

AGRICULTURE

1. Zero Net Emissions

Women's Conference

That this Conference calls for The Nationals to welcome moves by agricultural industries to achieve zero net emissions and put in place policies to support farmers to achieve this goal.

CARRIED

COVID-19

2. Covid-19 Management Plan

Women's Conference

That this conference calls on the Victorian Government to revise its management of COVID by adopting the NSW model of geographic restrictions and a single mandated government-controlled app.

WITHDRAWN

DISABILITY

3. Disability Support Workers

Women's Conference

This conference calls for disability support workers and personal care attendants to be governed by a professional body to ensure that all care givers reach a professional standard of practice and care delivery.

CARRIED

EDUCATION

4. Greater Shepparton Secondary College

Shepparton AEDC

That this conference condemns the Victorian Education Minister and the Member for Shepparton for their destruction of secondary education in Shepparton and Mooroopna and calls for the return and proper funding of the previous four campuses which will provide choice for students and their families.

CARRIED

5. School Principal Contracts

Women's Conference

That this conference calls on the State Government to review regional school principal contracts and how they are renewed with more accountability to school council and parents.

CARRIED

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

6. Public land management

Lockington and District Branch

That this conference calls The Nationals to advocate for increased funding for Parks Victoria to be allocated towards a full program relating to parks, road maintenance and cultural burning.

AMENDED – CARRIED

- 7. Animal manure** **Moyhu Branch, Victorian Young Nationals**
That this conference condemns the Andrews Government's current policy to treat livestock manure as industrial waste and supports its continuation as farm by-product.

CARRIED

- 8. High country cattle grazing** **Benambra AEDC, Ballarat FEDC/ Wendouree-Bunninyong AEDC**
That this conference recognises that cattle grazing in the Victorian high country has occurred for more than 150 years and calls on state governments that have banned cattle grazing in national parks to reverse these decisions.

AMENDED – CARRIED

- 9. Dingoes** **Lowan AEDC**
That this conference deplores the ludicrous proposal to reintroduce dingoes into the Grampians National Park and surroundings, as held in the Greater Gariwerd Draft Management Plan.

CARRIED

- 10. Paris Accord** **Gippsland FEDC**
That this Conference calls for Australia to pull out of the Paris Accord.

LOST

- 11. Renewable Energy Facilities** **Gippsland South AEDC**
That this conference recognises that energy and greenhouse gas benefits of renewable energy facilities are largely captured by urban populations but many of the costs are borne by rural populations, and calls on The Nationals to develop policies to ensure that the development of energy facilities in rural areas, particularly wind and solar farms, deliver local benefits to local communities and that such facilities are appropriately sited, as best as possible, away from houses, including farm houses.

CARRIED

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 12. Fire Rescue Victoria procurement policies** **Morwell AEDC**
That this conference condemns the Andrews Government for ignoring its own policies in relation to local procurement, specifically in relation to the cleaning of firefighters' uniforms, and calls on the Government to implement a transparent audit process of these policies and make these results publicly known.

CARRIED

HEALTH

13. Regional Hospitals

Lowan AEDC

That this conference supports regional cities, such as Horsham, to maintain fully autonomous hospital boards to ensure better local health care and clinical services.

CARRIED

14. Farm injuries

Narracan AEDC

That this conference calls on the Victorian Government to establish a parliamentary committee to investigate the underreporting of on farm accidents and ambulance callouts.

CARRIED

HOUSING

15. Public housing

Morwell AEDC, Gippsland South AEDC, Euroa AEDC, Women's Conference

That this conference notes a lack of public housing across regional Victoria and calls on the Andrews Government to consult with local councils to provide additional properties to alleviate substantial priority waitlists for applicants.

AMENDED – CARRIED

INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT

16. Optional four-day working week

Victorian Young Nationals

That this conference moves to investigate the implementation of an optional four-day working week.

LOST

17. Regional Airport

Lowan AEDC

That this Conference calls on the Victorian Government to provide funds to establish regional passenger air services to Victorian regional centres.

CARRIED

18. Flying Planning Squad

Ripon AEDC, Women's Conference

That this Conference calls on the Victorian Government to re-establish the rural "planning flying squads" scheme to drive development and investment in Regional Victoria.

AMENDED – CARRIED

LAW AND ORDER

19. Trespass Law

Morwell AEDC

That this conference calls upon the Andrews Government to amend the Summary Offences Act 1966 so that people who unlawfully enter privately owned properties may be charged with trespass on the basis that their actions have constituted a threat to property and/or life.

WITHDRAWN

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

20. Rural Rates

Lowan AEDC

That this conference condemns the Andrews Government for cuts to the Victorian Auditor General office and the Victorian Ombudsman, restricting their ability to provide oversight and auditing of Local Government.

