

# 2018 MOTIONS

## ECONOMY, TAXATION AND FINANCE

### WOMEN'S FEDERAL COUNCIL

That this Federal Council urge the Federal Government to set a policy to address the gender equity pay gap, where roles have equal responsibilities

CARRIED

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council urges the Federal National Party to support Federal legislation that guarantees all State and Territories receive a minimum of 75c in the dollar of GST funding.

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY, WOMEN'S FEDERAL COUNCIL

That this Federal Council urge the Federal Government to commence a review into the excessive audit fees and associated charges being imposed on Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) by the national regulator Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to ensure that communities affected by major bank closures are supplemented with a banking community service obligation.

LOST

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council calls on the Foreign Minister, Trade Minister, and Immigration Minister to advance international negotiations for the Canada, Australia, New Zealand and United Kingdom (CANZUK) free trade and movement zone.

CARRIED

### PPR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council urges the Federal Government to facilitate investment in and expansion of a mineral refining industry in Australia to value add to our high grade mineral resources sector and create economic activity, more job opportunity and wealth in regional and rural communities reliant on the resources sector.

CARRIED

### NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government through the COAG process, to devise incentives to increase the availability and take up of farm income insurance to reduce the pressure on drought assistance.

CARRIED

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to develop a Seniors Employment Scheme that encourages companies to employ more seniors over the retirement age by offering incentives such as not requiring companies to deduct tax or superannuation from post-retirement age employees.

CARRIED

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council calls upon the Federal Government to adopt insolvency laws that would allow a debtor to remain as “debtor in possession” during a restructuring phase of an insolvent business, similar to the scheme that exists in the United States of America under Chapter 11 of their federal bankruptcy code.

CARRIED

## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

### VICTORIA

That this Federal Council supports retaining Australia Day on January 26 and urges local councils to focus on service delivery functions instead of participating in policy matters which are not within their jurisdiction.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council urge the Federal Government to commit funding to establish a national body to investigate and implement strategies to improve women’s safety across the nation.

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council encourage all National Party parliamentarians to ensure there are no impediments to traditional Christian celebrations such as Christmas and Easter.

CARRIED

## DEFENCE

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal National Party to pursue a strong defence force for Northern Australia, including permanently stationing troops in the north of Western Australia.

CARRIED

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## EDUCATION

### WOMEN'S FEDERAL COUNCIL

That this Federal Council asks the Federal Government to mandate Primary Industry education in all schools as part of the core curriculum, up to and including year seven.

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to establish a panel of experienced educators to:

- Provide the Federal Government with an analysis prior to implementation of Gonski and;
- Ensure the Gonski recommendations will work in practice

CARRIED

## PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY, NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA

That this Federal Council express its full support for the continuation of the live export trade, noting its important direct and indirect contribution to regional economies, and commends the Minister for Agriculture for his current program of improving animal welfare, which is achieving substantial improvements.

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to pressure the Queensland State Government to protect the integrity of the Great Artesian Basin from pollution by proposed CO2 injection.

CARRIED

### VICTORIA

That this Federal Council strongly opposes the recovery of the Murray Darling Basin Plan's additional 450 gigalitres of up water.

LOST

### NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on The Nationals to express their disappointment with the 30 per cent tariffs that India has imposed on chickpeas, lentils, blueberries and other foods. Furthermore, Council calls on the Federal Nationals Leader and relevant Federal Ministers to convey this to their Indian counterparts.

CARRIED

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to increase penalties for breaches of the Biosecurity Act when passengers enter Australia.

CARRIED

## NEW SOUTH WALES, PPR

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to introduce two new visa categories: an agriculture visa, which would allow willing and able workers, from all countries, to engage in farm work; and a regional work visa that would be aimed at specific job categories where there are labour shortages in regional and rural Australia.

CARRIED

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY, PPR

That this Federal Council supports amendments to social security law to enable a cashless debit card to be rolled out nationally for social security recipients aged 35 years and under who receive Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (Job seeker), Parenting Payment (Single) or Parenting Payment (Partnered). This policy will reduce the social harm caused by welfare-fueled alcohol and drug abuse.

REFERRED TO POLICY COMMITTEE

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council of The Nationals supports more specialist Telehealth services being made eligible under the Medicare Benefits Schedule in rural and remote areas.

CARRIED

## VICTORIA

That this Federal Council calls for implementation of health service delivery focusing on the shortage of GP doctors and other health professionals in rural and regional areas and calls on state and federal governments to ensure that incentives for health professionals to work in these areas are sufficient.

CARRIED

## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to direct Medicare Review Taskforce, to review the number of allied health professional services to which a GP can refer patients with a chronic illness to, including under the Enhanced Primary Care (EPC) Medicare initiative with the view to increase the number from the current five sessions across all disciplines to five per discipline per year.

CARRIED

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to make changes with regards to Schedule 8 drugs of addiction so that they are recorded on a National Real Time Monitoring System available at pharmacies, hospitals and medical centres.

CARRIED

## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to immediately address the shortage of respite services for dementia sufferers who are being cared for at home by a carer.

CARRIED

## NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to fund Continuous Glucose Monitors for Type 1 Diabetics over the age of 21.

CARRIED

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to ensure that persons commencing an apprenticeship or traineeship can stay on their family's private health insurance policy so long as they are under the age of 25 and not dependent on their taxable income.

CARRIED

## COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to maintain fixed copper phone lines in regional Australia as per the Universal Service Obligation (USO).

