

LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA

(QUEENSLAND DIVISION)

Key Points

The agreement in principle reached with the National Party of Australia (Queensland Division) on the following basis:-

- Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) to remain and continue to be part of the Liberal Party of Australia with existing name and amended constitution incorporating transitional provisions (“the Proposed Constitution”)
- National Party of Australia - Queensland to become part of this organization in accordance with the following process:
 - NPAQ Call constitutional convention (22/23 Jul 06)
 - Pass motion amending its constitution in accordance with the Proposed Constitution
 - LPAQ Call constitutional convention (same time & venue as Nats) (22/23 Jul 06)
 - Adopt proposed constitution with transitional arrangements
- Joint working group had agreed the Proposed Constitution (and transitional arrangements)
 - Introduction of a new position Senior Vice President (to be Nat Pres)
 - 3 yr terms for President, Senior Vice President, Vice-Presidents (6) & Six from the floor (to reflect State electoral cycle);
 - current leadership remain until after the state election following (to give stability to organization during transition)
 - all existing sitting Local, State & Federal members & senators and preselected candidate grandfathered in the

transition period (politically unwise to grandfather those senators not seeking re-election until 2010)

- **for the transition period & the 3 yr term thereafter the President to be a person who on 26 May 06 was a Liberal and Senior Vice President to be who was a National on 26 May 06**
- **retain NPAQ branch, SEC, FEC structure but with Proposed Constitution**
- **Proposed constitution to provide for State Electorate Councils accountable for campaigning to Central Campaign. For the existing LPAQ membership the only effective change is a re-badging and enhanced accountability requirements.**
- **reduce existing regions from 7 to 6**
- **have 3 VP's responsible for South East Queensland, 1 North County VP, 1 Central Queensland VP & 1 South West VP**
- **Management Committee now to include Nats executive**
- **State Council now to include Nats Management**
- **No capacity to alter these arrangements within 5 yrs unless State Council by 75% resolution convenes Constitutional Convention**
- **Preselection procedures specified in Proposed Constitution. There will be no change to existing LPAQ preselection process. Where electorate over 1000 sq mls State Council can determine to have a postal ballot rather than plebiscite.**
- **Staff and assets of NPAQ and LPAQ (including intellectual property such as livery and use of names, Country Party, Nationals, The Queensland Nationals become the property of the continuing Party.**

- **Seen as most legally and taxation neutral method of getting assets over. (Need to limit possible stamp duty and CGT implications)**

- **The way forward:**
 - **LPAQ State Council:-**
 - **Refers draft constitution to Constitutional Convention 22/23 July**
 - **Instructs State Director to enter details of NPAQ membership/branches/sec's/fec's into membership records of the LPAQ**
 - **NPAQ members get letter welcoming them into LPAQ and given membership subscription notice for coming year 1 Jul 06 to 30 Jun 07**
 - **Request state parliamentary party to meet**
 - **Agree to implement transitional arrangements in the interim**
 - **NPAQ:-**
 - **Refer constitution to Convention 22/23 Jul and progress transitional arrangements in the interim**
 - **Instruct State Director to provide membership details to LPAQ**
 - **Agree to implement transitional arrangements in the interim**

30 May 2006