



24 January 2024

Sally Glover
Secretary
The Australian Retailers Association
Sent via email: info@retail.org.au

Dear Sally Glover

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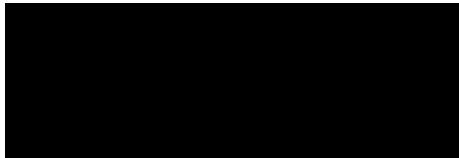
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Signed: **Sally Glover, Secretary ARA**

Dated: **15/01/24**

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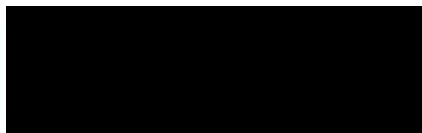
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[Sally Glover – ARA Secretary]

Dated: [26/05/23]

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National	3/05/23	Councillor	Rowan Hodge	Tanya Tindall	As Above	General Manager
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29 March 2023

Steven Plarre
Secretary
The Australian Retailers Association
Sent via email: info@retail.org.au

Dear Steven Plarre

The Australian Retailers Association's annual return of information (annual return) lodged under subsection 233(1) of the RO Act

Thank you for providing your annual return lodged under subsection 233(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

Summary of your annual return and its assessment

Year	2023
Matter number	AR2023/4
Lodgement date	28 March 2023
Review	Primary Review
Result	FILED

Your primary review

Your annual return had a **primary review** which checked whether it was signed by an officer, lodged on time, the required declarations were made, included the list of offices and office holders and whether you met the requirements that the regulator raised with you last year. A primary review does not examine all the requirements of subsection 233(1).



Your annual return satisfied the requirements of the primary review and has been uploaded to the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) website.

The Commission's risk-based approach

This year your annual return was assessed against a primary review. Consistent with the Commission's risk-based approach, most annual returns are the subject of a primary review.

The remainder receive an advanced review which is a more comprehensive review.

Each organisation should expect that in some years their annual return will be the subject of an advanced review.

The Commission's [advanced review checklists](#) are published on our website.

Do you have any questions?

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ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION (organisation with no branches) in accordance with Regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009 and Sections 230 and 233 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

I, [STEVEN PLARRE], being the [SECRETARY] of the [AUSTRALIAN RETAILERS ASSOCIATION], declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
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 - The address of the organisation is [Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade East Melbourne 3002].¹
 - The organisation has no branches and no branches have ceased or commenced in the previous 12 months.²
 - On 31 December in the previous year the number of members was [7274].³
 - A list of offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices as at the date of this declaration is attached at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
 - Under the rules of the organisation, the following elections must be held between 1 January and 31 December of THIS YEAR⁴
Council Member (14), President (1), Vice President (1), Secretary (1), Treasurer (1)
 - The organisation:

Has not entered into an agreement under section151(1) of the Act with a state union.

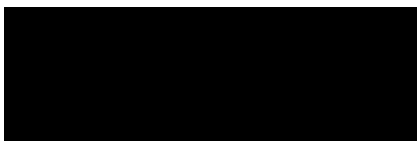
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⁴ section230(1)(d); reg.147(e)

Signed:

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[Steve Plarre – ARA SECRETARY]

Dated: [28/03/2023]

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⁵ section233(2); reg. 151

Annexure A

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- Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation:

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President	Nicole Sheffield	Australian Retailers Association, Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002	Managing Director
Vice President	Stephen Younane	As above	Chief Executive Officer
Secretary	Steven Plarre	As above	Chief Executive Officer
Treasurer	Drew Meads	As above	Franchisee Owner/General Manager
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