



**Democratic Labour Party
Victorian State Conference Agenda
Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library
Saturday 13 August 2016
9:30am – 4:30pm**

AGENDA

1. Confirmation and adoption of credentials
2. Formal opening (Rachel Carling-Jenkins)
3. Pro tem and ad hoc appointments
 - Minutes secretary
 - Returning officers
 - Motion: to adopt credentials of delegates and approve appointments pro tem
4. Timetables and announcements
 - Confirmation of conference agenda as circulated
5. Notices of charges and appeals
6. Parliamentary Prayer
7. President's address (Rachel Carling-Jenkins)
8. Recording of attendance and apologies
9. Confirmation and adoption of minutes
 - a. State Conference 3 May 2015
10. Correspondence (Clara Geoghegan)
11. Finance Report (Carmel Kavanagh)
12. Executive Report (Clara Geoghegan)

13. Other Report: Legal Report (Danny Hanna)
14. Other Report: Federal Executive (Steve Campbell, Federal Secretary)
15. Other Report: Parliamentary Report (Rachel Carling-Jenkins, MLC)
16. Other Report: Guest Speaker: Paul Russell, from Hope, on Euthanasia Legislation in Victoria
17. Questions and Replies without discussion or debate
18. General Business agenda (including urgency motions)
19. Nomination for election of office bearers and delegates
20. Election and installation of office bearers and delegates (Rachel Carling-Jenkins to hand over running of the meeting to new President)
21. Lunch Break
22. Notices of Motion
 - a. Motion: That the State Conference endorses that all financial expenses in excess of \$500 be:
 - presented to the state executive prior to the expense being incurred, unless a budget for a particular purpose has been approved; and
 - passed by a majority vote of members of the state executive either at a state executive meeting, or via email.Moved: Carmel Kavanagh
 - b. Motion: That this State Conference grants the power to elect a Registered Officer to the State Executive.
Moved: Clara Geoghegan

Constitutional changes from Federal Executive

- c. That this State Conference endorses the constitutional changes from the 2011 Federal Conference as attached.
Moved: Stephen Campbell

Other policy motions from Branches

d. Family Unit Taxation

The DLP supports the principle of Family Unit Taxation that is best implemented in terms of Income Splitting. This system recognizes that some income earners are responsible for the economic well being of dependents and thereby guarantees horizontal equity across the community.

Prior to taxation:

- Total family income is pooled prior to taxation.
- Each adult member is entitled to one tax free threshold,
- Each child is entitled to half a tax-free threshold

Taxation is then levied according to existing taxation rates.

Moved: Clara Geoghegan [Joshua Branch]

e. Family Wage:

The DLP calls for the minimum wage to return to the original concept of a family wage which recognizes the responsibility of wage earners to provide adequately for dependents.

Moved: Clara Geoghegan [Joshua Branch]

f. Asylum seekers:

Immigration must have in mind the common good; it cannot destroy or overwhelm a nation. A proportional immigration has always been a healthy development in a society since it injects new life and qualities into a social body. But when it loses that proportion and undermines the purpose of the State, it threatens the well being of the nation. Immigration should have as its goal, integration. The immigrant should not only desire to assume the benefits but the responsibilities of joining into the full fellowship of the nation.

Regional processing of asylum seekers could be in an open reception centre located in for example Indonesia or Malaysia. People seeking clarification of their status would not be detained but could come and go as they chose but the status would be determined in a reasonable period of time. A timeframe for determining the health & security checks would need to be assigned but it should be done within as short a timeframe as possible. Those people determined to be refugees should be granted a Permanent Visa.

People who are currently detained & blocked from settlement in Australia should be immediately able to be transferred to the mainland. The dignity of each person means that it is never right to use human beings as if they are inanimate things. The pain we inflict through the inhumane treatment of one group of people is never a justifiable price for them to pay, for us to send a message to others.

On an ongoing basis Australia should take a fair proportion of the refugees who arrive in our region with an index based on GDP compared to that regional neighbouring countries. Some of these people could be skilled migrants who are also refugees and Australia's skilled migration program could be reduced accordingly. Government investment in regional centres and in infrastructure through setting up industry would create jobs for not only refugees but also other Australians. A faster process of regional processing and allowing people to establish themselves within the community would be far more cost-effective for the nation than the current offshore processing being utilised.

Moved: Frances Beaumont [Joshua Branch]

g. Marriage Referendum

The DLP supports a Referendum that would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life to be enshrined in the Constitution.

Moved: Stephen Vereker [Joshua Branch]

h. Safe Schools:

The DLP rejects the Safe Schools Program and its perverse content. The SSP is less about bullying than about homosexual lifestyle indoctrination . The DLP calls for an appropriate program against bullying such as the successful and well recognised RULER program from Yale University.

Moved: Stephen Vereker [Joshua Branch]

23. Adjournment