CONSTITUTION
of the
CURTIN LABOR ALLIANCE

1. NAME.

The name of the organisation shall be the **Curtin Labor Alliance** (herein referred to as "CLA").

2. AIM

To promote and enact the Fighting Platform of the CLA to defend the nation-state of Australia and to provide for the General Welfare of all Australians.

3. OBJECTIVES

(1) To create an association on a National basis to unite organisations around the Fighting Platform of the CLA;

(2) To select, train and assist in the election to all levels of Government, candidates who shall truly represent the CLA and its Fighting Platform.

4. FIGHTING PLATFORM

(1) The Fighting Platform of the CLA shall be:

Point 1. **The establishment of a New Bretton Woods international monetary system. The present free trade system of "globalisation" is destroying the nation's agriculture and industry. The Curtin Labor Alliance will work for a "New Bretton Woods" system: A return to the best features of the original Bretton Woods system including tariff protection, fixed exchange rates and government support, through banking support and otherwise, for agriculture and industry.**

Point 2. **The establishment of a National Bank and State Banks to provide loans at 2% or less to agriculture (family farms) and industry.**

Point 3. **The repeal of all Federal and State anti-union legislation passed over the last several years, beginning with the Federal 1996 *Workplace Relations Act* and Western Australia's *Industrial Relations Reform* of 1997.**

Point 4. **An immediate halt to the privatization of Commonwealth and State assets and regulatory bodies, and the reversal of those privatizations where necessary for the public good.**

Point 5. **An immediate moratorium on foreclosures of family farms, given the cartel-rigged low prices for farm products and the lack of access to credit at reasonable rates.**

Point 6. **The elimination of the disastrous National Competition Policy at a Federal level, and the immediate non-compliance with such policy at a State level.**

Point 7. **The elimination of the Goods and Service Tax which is a regressive tax, which hits poor and working class Australians the hardest, and its replacement of a 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) tax on the turnover of financial instruments, which**

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latter tax would raise over $ 40 billion annually.

Point 8. **The reassertion of National control over Australia's oil and gas and huge mineral resources, by "buying back the farm", or through other necessary government action.**

Point 9. **A dramatic expansion of resources to State public health facilities, so that all who need health care, will receive it promptly.**

Point 10. **A dramatic upgrading of State and Federal infrastructure, in water projects, roads, railroads (emphasizing high-speed trains), schools and hospitals, and other needed infrastructure to provide urgently needed facilities, new jobs, and to serve as the "driver" for general economic recovery. These projects more than pay for themselves by the economic activity they generate.**

Point 11. **While the CLA is opposed to the pious fraud known as "multiculturalism", because it pits one group against another, we warmly welcome those coming here to make a better life for themselves and their families. Immigration quotas would be established reflecting labour shortages and for the same reason which the Labor Party welcomed the "new Australians" after World War II—to help build our nation. From the very beginning, Australia has been a nation of hope and opportunity for people of many nationalities and religious backgrounds. They will help to build Australia (which will suffer a severe labor shortage as the rest of this platform is implemented), just as other generations of immigrants have done.**

(2) Any change to this Fighting Platform of the CLA shall be by unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee of the CLA (NEC), subject to ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the National Committee.

(3) Questions regarding interpretation or means of implementation of the Fighting Platform shall be determined by unanimous vote of the NEC.

(4) Only the policies contained within the Fighting Platform of the CLA may be publiely advocated as the official policies of the CLA.

5. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution :

"CLA" means Curtin Labor Alliance
"AMO" means Affiliated Member Organisation
"NAMO" means National Affiliated Member Organisation
"SAMO" means State Affiliated Member Organisation
"NEC" means the National Executive Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance
"NC" means National Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance
"SEC" means State Executive Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance State Division
"SDC" means State Divisional Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance State Division

6. MEMBERSHIP.

There shall be two classes of membership for the Curtin Labor Alliance: Affiliated Member Organisational (National & State) and Individual.

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(1) Organisational - National

(a) Subject to this Constitution, any duly constituted national organisation (being an organisation with membership in more than one State), can affiliate with the CLA on a national level provided:

i) That the proposed affiliate national organisation has a demonstrable membership of not less than 500 members;

ii) That the proposed affiliate national organisation endorses the Fighting Platform of the CLA in writing, on the official letterhead of their organisation;

iii) That nothing within the proposed affiliated organisation's public statements, aims and objectives contradicts the Fighting Platform of the CLA;

iv) That the proposed affiliated organisation be accepted as an affiliated member by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the NEC.

(b) Any organisation that is eligible to apply for affiliate membership shall make application in such form and accompanied by such evidence as to eligibility for membership as provided herein, and as the NEC may from time to time prescribe. Where an applicant is affiliated or formally associated with an existing political party that is not a SAMO or a NAMO, the application shall include an agreement by such an applicant to resign that affiliation or association within fourteen (14) days from the date of the application, and to provide a copy of such resignation to the CLA.

