

Community Strong Australia Constitution

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COMMUNITY STRONG AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION

1. Vision, values, policy pillars and objects

- 1.1 The vision of Community Strong is a more prosperous, equitable and democratic Australia actively shaped by communities.
- 1.2 The **Core Values** of Community Strong are:
- (a) future-focused stewardship;
 - (b) community-engaged representation;
 - (c) integrity and accountability;
 - (d) evidence-led decision-making;
 - (e) fairness and prosperity.
- 1.3 The **Policy Pillars** of Community Strong are:
- (a) sensible economic management;
 - (b) climate action;
 - (c) equality;
 - (d) integrity.
- 1.4 The **Objects** of Community Strong are to support candidates, parliamentarians and community groups who uphold the Core Values and advocate for the Policy Pillars.
- 1.5 By becoming a Member, Officer or Director, each person pledges to Community Strong as follows:
- I commit to:*
- *upholding the Core Values; and*
 - *advocating and voting in a manner consistent with the Policy Pillars.*
- 1.6 Community Strong may further its objects by:
- (a) endorsing candidates for election to the House of Representatives and/or the Senate;
 - (b) endorsing candidates for election to other parliaments in Australia;
 - (c) supporting elected endorsed parliamentarians in representing their constituents; and
 - (d) supporting local communities to engage in politics and in elections.

2. Leadership and Parliamentary Voting

- 2.1 Parliamentary Members will collectively lead Community Strong.
- 2.2 The Parliamentary Members may appoint spokespeople to speak for Community Strong on particular policies or areas.
- 2.3 Parliamentary Members have a free vote on all parliamentary votes except on those relating to motions on confidence and supply, however Parliamentary Members must exercise such vote consistent with the Pledge and Policy Pillars.
- 2.4 On parliamentary votes relating to motions on confidence and supply, Parliamentary Members must exercise their vote in accordance with the decision of a Super Majority of Parliamentary Members.

3. Candidate selection

- 3.1 Community Strong will have criteria and processes for the endorsement of candidates by Community Strong, which criteria and processes must:
 - (a) be consistent with the Core Values and Policy Pillars;
 - (b) involve the Local Teams Representative in the candidate selection process for the division;
 - (c) be approved by a Super Majority of Voting Members.

4. Members

- 4.1 Community Strong has the following types of membership:
 - (a) Parliamentary Members;
 - (b) Endorsed Candidate Members;
 - (c) any such other types of membership as are from time to time determined by the Parliamentary Members.
- 4.2 Each Member of Community Strong must:
 - (a) comply with this Constitution and any Rules applicable to Members;
 - (b) ensure that they act in a manner consistent with the Pledge, which includes upholding the Core Values and supporting the Policy Pillars;
 - (c) provide to Community Strong, upon request, such information as is reasonably required to maintain a current register of Members or in accordance with any Rules;
 - (d) pay any Membership fee or levy which is notified to them prior to their application for Membership or otherwise agreed to by the Member, in the required time.
- 4.3 Community Strong must keep and maintain a register of Members, which register will contain such information required by this Constitution or the Rules.

- 4.4 Each Member will have the rights and obligations conferred on them by this Constitution.
- 4.5 The Voting Members may make any Rules relating to Memberships, including (but not limited to) applications for Membership, requirements for Membership, fees and cancellations of Membership, provided such Rules are not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Membership applications

- 4.6 Any person who would like to become a Member of Community Strong must apply for Membership.
- 4.7 The application for Membership must:
- (a) be in the form required by the Rules, or in the absence of any relevant Rules, in the form required by the Voting Members;
 - (b) contain the applicant's full name, address, date of birth and contact details;
 - (c) contain any other information determined by the Rules from time to time as required in an application for that Membership type.
- 4.8 An application for Membership may be accepted or rejected by a Super Majority of Voting Members in their absolute discretion, subject to any Rules. Neither Community Strong nor the Voting Members are required to provide reasons for any decision to accept or reject a Membership application and the decision is not subject to review by any court or tribunal.
- 4.9 A person applying to become a Member must not be a member of another political party, whether registered under the Commonwealth Electoral Act or any other state or territory electoral laws.

Rights and obligations of Members

- 4.10 Upon the acceptance by the Community Strong of an application for Membership the Member will immediately be bound by this Constitution and any Rules as in force from time to time.
- 4.11 Only Voting Members have:
- (a) voting rights on matters requiring Member approval, decision-making or a vote;
 - (b) rights to access information about Community Strong, which rights are subject to any Rules.
- 4.12 Voting Members will develop Rules for the inclusion and role of Endorsed Candidate Members in campaign planning activities and policy development.

