

Board Director

Position Outline

Who We Are

The Animal Justice Party was formed in response to a growing number of voters who feel strongly that much more needs to be done through the Australian parliamentary system to assist in the wellbeing of animals. With thousands of members across Australia, elected MPs in the New South Wales and Victorian Parliaments and Local Government Councillors in Victoria and NSW, the Animal Justice Party is part of a rapidly growing international movement. Our vision is a planet on which animals are treated with respect, dignity and kindness, where they are able to flourish in their respective environments, and where their unique needs and capabilities are recognised and their interests protected.

The Board of Directors

What is the Board of Directors?

The Animal Justice Party Ltd ('the Party') is a single entity with a 'corporate' model of governance to manage various bodies. The principal decision-making bodies are the Board of Directors and, at a General Meeting, the Delegates.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance, management and strategic direction of the Party, and is ultimately responsible for compliance with all regulatory obligations and fiduciary duties. The Board of Directors' responsibilities, powers and duties are set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the Animal Justice Party Constitution.

The Board of Directors is elected by the Delegates (Voting Members) every two years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM); or otherwise Directors may be appointed to fill casual vacancies on the Board.

Who sits on the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors must have no less than 5 and no more than 9 Directors.

This includes:

- The office-bearers of the Party, being the:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
- And at least 1 and up to 5 ordinary Directors.

Portfolios

We are looking to fill the final Ordinary Member (non office-bearer) vacancy on the Board. As an Ordinary Member, you will take the lead on a particular portfolio(s) depending on your skills and interests. In particular, the Board is interested in applicants with skills and experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Advocacy/Campaigns
- Marketing
- Media
- Fundraising

Eligibility

A person is eligible to a Director if they:

- are a current Member of the Party;
- are an individual at least 18 years of age;
- are Vegan;
- are supported in their nomination by two eligible Members;
- give the Party their signed consent to act as a Director of the Party;
- are not disqualified from managing corporations under Part 2D.6 of the Corporations Act;
- are not an undischarged bankrupt; and
- provide or have applied for a Director Identification Number.

Duties

Duties of all Directors

All Directors must comply with their duties as Directors under legislation. This includes the duties set out in the Corporations Act, which are:

- to exercise their powers and discharge their duties with the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable individual would exercise if they were a director of the Party, in the Party's circumstances;
- to act in good faith in the best interests of the Party and to further the purpose(s) of the Party;
- not to misuse their position as a director in the manner set out in section 184 of the Corporations Act;
- not to misuse information they gain in their role as a director;
- to disclose any perceived or actual material conflicts of interest;
- to ensure that the financial affairs of the Party are managed responsibly; and
- not to allow the Party to operate while it is insolvent.

Directors are expected to contribute to decision-making of the Board, and to attend Board of Directors meetings.

Time Commitment

- 5-6 hours per week, increasing at peak times
- Volunteer, remote basis
- Minimum commitment until the next Board of Directors Election (approx. Nov 2025), with the option to nominate for election

How to Express Interest

Delegates are invited to express interest before this vacancy is distributed to the wider membership.

To express your interest in joining the Board of Directors as an Ordinary Member, please send your CV and a covering letter to secretary@animaljusticeparty.org.

Please feel welcome to contact us with any queries about this position.