(c) Affiliate membership shall extend for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of such application and may be renewed annually subject to continued compliance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(d) Organisations that are accepted by the NEC are to be known as National Affiliate Member Organisations (NAMOs).

(e) All NAMOs shall pay such annual subscriptions to CLA as may be determined from time to time by the NEC.

(f) All NAMOs shall be entitled to appoint one (1) of their members to the NC, and if that NAMO shall have more than 1000 members, it shall be entitled to appoint two (2).

(g) All individual representative members of a NAMO to the NC, must be approved by a three-quarter majority vote of the NEC.

(h) All national organisations that are accepted as NAMOs of the CLA shall be required to sign up 500 individual members to the CLA within 120 days of the date of acceptance as a NAMO or lose voting rights within the NC, and a NAMO entitled to appoint two (2) members shall sign up a further 500 members within the said 120 days or lose voting rights in respect of that second member.

(i) A NAMO shall cease to be affiliated when it no longer meets the requirements of Section 5.1.(a), and all entitlements contained within this Constitution for NAMOs will no longer apply to the non-affiliated organisation.

(2) Organisational - State

(a) Subject to this Constitution, any duly constituted state or national organisation, can affiliate with the CLA for the purpose of becoming affiliated with a State Division of the CLA,

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provided:

(i) That the proposed affiliate organisation has a demonstrable membership of not less than 50 members;

(ii) That the proposed affiliate organisation endorses the Fighting Platform of the CLA in writing, on the official letterhead of their organisation;

(iii) That nothing within the proposed affiliated organisation's public statements, aims and objectives contradicts the Fighting Platform of the CLA;

(iv) That the proposed affiliated organisation be accepted as an affiliated member by a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the NEC, after taking into consideration any recommendations for the State Executive Committee (SEC) (see Clause 18).

(b) Any organisation that is eligible to apply for affiliate membership shall make application in such form and accompanied by such evidence as to eligibility for membership as provided herein, and as the NEC may from time to time prescribe. Where an applicant is affiliated or formally associated with an existing political party that is not a SAMO or a NAMO, the application shall include an agreement by such an applicant to resign that affiliation or association within fourteen (14) days from the date of the application, and to provide a copy of such resignation to the CLA.

(c) Affiliate membership shall extend for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of such application and may be renewed annually subject to continued compliance with the provisions of this Constitution.

(d) Organisations that are approved by the NEC for affiliation at a State level, are to be known as State Affiliate Member Organisations (SAMOs).

(e) All SAMOs shall pay such annual subscriptions to the CLA as may be determined from time to time by the NEC.

(f) All SAMOs shall be entitled to appoint one (1) of their members to the State Divisional Committee (SDC- see clause 18) of the CLA, and if that SAMO shall have more than 100 members it shall be entitled to appoint two (2).

(g) All individual representative members of a SAMO to the SDC of the CLA, must be approved by a three-quarter (3/4) majority vote of the SEC in accordance with the provisions of that State Constitution and approved by the NEC.

(h) All organisations that are accepted as SAMOs of the CLA, shall be required to sign up 50 individual members to the CLA within 120 days of the date of acceptance as a SAMO or lose voting rights within the SDC, and a SAMO entitled to appoint two (2) members shall sign up a further 50 members within the said 120 days, or lose voting rights in respect of that second member.

(i) A SAMO shall cease to be affiliated when it no longer meets the requirements of Sections 5.1.(a), and all entitlements contained within this Constitution for SAMOs will no longer apply to the non-affiliated organisation.

(3) Individual

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(a) Subject to this Constitution, every person who is an Australian citizen of voting age shall be eligible to become a member of the CLA to be able to:
   (i) Profoundly change the economic and political course of our Nation;
   (ii) Receive information from the CLA;
   (iii) Stand as a candidate for the CLA;
   (iv) Hold office within the CLA; and,
   (v) Receive notification of meetings of the CLA.

(b) Any person eligible to apply for membership shall make application in such form and accompanied by such evidence as to eligibility for membership as provided herein, and as the NEC may from time to time prescribe. Where an applicant is a member of an existing political party that is not a SAMO or a NAMO, the application shall include an agreement by such an applicant to resign that membership within forty-five (45) days from the date of the application, and to provide a copy of such resignation to the CLA.

(c) Such applicant shall become a Member upon acceptance of such applicant's application by the NEC in accordance with this Constitution.

(d) Applications for membership shall be considered by the NEC and may be accepted or refused without a reason being given. Such acceptance or refusal shall be determined by a majority of those members present and voting.

(e) All members shall pay such annual subscriptions to the CLA as may be determined from time to time by the NEC.

(f) Any person accepted into membership of the CLA, shall be deemed a member of their respective State and local branches of the CLA.

