

Membership or support for organisations other than official Labour groups or other Party units

The Labour Party Rulebook 2018 Chapter 2, Membership Rules, Clause 1, 4B (page 10) reads as follows:

A member of the Party who joins and/or supports a political organisation other than an official Labour group or other unit of the Party, or supports any candidate who stands against an official Labour candidate or publicly declares their intent to stand against a Labour candidate, shall automatically be ineligible to be or remain a Party member, subject to the provisions of Chapter 6.1.2 below of the disciplinary rules.

Amendment

Replace the words 'a political organisation other than an official Labour group or other unit of the Party', with 'a political organisation whose principles, values, objectives or methods of organising are demonstrably incompatible with those of the Labour Party'.

Supporting Argument

The current wording on being a member of organisations other than an official Labour grouping or other unit of the Party is extremely vague, leaving the wording open to abuse and interpretations which are discretionary and unfair. This wording needs to be clarified, by clearly emphasising that only membership of organisations which have principles, values, objectives or methods of organising which are demonstrably incompatible with those of the Labour Party shall be considered problematic and grounds for making someone ineligible for membership status.