Membership cancellations

- 4.13 A person will cease to be a Member immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following:
- (a) for a Parliamentary Member, the Member ceases to be a Parliamentary Member;
 - (b) for an Endorsed Candidate Member, the Member ceases to be an Endorsed Candidate Member;

- (c) the Member ends their Membership of Community Strong by written notice to the Registered Officer or in accordance with any Rules;
 - (d) the Member dies or becomes bankrupt, or suffers from legal incapacity;
 - (e) the Member is convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (f) the Membership of the Member is cancelled in accordance with clause 4.14;
 - (g) the type of Membership held by the Member ceases to exist by reason of a change to this Constitution.
- 4.14 A Super Majority of Voting Members may cancel the Membership of a Member on written notice to the Member for any of the following reasons:
- (a) if the Member commits a material breach of this Constitution or the Rules;
 - (b) the Member becomes a member of another political party, in breach of clause 4.9.
- 4.15 For the purposes of clause 4.14(a), material breach of this Constitution includes a breach of Community Strong Pledge.
- 4.16 The Voting Members may, in their absolute discretion, determine what procedures it will use when deciding whether to cancel the Membership of a Member in accordance with clause 4.14.
- 4.17 Upon cessation of a Member's Membership in accordance with clause 4.13 or cancellation under clause 4.14:
- (a) the Member remains liable for any outstanding fees or levies owed to Community Strong, which will become a debt due and payable to Community Strong;
 - (b) despite clause 4.17(a), the Voting Members may decide to waive any debts or refund outstanding fees or levies;
 - (c) the Member must cease using any property of Community Strong and must not represent that they are a Member of Community Strong.

5. Powers and composition of Community Strong

Powers

- 5.1 Community Strong has the power to:
- (a) endorse candidates for election to federal, state or territory parliaments;
 - (b) establish party branches;
 - (c) establish incorporated entities, including an entity established to facilitate Community Strong's operations, assets, management of services or investments (the **Community Strong Australia Company**);
 - (d) enter into contracts and agreements; and

- (e) otherwise do all things necessary or appropriate to achieve and support the furtherance of the Objects in accordance with this Constitution.

Composition

5.2 Community Strong may be comprised of the following:

- (a) the Community Strong Australia political party registered (or intended to be registered) under the Commonwealth Electoral Act;
- (b) any state or territory branches of Community Strong;
- (c) any autonomous affiliate entities authorised by Community Strong to be responsible for local operations, community engagement and policy;
- (d) any Community Strong Australia Company.

5.3 In the event of inconsistency between:

- (a) this Constitution and a constitution or founding document of a Community Strong branch or any Company then to the extent that the inconsistency relates to or affects Community Strong, this Constitution prevails; or
- (b) this Constitution and the constitution of the Community Strong Australia Company, then this Constitution prevails unless it would result in a breach of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

6. Officers

Officers

6.1 Community Strong will have at least the following officers:

- (a) Secretary;
- (b) Party Agent as required by the Australian Electoral Commission;
- (c) Registered Officer.

6.2 Community Strong may have such other officers as the Voting Members from time to time decide, including Treasurer and Deputy Registered Officer.

6.3 A person who is appointed as either Secretary, Registered Officer, Party Agent and Deputy Registered Officer must at all times be eligible to hold that office under the Commonwealth Electoral Act or any applicable state or territory laws.

6.4 Officers may also be Directors of any Community Strong Australia Company.

6.5 Elections for Officers will take place at the Annual General Meeting of Community Strong.

6.6 A person will automatically cease to be an Officer, and the position of that Officer becomes vacant, if the Officer:

- (a) ceases to be eligible to be appointed to the office under the Commonwealth Electoral Act or any equivalent act;
- (b) dies, becomes bankrupt or suffers from legal incapacity;
- (c) engages in any conduct or activity which would constitute a breach of director's duties under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);
- (d) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); or
- (e) is removed by the Voting Members.

6.7 The Voting Members may establish Rules relating to Officers.

6.8 With the exception of those tasks or functions expressly reserved by this Constitution or the Rules for an Officer, an Officer may delegate any of their tasks or functions to Community Strong personnel.