(g) Membership shall extend for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of such application.

7. FOUNDING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Curtin Labor Alliance shall be founded by a National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CLA.

(2) The Founding NEC of CLA shall consist of four members, two (2) from the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia, and two (2) from the Municipal Employees Union of Western Australia , and shall hold the following positions of the CLA for a period of five (5) years:
   Chairman (Robert Barwick, Executive Member Citizens Electoral Council of Australia)
   Deputy Chairman (Adrian Bennett, Secretary MEUWA)
   Secretary (Craig Isherwood, National Secretary, Citizens Electoral Council of Australia)
   Treasurer (June Kirwan Bennett, President MEUWA).

(3) The NEC shall create a NC.

(4) Should a vacancy arise in the founding NEC, then the remaining founding NEC members can elect to redistribute the NEC positions and shall appoint a new member to fill the resulting vacant position. The new member shall enjoy all the rights of existing founding members until the completion of the first term.

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8. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(1) The NC shall consist of the NEC, representative members of the NAMOs, and the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of each State Executive Committee of the State Divisions of the CLA. In the event that the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the SEC is unable to attend a meeting of the NC, then another member of the SEC may replace them.

(2) The members of the NC shall hold office for a minimum of five (5) years.

(3) Where vacancies occur in the NC due to the resignation, removal, ineligibility or incapacity of an appointed member, the relevant NAMO shall appoint a new representative to the NC, subject to the approval of the NEC, for the balance of the term of the original member.

(4) All individual representative members of a NAMO to the NC, must be accepted by a three quarter (3/4) majority vote of the NEC.

(5) Subject to Clause 8 (1), a person shall only be eligible for appointment to the NC if:

(a) He or she is both a current member of the CLA, and a paid up member of an AMO;
(b) He or she is a NOT a member of any political party except political parties that are an AMO;
(c) He or she is appointed as a representative of a State Division of the CLA.

(6) An appointed member of the NC shall cease to be a member of the NC if their appointment is revoked by their NAMO or State Division of the CLA, and written notice of such is provided to the NEC.

(7) In the event that an NEC member also represents a State Executive Committee, that member shall have two votes within the NC.

9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(1) The NC shall primarily be the discussion and deliberative body for the running of electoral campaigns pursuant to the Aims and Objectives of the CLA.

(2) The NC shall elect from its membership the NEC after the initial founding term of five (5) years.

(3) The NC shall consider all proposed changes to the Fighting Platform as referred to in section 4(2).

10. PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1) The NC shall meet at such times and places as may be determined from time to time by it, and in the absence of any such determination, at such times and places as the Secretary on the instructions of the Chairman shall determine.

(2) Every member of the NC shall have one (1) vote, but in the event of an equal number of votes for and against a motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(3) Not less than seven (7) days notice shall be given to every member of the NC of any meeting thereof specifying the time, place and general nature of the business of such meeting, but where the Chairman considers an emergency exists, he may take such steps as he considers necessary to notify members of the NC of the proposed meeting, notwithstanding that seven (7) days notice shall not have been given.

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(4) A quorum for a meeting of the NC shall be a bare majority in number of the members for the time being of the NC including a bare majority of the members of the NEC.

(5) At every meeting of the NC, the Chairman shall preside as chairman unless he is unwilling to act or is absent in which case they shall be chaired by the Deputy-Chairman.

(6) All acts done by any meeting of the members of the NC or by any person acting as a member thereof shall notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered there was some defect in the appointment of any such members or persons acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the NC.

(7) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the NC for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting thereof shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the NC duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members of the NC.

(8) A general meeting of the NC shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and, subject thereto, such meeting shall be held at such time and place as is determined by the NEC.

(9) The NEC may whenever it thinks fit convene an extraordinary general meeting of the NC.

(10) Not less than one (1) week's notice shall be forwarded by letter, fax or email to members of the CLA of a NC Meeting.

11. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) Subject to section 7 above, this clause applies five (5) years from the founding of the CLA.

(2) The NEC shall consist of four (4) members elected from the NC at an Annual General Meeting, and shall comprise the following:

Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

(3) The elected members of the NEC shall hold office for a minimum of five (5) years.

(4) Where vacancies occur in the NEC due to the resignation, removal, ineligibility or incapacity of an appointed member, the NEC shall fill such vacancies for the balance of the term of the original NEC member, by appointing a member of the NC, and such person shall enjoy all the rights of other NEC members.

(5) Except for the Founding NEC, a member of the NEC shall cease to be a member of the NEC, if their appointment to the NC is revoked by their NAMO, and written notice of such is provided to the NEC.

(6) A member of the NEC can be removed from the NEC by a unanimous vote of no confidence by the NC in General Meeting with at least 80% of all NC members present and voting.

