

9 September 2020

Electoral Commission  
Via email

**Re: Section 71B of the Electoral Act 1993**

In accordance with section 71B of the Electoral Act 1993 the following copy of certain rules are submitted to the Electoral Commission.

**Rules governing membership of the party**

6. *Any natural person who is resident in, or a citizen of, New Zealand, and aged 16 years or older, shall be eligible to join the Party.*
7. *To become a member, a person qualified under rule 6 must:*
  - i. *Apply for membership in a manner prescribed by the Board;*
  - ii. *Making a payment of a membership fee of \$2 in a manner prescribed by the Board; and*
  - iii. *Be approved for membership by the Board.*
8. *A member ceases to be a member if that person:*
  - i. *Abandons their membership by failing to renew their membership in accordance with Rules 9 and 10.*
  - ii. *Resigns their membership by communicating their resignation in writing to the Board; or*
  - iii. *Is expelled as a member by the Board after the Board follows a procedure under Rule 11.*

9. *All memberships fall due on 1 January 2022 and every three years thereafter.*
10. *A member's membership lapses six months after it falls due unless that member pays a renewed membership fee of \$2 in a manner prescribed by the Board.*
11. *The Board has discretion to suspend or expel a member if the Board considers the conduct of a member, in the opinion of the Board, has prejudiced or continues to prejudice the interests of the Party.*
12. *In exercising its discretion under Rule 11 the Board shall ensure it follows the principles of natural justice by providing the member whose membership is in question a reasonable opportunity to respond to any allegations made against that member and taking in to consideration any response.*
13. *The Board's discretion under Rule 11 is limited in so far as if the member whose conduct is in question is a member of the Advance NZ Caucus the Board may only suspend or expel that member with the agreement of the Leader.*
14. *The Board may grant membership to a political party, after an application for membership made in writing from that political party and, in doing so, shall designate that political party as a component party of Advance NZ.*

**Rules governing the selection of persons to represent that party as candidates for election as members of Parliament**

31. *Prior to a General Election, or any other election the Party contests, the Board shall adopt a programme for the selection of candidates.*
32. *The Board shall determine what positions, if any, the Party shall field candidates for in a general election, or any other election, including whether the Party should submit a list of candidates in accordance with section 127 of the Electoral Act 1993.*
33. *The Board has full discretion to select candidates to contest an election and, in accordance with section 71 of the Electoral Act 1993, in doing so acts as delegates for this purpose having been directly elected by members at a Triennial Meeting.*
34. *The Board shall adopt candidate selection procedures prior to exercising its discretion under Rule 33 that ensures the candidate selection procedures makes provision for participation in the process by members.*

35. *The Board may modify procedures for candidate selection as the Board deems necessary where a candidate selection or selections is required for an election where a selection decision takes place:*
- i. no greater than 3 months prior to the date notified for a dissolution of Parliament;*
  - ii. after a writ for an election has been issued under the Electoral Act 1993, or*
  - iii. no greater than 3 months prior to the date appointed for an election conducted under the Local Electoral Act 2001.*
36. *In so far as is practicable the candidate selection procedures shall include a procedure that requests members provide an indicative show of support or opposition for prospective candidates through a process that may be conducted electronically, by post, in person, or through any combination of those methods.*

Yours sincerely,



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