# Party Constitution

This is the Fix It Party constitution [as required](https://www.aec.gov.au/Parties_and_Representatives/Party_Registration/guide/files/party-registration-guide.pdf) by the Australian Electoral Commission for anyone wishing to run for federal parliament.

# Name of the Party

The name of the Party is Fix It Party

# Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

* **Party** means The Fix It Party
* **Commonwealth Electoral Act** means the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Commonwealth) as amended.
* **Constitution** means this constitution of the **Party**.

Objectives:

**Candidate for the federal senate**

The objective of the Party is to endorse a candidate to the Australian Federal Senate

**Women’s safety**

The primary objective of the Party is to increase women’s safety at work and at home – and everywhere in between. This objective is based on the understanding that safety is not just about protection from physical violence. Safety also means economic, medical, legal, educational, professional, political, social, environmental, and emotional security.

The Party recognises that Australians most at risk violence and economic insecurity at home and at work are women and their children. Within that group, First Nations women and children, women with disabilities, single mothers, and people from the LGBTIQ+ community live with higher risk levels. One of the party’s objectives is to promote understanding that no woman is safe while any woman is in danger.

The Party aims to introduce and support legislation and policies that will:

* reduce men’s violence against women and children
* reduce women’s economic insecurity
* increase women’s representation in public office
* act on recommendations from previous inquiries into workplace sexual harassment, domestic and family violence, and sexual violence against adults and children
* support leadership from First Nations people in any solutions proposed for the challenges faced by First Nations communities.

**Inclusivity**

The Party is inclusive and intersectional. Women means ALL women, regardless of age, gender assigned at birth, sexuality, or gender identity.

Gender, race, class, religion, and sexuality are common forms of discrimination and oppression in Australia. The Party is unequivocal in its rejection of any kind of discrimination.

The Party understands that non-binary people suffer from ignorance and bias. We support and welcome non-binary allies.

The Party recognises that men also suffer under gender stereotypes. We welcome male allies and support their efforts to dismantle the imposed gender roles that lead to violence and discrimination.

**Climate change**

Climate change is an urgent issue for all nations. The Party will support any effective action against climate change introduced to the Australian parliament. Equally, the Party will not support any legislation that ignores, endorses, or contributes to climate change factors.

**Anti-corruption**

The last few years have proven beyond any doubt that Australia needs an independent federal anti-corruption organisation with full investigative powers. The Party will advocate for such an organisation and support any legislation required to enable it.

# Structure and office bearers

## Founder

The Founder is the Founding Member of the Party. The Founder’s role is:

* outline the objectives of the party;
* be the candidate for the Federal Senate as a representative from Victoria;
* appoint other staff to senior roles in the party;
* promote the Party and its objectives to the public.

The Founder may hold multiple offices, create new offices and appoint members to any office, at their discretion.

The Registered Officer’s role is:

* maintain a list of registered members of the party;
* nominate the Party's endorsed candidates for the Senate;
* select the Party’s registered name

The Party Secretary’s role is:

* conduct the correspondence of the Party
* receiving, recording, and dispersing funds
* day to day management and administration of the party

The Party Agent is responsible for:

- identifying and ensuring the Party's legal disclosure requirements are met;

- keeping Party records as required by law;

- lodging the Party's annual financial disclosure return;

# Membership

The Party must keep and maintain a register of Members in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

The members of the Party consist of

* Parliamentary members: successful candidate members after the 2022 federal election
* Candidate members: A candidate nominated by the Registered Officer prior to the federal election
* Supporting members: registered members of the Party

Any natural person is entitled to be a member of the party.

A member cannot be a member of another political party.

The Party can accept or reject any application for membership at its sole discretion. The Party is not required, nor can it be compelled to provide, any reason for rejection.

The Registered Officer will invite Australian citizens registered on the electoral roll to join the Party as Supporting Members. The Registered Officer will maintain an electronic record of all registered members. Members will be asked to update their details on a quarterly basis to ensure the register remains current.

Supporting members will be entitled to:

* Be advised of the date and time of Annual General Meetings;
* Be advised of changes to the Constitution.

# Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Party must be held in accordance with the Party’s Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Founder.

The purpose of the AGM will be to check the performance of the Party against its stated objectives as outlined in this Constitution, and provide a progress report to registered members.

# Amending the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by the Founder, at their discretion.

Registered members of the Party will be informed, via email, of any amendments within 7 days of implementation.

# Obligations of members:

Each member must:

* treat all other members, staff, and representatives of the Party with respect,
* uphold and enhance the standards, integrity, and reputation of the Party; and
* not act in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the Objectives or the interests or reputation of the Party.

# Donations and funding

All donations to the Party must be used only for achieving the Party Objectives as defined by this Constitution. Financial statements for the Party will be provided to Party members and doners via email.

Initial donations to the Party will be held in a bank account under the name Jane Gilmore. Only Party funds will be deposited into this account and funds from the account will only be used for Party purposes.

# Winding Up the Party

The Party may be wound up or deregistered:

- by a resolution agreed to by the Founder and Registered Officer

- in accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

In the event the Party is wound up, the Party must satisfy its debts and liabilities. Any remaining funds will be divided equally between [Djirra](https://djirra.org.au/) and [Emily’s List Australia](https://www.emilyslist.org.au/).