

Rejected and Superseded Alternatives

The record of considered design choices

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PROJECT ENDURING PULSE

Considered, Rejected & Superseded

Ideas intentionally not carried into the current architecture

v1.2.1 Complementary Capabilities Clarification | September 2026

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Old 10%/5%/3% turnout staircase	Superseded after selective-turnout stress	Independent impairment architecture + extraordinary certification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

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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