7. **Community Strong Governance**

7.1 The Parliamentary Members will collectively lead Community Strong in accordance with clause 2.1. Once the number of Parliamentary Members has passed 10 or more, the Parliamentary Members may establish a leadership committee, comprised of 3 Parliamentary Members, to be elected by the Parliamentary Members.

7.2 The Operational Committee will run the day to day operations of Community Strong in accordance with clauses 8.1 to 8.6 of this Constitution.

7.3 The Voting Members retain ultimate control of Community Strong, this Constitution and Rules. To the extent this Constitution and the Rules are silent on a matter, issue or decision relating to Community Strong, the Voting Members will determine the matter, issue or decision.

8. **Community Strong Committees**

Operational Leadership Committee

8.1 The Operational Leadership Committee (**Operational Committee**) is established by the Voting Members to run the day to day operations of Community Strong.

8.2 The Operational Committee will operate pursuant to a Terms of Reference which must be approved by a Super Majority of Voting Members.

8.3 Unless otherwise provided for in the Operational Committee's Terms of Reference, members of the Operational Committee are to be appointed by the Voting Members. The Voting Members must ensure that at all times there is a representative from the CEC on the Operational Committee.

8.4 Subject to the Operational Committee's Terms of Reference, the Operational Committee is responsible for:

- (a) reporting to the Parliamentary Members;

- (b) implementing decisions of the Voting Members;
- (c) overseeing national interaction of all state branches of Community Strong;
- (d) fundraising coordination and planning;
- (e) national campaign strategy and any upper house strategy;
- (f) media relations;
- (g) developing and overseeing shared services between national party, state branches and local campaigns;
- (h) preparation of budgets;
- (i) administration of Community Strong's compliance, legal and financial obligations, including in collaboration with the Officers and any Directors;
- (j) such other roles or responsibilities as may be provided for in the Operational Committee Terms of Reference.

8.5 With the exception of those matters expressly reserved in the Operational Committee Terms of Reference for the Operational Committee, the Operational Committee may delegate any of its tasks or functions to Community Strong personnel.

8.6 Whilst the Operational Committee is responsible for national campaign strategy, each Parliamentary Member or Endorsed Candidate Member may establish a divisional campaign committee to run their local campaign. These committees will work with the Operational Committee on campaign fundraising, compliance, and integrations with national campaigns.

Community Engagement Committee

8.7 The Community Engagement Committee (**CEC**) is established to engage with and amplify the voices of local communities within Community Strong and be the representative committee of Local Teams.

8.8 The CEC will operate pursuant to a Terms of Reference which must be approved by Super Majority of Voting Members.

8.9 The CEC will be comprised of each Local Team Representative, who will be appointed in accordance with the CEC Terms of Reference.

8.10 The CEC may establish such advisory committees as it considers appropriate, however will at least include a Youth Advisory Committee and a First Nations Advisory Committee.

Sub-Committees

8.11 A Committee may establish and maintain Sub-Committees.

8.12 A Sub-Committee will operate in accordance with a Terms of Reference as determined by the relevant Committee.

8.13 A Sub-Committee Terms of Reference will contain:

- (a) any powers which the relevant Committee has delegated to the Sub-Committee;
- (b) the role of the Sub-Committee in relation to Community Strong;
- (c) any additional Rules which are specific to the operation of the Sub-Committee
- (d) the method for selecting and removing members of the Sub-Committee.

9. Branches

- 9.1 Branches of Community Strong may be established in each state or territory, provided that for any new branch a Super Majority of Voting Members approve its establishment.
- 9.2 Community Strong Australia will develop Rules around the role of branches and the interaction between state or territory branches and Community Strong Australia, however the principal objective is that Community Strong Australia remain the central meeting point of all branches and the administrative and governance hub of all branches.

10. Local Teams

- 10.1 A community group organised around a particular Commonwealth, State or Territory electorate may apply to Community Strong to become recognised as a Local Team.
- 10.2 Local Teams will not be integrated into Community Strong but will remain separate autonomous entities or groups, who have a right to representation on the CEC in order to amplify community voices.
- 10.3 Rules may prescribe the Local Team recognition eligibility criteria, application process and ongoing roles and responsibility within Community Strong including (but not limited to) requirements as to electorate connection and recognition within the community.
- 10.4 Rules may set out the process for removal of recognition of a Local Team if they no longer meet the requirements for recognition or act inconsistently with this Constitution, the Rules, or Community Strong's Core Values and Policy Pillars.

