional Branch Chair;
 - 10.16.2 the selected Candidate shall appoint a Campaign Manager and a Campaign Treasurer onto their Campaign Committee. The Campaign Committee shall establish a Campaign Account in the name of NewZeal Party and shall raise funds for the election campaign, expend funds for the payment of election and campaign purposes, comply with all directions of the NewZeal Party Executive Board, and keep the Electorate Regional Branch Executive fully informed of the development and process of the campaign;
 - 10.16.3 the Electorate Regional Branch Committee shall assist the candidate and the campaign committee as far as possible to provide funds and other resources for the campaign;
 - 10.16.4 the Electorate Regional General and Chair shall be entitled to attend any and every meeting of the Campaign Committee and of other meetings that a candidate may convene with any member(s) of it.

POWER TO APPOINT CANDIDATES

- 10.17 Notwithstanding the selection processes the power the NewZeal Party Executive Board shall have the power at any time before the date on which candidates need to be notified to the electoral commission to appoint any person that considers suitable to be a List and or Electorate Candidate.

11. REGIONAL BRANCHES

- 11.1 Regional Branches must be set up with an Executive Committee.
- 11.2 Each Regional Branch is subject to the approval of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 11.3 The Regional Branch must be established with at least five members residing within the Region.
- 11.4 Each Region will have a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, and must be registered in compliance with the Branch Registration Form.
- 11.5 The Regional Branch will meet as and when required, with a set agenda, a record of recorded minutes and resolutions of each meeting. Each Region must use forms provided from time to time by the Board.
- 11.6 Regional Branches must be compliant with the NewZeal Party Constitution.
- 11.7 Regional Branches must promote NewZeal Party in that Region and help raise funds for the NewZeal Party national campaign.

12. PARTY LEADER

- 12.1 The Party Leader will be responsible for directing the Party's parliamentary affairs, should it be represented in Parliament.
- 12.2 The Party Leader will be an ex-officio member of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 12.3 NewZeal Party may have one or more Party Leaders, and as many deputy leaders as determined by the Board.
- 12.4 If there is more than one Party Leader in place, then a 'Leaders Ranking List' will be determined by the Board.

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

- 12.5 The Party Leader must be a member of the Party, and prior to their appointment they may be a member of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 12.6 The Party Leader will be appointed and may be removed by a 80% majority of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.
- 12.7 The Initial Party Leader shall be the Party Leader until such time as he/she resigns or is removed as the Party Leader.
- 12.8 In the event of the death, disability or resignation of the Party Leader, the Executive Board will decide who will become the new Party Leader.

13. CAUCUS

CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

- 13.1 Members of Caucus shall be;
 - 13.1.1 the Party Leader;
 - 13.1.2 the persons elected to represent the Party in Parliament; and
 - 13.1.3 any other persons appointed by Caucus from time to time.

CAUCUS FORMATION AND EXISTENCE

- 13.2 Caucus shall be formed on the election of persons to represent the Party in Parliament and shall exist for the period that the Party has members in Parliament.

CAUCUS RULES

- 13.3 Caucus will make such rules for its conduct as it sees fit, as long as they are not inconsistent with the Objectives of the Party.
- 13.4 Only the Party Leader and elected representatives shall have voting rights on any matters to be decided by Caucus. If votes on a matter are tied, the Party Leader is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

14. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- 14.1 The NewZeal Party Executive Board shall be responsible for developing the Party's policies and manifesto and may form such subcommittees and put in place such processes in relation to this as the board thinks fit.

15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

DISPUTE BETWEEN MEMBERS

- 15.1 If a dispute arises between two members of the Party, it shall be resolved by negotiation between the parties with the assistance of the NewZeal Party Executive Board.

DISPUTE INVOLVING A DECISION OF THE NEWZEAL PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 15.2 Where a member wishes to dispute a decision of the NewZeal Party Executive Board, notice of the dispute must be given to the Party Secretary within 5 days of the member becoming aware of the board's decision. The board must hear the member's dispute within 15 days if it determines that the dispute is valid.
- 15.3 The board will make all reasonable attempts to resolve the dispute with the member in good faith negotiations.
- 15.4 The NewZeal Party Executive Board's decision will be final.
- 15.5 The subject matter of any dispute shall be confidential to the parties and any respective professional advisors.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

ALTERATION OF RULES

- 16.1 These rules may be altered, added to or rescinded at any meeting of the board called for that purpose. The notice of meeting given to board members will contain details of the proposed amendments, or a copy of the rules marked up with the proposed amendments. The resolution to alter, add to or rescind these rules will be effective if passed by no less than 70% of the board members present at the meeting.
- 16.2 Where any alterations are made to these rules the board shall provide notice of the alterations to the members.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 16.3 Every year a set of annual financial statements will be prepared by or at the instigation of the board showing all the receipts and expenditure of the Party since the preceding annual financial statements and will include a general statement of the funds, effects, liabilities, assets and all mortgages, charges and securities of any description affecting any property of the Party.

AUDITOR

- 16.4 Prior to registration of the Party under the Act, the Board will appoint a suitably qualified person who meets the criteria under the Act, as the Party's auditor to audit the Party's accounts and returns to the extent required by the Act.

FINANCIAL YEAR

- 16.5 The financial year of the Party will be from 1 January to 31 December or as may otherwise be determined by the Board.

WINDING UP

- 16.6 The Party may be dissolved and its affairs wound up at a meeting of the board called for that purpose. The notice for that meeting must specify winding up the Party as the business, or part of the business, of the meeting. The resolution will be effective if passed by no less than 75% of the board members present at the meeting.
- 16.7 If the Party is wound up, the surplus assets after payment of all debts, costs and liabilities will be disposed of in accordance with the terms of a resolution passed at a meeting of the board called for that purpose. The surplus assets or funds must be given or transferred to some other organisation within New Zealand having objectives similar to those of the Party.
- 16.8 No portion of the assets or the funds of the Party may be transferred directly to any member or members of the Party.

NOTICES

- 16.9 A notice or other document may be served on a member of the Party either personally or by sending it by post or by emailing it to the member at the address or email address shown on the register of members.
- 16.10 A notice or other document sent by post is to be treated as having been given to the person at the time the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post. A notice or other document sent by email is to be treated as having been given to the person at the time the email was successfully sent to the person.

17. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

DEFINITIONS

17.1 In these rules the following definition will apply:

Act means the Electoral Act 1993 or any replacement or substituting legislation.

Caucus means the body of persons established under clause 15 and responsible for representing the Party in Parliament.

Election means an election of a member of the House of Representatives, and includes a General Election and a By-Election as those terms are defined in the Act.

Electoral Candidate means a constituency candidate, as that term is defined in the Act.

Elector means any person who is eligible to enrol as an elector under the Act.

General Election means as that term is described in the Act.

List Candidate means as that term is defined in the Act.

Membership Fee means the fee payable to become, and remain, a member of the Party.

Objects means the objects of the Party as set out in this Constitution document.

NewZeal Party Executive Board means the National Executive Body holding office in accordance with these rules.

Executive Board means the National Executive Body holding office in accordance with these rules.

Party means the party formed and operating pursuant to these rules.

Party Leader(s) means the person or persons responsible for directing NewZeal Party's affairs.

Party List means the list of candidates selected by the Party to contest an Election.

Secretary means Board Secretary appointed and holding office in accordance with these rules.

Party Secretary means Party Secretary appointed and holding office in accordance with these rules.