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, PPR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council fully supports the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and encourages them to invest 30% of its staff and resources into rural and regional Australia by 2020, with a strengthened obligation to provide unbiased and independent reporting and current affairs.

CARRIED

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## TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### WOMEN'S FEDERAL COUNCIL

That this Federal Council calls upon the relevant authority to instigate security training for all flight crews to assist air marshalls whenever needed for increase security on flights.

REFERRED TO POLICY COMMITTEE

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council, in the absence of private funding, encourage the Federal Government to fund, own and operate, through the Australian Rail Track Corporation, the proposed railway line between Abbot Point and the Galilee Basin.

CARRIED

## COMPETITION, CONSUMER AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to ensure that the payment of fines issued under the Fair Work Act levied against an individual are paid by the individual and not an organisation.

CARRIED

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to ensure that the "right of entry" provisions of s 495 of the Fair Work Act 2009 require a seven (7) day lapse period between an unexecuted right of entry and any subsequent issue of notice to conduct a right of entry.

CARRIED

### PPR

That this Federal Council support a referendum to amend Section 51 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia so as to enshrine private property rights including the need for just compensation when either a Commonwealth or State Government acquires property or removes or restricts usage rights of private property, which should only happen when an overwhelming common good is proven.

CARRIED

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## ENERGY

### LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY

That this Federal Council call on the Federal Government to support the building of High Energy, Low Emissions Coal Fired Power Stations that have the capacity to produce Reliable, Accessible and Affordable power.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council calls upon the Federal and State Governments to abolish such regulation as is necessary to allow the development of sustainable nuclear energy.

CARRIED

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council recognises the rapid advance and improvement in energy technologies and calls on the Parliamentary National Party to pursue effective policy development that fosters the investment in R&D around power storage and generation to ensure that Australia remains at the forefront of a global shift in the way that energy is generated and stored and notes that this fits within the mandate of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and supports ARENA being appropriately resourced to allow them to continue this work into the future.

CARRIED

### VICTORIA

That this Federal Council requests that joint funding both from Federal and State Governments investigate opportunities and support investment strategies to maximise the potential for carbon based products to be produced from Latrobe Valley's brown coal resource.

CARRIED

### NEW SOUTH WALES

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to immediately meet Australia's obligations under the International Energy Agency agreement of 1979, namely holding in strategic reserves a minimum of 90 days of the previous year's liquid energy consumption.

CARRIED

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## SMALL BUSINESS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, PPR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

That this Federal Council commends The Nationals in Government on the implementation of the Decentralisation Agenda and supports:

- a. further relocation of government agencies and services to regional Australia;
- b. additional infrastructure investment to provide essential services and foster future growth;
- c. the development of strategies to attract and encourage the private sector to relocate and invest in the regions, including developing a zonal taxation incentive system;
- d. establishing a regional cities agenda; and
- e. leading a holistic and integrated approach to responding to regional development and decentralisation across levels of government through a Regional Australia Summit.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council calls for the Australian Space Agency announced in the 2018-19 Budget to be established in regional Australia.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS

That this Federal Council calls for further investment in regional cities to develop innovation hubs, providing high-speed broadband and business incentives for startups. Thus, developing new, competitive industries to sustain regional areas to combat the decline of energy generation and the adverse impact caused by manufacturing job losses.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, PPR

That this Federal Council calls on the Federal Government to implement a slowly decreasing cap to Australian Public Service employment in capital cities to allow for roles to be replaced in regional Australia through a structured decentralisation process.

CARRIED

### FEDERAL YOUNG NATIONALS, PPR

That this Federal Council supports greater regional procurement across all Commonwealth projects. This will ensure more cost-effective projects and deliver business to regional enterprises driving local economies and their communities.

CARRIED

### PPR

That this Federal Council recognises the importance of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) and supports a long term budgetary commitment to ongoing BBRF rounds to support regional development opportunities.

CARRIED



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**PPR**

That this Federal Council commends the Federal Government's action on late payments to small business through mandating 15 business day payment requirements for government entities by July 2019 and urges them to go further by (a) using COAG to advance this mandate being adopted by all state and territory governments and (b) implementing a mandatory industry code to require all large companies to abide by best payment practices and set payment times.

CARRIED

## **URGENCY**

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That this Federal Council, while recognising Federal drought assistance provided thus far, urges the Federal Parliamentary Party in the strongest possible terms to take the lead in arguing for the urgent provision for funding to help farmers maintain breeding stock and, when weather conditions allow, help grain growers to sow crops.

CARRIED

**URGENCY**

That this Nationals Federal Council request the Australian Government to:

- a. Recognise that a Lyme-like disease exists in Australia and is placed on the 'notifiable disease' register.
- b. Insists that doctors who are treating Lyme-like disease in Australia are protected from investigation and reprisals, in particular, Bukit not limited to, Medical Boards in Australia.
- c. Insist that General Practice and Infectious Disease Specialist Doctors are provided best practice education on Lyme-like diagnosis and treatment.
- d. Ensure patients are offered affordable testing treatment and full access to acute and chronic disease support
- e. Commit to research, on par with other infectious diseases, such as, Zika, SARS, Ebola etc
- f. This measure be treated with urgency and is initiated prior to the upcoming Federal Election.

CARRIED

**URGENCY**

That this Nationals Federal Council request the Australian Government to recognise farmers from South Africa and Zimbabwe whose land has been expropriated without compensation as qualifying for humanitarian visas.

CARRIED