

Australian Electoral Commission Meeting No. 277

Date: Friday 4 February 2022 **Time:** 2:00pm **Location:** Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

The Hon. Justice Susan Kenny AM (Chairperson);
Mr Tom Rogers (Electoral Commissioner);
Dr David Gruen (Australian Statistician)

Action Officer: **section 47F** (AEC Legal Services Section)

Agenda

Item

Welcome

1. **For decision:** Liberal Democratic Party – s 134A objection
Item 1a. Draft Notice of Decision
 2. **For decision:** Democratic Labour Party – s 134A objection *and* request for extension
Item 2a. Draft Notice of Decision
 3. **For decision:** Dr Gregory – United Australia Party – internal review *and* standing
Item 3a. Draft Notice of Decision
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Closing

Welcome and Commissioner's introduction

The meeting opened at 2:07pm with the three-person Australian Electoral Commission (the Commission) in attendance; the Hon. Justice Susan Kenny, Mr Tom Rogers, and Dr David Gruen.

Agenda item 1: For decision: Liberal Democratic Party – s 134A Objection

The Commission examined and discussed the material before it in relation to the application for review brought by the Liberal Democratic Party of the delegate's decision of 23 November 2021 to uphold the objection under s 134A to the continued use of the name 'Liberal Democratic Party' and the abbreviation 'Liberal Democrats'.

The Commission decided:

- To affirm the delegate's decision of 23 November 2021 pursuant to s 141(4)(a) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act).

Agenda item 2: For decision: Democratic Labour Party – s 134A objection and request for extension

The Commission examined and discussed the material before it in relation to the Democratic Labour Party's requests:

1. To grant an extension for the Democratic Labour Party to submit a review of the delegate's decision of 19 November 2021.
2. Should the Commission grant the extension, to review the delegate's decision of 19 November 2021 to uphold the objection to the party's continued use of the name 'Democratic Labour Party' and the abbreviation 'Labour DLP'.

The Commission decided:

- To grant the Democratic Labour Party's request for an extension of time.
- To affirm the delegate's decision of 19 November 2021 pursuant to s 141(4)(a) of the Electoral Act.

Agenda item 3: For decision: Dr Gregory – United Australia Party – internal review and standing

The Commission examined and discussed the material before it in relation to the application for review brought by **section 47F** of the delegate's decision dated 11 August 2021 to grant the application from Clive Palmer's United Australia Party under s 134(1) of the Electoral Act, to change the party name and abbreviation to the 'United Australia Party' and 'UAP' respectively.

The Commission decided:

- To affirm the delegate's decision of 11 August 2021 pursuant to section 141(4)(a) of the Electoral Act.

Closing

The Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 2:29pm.