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Dear Sir,

Mr. Heath Goddard has appointed me as his agent for the purpose of responding to his appeal, which is substantially the same as my own.

The one response applies to both our cases. He will forward this document to you himself.

Mr. Goddard has been a member for about 35 years and has actively supported innumerable LNP candidates over the years. He owns and runs the nearly 50 year old 70-plus stores Pillow Talk business which operates from Melbourne to Cairns.

I have been a continuing member for 45 years. Until I retired in 2012, I owned and ran a successful employment business which employed over 2,000 people. After retiring in 2012, determined to stop the union funding of the ALP I formed and ran the independent non ALP Red Unions. They now have over 27000 members.

Both Heath and I have watched with dismay as long-serving members have walked away because we no longer seemed to stand for anything and our parliamentarians seemed to make promises that they never kept. Whether that is true or not is not the issue. But that is the perception polling tells us why our members and potential constituents are saying their hearts are with Pauline. She is now in the 30%-plus polling, which if she takes the steps to introduce constitutional changes to empower her members as we must do, we predict she could grow to around 40% over the next 12 -18 months, whilst we will fade to 15% if we're lucky.

That is good news in the sense that it means that Labor will lose government. But recent polling in the seat of Fisher on the Sunshine Coast is, I am told, now overwhelmingly One Nation. Yes there is 2 years until the next state and Federal elections but you cannot ignore that unless the party changes direction every federal LNP seat, except possibly the first Senate spot, will go to Pauline. The prognosis is little better for the next state election.

So this is not the time to niggle over the behaviour of two old members determined to save the party from the worst aspects of its own behaviour in successfully alienating our former constituency, as the polling above shows. We need a big party with 200,000 members, as Tony Abbott and Angus Taylor have said. You do that by giving members real responsibility. Let them

elect all the party organisational and representative positions and determine the policy. The Canadians have shown they will join in their droves.

Who really cares what one member says about anything as long as they are not holding themselves as representing the party or its views? What possible damage can they do to the Party? Heath and I have been very particular to keep our Liberal Reform Association strictly to discussion of the issues, not the personalities nor the policies.

We have breached the constitution we are told.

First we deny that we have.

More importantly it puts our most important reform (Motion 6) in stark relief.

So what if we had? As an "unincorporated" voluntary organisation, other than expel us what can be done? Which then begs the question, when the party executive decides to do what it likes and it breaches the constitution, what in practice can any member or party unit do about it? The answer is nothing. Members can't expel the executive. Members can't take effective legal action against the executive as it is.

If however the party became incorporated like the vast majority of voluntary member based organisations in Australia then breaches of rules are subject to corporations laws which have significant penalties. The goal is not to **punish** but to **prevent** infractions of the rules.

Heath and I set up the Liberal Reform Association because it was clear this time last year that the current executive wanted the status quo.

George Brandis, the sole moderator of the constitutional agenda, clearly and unequivocally said so at the last November State Council. We have to take him at his word, surely.

After discussions at party meetings in May last year, it became obvious to us that the party had no intention of facilitating open discussion about the reforms necessary to meet the One Nation capture of our constituency. After 45 years in the party you pick up what is really going on. So we decided to form an association simply to allow communication with those interested in making the party relevant to its members and again to its constituency. Neither Heath nor I want anything for our efforts. We were in fact even prepared to take on the Presidency and vice presidency to drive the reforms.

The Canadian Conservative Party Westminster System Reforms of 20 years ago, where the party is run by members, not delegates, has grown its membership to somewhere between 700 and 800,000 (about 2% of the population), Menzies had 1% of the 1944 population as members of his new Liberal Party.

Australia-wide, the total Liberal/LNP/Nationals membership today is less than 25,000 (0.1% of the population). Pauline has doubled that and is growing, whereas we are losing members. This

can't be ignored.

The party demand to have all constitutional motions in by the 5th of March and then release the agenda only seven days from the convention proves the reasons for the formation of the Liberal Reform Association were correct. The delegates will have on average 1 minute and 46 seconds to debate each of the 322 motions. If our reforms succeed, we will have saved the party.

We want the LNP and the Liberal Party to thrive and grow with the members dealing directly with the party apparatus, not through delegates.

If nothing changes, how can anyone seriously believe Matt Canavan has not been placed in an impossible position? Why should he, as a party leader, work for the party for two more years without the security of a seat? Yes he would do that because he is Matt Canavan. But how fair is that on him and his family?

David Crisafulli, who in our opinion would easily win a ballot of the members as the parliamentary leader in Queensland and would then have a decided advantage over Pauline's nominee as the One Nation Queensland parliamentary leader. We understand his parliamentary colleagues would lose power over him and would not want that power transferred to the members. But without the Premier having the power to move the agenda away from Labor towards the mainstream where Pauline is he will be crushed as her bus runs over everybody on the non Labor side.

Let us now look at the 10 most important reasons to return power to the members that an AI analysis of the 322 motions has signaled if the party is to survive.

THE TOP 10 REFORMS TO RETURN POWER TO THE MEMBERS

Our Party only survives when members — not executives — hold the power. These ten reforms are the most important structural changes in the agenda because they shift control downward, restore fairness, and rebuild trust.

1. Members Elect the Parliamentary Leader (Motion 1)

For the first time, the Leader is chosen by every member, not just MPs. This ends backroom leadership deals and gives the Party a genuine mandate.

2. The Party Becomes a Member-Based Company (Motion 6)

Incorporation as a company limited by guarantee gives members legal rights, enforceable governance standards, and real accountability mechanisms.

3. Local Members Control Preselections (Motion 22)

Two-thirds of every selection committee must be local members. This stops centralised interference and restores community representation.

4. Senate Preselections Decided by State Convention (Motion 32)

Senate candidates are chosen by the full Convention, not a small group. This broadens participation and prevents factional capture.

5. Transparent, Fair Complaints & Misconduct Process (Motion 41)

A complete rewrite of the complaints system introduces clear rules, timelines, evidence standards, and written reasons. No more opaque decisions.

6. A New, Fair Disciplinary System (Motion 42)

The old K.13 is replaced with a process based on natural justice, impartiality, and member rights. Executives can no longer weaponise discipline.

7. Limits on Emergency Suspension Powers (Motion 45)

Executives must have suspensions ratified by State Council. This stops sudden, politically motivated expulsions or disendorsements.

8. Local Councils Initiate Preselections, Not Executives (Motions 7/9/10 Cluster)

Federal Divisional Councils and State Electorate Councils regain control. This dismantles the Executive's gatekeeping power.

9. Abolition of delegates for convention (Motion 190-192 Cluster)

With an amendment from the floor to allow on line attendance and voting members deal directly with all issues at the convention and vote directly themselves in all issues and appointments. This boosts legitimacy and reconnects the Party with its members and consequently to the voters.

10. Higher Threshold to Block Candidates (Motion 18)

Executives need a 75% supermajority to reject a candidate. This prevents factional vetoes and ensures fairness.

WHY THESE 10 REFORMS MATTER

They restore democracy.

Members elect leaders, choose candidates, and control the rules — not a small group of insiders.

They rebuild trust.

Transparent processes, independent oversight, and fair disciplinary rules show members that the Party respects them.

They strengthen the Party.

A democratic, member-driven organisation attracts volunteers, candidates, donors, and community support.

They end the culture of control.

Executives lose the ability to manipulate preselections, silence dissent, or engineer outcomes.

They future-proof the organisation.

Clear governance, legal accountability, and member rights create a stable foundation for decades to come.

These are the things that Heath Goddard and Graeme Haycroft want to see the party do so that we thrive and grow

Regards

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