

# PRESELECTION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE NOMINATION FORM

## Nominators

We hereby nominate .....

Of (*residential address*): .....

who is a financial member of the .....sub-branch

as Labor candidate for (*public office to be filled*) .....

(*Nominators' names*)

(*Nominators' signatures*)

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| 5. .... | ..... |

## Certification of Qualification of Candidate

I hereby certify that the above mentioned (*Candidate's name*) ..... has been a continuous financial member of the ALP for at least 12 months prior to the date of calling of nominations and has complied with the meeting attendance requirements of the ACT Branch rules.

*The member's current membership number is:* .....

Signature (ACT President or Secretary or their agent)

..... Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT!** You must complete both pages of the nomination form AND the Candidates Consent and Pledge



## Candidate's Consent and Pledge

I hereby consent to the nomination as Labor candidate for

..... (public office to be filled)

**and pledge myself (subject to National Rule 13):**

- I. to be bound by the Objective, and the National and ACT Branch Platforms and Rules of the Australian Labor Party and by all decisions of National Conference and those decisions of the ACT Branch Conference that do not conflict with the National Objective, Platform and Rules and other decisions of National Conference.
- II. to be bound by decisions of ACT Branch Conference insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of section I.

**If duly endorsed:**

- III. not to withdraw from an election without the consent of Branch Council or Conference, and
- IV. not to incur any expenditure in the name of the ACT Branch unless authorised by Branch Council or the Campaign Committee.
- V. not to oppose an endorsed candidate of the ACT Branch.
- VI. to be bound (for ACT Parliament elections only) by the Candidate Code of Conduct that forms part of this nomination form.

**If returned to ACT or Federal Parliament:**

- VII. to do my utmost to ensure the implementation of the principles embodied in the above mentioned platforms and decisions.
- VIII. on all resolutions to vote as a majority of the Labor Caucus may decide at a duly constituted Caucus meeting PROVIDED such decisions do not conflict with the provisions laid down in sections I and II.
- IX. not to resign without first consulting and obtaining the consent, including as to timing, of the Administrative Committee and agree that if I do resign without this consent I will reimburse the ACT Branch for all or part of the costs incurred in filling the subsequent casual vacancy, including the costs of any by-election, as determined by the Administrative Committee.
- X. to pay a levy of 4% of the salary obtained from holding office to the ACT Branch for administrative purposes.

Candidate Signature:.....Occupation: .....

Address: .....

Witness Signature: .....Witness Name: .....



## CANDIDATE CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct shall be read in conjunction with the Platform and Rules of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch). This Code of Conduct gives effect to the campaign principles outlined in Section L. Hare-Clark Campaigning of the ACT Labor Rules.

### General

- a) Candidates will ensure their campaign material (in whatever medium) is approved by the Branch Secretary/Campaign Director before production and/or distribution.
- b) Candidates will ensure their media statements are checked and approved by the Leaders' Office before release. All candidates will inform the Leader's Office before making any public comment to the media; this includes sitting MLA's where they are asked to comment as candidates on items outside of their portfolio area. It will be the responsibility of the Leader's Office to ensure that the relevant Minister is informed about candidate media releases or statements affecting their portfolio.
- c) Candidates will ensure all campaign material carries the correct authorisation as required by ACT Electoral legislation and agree to indemnify the Party for any failure to meet this obligation
- d) Candidates will attempt to incorporate, where possible, the Party's campaign slogan and logo on all election material and advertising.

### Fundraising

- e) Candidate fundraising is subject to the Party's Fundraising Code of Conduct (Regulation 5, ACT Labor Rules). All candidates should familiarise themselves with this Code. Acceptance of this Code of Conduct confirms a candidate's acceptance and understanding of the Fundraising Code of Conduct.
- f) All candidates will be provided with a bank account (or sub account) with the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch). All candidates are required to bank all donations received and monies raised, into this account.
- g) All candidates may spend money raised by them and deposited into the bank account (outlined in point f above) for campaigning purposes pursuant to their campaign strategy in the best way they see fit (subject always to the Party's Rules and Codes of Conduct).
- h) All candidates may spend their own money for campaigning purposes in pursuance of their campaign strategy in the best way they see fit (subject always to the Party's Rules and Codes of Conduct).
- i) All candidates agree not to accept money, or encourage any sub-branch or electorate council of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) to exclusively raise funds, for them or for any other individual candidate.
- j) All candidates agree not to accept money from a sub-branch or electorate council, unless an equal or like amount, is made available to all other candidates in that electorate.
- k) All candidates agree to comply with the provisions of Federal and Territory disclosure legislation and to provide the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) with any information, as required, allowing the Party to make a complete and an accurate electoral disclosure, as required from time to time by law.

## Conduct

- l) In campaigning for a number one vote a candidate shall use the following words (or ones similar) in all advertising material:
  - i. “Vote 1 [Name of Candidate] and the rest of the Labor Team in [Electorate] in your order of preference.”
  - ii. In campaigning a candidate shall not verbally, in print, or in any other medium, denigrate the capabilities, opinions or actions of another candidate endorsed by the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch).
  - iii. In campaigning a candidate shall not verbally, in print, or any other medium, denigrate the platform, policies or leadership of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch).
  - iv. In campaigning a candidate shall not verbally, in print, or any other medium, denigrate the Party’s campaign, campaign committee, employees, officers or officials of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch).

## Cooperation

- m) All candidates agree to the central electorate coordination of the campaigns in each of the electorates through a nominated *Electorate Coordinator*, and agree to participate in collective electorate candidate activities organised by the Party.
- n) All candidates will on a regular basis inform their *Electorate Coordinator* of their campaign plans. The *Electorate Coordinator* will be responsible for keeping a confidential record of all the campaign activities planned by candidates in their electorate. The *Electorate Coordinator* will not disclose the name of another candidate and/or the details of their campaign activities. This does not preclude an *Electorate Coordinator* from disclosing that a conflict of activity exists.
- o) Where two candidates inform the *Electorate Coordinator* of the same activity (in the same geographical location), the first candidate to have advised the *Electorate Coordinator* will be entitled to conduct the nominated campaign activity. This will not apply to collective electorate candidate activities, such as distributing campaign material at shopping centres and the like.
- p) Informing the *Electorate Coordinator* of campaign activities, where there is no intention to actually perform the nominated activity, will be treated as a breach of this Code of Conduct.
- q) Candidates, who on a regular basis, conduct campaign activities and fail to inform their *Electorate Coordinator* beforehand, will be deemed to be in breach of this Code of Conduct.
- r) Where two or more candidates (or their supporters) wish to hand out material at the same shopping centre, the first candidate to set up will be the focus of this campaign activity and all other candidates and their campaigns will work from the initial location selected.
- s) All candidates agree that there will be a Party response to all questionnaires sent to them. All candidates will notify the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) on receipt of any questionnaire.

## Sanctions

- t) All candidates should be aware that a breach of this Code of Conduct or the Fundraising Code of Conduct are a breach of the Rules of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) and also be considered a breach of contract and the ALP (ACT Branch) may and will seek redress through all avenues available to it. All candidates should be aware that such a breach could result in their endorsement for public office being withdrawn and legal action.

## Pledge

Upon receiving endorsement from the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch) to run as a candidate I hereby pledge to be bound by the above conditions.

Signed by: ..... (*Candidate*)

this.....day of the month of .....being in the year.....

Signed by ..... (*ACT Secretary and Campaign Director*)  
on behalf of the Australian Labor Party (ACT Branch).

this.....day of the month of .....being in the year.....