

# By-Laws for the Establishment and Operation of Branches

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## *Pauline Hanson's One Nation*

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### **1. Establishment of Branches**

1.1. A branch of Pauline Hanson's One Nation ("the Party") may be established in each federal electorate of Australia.

Branches exist to promote the Party's aims and activities at all levels of government. While branches are established federally, they are encouraged to actively support Party candidates and activities in federal, state, territory and local elections. Specific endorsements and participation in any election is at the discretion of the Federal Executive.

1.1.1 For the purposes of this document, where the term "State" is used, it shall be taken to also include a "Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia", unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1.2.1. One of the core purposes of a branch is to help identify, recruit, and support candidates from within their community who are aligned with the principles and policies of Pauline Hanson's One Nation, and who are capable of representing the Party in local, state, or federal elections.

1.2.1.1 The process by which a branch may be involved in the preselection of candidates shall be governed by a separate set of by-laws issued by the Federal Executive.

1.2. The inaugural meeting of each branch shall have as its primary purpose the election of a Branch Co-ordinator. The co-ordinator is chosen by a majority vote of the eligible party/branch members present. If a contest or ballot arises, a temporary chairperson shall be appointed by One Nation HQ (normally the most senior member present) to conduct the election.

1.3. A branch may, by majority decision, establish a Branch Committee, which may include additional roles such as Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, Fundraising Officer, and Campaign Coordinator.

1.4. Notwithstanding Clause 1.1, the Federal Executive may, at its discretion and where deemed appropriate, approve the establishment of more than one branch within a single federal electorate.

1.4.1. Such approval may be granted in circumstances including, but not limited to:

- Geographical dispersion of members making attendance difficult;
- High membership numbers requiring decentralised coordination;
- Unique community representation needs within the electorate.

1.4.2. All such branches shall operate under these by-laws and remain accountable to the Federal Executive.

1.4.3. In electorates with multiple approved branches, the Federal Executive may determine coordination mechanisms to ensure unity of purpose and avoid duplication or conflict.

1.5. A branch may only participate in a state, territory or local government election with the written approval of the State Executive for their respective jurisdiction.

1.5.1. In the case of local government elections, the State Executive must also obtain written authorisation from the Federal Executive before approving any branch involvement.

1.5.2. Any campaign activity or candidate endorsement at the state or local level must follow the Party's official campaign guidelines and brand usage policy, to maintain consistency across electorates and jurisdictions.

1.5.3. All candidate selections and campaign operations for State and Local elections must be coordinated through the State Executive, and remain subject to oversight by the Federal Executive.

## **2. Membership Eligibility**

2.1. Only current financial members of Pauline Hanson's One Nation may be members of a branch.

2.2. Members of a branch must not be affiliated with or members of any other political party.

2.3. Participation in meetings, events, or branch activities is restricted to eligible branch members.

## **3. Branch Governance and Subcommittees**

3.1. The Branch Coordinator shall:

- - Be responsible for calling and presiding over meetings;
- - Oversee the conduct of branch business and ensure adherence to Party principles and policies;
- - Encourage civic engagement and volunteerism within the branch.

The Branch Coordinator's role is primarily to coordinate the functioning of the branch, assist members in achieving their goals, and ensure the branch operates effectively within Party guidelines.

3.2. Branches may establish subcommittees to carry out designated functions including, but not limited to:

- - Fundraising;
- - Policy development;
- - Volunteer coordination;
- - Event planning.

3.3. Subcommittees report to the full branch and remain under the authority of the Branch Co-ordinator and Committee. In the absence of a sub-committee, the Branch Co-ordinator assumes these responsibilities, but is encouraged to recruit and train appropriate members for future sub-committee roles.

## **4. Financial Management**

4.1. Branches shall not maintain independent bank accounts.

4.2. All branch funds shall be managed centrally by the Federal Executive in accordance with relevant financial and electoral legislation. All finances of the branch, whether managed by a sub-committee or the branch as a whole, must be treated as one collective fund and are accounted for and administered by the One Nation HQ.

