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Bernard Gaynor was never an endorsed DLP candidate

We understand some people are puzzled concerning the supposed candidacy of Bernard Gaynor in Queensland.

Mr Gaynor was never an endorsed candidate of the DLP.

When Mr Gaynor applied for DLP membership, the Federal Executive agreed on the proviso that, apart from him upholding the principles of the DLP, Mr Gaynor could not be endorsed as a candidate unless the Federal Executive agreed.

The DLP Constitution states that a person cannot join the DLP within 2 years after formal resignation from another political party, except as the Federal Executive permits.

Recently, Mr Gaynor sought and received the endorsement of the Queensland State Executive, which under any other circumstances would have been the correct course to take. However, as he failed to abide by the original membership arrangements, he breached the initial agreement.

As a result the Federal Executive, including the Secretary of every State Branch, unanimously voted to revoke Mr Gaynor's membership.

The allegation made by Mr Gaynor that the Federal Executive acted against Party principles is completely unfounded.



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Also unfounded are the allegations that the DLP has structured its campaign around Islamic voters.

Not one DLP statement or policy is geared towards any specific religious group. The DLP holds firm to its policies and principles. Any individual or group that believes in these principles is welcome to support the Party.

The DLP upholds principles intended to promote mutual tolerance and respect among all peoples and communities.