

## **The Constitution of 'Manly Independents – Putting Residents First'**

### **Aims:**

The Aims of 'Manly Independents – Putting Residents First' are:

1. To select and endorse candidates who support the aims of the group to contest Parliamentary or Local Government elections for the Manly area.
2. To put residents before vested interest through debate of issues without 'fear or favour'.
3. To support Transparency through
  - a. Freedom of Information
  - b. Open Process
  - c. Public debate.
4. To support Community Consultation through:
  - a. Transparency of process (3 above)
  - b. Public committees, forums, precinct and other feedback mechanisms.
5. To support sustainable development through well designed and properly planned buildings and infrastructure, with full consideration of environmental, heritage (built, cultural and natural), health and social issues.
6. To conserve our built, cultural and natural heritage.

### **Terms of Membership**

#### ***New Members:***

New membership will be by application to the Office-bearers of 'Manly Independents – Putting Residents First' who will determine membership based on evidence of compliance with the aims of the party.

#### ***Termination of Membership***

Membership will be terminated by written request of the member to the Executive (Office-Bearers) or by lapsing from the electoral roll.

#### **Governance Arrangements:**

***Office Bearers*** will be elected at the Annual General Meeting of 'Manly Independents – Putting Residents First'.

It is proposed that should the General Meeting elect to have fees and/or donations, the organisation will have the following increase in Office Bearers who will be elected at the General Meeting:

- A President
- A secretary
- A treasurer
- Other office bearers as determined by the General Meeting. .

***Financial considerations:***

There will be no membership fees or donations unless a General Meeting elects that these are introduced through a majority vote with a quorum present. If the decision is taken then to introduce fees or donations, an accounting system will be adopted and kept by the Treasurer to comply with mandatory requirements and audits will be conducted as required.

***Meetings:***

A General Meeting of 'Manly Independents – Putting Residents First' will be held on an annual basis with notification to all members.

General Meetings may be held more regularly at the discretion of the 'Executive' or Office Bearers and with notification to all members.

A 'Quorum' of a meeting of the Executive of office bearers shall be greater than 50%.

A quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be 10% of members, with the number of ordinary members being equal to at least twice the number of members of the Executive. In the event of a quorum not being present within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled time for the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to the following week at which those members present shall constitute a quorum.

**Procedures for Amending the Constitution:**

The Constitution can be modified by the majority vote at a General Meeting with a quorum of party members present.

**Procedures for Winding up the Party**

The party can be wound up by a majority vote at a General Meeting with a quorum of party members present.