

# INFORMED MEDICAL OPTIONS PARTY (IMOP) NSW STATE CONSTITUTION

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## NAME

The name of the Party shall be INFORMED MEDICAL OPTIONS PARTY (IMOP) ("the Party").

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The Party is committed to ensuring that New South Wales Citizens receive information on any medical options available, and that that information be free of any industry bias, allowing the person to make a free, un-coerced and un-penalised choice on the option they choose.
2. The Party is committed to defend the right of all NSW Citizens to decide whether they want themselves, their children or their charges to be medicated.
3. The Party is committed to work to repeal legislation that compels NSW children to be medicated against the will of their parents for eligibility to enrol in childcare and any education services.
4. The Party opposes any legislation that in any way discriminates against, or penalises NSW Citizens for making informed decisions about their own, or their children's, health needs.
5. The Party is committed to objecting to, and repealing, any legislation requiring mandatory medication to any degree, with regards to the right of all NSW citizens to work in any employment that they choose and are able to participate.
6. The Party is committed to seeing an independent and government-funded investigation, or Royal Commission, into the allegations of scientists, researchers, doctors, and affected parents with respect to the detrimental effects of the past and current vaccination programs.
7. The Party is committed to offering a voice to the unheard and legislatively persecuted minority of NSW citizens and their families who make an informed choice to reject questionable medical vaccinations.
8. The Party is committed to the promotion of endorsed candidates for election to the NSW Legislative Assembly, Legislative Counsel, and Council Elections.
9. The Party supports amendments to the Australian Constitution to entrench fundamental rights, such as the right to freedom of thought, religion and conscience.
10. The Party supports a society in which every NSW citizen shall possess liberty, property and security, and none shall be enslaved by ignorance or conformity, with its primary concern for the rights of the individual and sets freedom first.
11. The Party will support sustainable environmental policies.
12. The Party supports smaller government and less government intervention into the lives and business of NSW citizens.

## MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership to the Party is open to all who support its Aims and Objectives and are registered on the Commonwealth of Australia electoral roll with a New South Wales address and entitled to vote in elections for the Parliament of Australia.
2. All Membership is to be applied for in writing or electronic application on Party proscribed form as on the website.
3. Membership is denied to any individual who has been convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence in the 10 years prior to their application to become a Member.

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4. Any Member who is convicted of a disqualifying electoral offence may not continue to be a member. Their membership will be deemed to have immediately ceased upon conviction.

Party Membership will have an annual membership fee as set by the Party.

Party membership is for four (4) years, and at the expiration of four years the member is required to complete Membership renewal form and pay renewal fee.

### Membership – Entitlements

- a) Attend and vote at General Party meetings
- b) Be elected into an office or formal position within the Party.
- c) Stand as a candidate in any election the Party contests.
- d) Participate in the decision making process of the Party

### RESIGNATION & EXPULSION

1. A member may resign from membership of the Party by a letter of resignation addressed to the Secretary of the Party.
2. A member may be expelled from the Party by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee comprise of:

- I. Secretary – Michael O’Neill
- II. Registered Officer – Michael O’Neill
- III. Deputy Registered Officer – Rebecca McCredie

The Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring the party complies with the *Electoral Act 2017* and the *Electoral Funding Act 2018* as required by section 59(2)(h)(vi) of the *Electoral Act 2017* .

An Officer of the Party shall be eligible to be elected at the Annual General Meeting if they are a member of the Party.

The Secretary, Registered Officer and Deputy Registered Officer in office at the date of registration of the Party shall, unless they resign from office or from membership of the Party, hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Party, and for a period of one year thereafter, and shall be eligible to be re-elected to such offices following the expiration of such terms of office, if re-nominated (in accordance with nomination procedures) and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

The Registered Officer and Deputy Registered Officer shall hold office for a period of three years unless otherwise resolved at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

The role of the **Secretary** is to:

- Maintain Party records
- Attend to Party correspondence
- Recording of meeting minutes

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- Ensuring that any required records in relation to the functioning of the Party are kept in an orderly and accurate manner and otherwise carry out Party administration including making arrangements for the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings.

