

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

between

**Democracy International VR-Nr. 17139  
(Germany)**

and

**Polltick Ltd ABN: 93 615 785 754 (otherwise known as NewVote)  
(Australia)**

1. Democracy International is a nonpartisan nonprofit organisation. It's mission is that people have the political power. In this view, Democracy International aims to strengthen modern direct democracy and citizens' participation on the local, national and transnational level across the globe. Democracy International stands for a globalisation of democracy and a democratisation of transnational decision-making processes.

Democracy International accomplishes its mission through its main goals of:

- a. Learning and exchange: Democracy, the democratic procedural law and how it is practiced, is never completed but always in process. Different countries with different cultures develop a different kind of democracy. Yet, even if there is nothing like "the ideal democracy" we can constantly learn from each other and exchange experience with different styles and forms of democracy,
  - b. Help and develop: to build cross-border support and transnational solidarity among citizens and democracy groups. Democracy International seeks to offer support by sharing expertise and lessons learnt through three decades of experience; by advising on organisational development and campaigning; and by connecting activist and experts around the globe.
  - c. Transnational drawing together: Today democracy at this level is mainly a governmental form of states and sub-national political entities. International politics is still largely in the hands of national governments. With the European Union, forms of direct democracy have begun to emerge also at supranational level. Democracy International seeks to consolidate this process and foster the development of transnational democratic structures.
2. NewVote is a nonpartisan nonprofit organisation. It's purpose is to pursue the following charitable purposes:


- a. to advance civic education by providing information on political-related issues, and
  - b. to promote democracy in Australia through the provision of a participatory and deliberative online voting platform that promotes and opposes changes to matters established by law, policy or practice in the Commonwealth, States and Territories.
3. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding ("this Memorandum") is to formalise the parties' agreement to assist each other and work with each other to improve our joint understanding of democracy and to enhance democracy.
4. This Memorandum is not a legally binding document and it is entered into voluntarily.
5. The parties agree to promote each other's work wherever appropriate.
6. Specifically, the parties will, wherever possible:
  - a. host each other's staff when visiting the region,
  - b. assist each other's staff with information, resources and research, and
  - c. provide updates to the other on their progress.
7. The parties will promote events and activities of the other party and look to jointly host events, seminars and/or workshops in the future.
8. The contact person:
  - a. at Democracy International will be Caroline Vernailen, Global Manager for PR and Community Building, and
  - b. at NewVote will be Dion McCurdy, Director.
9. The parties will communicate with each other whenever necessary and using whatever method is appropriate.
10. The term of this Memorandum is as follows:
  - a. This Memorandum commences immediately upon the signing of both parties,

- b. This Memorandum renews from year to year, unless either party gives a Notice of Withdrawal ("the Notice") to the other party, for any reason, and
- c. Upon giving the Notice, this Memorandum ceases immediately.

11. The parties look forward to learning from each other and forming closer ties with each other into the future.



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