

STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

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Introduction

This is a just short newsletter to bring you up to date. A more comprehensive one will be sent after our next Management Committee meeting in early May.

Announcement

We are very pleased to report that, on the 11th April, 2013, your party was officially registered by the Electoral Commission of SA, as a political party for South Australian elections.

You will recall that in late January, we wrote to you asking for Declarations of Membership, which were needed because of changes in the electoral regulations we believe were introduced to keep small parties out of Parliament. Indeed, this process has, we believe, resulted in the deregistration of the Australian Democrats in SA.

I must admit, when we sent out those requests for Declarations, to wondering what the response would be. After all, our membership has been painstakingly recruited over more than 2 years, and I wondered if there had been a loss of interest over time.

Well, I need not have worried at all. You wonderful people responded magnificently, not only returning completed Declarations promptly, but sending many messages of continued support. In no time at all, we were in possession of the required 200 declarations. On one particular day, our small letterbox was absolutely jammed with your replies.

Myself and the Management Committee are very, very grateful for your response.

Future plans

Our immediate objective is to run candidates in the SA elections due in March next year. To that end, campaign funds must be raised, and candidates must be selected. There will be a call for candidates in the next newsletter. Please consider offering yourself. Some limited financial support may be available.

Tax deductibility of donations

Now that we are a registered political party, donations to the party up to \$1500 per annum are tax deductible. Please consider supporting us. Donations can be by cheque or money order, made out to Stop Population Growth Now, and posted to Box 134, Brighton, SA 5048. Alternatively, you can direct deposit to our bank account at Westpac BSB 035-045 Account number 27-6115 (Please mark this "DONATION", and add your name if you want a receipt).

Regards

Bob Couch, Convenor (on behalf of the Management Committee)