

Direct Election of the Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party

The Bracks-Carr-Faulkner review called for new approaches to decision making within our Party and the selection of Labor candidates that are more democratic and generate greater interest and involvement in the ALP.

The recent international experience of centre-left Parties broadening out the franchise through which they elect their leadership has been encouraging:

- The current leader of the UK Labour Party, Ed Miliband, was elected in 2010 in a ballot involving over 127,000 rank-and-file Labour Party members and 247,000 members of affiliated unions.
- The President of France, Francois Hollande, won the endorsement of the French Socialist Party in 2011 in a Primary involving more than 2.6 million PS supporters & members;
- Italy's centre-left leader, Pier Luigi Bersani, was elected in a primary involving over 3.1 million Italians, which concluded in December 2012.

State Conference affirms that any reforms adopted by the Labor Party should not come at the expense of the democratic rights of ALP branch members, or the involvement of affiliated trade unions in ensuring that Labor remains a party that seeks to govern on behalf of and for working people.

This Conference directs the Administrative Committee to draft options for the direct election of the Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party.

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