

Schedule 3B - Code of Conduct

Statement of Commitment by the candidate to this Greens Code of Conduct.

This code of conduct must be completed and returned to the State Office of the Australian Greens Victoria ("the AGV" or "the Party") by all members seeking preselection as candidates for the 2013 Federal Election

The following Agreement will apply to campaigning and to subsequent performance as an elected representative.

1. I agree that I will:
 - a) Abide by the decisions, rules, by-laws, Charter and Constitution of the Party, including the AGV Conduct of Greens Elected Representatives clause, the tithing provisions for elected representatives and the media protocols of the Party;
 - b) Reveal prior to pre-selection any Party policy issues which I cannot in conscience support;
 - c) Cooperate with the Party in dealing with any negative issues identified by the Party during, or subsequent to, pre-selection that could impact on my performance as a candidate or as an elected representative;
 - d) Agree to reimburse AGV for moneys expended on my campaign, in instances where my candidacy does not continue to election day, if there has been a process to determine that this is appropriate;
 - e) Undertake preference negotiations only if requested by, and in full consultation with, my Branch or any another party body holding powers over preference negotiations;
 - f) Work in a cooperative manner with other Greens candidates, office bearers, relevant Party committees, staff and/or volunteers and where possible other parties and/or independent candidates;
 - g) Represent and protect the interests of AGV and our constituents;
 - h) Promote ratified Greens policies;
 - i) Be guided by the AGV Charter, and consult wherever possible with the relevant Party entities or experts in all other instances where I am called upon to make a policy decision or statement;
 - j) Act ethically and honestly, and not undermine the integrity of the Party or do anything that may bring the AGV or its members into disrepute;
 - k) Comply with decisions of elected Party bodies, and consider and respond to relevant communications, advice or proposals from these bodies, their office bearers or working groups;
 - l) Adhere to party guidelines regarding online campaigning;
 - m) Not engage in self-promotion beyond the role entrusted to me within the party;

- n) Publicly acknowledge that I am an endorsed Greens candidate.
- o) Only use the approved AGV material and/or follow the style guide relating to the 2013 Federal Election campaign

2. As a Greens Member of Parliament, I will

- a) Acknowledge all conflicts of interest and perceptions of conflicts of interest;
- b) Take responsibility when needed and ensure I have sufficient time to undertake my duties;
- c) Remain professional with other Parliamentarians; acknowledge differences on policy issues, and not allow these differences to be personal;
- d) Respect employees and contractors of the Parliament
- e) Respect the boundaries between elected representatives and staff;
- f) Have regard for The Greens industrial relations policy and consider the industrial rights of Parliamentary staff;
- g) Abide by the Greens Parliamentary Party Room Rules
- h) Meet with my electorate quarterly;
- i) Commit to allocating all of any electoral allowance that I may receive and to ensure that no electoral allowance amounts are received as additional salary;
- j) Encourage constituents, community groups, organisations, party members and individuals to be involved in issues before Parliament;
- k) Promote a consensus approach within Parliament and the community;
- l) Work with integrity and honesty in carrying out my role;
- m) Commit to openness and transparency in working with both party and community;
- n) Inform constituents about issues and achievements and be accountable to them;
- o) Be responsive to correspondence and communication;
- p) Treat all communications as public communications and never say or write anything that can't be defended;
- q) Not engage in personal vendettas, defame or be slanderous;
- r) Be accountable to the Party and my local branch/es;
- s) Work with other Greens elected representatives, including those in other levels of government;
- t) Take up training opportunities to improve my skills and/or knowledge; and
- u) Commit to passing on my skills, experience and knowledge to other Greens candidates.

3. I acknowledge that breach of this Code of Conduct may result in defunding of my Party-allotted campaign funds and such other measures as the Party may decide, including disendorsement as a Greens candidate.

Name _____

Electorate _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

This form must be returned to the Returning Officer for your preselection by the date determined in your preselection rules in order for your nomination to be valid.