AMENDED – CARRIED

MENTAL HEALTH

21. Psychologist Wait Times Victorian Young Nationals, Women's Conference

That this conference calls on the Andrews Government to establish a database of psychologists who work in regional and rural Victoria so that people struggling with mental illness can easily identify a psychologist, their location, availability and wait time.

CARRIED

22. Mental Health Resources

Women's Conference

That this conference calls for more collaboration between hospitals, mental health service and the legal system to support those needing rehabilitation and increased funding and training for alcohol and drug resources, staffing and bed availability.

CARRIED

PLANNING

23. Right to Farm

Benambra AEDC

That this conference calls on governments to ensure the protection of farm-land use for agriculture and not for commercial entertainment.

AMENDED – CARRIED

24. Lead Battery Smelter

Morwell AEDC

That this conference notes the significant concerns of the Latrobe Valley community on the health impacts of a State Government endorsed Chinese- owned secondary lead smelter and calls on the Andrews Government to implement an independent and transparent Environmental Effects Statement on the project and to implement policy to ensure this does not happen to other Victorian communities.

CARRIED

PREVENTION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

25. Community Based Assistance

Women's Conference

That this conference urgently requests the Andrews Government to fund local community-based assistance to provide family support, thereby helping to prevent family conflict leading to domestic violence.

AMENDED – CARRIED

TRANSPORT

26. Bus and Rail Services

Women's Conference

That this conference calls on government to better align bus and rail services in rural and remote towns.

CARRIED

27. Dookie Rail

Shepparton AEDC

That this conference calls on the Victorian Labor Government to ensure the Dookie rail line is improved to allow again the use of trains as carriage for grain, goods and passengers.

AMENDED - CARRIED

ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY

28. Rail Freight

Lowan AEDC

That this conference calls on the Government to provide greater incentives and funding to enable more freight to move on rail rather than on road and reduce the use of road trains.

CARRIED

29. Speed Restrictions

Women's Conference, Lockington and District Branch

That this conference calls on the State Government to increase rural road funding in lieu of the practice of unplanned speed restrictions as a method of delaying maintenance and investigates Regional Roads Victoria's failure to remove signs from road works when completed.

CARRIED

30. Electric Vehicles

Euroa AEDC

That this conference supports the establishment of plans to provide a network of electric power outlets in regional Victoria to service the needs of electric vehicles.

CARRIED

31. Road usage charges and adult bike users

Indi FEDC

That this conference calls for an examination of the fairness of road usage charges across all road users with a special focus on adult bike users.

LOST

TREASURY AND TAXATION

32. Procurement

Melbourne AEDC/FEDC

That this conference calls on the Victorian Government to break up large regional projects, usually targeted at tier one contractors, to allow local regional small- and medium-sized firms to tender directly, rather than be a sub-contractor for the work.

CARRIED

WATER

33. Murray Darling Basin

Murray Plains AEDC

That this conference strongly requests an immediate review of the Murray Darling Basin Authority policy that allows ever increasing massive discharges of precious Murray River water into the Southern Ocean.

CARRIED

FEDERAL

34. Environmental levy

Gippsland South AEDC

That this conference calls on the State Government to place a conservation levy on metropolitan councils to pay farmers for looking after the environment, including native animals such as wombats, ducks, and kangaroos.

AMENDED – CARRIED

35. Change and Suppression Practices Prohibition Bill

Gippsland FEDC, Melbourne AEDC/FEDC, Ovens Valley AEDC

That this conference condemns the Andrews Labor Government for passing the *Change and Suppression Practices Prohibition Bill 2020*, demands its rejection or repeal and further calls on the Federal Government to initiate an inquiry into its constitutional validity given its extraterritorial application affording jurisdiction beyond Victoria's borders.

WITHDRAWN

36. Doctor and Specialist Shortage in Regional Areas

Gippsland FEDC

That this conference takes urgent action regarding the critical shortage of practitioners in regional and rural communities, making patient care not equal to their city counterparts.

CARRIED

37. Water usage

Indi FEDC

That this conference calls on The Nationals to amend the Water Act 2007 to better balance the needs of the environment, irrigated agriculture and river communities and further investigates protecting sustainable catchment run off for downstream benefits to agriculture, communities and the environment.

CARRIED

38. Telecommunication Providers

Women's Conference

That this conference calls on the Federal Government to give all telecommunication providers access to localised mobile roaming communication infrastructure during emergencies to ensure community safety and implement recommendation 6.3 of the Bushfire Royal Commission.

AMENDED – CARRIED

39. Tax Concessions

Ripon AEDC

That this conference calls on the Commonwealth Government to provide tax concessions to encourage more Australians to work in the seasonal agriculture labour market.

CARRIED

40. JobSeeker Rate

Lowan AEDC

That this conference calls on the Federal Government to peg the JobSeeker allowance rate at 50 per cent of the national minimum wage as a minimum mandatory benchmark.