11. Community Strong Australia Company

- 11.1 Where a Community Strong Company is established under clause 5.1(c), subject to any Rules the following applies.
- 11.2 The Rules may provide for eligibility criteria for the Directors of the Company and any board composition requirements, however the board will include at least:
 - (a) a representative from the CEC;
 - (b) a person who has donated no more than \$1,000 to Community Strong in any one calendar year.
- 11.3 The Directors are responsible for ensuring the solvency of the Company, which includes approving any overall budgets or forecasts prepared by the Operational Committee. However, the Directors are not responsible for deciding on allocation of spend on campaigns, which, subject to any Rules, is reserved for the Operational Committee.

12. Rules

- 12.1 Voting Members may establish any such Rules, provided such rules are not inconsistent with this Constitution.
- 12.2 Rules can include (but are not limited to) the operation of meetings of Community Strong, requirements for membership of Community Strong, brand usage, delegation of Committee functions or powers, campaign management, dispute resolution, interpretation of this Constitution and financial management of Community Strong.
- 12.3 Rules may be established even if this Constitution does not expressly provide for the establishment of Rules under a particular provision.
- 12.4 Subject to clause 12.5, all Rules must be approved by a Majority of the Voting Members to be valid and effective.
- 12.5 Any Rules relating to or affecting the:
 - (a) endorsement of candidates by Community Strong; or
 - (b) the requirements for admission as a Member or categories of Membership of Community Strong;

must be approved by a Super Majority of Voting Members in order to be valid and effective.

13. Meetings

Members' Annual General Meeting

- 13.1 The Secretary shall give 28 days' written notice of the Annual General Meeting to Voting Members, along with an agenda for the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 The Secretary shall also send an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting to each Local Team representative and each Member who is not a Voting Member, however:
 - (a) any irregularities in process will not invalidate the Annual General Meeting;
 - (b) such attendees will be observers only and their attendance does not confer any rights not otherwise conferred by the Constitution (for example, rights of access to information or voting rights).
- 13.3 Nominations for Officers must be sent to the Secretary at least ten days before the Annual General Meeting.

General Meetings and decisions by Voting Members outside of a General Meeting

- 13.4 All General Meetings may be held in person on or online via video-link.
- 13.5 All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting will be Special General Meetings.
- 13.6 The Voting Members may make such Rules for the calling of Special General Meetings as is appropriate.

- 13.7 The Secretary shall give 28 days' written notice of a Special General Meeting to Voting Members, along with an agenda for the meeting, unless a Super Majority of Voting Members agree in writing to an abridged notice period.
- 13.8 A decision to be made by Voting Members may be made in such a manner as a Super Majority of Voting Members consider appropriate (for example, by written circular or at an informal meeting) and does not need to be made at a General Meeting.
- 13.9 For any decision to be made by Voting Members, each Voting Member is only entitled to one vote.
- 13.10 At each General Meeting, the Secretary will determine, in accordance with this Constitution, whether quorum has been reached, and whether a proposed resolution or matter to be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting is an Ordinary Resolution (or Majority vote) or a Special Resolution (or a Super Majority vote).
- 13.11 Where this Constitution or the Rules require a quorum, the quorum is three Voting Members or the number of Voting Members (whichever is less).

14. **Constitution**

- 14.1 This Constitution may be amended, varied or added to with the approval of a Super Majority of Voting Members.
- 14.2 No part of this Constitution may be repealed, altered or amended if Community Strong would cease to be an eligible political party under the Commonwealth Electoral Act as a result of that repeal, alteration or amendment.
- 14.3 Notice must be sent to all Voting Members if any part of this Constitution is amended in accordance with this clause 14.

15. **Fees**

- 15.1 The Voting Members may determine:

- (a) that an annual fee or subscription is payable for certain types of Membership;
- (b) any other fees or subscriptions are payable;

provided that no such fee or subscription will be imposed on a Member who has not agreed to it, whether by:

- (c) applying for Membership after such fee or subscription has been notified by Community Strong as being payable by a Member or potential Member;
- (d) otherwise agreeing to paying the fee or subscription.

16. **Auditor**

- 16.1 An auditor will be appointed at each Annual General Meeting as Community Strong's auditor for the then current Financial Year.

- 16.2 The auditor has power at any time to call for the production of all books, accounts and other documents relating to the affairs of Community Strong.
- 16.3 The audited financial statements of Community Strong must be submitted to the Annual General Meeting, together with any auditor's report, for consideration by the Voting Members.

