

Australian Electoral Commission Meeting No. 278

Date: Tuesday 29 March 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 (Commission Secretariat)

Agenda

Item

Welcome

1. **For decision:** Review of the delegate's decision to deregister the 'Australian People's Party'
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Closing

Welcome

The meeting opened at 2:00pm with the three-person Australian Electoral Commission (the Commission) in attendance; the Hon. Justice Susan Kenny AM, Mr Tom Rogers, and Dr David Gruen.

Agenda item 1: For Decision: Review of the delegate's decision to deregister the 'Australian People's Party'

The Commission examined and discussed the material before it in relation to the application for review brought by the 'Australian People's Party' of the delegate's decision of 3 November 2021 to deregister the Australian People's Party under s 137(6) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act). The application for review was made under s 141(2) of the Electoral Act.

The Commission is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Australian People's Party is a non-Parliamentary party that does not have at least 1,500 members. The Commission therefore upholds the deregistration of the Australian People's Party under s 137(6) of the Electoral Act and affirms the decision on review.

The Commission decided:

- To affirm the delegate's decision of 3 November 2021 pursuant to section 141(4) of the Electoral Act.

Closing

The Chairperson thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 2:18pm.