WITHDRAWN

41. Closure of Bank Branches

Lowan AEDC

That this conference expresses its great concern regarding the closure of bank branches in small country towns, forcing people to travel great distances for banking services.

CARRIED

42. High Court of Australia

Gippsland FEDC

That this conference calls for the *High Court of Australia Act 1980* to be changed so the High Court is prevented from changing or reversing decisions unless new compelling evidence is presented, or Parliament changes the relevant Act. In the event the High Court reverses or changes previous decisions then previous litigants must be given the opportunity to:

- i) Have their cases retired in the event it can prove that new compelling evidence or change of legislation would have resulted in the same outcome.
- ii) Utilise other remedies in order previous litigants that may be able to claim some form of remedy and recompense.

LOST

PARTY ADMINISTRATION

43. Upper House Pre-selections

Gippsland South AEDC

That this conference determines that The National Party Australia- Victoria's constitution be amended to ensure that where a pre-selection has been held for the Legislative Council, the number of votes cast by preselectors for a candidate should determine the order on the state election ticket, not the determination of the applicant approval committee.

CARRIED

44. Postal Voting **Shepparton AEDC**

That this conference calls on The Nationals to support a change to the current voting system in State and Federal elections to be cast by postal votes as the case in local government elections.

LOST

45. Local Government Elections **Melbourne AEDC/FEDC**

That this conference calls for The Nationals to support candidates for local council elections.

AMENDED – CARRIED

46. Parliament and electoral staff **Melbourne AEDC/FEDC**

That this conference calls for paid electoral officers and staff to be ineligible for party positions, other than those in branches.

LAPSED

47. Election of Women’s Executives **Women’s Conference**

That this conference calls for the election of representatives to the Women’s Executive when required to be undertaken by way of a postal or online vote of female members from within the Region. The election must be held not less than 14 days prior to the party’s annual conference.

CARRIED

48. Membership Fees **Board of Management**

That this conference resolves that membership fees for 2021/22 remain at, inclusive of GST:

- a. Standard Membership:
 - i. *Individual/Dual: \$100; Direct Debit \$90*
 - ii. *Pensioner (Ind./Dual): \$50*
- b. *Young National (Ind./Dual): \$50; First Year \$10*
- c. Gold Membership (Ind./Dual): \$500
- d. Platinum Membership (Ind./Dual): \$1,000
- e. MP Membership (Ind./Dual): \$3,000

CARRIED

49. Membership renewal dates & direct debits **Board of Management**

That this conference determines that the Constitution and Rules be amended so as to permit a “rolling” annual membership renewal date, whereby membership fees for new members are to be due and payable on each twelve-month anniversary of joining/renewal rather than on a single fixed renewal date.

CARRIED

2020 MOTIONS FOR RATIFICATION

1. That this State Council determines that Rule 123 of the Constitution & Rules be amended on a provisional basis, subject to ratification at the next Annual State Conference, as to allow two delegates from each AEDC and FEDC to vote in Senate pre-selections.

CARRIED

2. That this State Council determines that, in the event that a Senate preselection is required before 21 February 2021, each consitutional FEDC shall convene a Special General Meeting to elect two delegates who shall have full voting rights at the Senate preselection. To be eligible to be elected as a FEDC Senate preselection delegate, a nominee must be a financial member of the Party and enrolled on the relevant Federal election roll.

CARRIED

3. That this State Council determines that Rule 4 of the Constitution & Rules be amended on a provision basis, subject to ratification at the next Annual State Conference, as to allow membership of the Young National Party to be extended from the age of 30 to 35.

CARRIED

URGENCY MOTIONS

1. **Long-term refugees**

That State Conference seek and support the transition of long term refugees, working and living in rural areas, to permanent visas, with agreement to remain in the rural workforce.

CARRIED

2. **National Curriculum**

That this conference condemns the recently released proposal by the Australia Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to radically alter the national curriculum, and opposes any attempts by State Governments to implement it.

CARRIED

3. **New camping regulations**

This Conference strongly rejects the proposed new camping regulations relating to the Victoria Crown Land River Reserves that are due to commence in September 2021.

CARRIED

4. Amendment to Change and Suppression Practices Prohibition Act 2020

That this Conference calls on an incoming Liberal - National Government to amend the Change and Suppression Practices Prohibition Act 2020 to

- i. Support parental and family rights through an explicit exemption carve-out for direct parental and family assistance and support conduct provided to children (under 18) or family members with impaired capacity
- ii. In-line with the Australian Medical Association's recommendations
 - a. Provide an explicit exemption carve-out amendment for health service providers / practitioners conduct which in their reasonable professional judgement, is clinically appropriate.
 - b. Delete section 5 (3)(a) that unfairly targets psychiatry and psychotherapy health professionals
- iii. Scale back the new-found additional role and powers of the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (VHREOC) to its previously existing remit and powers under the Equal Opportunities Act 2010

CARRIED