(7) With reference to clause 11(6) above, the person being voted on shall not vote.

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12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) All the powers and duties of the CLA shall be vested in and exercised by the NEC except where required by this Constitution to be exercised by the CLA in General Meeting, and shall only be subject to review by the CLA in General Meeting where so provided in this Constitution.

(2) The NEC under the provisions of this Constitution bears the responsibility for ensuring, protecting and promoting the freedom and rights of members to pursue to the fullest extent the objectives of the CLA.

(3) The NEC may engage all such officers and servants as it may consider necessary and shall regulate their duties and fix their salaries.

(4) The NEC shall cause minutes to be made:

- (a) of all appointments of officer-bearers; and
- (b) of all General Meetings and Annual General Meetings; and
- (c) of any meetings of the NEC where resolutions are made with respect to:
  - (i) the formation and dissolution of State Divisions, and the appointment and approval of office-bearers for State Committees;
  - (ii) the approval of candidates to all levels of government;
  - (iii) the acceptance of members;
  - (iv) The acceptance of affiliated organisations, and the appointment of their representatives to Committees of the CLA; and
- (d) of any other matter that the NEC decides.

(5) The minutes referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting.

(6) The NEC may form committees in furtherance of the daily operation of the CLA. Every NEC member shall be ex-officio a member of any committee established by the NEC.

(7) In the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, the powers and duties of the Chairman may be exercised by the Deputy-Chairman.

13. PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1) The NEC shall meet at such times and places as may be determined from time to time by it, and in the absence of any such determination, at such times and places as the Secretary, on the instructions of the Chairman, shall notify to members thereof.

(2) The NEC shall meet electronically or in person at least every 30 days.

(3) Every member of the NEC shall have one (1) vote.

(4) The Chairman does not have a casting vote.

(5) Not less than two (2) days notice shall be given to every member of the NEC of any meeting thereof specifying the time, place and general nature of the business of such meeting, but where the Chairman considers an emergency exists he may take such steps as he considers necessary to notify members of the NEC of the proposed meeting notwithstanding that two (2) days notice shall not have been given.

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(6) A quorum for a meeting of the NEC shall be a bare majority in number of the members for the time being of the NEC.

(7) At every meeting of the NEC the Chairman shall preside as chairman unless he is unwilling to act or is absent, in which case they shall be chaired by the Deputy-Chairman.

(8) All acts done by any meeting of the members of the NEC or by any person acting as a member thereof shall notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered there was some defect in the appointment of any such members or persons acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the NC.

(9) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the NEC for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting thereof shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the NEC duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members of the NEC.

(10) All decisions of the NEC shall be passed on the basis of a majority three-quarter (¾) vote of the NEC members.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

(1) An Annual General Meeting of CLA shall be held in each calendar year such that a period of not more than fifteen (15) months shall elapse between any two (2) successive meetings.

(2) The business to be conducted at any Annual General Meeting shall be:

(a) the receiving of the Chairman's report;
(b) the receiving of the Treasurer's report;
(c) the receiving of the Auditor's report;
(d) the appointment of an Auditor;
(e) the election of the NEC every five years;
(f) any special business of which due notice has been given by the NEC; and,
(g) any resolution of which not less than 7 days written notice has been given to the Chairman of the NEC and supported by five NC members. In the event of such resolution being adopted by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the meeting, then the NEC shall respond appropriately, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(3) Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by letter to all members of the CLA.

15. PROCEEDINGS AT A GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(1) No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting or Annual General Meeting (in either case in this Clause referred to as [the or] a "meeting") unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A bare majority of the members of the NC, and a bare majority of the NEC at the time the meeting is held present in person and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

(2) If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, it shall stand adjourned until the same day the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and such other time as the NEC may determine, and, if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within thirty (30) Minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall constitute

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a quorum.

(3) The Chairman of the NEC shall preside as Chairman at every meeting or in the event of his absence or if there is no Chairman or if he is not present within fifteen (15) minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the Deputy Chairman shall chair the meeting.

(4) The Chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. When a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting, but except for notice in that case, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

(5) At any meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded either by the chairman or by at least three (3) members.

(6) Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of CLA shall be conclusive evidence ~~of the~~ fact, without particulars of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

(7) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

(8) If a poll is duly demanded, it shall be taken in such a manner either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the Chairman directs.

(9) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote.

(10) At any meeting each member may only vote in person and shall not be entitled to be represented by, or to vote by proxy or by Attorney. On a show of hands every member present shall have one (1) vote. On a poll every such member present in person shall have one (1) vote.

(11) No objection shall be raised to the qualifications of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meetings shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

16. CANDIDATE AND ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS

(1) Subject to the objectives of the CLA, the NEC must approve nominations of selected candidates for election to Federal, State or Local Government.