17. Income, property and assets

- 17.1 The income (including donations) and property of Community Strong must be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects or such ancillary purposes to the promotion of the Objects as may be determined by a Super Majority of Voting Members from time to time.
- 17.2 If Community Strong has established a Community Strong Company then that company may hold the property and assets of Community Strong on trust. If there is no Community Strong Australia Company then the property and assets of Community Strong may be held on trust by the Voting Members as they are from time to time.
- 17.3 Upon establishment, the intellectual property of Community Strong will be held on trust for Community Strong by the Voting Members.
- 17.4 Except as prescribed in this Constitution, no portion of the income or property of Community Strong may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly or whether by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any Member, Officer, Director or any associate thereof.
- 17.5 Subject to clause 17.6, nothing in clause 17.4 prevents a payment in good faith to any Member, Committee Member, Director or Officer:
- (a) for any services actually rendered to Community Strong whether as an employee, or contractor;
 - (b) for goods supplied to Community Strong in the ordinary and usual course of operation;
 - (c) for interest on money borrowed from any Member, Committee Member, Director or Officer;
 - (d) for rent for premises let by any Member, Committee Member, Director or Officer to Community Strong; and
 - (e) for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member, Committee Member, Director or Officer on behalf of Community Strong.
- 17.6 No payment made under clause 17.5 may exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

18. Notice

- 18.1 Any notice required or authorised to be given under this Constitution may be given:
- (a) in person;
 - (b) by post to the postal address for that person (for a Member, as per the register); or
 - (c) by email to the email address for that person (for a Member, as per the register).

- 18.2 Any notice required or authorised by this Constitution to be given to Community Strong, an Officer or a Committee may be served by delivering it personally to the email of the Registered Officer or by sending it via mail to any registered address of Community Strong.

19. **Indemnity**

- 19.1 Every Operational Committee Member, Officer, Director and employee of Community Strong is entitled to be indemnified out of the property and assets of Community Strong against any liability incurred by them in their capacity as Committee Member, Officer, Director or employee in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any proceedings in which relief is granted by the Court.
- 19.2 Community Strong must indemnify its Operational Committee Members, Officers, Directors and employees against all damages and losses (including legal costs) for which any such person may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission:
- (a) in the case of an Operational Committee Member, Officer or Director, performed or made in good faith whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of Community Strong; and
 - (b) in the case of an employee, performed or made in good faith in the course of, and within the scope of, their employment by Community Strong.

20. **Winding up**

- 20.1 If Community Strong is wound up, any surplus of the assets (after refund of any of Membership fees or subscriptions for that Financial Year) shall be transferred to one or more entities:
- (a) with objects similar to or consistent with the Objects; and
 - (b) which also prohibit the distribution of any surplus assets to its Members to at least the same extent as this Constitution.
- 20.2 The decision as to the entity to be given the surplus assets must be made by a Super Majority of Voting Members at or before the time of winding up.

21. **Disputes**

- 21.1 Rules will be established to manage disputes within Community Strong. If any dispute, controversy, or claim arises which is not covered by the relevant Rules:
- (a) in respect of this Constitution or the Rules; and/or
 - (b) in the course of undertaking any activities in connection with Community Strong,
- (Dispute), then the following process will apply.
- 21.2 The person who has raised a dispute must give notice in writing to the other person of the Dispute (**Dispute Notice**) and the disputing parties must work together in good faith to try and resolve the Dispute within 10 Business Days of the Dispute Notice.

21.3 If the parties to the dispute are unable to resolve the Dispute within the time period in clause 21.2 the Dispute shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Australian Disputes Centre (**ADC**).

21.4 The arbitration shall be conducted in Sydney, Australia in accordance with the ADC Rules for Domestic Arbitration operating at the time the dispute is referred to ADC (the ADC Rules).

21.5 The terms of the ADC Rules are hereby deemed incorporated into this Constitution.

22. **Confidentiality**

22.1 Each Committee Member, Officer, Director and Member agrees to:

- (a) keep confidential any Confidential Information which they receive in their capacity as a Committee Member, Officer, Director or Member of Community Strong, and
- (b) notify the Secretary if they become aware of the disclosure of any Confidential Information.

