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The Electoral Commission,
P.O.Box 3050,
Wellington

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to advise you of some minor changes to our constitution which were agreed at the last Annual General Meeting, and ratified by the Board on 9 April 2005.

Details are attached.

Yours faithfully,


Barbara Astill

Rule changes to provide for a single renewal date

- 6.3 Annual subscriptions shall be levied at the rate set in a resolution then passed by the Board and current in terms of Rule 6.1 above, for the period of 12 months commencing on 1st July in each year.
- 6.4 All members who currently have subscriptions which fall due for renewal on the anniversary of the date on which they joined the Party, if their renewal falls due:
- a) on or between 31 October 2004 and 31 December 2004 and they pay their membership levy; or
 - b) on or between 1 January 2005 and 31 October 2005
- will be deemed to have a renewal date of 1 July 2005.
- 6.5 It shall be deemed conduct bringing the Party into disrepute for any member to pay, or procure payment of, a subscription on behalf of another person who would otherwise be unwilling to pay their own subscription.
- 6.6 Except as provided in Rules 3.6 and 11 and pursuant to the exercise by the Board of its powers of management administration and control in terms of Rule 7, no Member shall at any time have any right or claim upon the Party or to or against its property or funds.

Rule changes to provide for a position of Treasurer

1. That the table of contents be amended by removing "24 Secretary and Treasurer" and replacing it with "24 Secretary and Party Accountant"
2. That a new rule 1 ii) be inserted as follows:
" "Party Accountant" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Financial Controller or Accountant of the Party or any person duly authorised to act in place of the Financial Controller or Party Accountant."
3. That Rule 1 jj) be deleted and replaced with the following:
" "Treasurer" or "Party Treasurer" means a member appointed or elected under Rule 8.1 i) who shall exercise such duties, perform such functions and achieve such objectives as the Board resolves from time to time"
4. That Rule 8.1 be amended by removing the words "a maximum of 12 persons" in the first sentence and replacing them with "a maximum of 13 persons"
5. That Rule 8.1 be amended by adding a new rule 8.1 i) "the Party Treasurer if the Board decides to appoint an office holder under Rule 8.15"
6. That Rule 8.3 be amended by adding a new rule 8.3 e) "If the Board elects to appoint a Treasurer, that person shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Rules 8.15 and 8.16."
7. That Rule 8.4 d) be amended by deleting the words "of all successful candidates" and replacing them with " of all candidates"
8. That a new Rule 8.15 be inserted as follows
"The Board may appoint a Party Treasurer under Rule 8.1 i) and following the procedure set out in Rule 8.16 who shall hold office at the absolute discretion of the Board, from the date at which he or she is appointed until:
a) He or she retires annually at the commencement of the first Board meeting occurring at least one month following an the Annual General Meeting; or
b) He or she is removed by the vote of 75% or more excluding abstentions of Board members voting at a board meeting."
9. That a new Rule 8.16 be inserted as follows:
"Where the Board appoints a Treasurer the procedure shall be as follows:
a) A person may be nominated as Treasurer by any Board member;
b) The appointment shall be confirmed by a majority vote of 75% of board members present excluding abstentions."
10. That Rules 24 & 25 be amended by replacing the word "Treasurer" with the words "Party Accountant".

Miscellaneous rule changes

1. That Rule 8.4 b) be amended by inserting the words "Subject to Rule 19.2" before the words "appropriate ballot papers showing..."
2. That Rule 8.4 b) be amended by removing the words "biographical notes (if provided by the nominee)" and replacing them with the words "a candidate profile statement (if provided by the nominee) of no more than 150 words in English which may be edited by the Party Secretary to remove defamatory, inflammatory or objectionable language"