

## The Charter of the Greens



Reflecting an awareness of the interrelatedness of all ecological, social and economic processes, the principles of the Australian Greens are:

### Ecology:

- 1 to ensure that human activity respects the integrity of ecosystems and does not impair bio-diversity and the ecological resilience of life supporting systems;
- 2 to encourage the development of a consciousness that respects the value of life.

### Democracy:

- 1 to increase opportunities for public participation in political, social and economic decision-making;
- 2 to break down inequalities of wealth and power which inhibit participatory democracy.

### Social Justice:

- 1 to eradicate poverty by developing initiatives that address the causes as well as the symptoms of poverty;
- 2 to provide affirmative action to eliminate discrimination based on gender, age, race, ethnicity, class, religion, disability, sexuality or membership of a minority group;
- 3 to introduce measures that redress the imbalance between rich and poor.

### Peace:

- 1 to adopt and promote non-violent resolution of conflict;
- 2 to develop an independent, non-aligned foreign policy;
- 3 to develop a self-reliant, defensive, non-nuclear policy.

### An Ecologically Sustainable Economy:

- 1 to develop economic policies which will ensure greater resource and energy efficiency, as well as development and use of environmentally sustainable technologies.

### Culture:

- 1 to respect and protect ethnic, religious and racial diversity;
- 2 to recognise the cultural requirements of the original Australians;
- 3 to assist in ensuring the achievement of Aboriginal land rights and self-determination.

## Global Responsibility

To promote equity between nations and people by:

- 1 facilitating fair trading relationships;
- 2 providing for increased development assistance and concerted action to abolish Third World debt;
- 3 providing increased green technology transfer and skills to developing countries;
- 4 opposing human rights abuses and political oppression;
- 5 ensuring that Australia plays an active role in promoting peace and ecological sustainability.

### Long Range Future Focus:

- 1 to avoid action which might risk long-term or irreversible damage to the environment.
- 2 to safeguard the planet's ecological resources on behalf of future generations.
- 3 to reduce dependence on non-renewable resources and ensure sustainable use of renewable resources;
- 4 to adopt more comprehensive social, environmental and technology assessment practices;
- 5 to facilitate socially and ecologically responsible investment.

### Meaningful Work:

- 1 to encourage, develop and assist work that is safe, fairly-paid, socially useful, personally fulfilling and not harmful to the environment;
- 2 to encourage and facilitate more flexible work arrangements, on-going education, training and social welfare so that more people can engage in meaningful work.

### Information:

- 1 to facilitate a free flow of information between citizens and all tiers of government;
- 2 to ensure that Australians have the benefit of a locally responsible, diverse, democratically controlled, independent mass media.

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Think long term

# Membership Form

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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Given names: .....  
 Preferred name: .....  
 Family name: .....  
 Male  Female  Other identity  
 Date of birth: / / .....  
 Occupation (optional): .....  
 Residential address: .....  
 Suburb/town: ..... Post code: .....  
 Postal address (if different): .....  
 .....  
 Suburb/town: ..... Post code: .....  
 Home phone: .....  
 Work phone: .....  
 Mobile phone: .....  
 Fax: .....  
 Email: .....



Greens members Dave Collis & Belinda Connell on State election day 2006. Photo: Kerry Tait

**DECLARATION**

**I declare that:**

I am not a member of another political party or the subordinate of another political party. I will not join such a proscribed organisation while I am a member of the Greens.

I have read the Charter of the Greens (overleaf) and agree to abide by the party's constitutional rules (see www.vic.greens.org.au)

I understand that my membership of the Australian Greens Victoria means that I automatically become a member of the Australian Greens.

I understand that my application for membership of the Australian Greens Victoria is subject to approval by the existing party membership.

Signature: .....

Date: / / .....

**PAYMENT**

**Membership rates**

(inclusive of GST, suggested income in brackets):

- \$30 (concession/unwaged)
- \$60 (income up to \$30,000 p/a)
- \$90 (income \$30,000 to \$45,000 p/a)
- \$135 (income over \$45,000 p/a)
- Donation \$ .....

I have attached a cheque/money order/ cash total of \$..... OR

Please debit a total of \$ ..... from my

- Visa card  Bankcard  Mastercard

Name on card: .....

Card number: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_ / \_\_

CVV number (last 3 digits above signature): \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_

Signature: .....

**AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Yes, please debit \$..... from the credit card annually (until I give written notice, or the card expires) to renew my membership automatically.

**ABOUT YOU**

Other Greens at your postal address:

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Would you like to receive the Victorian Greens quarterly publication via e-mail?  Yes

Are you enrolled to vote?  Yes  No

Are you a member of the Greens interstate or overseas?  Yes  No

What language(s) (other than English) do you speak fluently?

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All members are invited to participate in branch meetings and core campaign activities like handing out how-to-vote cards, but if you are interested in helping with something more specific, please tell us here:

- Doorknocking  Mailouts  Stalls
- Merchandise  Newsletter  Website
- Policy (specify which): .....
- Other: .....

**MY SKILLS INCLUDE:**

- Accounts/bookkeeping  Graphic design
- Conference organising  Fundraising
- Information Technology  Editing
- Meeting facilitation  Research
- Office administration  Photography
- Scrutineering  Writing
- Media (letter-writing, talkback, monitoring)
- Public relations/marketing
- Other: .....

**Please return this form to:**

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