(2) A person shall not be eligible for support as a candidate unless:
   (a) He or she is a current member of the CLA; and
   (b) He or she is a NOT a member of any political party except political parties that are a State Affiliated Member Organisation (SAMO), or a NAMO

(3) The NEC shall formulate a campaign platform for National election campaigns, and approve

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Campaign Platforms formulated by SECs for State election campaigns which campaign platforms shall be in accordance with the spirit, aims and objectives of the fighting platform.

17. ACCOUNTS

(1) The NEC shall cause proper accounts to be kept with respect to:

(a) all sums of money received and expended by the CLA and the manner in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place; and
(b) the assets and liabilities of CLA; and
(c) the State and Commonwealth Electoral Acts.

(2) Such accounts shall be kept at the registered office of the CLA or at such other place or places as the NEC thinks fit.

(3) The accounts and books of the CLA shall only be open to inspection by AMOs with the prior consent of the NEC, which may, from time to time, determine at what times and places and under what conditions such books and records shall be so open.

(4) The financial year of ~~the CLA~~ shall end annually on the 30th June.

(5) The accounts referred to in sub-paragraph 17(1) shall be certified as true and correct (with such qualifications as he may deem appropriate) by such of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of the CLA as shall be determined from time to time by the NEC.

18. FORMATION OF STATE DIVISIONS

(1) The NEC, should it so desire, may constitute State Divisions where two or more SAMOs exist in any State or Territory.

(2) The State Division shall adopt a Constitution approved by a three-quarters (¾) majority of the NEC, in or to the effect of the model State Divisional constitution attached (Appendix A), subject to any alterations or additions approved by the NEC.

(3) The NEC shall appoint the inaugural Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Division which shall comprise the SEC for the first five year term.

(4) The NEC shall approve any appointments to any SDC recommended by the SEC, before those members enjoy voting rights.

19. TRADEMARKS AND THE NAME

(1) The NEC shall cause to be incorporated an organisation whose sole members shall consist of the members of the NEC.

(2) This incorporated entity shall hold any title, trademark, name or transferable item, and function to meet the needs of the members of the CLA.

20. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.

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(1) This Constitution may only be amended by Notice of Amendment to the Constitution, supported by the NEC, stating the proposed changes to this Constitution, and posted to all NC members no less than three weeks prior to an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting and be carried by a vote of three quarters (3/4) of all NC Members of the CLA.

(2) Questions regarding interpretation or means of implementation of this constitution shall be determined by unanimous vote of the NEC.

(3) Pursuant to the Aims and Objectives and the intention of the framers of this Constitution and the founding NEC, for the initial period of 180 days after the adoption of this Constitution, changes may be made to this Constitution by a unanimous vote of the founding NEC without reference to any other bodies.

21. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLA

In the event of a dissolution of the CLA, the NEC shall cause all outstanding accounts to be paid, and any funds remaining be donated to a charitable Organisation.

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APPENDIX A **MODEL CONSTITUTION**

CONSTITUTION OF THE CURTIN LABOR ALLIANCE ([State] Division)

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the **Curtin Labor Alliance** ([State] Division) [herein referred to as "CLA(STATE)"].

2. AIM

To promote and enact the Fighting Platform of the Curtin Labor Alliance (CLA) to defend the nation-state of Australia and to provide for the General Welfare of all Australians.

3. OBJECTIVES

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the CLA, to provide a State-based division of the CLA to assist in the selection, training and election to all levels of Government, candidates who shall be truly representative of the CLA and its Fighting Platform.

4. FIGHTING PLATFORM

The CLA(STATE) shall support the following Fighting Platform of the CLA as may be amended by the CLA from time to time:

Point 1. **The establishment of a New Bretton Woods international monetary system. The present free trade system of "globalisation" is destroying the nation's agriculture and industry. The Curtin Labor Alliance will work for a "New Bretton Woods" system: A return to the best features of the original Bretton Woods system including tariff protection, fixed exchange rates and government support, through banking support and otherwise, for agriculture and industry.**

Point 2. **The establishment of a National Bank and State Banks to provide loans at 2% or less to agriculture (family farms) and industry.**

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which hits poor and working class Australians the hardest, and its replacement of a 0.1% (one tenth of one percent) tax on the turnover of financial instruments, which latter tax would raise over $ 40 billion annually.

