

Constitution and Rules of Te Pāti Hira

1. Name and Principles

- **Name:** The official name of the organization is **Te Pāti Hira** (The Hira "Party").
- **Objective:** To contest New Zealand parliamentary elections, democratically represent the people of Aotearoa New Zealand, and govern with integrity.
- **Commitment:** The Party honours the laws of New Zealand and recognizes Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a founding document of the nation.

2. Membership

- **Eligibility:** Any person who is eligible to vote in New Zealand under the *Electoral Act 1993* (or its amendments) and who supports the Party's principles may apply for membership.
- **Subscription:** Membership becomes active upon the payment of an annual membership fee, the amount of which is set by the National Board.
- **Termination:** A member may resign at any time in writing. The National Board reserves the right to suspend or expel any member whose actions bring the Party into disrepute, or who stands in an election against an official Party candidate.

3. Party Leadership and Governance

- **The National Board:** The Party shall be governed by a National Board elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Role	Core Responsibility
Party Leader	Directs political strategy, advocates for policy, and leads the parliamentary caucus.
Party President	Chairs the National Board and oversees the organizational and financial health of the Party.
Party Secretary	Ensures compliance with the Electoral Commission and manages official administrative duties.

3. Democratic Candidate Selection

- **Electorate Candidates:** Local candidates must be selected via a democratic vote by the financial members residing in that specific electorate.
- **Party List:** The national Party List shall be ranked and finalized by the National Board, but only after receiving democratic input, voting, or rankings from the wider Party membership.

5. Meetings and Voting

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** The Party must hold an AGM once every calendar year to elect the National Board, review finances, and vote on major rule changes.
- **Notice:** Members must be given at least 21 days' written notice of an AGM.
- **Voting:** At all Party meetings, decisions are made by a simple majority vote (51%) of the financial members present, unless otherwise stated. Party Leader and Party President have veto rights.

6. Finances and Winding Up

- **Pecuniary Gain:** No member shall derive any personal financial advantage from the property or operations of the Party. Members may only be reimbursed for legitimate, pre-approved party expenses.
- **Winding Up:** If the Party is dissolved, no member will receive any remaining assets. After all debts are paid, any remaining funds or property must be donated to a New Zealand registered charity chosen by the National Board.

7. Dissolution

- **Dissolution Terms:** Party is automatically dissolved if Jared Warren Gardner ceases to be Party Leader, Party President and Party Secretary.