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Mr. Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Ref: THEV4 - Request for Review under s.141(2)

On the 23rd April 2015 the Democratic Labour Party (DLP – the Party) received notification from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that it had acted to deregister the DLP under s.137(6) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

The AEC letter advised the Secretary of the DLP of its right to make written application to the AEC for a Review of the decision by the Commissioners within 28 days of the day it came to its notice.

The advice stated that the written application is to be supported with reasons for the Review to be granted.

Please receive this letter as the Request for Review - s.141(2) -of the aforementioned decision by the AEC.

At the outset please let me inform the Commissioners that the Democratic Labour Party of Australia since 2006 has been operating actively in most Australian electoral domains; it has a nationwide member base, and, its Federal Executive comprises Office Holders from four of our States, with five State Secretaries acting ex-officio with it.

We present our reason which we believe to be founded on several substantive facts as related below.

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In December 2014 a new Federal Executive was elected at the Federal Conference held in Sydney with representatives present from all States other than South Australia.

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2: Membership Numbers

The DLP's count of members based on filed membership forms in all States total over 2,100.

A firmer consideration is more recent counts by State Electoral bodies.

- In March 2014 the New South Wales Branch sought political party registration. It failed to reach the requirement of 750 members but had a confirmed positive response of 449 members. See Copy of Electoral Funding Authority of NSW email attached in pdf form.

- This week the Victorian Electoral Commission has completed a review of DLP Victoria membership with it accepting their membership list to meet the count of 500.

3: Election Engagement:

The Democratic Labour Party is an established political party with a national presence of engaged member participants in the Australian electoral traditions – from policy formation to candidate selection with campaign teams and "how To vote" workers to catering teams for all poll day workers.

Over the last ten years the DLP has participated in the following elections -:

2006	Victorian State Election - with a member elected to the LC
2010	Victorian State Election
2010	Federal Election – a Victorian member elected to the Senate Candidates ran in all States of Australia
2012	NSW Local Government Election - member candidates in five LGAs
2013	Federal Election – Candidates ran in all States of Australia
2014	Victorian State Election - with a member elected to the LC

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Such electoral engagement can occur only with the support of a vast active membership who give of their time in appreciation of the DLP's Rule 41 (2008) – "**The management and control of the Democratic Labour Party, at any level of the organisation, and the development of policy shall be entirely in the hands of the members……** "

The Party through a motion to its Federal Conference scheduled for July 11th/12th next is likely to see it by 2016 stand a political party with direct member elections covering Office Holders and election candidates at all levels.

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In closing, we are mindful that if the Commissioners grant our request for review that there may be initiated a new cycle of name checking from a new list. 22 [redacted] which will be used to interact with our members nationwide. If there is to be such a requirement then we ask that the Commissioners grant an extension of time for return of the membership list until June 11th 2015.

Yours faithfully

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Michael Byrne
Federal Secretary
Democratic Labour Party of Australia

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