The role of the **Registered Officer** and **Deputy Registered Officer** is to:

- Make applications on behalf of the party to amend the registered details of the party
- Submit an annual return between 1 June and 30 June each year to confirm the party's continued eligibility to be registered
- Request the NSW Electoral Commissioner provide the party with a list of enrolled electors
- Request the NSW Electoral Commissioner cancel the registration of the party
- Provide to the NSW Electoral Commissioner, on request at any time, a statement setting out the party's objectives, the party's procedures for amending its constitution, the rules of membership, a description of the party's structure, the procedure to select an office bearer and the names of the officers or members responsible for ensuring the party complies with electoral laws
- Nominate the party's endorsed candidates for election
- Request the party's registered name or abbreviated name be printed on the ballot paper for an election and
- Act as party agent of the party

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) Election as an office bearer is to take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Party. Any member of the Party is eligible to stand for election against any member of the Executive Committee.
- b) Nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Party two (2) weeks before the Annual General Meeting.
- c) All voting at the Annual General Meeting and at Extraordinary General Meetings is to be held by secret ballot.
- d) The Secretary of the Party may make such regulations for the calling of Extraordinary General Meetings as may be appropriate to promote the objectives of the Party.
- e) The Annual General and Extraordinary General Meetings can only meet for voting purposes as the Party if a quorum of any two members of the Executive Committee plus five other general members is reached.
- f) A member of the Party may nominate and be elected for more than one position on the Executive Committee provided that any such member must be counted as only one person for the purposes voting.

### **GENERAL PARTY MEETING**

- a) General Party Meetings are to be held at least two (2) times a year.
- b) All Party Members are eligible to attend and address the meeting and are eligible to vote on motions and resolutions.
- c) A General Party Meeting can only meet for voting purposes as the Party if a quorum of any two members of the Executive Committee plus five other general members is reached.

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- d) A General Party Meeting requires 7 days' notice by way of notice of meeting and agenda distributed to all members by post, or electronic means.

### CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

- a) A candidate for election to the NSW Legislative Assembly, Legislative Counsel, and Council Elections shall be deemed to be endorsed by the Party if they are nominated by the Executive Committee of the Party to stand for election as a representative of the Party.
- b) Allocation of the party's preferences at elections to the NSW Legislative Assembly, Legislative Counsel, and Council Elections shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Party.
- c) The Executive Committee must ensure that best practises in relation to vetting of Candidates is conducted which may vary and change from time to time as deemed necessary in the best interests of the Party.
- d) Any preselection of ballots for the selection of candidates must satisfy the general principles of free and democratic elections.

### ACCOUNTS

- a) The finances and accounts of the Party are to be the responsibility of the Secretary.
- b) The accounts are to be recorded in a manner that meets minimum standards of accounts as required by an Incorporated Association.
- c) Funds shall be allocated for such purposes as authorised by the Executive Committee of the Party.

### ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

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

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes in relation to the affairs of the Party will, upon referral by the Executive Committee, be mediated, conciliated, arbitrated or otherwise heard and determined by the Dispute Committee in the manner it considers appropriate in the relevant circumstances.

The Dispute Committee will be comprised of three (3) members who will be appointed and removed from time-to-time by the Executive Committee at its absolute discretion. A member of the Executive Committee can also be appointed to the Dispute Committee.

### DISSOLUTION

- a) The Party may only be dissolved by a vote where two-thirds of members elect to dissolve, and not less than half of current Members participate in the ballot.
- b) Members will be given at least 3 months advance notice of this proposal to disband.
- c) Dissolution is effective at whatever date that ballot may specify.
- d) If, after the election to dissolve, all liabilities and debts have been satisfied, and remaining costs and fees with regards to the dissolution have been accounted for, there remains property belonging to the Party, that remainder shall be distributed to any organisation with similar aims and objectives as set out in this Constitution.

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**Registered party information required under the *Electoral Act 2017* and the *Local Government Act 1993*:**

Please provide written responses in the spaces provided to address the following party information if it is not explicitly outlined in the party's constitution. This information will be published on the NSW Electoral Commission's website with the party's constitution.

(i) the party's objects:

(ii) the procedure for amending the party's written constitution:

(iii) the rules for membership of the party, including the procedure for accepting a person as a member and ending a person's membership:

(iv) a description of the party structure and of how the party manages its internal affairs:

(v) the procedure for selecting a person to hold an office in the party and for removing a person from office:

(vi) the names of the officers or members of the party responsible for ensuring the party complies with the *Electoral Act 2017* and the *Electoral Funding Act 2018*:

Registered officer - Michael O'Neill  
Party Secretary - Michael O'Neill  
Deputy Registered officer - Rebecca McCredie

Please provide clear statements that explicitly outline all of the required information.