PROJECT ENDURING PULSE

Rejected and Superseded Alternatives

The record of considered design choices

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Considered, Rejected & Superseded

Ideas intentionally not carried into the current architecture

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Rejected: treating social cohesion or cross-species contact as independent authority for government-directed private social engineering. Cohesion is a valuable consequence of useful collaboration, not a license to compel relationships.

Rejected: species-role stereotypes such as humans = creativity/leadership and synths = calculation/execution. Complementary tendencies never determine an individual's permitted role.

Idea	Status / reason	Current rule
Rank-sum/Borda presidential counting	Rejected after clone sensitivity	Pairwise/Condorcet architecture; Schulze working default
Compulsory voting / ballot return	Rejected as overbroad	Voting remains voluntary; impaired-election certification is rare backstop
Old 10%/5%/3% turnout staircase	Superseded after selective-turnout stress	Independent impairment architecture + extraordinary certification
Near-unanimous 14/15 personhood panels	Rejected for excessive false negatives	12/15 with multiple independent panels and epistemic diversity
Per-linked-cohort illicit-origin cap	Rejected as vulnerable to split-provenance evasion	30% aggregate active illicit-origin ceiling
Rogue integration displacing lawful creation	Rejected	Illicit-origin integration is supplemental
Separate species militaries / survival systems	Rejected	Species-operable pathways preserve the whole population in one civilization
Political integration without shared competence/collaboration	Rejected as insufficient	Functional Integration elevated to doctrine for complementary capability, continuity, and anti-bifurcation
Rigid or government-mandated eternal 50/50 staffing / 1:1 pairing	Rejected as overfrozen	Entrenched purpose, adaptable mechanics

Idea	Status / reason	Current rule
Government-forced private integration	Rejected	No compelled friends, family, residence, religion or occupation for integration
Blanket no-systematic-sacrifice limiter on LRH	Rejected as inconsistent with intended use of synthetic durability	Voluntary materially safer synthetic hazardous specialization + make-whole duties
Historical population percentage as trusteeship exit	Rejected	Use sufficient mature civic capacity and staged return
Earth/home-world perpetual sovereignty	Rejected	Self-sustaining worlds presumptively self-governing
Isolationism toward external slavery	Rejected	External oppression matters morally
Automatic liberation war	Rejected	Proportionality, realistic prospects and preservation of the free society
Fixed constitutional public/private infrastructure model	Rejected as false precision	Preserve legislative ownership/access/competition tools
HEAH as adopted sentencing rule	Deferred / rejected today	Research-only until substantially better evidence
The Continuity Compact / The Eternum Charter as current name	Superseded	Project Enduring Pulse

Rejected: presenting the 114/120 long-horizon result as independent validation that PULSE is superior. Architecture-effectiveness parameters are explicit hypotheses; the model is conditional systems analysis.

[Editorial model context] These results assume PULSE's institutions work well; the model doesn't independently establish that. In the skeptic test, moving selected PULSE institutional effects roughly 15–20% closer to the model's neutral setting removed its average lead over the strongest liberal-democratic comparator. This does not mean reducing every PULSE assumption by that amount. It is not an empirical confidence interval, a measured safety margin or evidence that PULSE is 15–20% better.

Earlier public explanations emphasized possible shared advancement rather than catastrophe. The current explanation starts more simply: if AI becomes a person, what rules would humans and synthetic persons need to live together without either permanently ruling the other? The safeguards and the possibility of useful cooperation remain part of the same framework.

Rejected: treating total simulation/trial count as evidence strength. Counts belong in methodology/provenance; assumption quality and failure-mode findings matter more.

Rejected: making Least Reversible Harm an immutable hardware-level morality instruction. Hardware may preserve continuity and change risk; LRH remains a constitutional/moral reasoning principle.

Rejected: concealing AI assistance. Human-directed, AI-assisted development should be stated openly rather than discovered indirectly.