Point 8. **The reassertion of National control over Australia's oil and gas and huge mineral resources, by "buying back the farm", or through other necessary government action.**

Point 9. **A dramatic expansion of resources to State public health facilities, so that all who need health care, will receive it promptly.**

Point 10. **A dramatic upgrading of State and Federal infrastructure, in water projects, roads, railroads (emphasizing high-speed trains), schools and hospitals, and other needed infrastructure to provide urgently needed facilities, new jobs, and to serve as the "driver" for general economic recovery. These projects more than pay for themselves by the economic activity they generate.**

Point 11. **While the CLA is opposed to the pious fraud known as "multiculturalism", because it pits one group against another, we warmly welcome those coming here to make a better life for themselves and their families. Immigration quotas would be established reflecting labour shortages and for the same reason which the Labor Party welcomed the "new Australians" after World War II—to help build our nation. From the very beginning, Australia has been a nation of hope and opportunity for people of many nationalities and religious backgrounds. They will help to build Australia (which will suffer a severe labor shortage as the rest of this platform is implemented), just as other generations of immigrants have done.**

5. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution :

"CLA" means Curtin Labor Alliance
"CLA(STATE)" means Curtin Labor Alliance ([State] Division)
"AMO" means Affiliated Member Organisation
"NAMO" means National Affiliated Member Organisation
"SAMO" means State Affiliated Member Organisation
"NEC" means the National Executive Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance
"NC" means National Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance
"SEC" means State Executive Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance ([State] Division)
"SDC" means State Divisional Committee of the Curtin Labor Alliance ([State] Division)

6. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classes of membership for the CLA(STATE): Affiliated Member Organisational, and Individual.

(1) Affiliated Member Organisations

(a) Any duly constituted state or national organisation can affiliate with the National CLA and thereby become an affiliate member organisation of the CLA(STATE).

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(b) Affiliate members of the CLA(STATE) are to be known as State Affiliate Member Organisations (SAMOs).

(c) All SAMOs shall pay such annual subscriptions to the CLA as may be determined from time to time by the NEC.

(d) All SAMOs shall be entitled to appoint one (1) of their members to the SDC, and if that SAMO shall have more than 100 members, it shall be entitled to appoint two (2).

(e) All individual representative members of a SAMO to the SDC, must be accepted by a three-quarter majority vote of the SEC and approved by the NEC.

(f) All SAMOs shall be required to sign up 50 individual members to the CLA within 120 days of the date of acceptance as a SAMO or lose voting rights within the SDC, and a SAMO entitled to appoint two (2) members, shall sign up a further 50 members within the said 120 days or lose voting rights in respect of that second member.

(2) Individual

Membership shall be those persons who are members of the CLA, and reside within [STATE], and apply for membership of the CLA(STATE) in a form prescribed by the CLA(STATE).

7. INAUGURAL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) The inaugural SEC shall consist of four (4) members appointed by the NEC for a five (5) year term.

(2) The inaugural SEC shall consist of two (2) members [Organisation A], and two (2) members from the [Organisation B], and shall hold the following positions of the CLA for a period of five (5) years:

Chairman [Appointee 1]
Deputy Chairman [Appointee 2]
Secretary [Appointee 3]
Treasurer [Appointee 4]

(3) The SEC shall create the SDC.

(4) Should a vacancy arise in the inaugural SEC, then the remaining SEC members can elect to redistribute the SEC positions, and shall appoint a new member to fill the resulting vacant position subject to the approval by the NEC. The new member shall enjoy all the rights of existing inaugural members until the completion of the first term.

8. STATE DIVISONAL COMMITTEE

(1) The SDC shall be comprised of the SEC, and representative members of the SAMOs.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the members of the SDC shall hold office for a minimum of five (5) years.

(3) Where vacancies occur in the SDC due to the resignation, removal, ineligibility or incapacity of a member, vacancies can be filled by the SEC for the balance of the term of the original SDC member, provided such appointments are approved by the NEC.

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(4) To hold a position on the SDC, all nominated representative members of a SAMO must be approved by a three quarter (¾) majority vote of the SEC.

(5) A representative member of a SAMO shall only be eligible for appointment to the SDC if:
(a) He or she is a current member of the CLA, and a paid up member of a SAMO; and
(b) He or she is a NOT a member of any political party except political parties that are a SAMO; and
(c) He or she is appointed as a representative to the SDC by a SAMO.

(6) An appointed member of the SDC shall cease to be a member of the SDC if their appointment is revoked by their SAMO or the SDC in accordance with Clause 8 (7).

(7) A member of the SDC can be removed from the SDC, by a unanimous vote of no confidence in that member by the SEC, and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of no-confidence in General Meeting of the SDC with at least 80% of all SDC members present and voting.

(8) Subject to clause 8 (7), in the event of a such removal of an SDC member, the SAMO shall be entitled to nominate a new representative to the SDC.

9. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE

(1) The SDC shall primarily be the discussion and deliberate body for the running of electoral campaigns pursuant to the aims and objectives of the CLA.

(2) The SDC shall elect from its membership the SEC after the initial founding term of five (5) years.

10. PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1) The SDC shall meet at such times and places as may be determined from time to time by it, and in the absence of any such determination, at such times and places as the Secretary on the instructions of the Chairman.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 6, every member of the SDC shall have one (1) vote, but in the event of an equal number of votes for and against a motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(3) Not less than seven (7) days notice shall be given to every member of the SDC of any meeting thereof, specifying the time, place and general nature of the business of such meeting, but where the Chairman considers an emergency exists, he may take such steps as he considers necessary to notify members of the SDC of the proposed meeting, notwithstanding that seven (7) days notice shall not have been given.

(4) A quorum for a meeting of the SDC shall be a bare majority in number of the members for the time being of the SDC, including a bare majority of the members of the SEC.

(5) At every meeting of the SDC the Chairman shall preside as chairman unless he is unwilling to act or is absent, in which case they shall be chaired by the Deputy-Chairman.

(6) All acts done by any meeting of the members of the SDC or by any person acting as a member thereof shall notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered there was some defect in the appointment of any such members or persons acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the SDC.

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(7) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the SDC for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting thereof shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the SDC duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members of the SDC.

(8) A general meeting of the SDC shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and, subject thereto, such meeting shall be held at such time and place as is determined by the SEC.

(9) The SEC may whenever it thinks fit convene any extraordinary general meeting of the SDC.

(10) Not less than one (1) weeks notice shall be forwarded by Letter, Fax or Email to members of the SDC of an Annual General Meeting or General Meetings.

11. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) Subject to Clause 7 above, this clause applies five (5) years from the founding of the CLA(STATE).

(2) The SEC shall consist of four (4) elected members from the SDC at an Annual General Meeting, and shall comprise the following:

Chairman
Deputy-Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

(3) The elected members of the SEC shall hold office for a minimum of five years subject to clause 5.

(4) Where vacancies occur in the SEC due to the resignation, removal, ineligibility or incapacity of an appointed member, the remaining SEC members can elect to redistribute the SEC positions and appoint a new member to fill the resulting vacant position, subject to the approval of the NEC. The new SEC member shall enjoy all the rights of existing SEC members,

(5) A member of the SEC shall cease to be a member of the SEC, if their appointment to the SDC is revoked by their SAMO, and written notice of such is provided to the SEC or the NEC.

(6) A member of the SEC can be removed by a unanimous vote of no confidence by the SDC in General Meeting with at least 80% of all the SDC present and voting, subject to approval by at least a three quarters (¾) majority of the NEC.

(7) With reference to clause (6) above, the person being voted on shall not be eligible to vote.

12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) All the powers and duties of the CLA(STATE) shall be vested in and exercised by the SEC except where required by this Constitution to be exercised by the CLA(STATE) in General Meeting, and shall only be subject to review by the CLA(STATE) in General Meeting where so provided in this Constitution.

(2) The SEC shall meet at least every 90 days.

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(3) The SEC under the provisions of this Constitution bears the responsibility for ensuring, protecting and promoting the freedom and rights of members to pursue to the fullest the aims and objectives of the CLA.

(4) The SEC may engage all such officers and servants as it may consider necessary and shall regulate their duties and fix their salaries.

(5) The SEC shall cause minutes to be made:

(a) of all General Meetings and Annual General Meetings; and

(b) of any meetings of the SEC where resolutions are made with respect to the formation and dissolution of State Branches, and the recommendation, appointment and approval of office-bearers for these Branches.

(6) The minutes referred to in clause 12(4) above shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting.

(7) The SEC may form committees to fulfill the daily operation of the CLA. The members of the SEC shall be ex-officio members of any such committees.

(8) In the absence or incapacity of the Chairman, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, the powers and duties of the Chairman may be exercised by the Deputy-Chairman.

13. PROCEEDINGS OF STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1) The SEC shall meet at such times and places as may be determined from time to time by it, and, in the absence of any such determination, at such times and places as the Secretary on the instructions of the Chairman shall notify to members thereof.

(2) Subject to the provision of section 11, every member of the SEC shall have one (1) vote.

(3) The Chairman does not have a casting vote.

(4) Not less than two (2) days notice shall be given to every member of the SEC of any meeting thereof, specifying the time, place and general nature of the business of such meeting, but where the Chairman considers an emergency exists, he may take such steps as he considers necessary to notify members of the SDC of the proposed meeting, notwithstanding that two (2) days notice shall not have been given.

(5) A quorum for a meeting of the SEC shall be a bare majority in number of the members for the time being of the SEC.

(6) At every meeting of the SEC the Chairman shall preside as chairman unless he is unwilling to act or is absent, in which case they shall be chaired by the Deputy-Chairman.

(7) All acts done by any meeting of the members of the SEC, or by any person acting as a member thereof, shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered there was some defect in the appointment of any such members or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed, and was qualified to be a member of the SEC.

(8) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the SEC for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting thereof, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the SDC.

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duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members of the SDC.

(9) All resolutions of the SEC shall be passed on the basis of a three quarter majority (¾) decision of the SEC.