23. **Interpretation**

Unless the context indicates a contrary intention, in this constitution:

- (a) a reference to a word includes the singular and the plural of the word and vice versa;
- (b) if a word or phrase is defined, then other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have a corresponding meaning;
- (c) a reference to a person includes a natural person, partnership, firm, trust, association, corporation, body corporate, joint venture, unincorporated body, governmental or local authority or agency or other entity;
- (d) headings are included for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- (e) a reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any amendments or replacements of that statute or statutory provision and any subordinate legislation made under the statute or statutory provision;
- (f) a reference in a clause in general terms to a person holding or occupying a particular office or position includes a reference to any person who occupies or performs the duties of that office or position;
- (g) the word "includes" in any form is not a word of limitation.

24. **Definitions**

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **Board** means the board of Directors of a Community Strong Australia Company.
- (b) **Commonwealth Electoral Act** means the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth) as amended from time to time.
- (c) **CEC** means the Community Engagement Committee established under clause 8.7.

- (d) **Committee Member** means a member of the Operational Committee or the CEC.
- (e) **Community Strong** means Community Strong Australia.
- (f) **Community Strong Australia** means the political party established by this Constitution.
- (g) **Community Strong Australia Company** means the company established under clause 5.1(c).
- (h) **Community Strong Branch** means a state or territory political party branch of Community Strong.
- (i) **Community Strong personnel** means Community Strong staff, contractors or appropriately qualified volunteers.
- (j) **Confidential Information** means information about Community Strong (including any branch of Community Strong), candidates which are or may be endorsed by Community Strong, parliamentarians endorsed by Community Strong, which is either:
 - (i) marked as confidential; or
 - (ii) provided to the person in circumstances in which it is reasonably apparent that the information is confidential.
- (k) **Constitution** means the constitution of Community Strong as currently in force.
- (l) **Directors** means the directors of a Community Strong Australia Company.
- (m) **Endorsed Candidate Member** means a person who is endorsed by Community Strong or a Community Strong Branch as a candidate for the House of Representatives or Senate (or state or territory equivalents), but does not include a Parliamentary Member.
- (n) **Financial Year** means the period of 12 months commencing on July 1 and ending on 30 June.
- (o) **General Meeting** means a general meeting of Members and includes the annual general meeting or any Special General Meeting.
- (p) **Local Team** means a community group currently recognised by Community Strong under clause 10.
- (q) **Local Team Representative** means a Local Team's current representative on the CEC, or if there is no current CEC representative for that Local Team, a representative selected by the Local Team.
- (r) **Majority** means more than half of the Voting Members.
- (s) **Member** means a current member of Community Strong and includes a current Voting Member, Parliamentary Member or Endorsed Candidate Member.
- (t) **Membership** means membership of Community Strong.
- (u) **Objects** means the objects of Community Strong in clause 1.4.

- (v) **Officer** means persons holding those positions listed in clause 6.1 or created under clause 6.2.
- (w) **Operational Committee Member** means a member of the Operational Committee.
- (x) **Operational Committee** means the Operational Committee established by clause 8.1.
- (y) **Ordinary Resolution** means at a meeting of the Members, a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a Majority of Voting Members present and entitled to vote and voting.
- (z) **Parliamentary Member** means a person who:
 - (i) is a member of the House of Representatives or Senate (or state or territory equivalents) or was such a member as at the date of dissolution of parliament; and
 - (ii) who is endorsed by Community Strong or by a Community Strong Branch.
- (aa) **Party Agent** means a person to be appointed under the Commonwealth Electoral Act as Party Agent.
- (bb) **Pledge** means the pledge in clause 1.5.
- (cc) **Registered Officer** means Community Strong office bearer under the Commonwealth Electoral Act empowered to nominate Community Strong's endorsed candidates, select either Community Strong's registered name or Community Strong's registered abbreviation or logo to be printed on ballot papers adjacent to Community Strong's endorsed candidates.
- (dd) **Rules** means any criteria, process, procedure or rule made under this Constitution.
- (ee) **Secretary** means the person who holds the office responsible for the carrying out of the administration, and for the conduct of the correspondence, of Community Strong.
- (ff) **Special Resolution** means a resolution that has been passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by persons present and entitled to vote on the resolution.
- (gg) **Sub-Committee** means a sub-committee established under clause 8.11.
- (hh) **Super Majority** means:
 - (i) if there are 2 Voting Members or less, all of the Voting Members;
 - (ii) if there are 3 Voting Members, two thirds or more of the Voting Members; or
 - (iii) if there are more than 4 Voting Members, 75% or more of the Voting Members.
- (ii) **Voting Member** means a current Parliamentary Member, or such other Member (or category of Members) as a Super Majority of Parliamentary Members determines from time to time.