4.3. Branches may only request expenditure of funds for activities directly related to:

- - Electoral participation;
- - Approved party business within the federal electorate;
- - Community engagement as sanctioned by the Party.

4.4. Expenditure must be pre-approved by the Federal Executive.

4.5. A branch must not incur any debt or financial liability on behalf of Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

4.5.1. This includes, but is not limited to, entering into credit arrangements with suppliers, service providers, or venues, or making any verbal or written commitments that may result in financial obligations for the Party.

4.5.2. All financial arrangements must be approved in advance by the Federal Executive, and any payments must be made through official Party financial channels.

4.5.3. Any member or branch that breaches this clause may be subject to disciplinary action, and the Party accepts no responsibility for unauthorised commitments made in breach of this provision.

4.6. Branches cannot make claim for election reimbursements.

4.7. The Federal Headquarters of Pauline Hanson's One Nation will publish and maintain a Branch Financial Operations Manual, which outlines procedures, responsibilities, and compliance requirements for all branch-related financial activities.

4.7.1. This manual shall serve as a practical guide for branch officeholders and volunteers, and must be followed in conjunction with these by-laws.

4.7.2. Updates to the manual may be issued by the Federal Executive as required to meet regulatory, legal, or organisational needs.

4.7.3. All branch fundraising and financial activities must be consistent with both the manual and the directives of the Federal Executive.

## **5. Media and Public Representation**

5.1. The Branch Co-ordinator or any member of the branch may not act as a spokesperson for the Party to the media or the public.

5.2. All media enquiries must be referred to and approved by the Federal Leader or One Nation HQ before any comment is made.

5.3. Branches are not permitted to create or operate independent social media pages (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, TikTok, YouTube, or other platforms) representing Pauline Hanson's One Nation or any local branch.

5.4. All public-facing social media communication must be conducted through official Party channels administered by One Nation HQ or, where authorised, by the Federal or State Executive.

5.5. Branch Chairs and members are encouraged to share and promote content from official Party pages using their personal accounts, provided they do so respectfully and in accordance with the Party's code of conduct.

5.6. Any member or branch that establishes or operates an unauthorised social media presence may be subject to disciplinary action, and the page will be reported or removed to protect Party branding.

5.6.1. All public communications, including online posts, comments, or video content, must:

- Uphold the values and reputation of Pauline Hanson's One Nation;

- Avoid personal attacks, defamatory content, or inflammatory rhetoric;
- Refrain from sharing confidential internal information or unauthorised policy statements.

## **6. Conduct of Meetings**

6.1. Branch meetings shall be conducted at least twice per calendar year.

6.2. Additional meetings may be held as needed, with encouragement for greater frequency where members are willing.

6.3. Branches are encouraged to utilise video conferencing and other accessible technology to maximise member participation.

6.4. Meetings must be governed by a Code of Conduct that includes:

- - A zero-tolerance stance on bullying, harassment, or intimidation;
- - Respect for differing opinions and the right to free speech;
- - A commitment to decisions and motions that do not bring the Party into disrepute.

6.5. The quorum for any official branch meeting shall be a minimum of three (3) financial Party members in attendance, including the Branch Co-ordinator or their delegate.

6.5.1. All motions and decisions put to a vote shall be determined by a simple majority, using a first-past-the-post voting system, where the option receiving the highest number of votes cast is deemed the winner.

6.5.2. In the event of a tie, the Co-Ordinator shall have a casting vote, in addition to their ordinary vote.

## **7. Eligibility and Oversight of Branch Coordinators and other Branch**

### **Executive members**

7.1. The Branch Coordinator and Executive Members must:

- - Be a financial Party member for no less than 6 months;
- - Demonstrate loyalty to the Party's principles and policies;
- - Be regarded as a civic-minded, reputable member of the community.

All branch leaders must declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest, including but not limited to association with candidates from other parties. Leaders and members must undertake every reasonable effort to promote and secure the election of One Nation candidates.

7.1.1 At their discretion, the Federal Executive may waive any or all of the conditions outlined in 7.1 as the need arises.

