



Our reference: 18-19-014, 18/829

Mr Darren Churchill
Registered Officer
Australian Democrats
P.O. Box 547
GLENELG SA 5045

Dear Mr Churchill

Advertisement of an application for registration under subsection 132(1)(c) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (the Electoral Act)

I refer to the application from the Australian Democrats (the Party) to be registered under the provisions of Part XI of the Electoral Act lodged with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on 5 December 2018.

The AEC has completed its initial consideration of the application and in my capacity as delegate of the Electoral Commission I have approved publication of a notice of the application. The notice will be published on the AEC website and also in major newspapers around Australia on **26 February 2019**. A copy of the proposed notice is enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is an invoice for payment of the \$500 application fee.

Under subsection 132(2)(b) of the Electoral Act any person or organisation may submit written particulars objecting to the application to the AEC within one month after the date of the publication of the notice on the AEC's website. Objections to the application must be made on the basis that:

- i. the application does not relate to an eligible political party
- ii. the application is not in accordance with s 126 of the Electoral Act
- iii. the application should be refused under s 129 of the Electoral Act
- iv. the Electoral Commission should refuse to enter a logo of the Party in the Register under section 129A of the Electoral Act.

The period for submitting written particulars objecting to the current application by the Party expires at close of business **26 March 2019**.

In the event that objections are received on or before close of business on **26 March 2019** addressing the criteria set out under subsection 132(2)(b) of the Electoral Act the AEC must, under subsection 132(5), give a copy of the written objection to the registered officer of the Party and invite the registered officer to submit a reply to the particulars to the AEC within the time specified in the notice. The AEC will then consider both the written particulars of the objection and any reply submitted by the registered officer before deciding whether to approve or refuse the application. In the event the delegate of the Electoral Commission decides to refuse the application the applicants may seek a review of the decision.

If the AEC does not receive any written submissions objecting to the application submitted by the Party by **26 March 2019**, this being the end of the one month period, it will proceed to register the Party and advise you when that process is completed.

If you have any queries contact the AEC on 02 6271 4552 or email fad@aec.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Gabrielle Paten
Assistant Commissioner
Delegate of the Electoral Commission

25 February 2019

Freedom of Information Release

REDACTION CODES

- 1 Personal Information (name) redacted.
- 2 Personal Information (date of birth) redacted.
- 3 Personal Information (photograph) redacted
- 4 Personal Information (facsimile of signature) redacted.
- 5 Personal Information (facsimile of manuscript initialling) redacted.
- 6 Personal Information (individual's address) redacted.
- 7 Personal Information (individual's telephone number) redacted.
- 8 Personal Information (individual's opinion) redacted.
- 9 Personal Information (opinion about individual) redacted.
- 10 Personal Information (employment history) redacted.
- 11 Personal Information (qualifications) redacted.
- 12 Personal Information (health) redacted.
- 13 Personal Information (identifying individual) redacted.
- 14 Business information (Bank Account details) redacted.
- 15 Business information (Billing Account details) redacted.
- 16 Business information (internal operations) redacted.
- 17 Legal Professional Communication redacted.
- 18 Deliberative material redacted.
- 19 Irrelevant material redacted.
- 20 Electoral Roll material redacted.
- 21 Tests, examinations or audits material redacted.
- 22 Management or assessment of personnel material redacted.
- 23 Proper and efficient conduct of the operations of AEC material redacted.
- 24 Lawful methods or procedures for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with matters arising out of, breaches or evasions of the law.