

ADDP Liberal Party Activity Proposal for 2019-20

Activity 1

Democracy Building Program

Timing

The Activity will operate from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The dates of specific activities within the 19-20 year will be determined in conjunction with our international partners, reflecting dates that are workable for them and that accommodate the dates fixed for election campaigns, Liberal Party conferences and other relevant events within Australia.

Countries and organisations to be assisted/visited

The countries and organisations to be supported through this activity will include a range of political parties from Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Fiji, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Maldives, Mongolia and Malaysia (and from other countries if opportunity arises). Other organisations we will work with will include the PNG Registrar of Political Parties, the International Republican Institute, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Asia Pacific Democrat Union.

Expected input by the Organisation

The financial input of APPDP funding will be used to cover all the financial costs, for staff time, travel costs, venue hire and any other cost needing to be incurred. In addition is the input of the time of the trainers who travel abroad to lead training programs when that time is provided voluntarily. Staff time will be utilised to provide all necessary planning and leadership needed for effective implementation of the programs under this Activity. This will include all necessary liaison with the parties and organisations involved in the programs, including the organisations listed in the previous paragraph and also federal and state electoral commissions and various Liberal Party units at federal and state level. Training in overseas countries, observation of election campaigning and Liberal Party conferences in Australia and the organising of a campaign seminar for the Asia Pacific Democrat Union will be among the programs to be organised by the Liberal Party.

Estimated Costs

The amount budgeted for the Activity is \$475,000 (comprising \$325,000 for program implementation and travel and \$150,000 for administrative costs that are program-related).

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

The various programs to be implemented under this Activity will meet the APPDP aims by providing training and other experiences that equip the representatives of democratic parties with improved skills for carrying out the various functions of their party, improving in particular their skills in electoral campaigning by participation in seminars and observation of

election campaigns in Australia. The skills development training and observation will also extend to the communication of parties and MPs with constituents and communities and the organisation of significant party conferences. The Liberal Party will participate in the observation of elections in other countries as opportunity arises where international observers can provide scrutiny for democratic processes.

The benefit of the Activity will be seen in the enhancing of the skills of participating parties in their political and electoral work, and in the level of participation in our programs that they wish to sustain. Feedback from individual participants and their parties will assist in our assessment of the worth of particular programs and provide guidance for future program planning and development.

Activity 2

International Party Relationships

Timing

The Activity will operate from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The dates of specific activities within the 19-20 year will be determined in conjunction with our international partners, reflecting dates that are convenient for both them and the Liberal Party, accommodating overseas and Liberal Party conference dates and the timing of elections abroad and other relevant events both overseas and within Australia.

Countries and organisations to be assisted/visited

The organisations and parties to be visited may include, but will not be limited to:

International Democrat Union
International Young Democrat Union
International Women Democrat Union
Asia Pacific Democrat Union
Konrad Adenauer Foundation
International Republican Institute
UK Conservative Party
New Zealand National Party
US Republican Party
Conservative Party of Canada

Expected input by the Organisation

The financial input of APPDP funding will be used to cover all the financial costs, for staff time, travel costs, venue hire and any other cost needing to be incurred. In addition is the input of the time of Liberal party officebearers and members who travel abroad representing the Liberal Party at events covered by the Activity when that time is provided voluntarily. Staff time will be utilised to provide all necessary planning and leadership needed for effective implementation of the programs under this Activity. This will include all necessary liaison with the parties and organisations involved in the programs.

Estimated Costs

The amount budgeted for the Activity is \$425,000 (comprising \$300,000 for program implementation and travel and \$125,000 for administrative costs that are program-related).

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

The various programs to be implemented under this Activity will meet the APPDP aims by supporting international cooperation between democratic parties and the sharing of information on party processes and operations. The Liberal Party has a substantial level of involvement in the international organisations of centre-right parties, in particular the

International Democrat Union and the organisations linked with that. The exchanges extend to interchanges of information in the key area of election campaigning.

The benefits for the Liberal Party come in the continued operation of these international organisations and also in increased understanding for the Liberal Party of current campaigning and organisational development in like-minded parties. Opportunities are also taken to interact with the democracy foundations linked with our sister parties, which can assist in enhancing the way programs under Activity 1 operate.

Administration

Estimated Costs

Supplementary to Activities 1 and 2, provision is made for a budget of \$100,000 for the general administration necessary for sustaining the programs under Activities 1 and 2. This will include staff costs that cannot be separately attributed to programs under the Activities and will also include subscriptions to the International Democrat Union and related international organisations. It will also include necessary audit and bank fees.