7.2. The Federal Executive reserves the right to rescind the appointment of a Branch Coordinator or any other Executive member who fails to uphold these values or conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Party standards.

7.3. All positions on a Branch Executive, including but not limited to the Branch Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Campaign Coordinator, and any subcommittee leads, shall be held for a term of one (1) year from the date of election.

7.3.1. All executive members may stand for re-election at the conclusion of their term, provided they continue to meet eligibility requirements as outlined in these by-laws.

7.3.2. There shall be no maximum limit on the number of consecutive terms a member may serve, however all roles must be reaffirmed through a vote of branch members at a validly convened meeting.

7.3.3. In the event of a mid-term vacancy, a branch may appoint an interim officer by vote of the members, who shall serve until the next scheduled election.

7.3.4. The Federal Executive reserves the right to call for an election or intervene in appointments if the functioning, integrity, or compliance of a branch is in question.

## **8. Federal Executive Oversight**

8.1. All branch decisions, resolutions, or actions are subject to review by the Federal Executive.

8.2. The Federal Executive may overturn any branch decision deemed not to be in the best interest of the Party.

8.3. State Executives are responsible for overseeing operations related to state and local elections within their jurisdiction.

8.3.1. All state-level strategic decisions, including campaign launches, resource allocation, and key messaging, must be communicated to the Federal Executive.

8.3.2. The Federal Executive reserves the right to review, amend, or veto state campaign activity if it is not in alignment with national strategy or electoral compliance obligations.

8.3.3. State Executives are encouraged to provide quarterly updates to the Federal Executive on election-related activities, policy developments, and candidate recruitment efforts in their jurisdiction.

8.4. State Executives should provide guidance and logistical support to branches participating in state or local activities.

8.4.2. State Executives may appoint liaisons or regional coordinators to assist multiple branches in their area.

## 9. Technology Access and Privacy

9.1. Each branch shall pay an annual Technology Levy of \$200 to support Party systems, including email and the branch portal. This amount is to be raised through branch fundraising activities, reinforcing the importance of fundraising.

9.1.2 A branch levy shall not be required to pay until a period of 12 months have elapsed from the branch's inaugural meeting.

9.2. The Branch Coordinator will be provided access to:

- - An official Party email address;
- - The One Nation portal for internal communications.

9.3. This access must be used only for official Party business.

9.4. Branch Coordinators must not:

- - Mass email members outside the portal system;
- - Use Party technology to harass, abuse, or bring the Party into disrepute.

9.5. Upon completion of their term or resignation, the Branch Coordinator must immediately cease using all Party-provided systems.

## 10. Committee Goals

10.1 Branches must actively communicate Party information to branch members and relay feedback and ideas to the Party HQ. The Party will make every reasonable effort to consider and respond to member feedback as operationally feasible.

10.2 The branch committee should act as champions of One Nation within their community, promoting Party policies, supporting engagement, and contributing to election preparation and candidate support.

10.3 Each branch and its committee shall work collectively to:

- Participate in elections upon agreement by the branch and approval by the Federal Executive;

- Assist in candidate recruitment and selection from their communities;
- Fundraise for campaign materials and resources;
- Contribute ideas and input to the Party's policy platform;
- Make recommendations to the Federal Executive regarding ongoing member participation and conduct;
- Recruit and manage volunteers within the electorate;
- Utilise and support the Party's digital systems to ensure effective and transparent operations.

## 11. Operation Guidance and Manuals

**11.1.** The Federal Headquarters of Pauline Hanson's One Nation may, from time to time, publish and distribute **operational manuals, rulebooks, or guidelines** to assist branches in fulfilling their roles effectively and consistently.

**11.2.** These materials may include, but are not limited to:

- How to conduct branch meetings and events
- Volunteer coordination and recruitment
- Policy input procedures
- Candidate support protocols
- Election campaign involvement
- Code of conduct expectations
- Community engagement strategies

**11.3.** Such guidance is intended to support branches and ensure alignment with the Party's strategic goals, brand values, and legal obligations.

**11.4.** Branches are expected to **comply with the requirements** and operate in a manner consistent with the most current version of any official guidance issued.