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(1) An Annual General Meeting of CLA(STATE) shall be held in each calendar year such that a period of not more than fifteen (15) months shall elapse between any two (2) successive meetings.

(2) The business to be conducted at any Annual General Meeting shall be:

(a) the receiving of the Chairman's report;
(b) the receiving of the Treasurer's report;
(c) the receiving of the Auditor's report;
(d) the appointment of an Auditor;
(e) the election of the SEC every five (5) years;
(f) any special business of which due notice has been given by the SEC; and
(g) any resolution of which not less than 7 days written notice has been given to the Chairman of the SEC and supported by five SDC members. In the event of such resolution being adopted by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the meeting, then the SEC shall respond appropriately, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(3) Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by letter to all members of the SDC.

15. PROCEEDINGS AT A GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(1) No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting or Annual General Meeting (in either case in this Clause referred to as the or a "meeting") unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A bare majority the members of the SDC, and a bare majority of the SEC at the time the meeting is held present in person and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

(2) If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, it shall stand adjourned until the same day the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and such other time as the SEC may determine, and, if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Chairman of the SEC shall preside as Chairman at every meeting or in the event of his absence, or if there is no Chairman, or if he is not present within fifteen (15) minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the Deputy-Chairman shall chair the meeting.

(4) The Chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. When a meeting is adjourned for ten (10) days or more notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting but except for notice in that case it shall not be necessary to give any notice of adjournment or the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

(5) At any meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands,

unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded either by the chairman or by at least three (3) members.

(6) Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the CLA, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without particulars of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

(7) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

(8) If a poll is duly demanded, it shall be taken in such a manner either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the Chairman directs.

(9) In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.

(10) At any meeting each member may only vote in person and shall not be entitled to be represented by or to vote by proxy or by Attorney. On a show of hands every member present shall have one (1) vote. On a poll every such member present in person shall have one (1) vote.

(11) No objection shall be raised to the qualifications of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meetings shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

16. CANDIDATES

(1) The SEC may resolve to support nominations of selected candidates for election to Federal, State or Local Government, and submit a recommendation of candidates to the NEC for approval.

(2) A person shall not be eligible for support as a candidate unless:
- (a) He or she is a current member of the CLA; and
- (b) He or she is a NOT a member of any political party except political parties that are a SAMO, or a NAMO.

17. ACCOUNTS

(1) The SEC shall cause proper accounts to be kept with respect to:

- (a) all sums of money received and expended by the CLA and the manner in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
- (b) the assets and liabilities of CLA; and
- (c) the State and Commonwealth Electoral Acts.

(2) Such accounts shall be kept at the registered office of the CLA, or at such other place or places as the SEC thinks fit.

(3) The accounts and books of CLA, shall only be open to inspection by AMOs with the prior consent of the SEC which may, from time to time, determine at what times and places and under what conditions such books and records shall be so open.

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(4) The financial year of CLA shall end annually on the 30th June.

(5) The accounts referred to in clause 17(1) shall be certified as true and correct (with such qualifications as he may deem appropriate) by such of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer of the CLA as shall be determined from time to time by the SEC.

18. FORMATION OF BRANCHES

(1) The SEC, on approval from the NEC, can constitute local branches where no less than 50 members of the CLA (WA), residing in a State Electorate request such a branch to be formed.

(2) The NEC shall approve a Constitution for the local branch to adopt.

(3) The SEC shall recommend to the NEC for approval, the people to be appointed Inaugural Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch Committee for the first one (1) year term.

(4) The SEC shall recommend to the NEC for approval, candidates that are nominated from local branches for election.

(5) A local branch shall enjoy the same representation as a SAMO, with the same requirements to retain voting rights.

19. TRADEMARKS AND THE NAME

The CLA(STATE) shall be allowed to use the name and trademarks of the Curtin Labor Alliance in so far as this is allowed by the NEC.

20. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

(1) A recommendation for proposed changes or amendment to this Constitution must be carried by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of all SDC Members of the CLA, and a three-quarter (¾) majority of the SEC.

(2) This Constitution may only be changed or amended by a three-quarter (¾) majority vote of the NEC.

(3) Pursuant to the Aims and Objectives and the intention of the framers of this Constitution and the founding NEC, for the initial period of 180 days after the adoption of this Constitution, changes may be made to this Constitution by a unanimous vote of the founding NEC without reference to any other bodies.

21. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLA (WA) DIVISION OR A BRANCH

(1) A State Division or Branch can be dissolved by a three-quarter (¾) majority vote of the NEC when the Division or Branch is no longer acting in accordance with the Aims and Objectives of the Curtin Labor Alliance.

(2) Upon the dissolution of the State Division, all state branches are then deemed branches of the National body.

(3) In the event that the CLA(STATE) is dissolved by the NEC, then all assets shall be transferred to the National CLA.

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