



Fair Work
Commission

DECISION

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009
s.189—Arrangement for conduct of an election

Australian Education Union
(E2025/56)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 17 JUNE 2025

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 21 May 2025 the Northern Territory Branch (the **Branch**) of the Australian Education Union lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the **Commission**) prescribed information for an election. At the time of lodgement, the Branch advised that rule alterations affecting the election had been passed by Branch Conference resolution but had not been lodged with the Commission. Among the rule alterations sought was a change to the regions from which Executive Councillors are elected.

[2] Commission staff advised the Branch to promptly lodge an application under section 159 (alteration of other rules of organisation) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the **Act**), so that the Commission could consider and (if appropriate) certify the proposed alterations so that the amended rules would apply to this election if that was the Branch's intention.

[3] The section 159 application for rule alteration was lodged by the Branch on 31 May 2025 (matter number **R2025/84**). Further information was provided by the Branch regarding the application, and the rule alterations were certified on 11 June 2025.¹

[4] On 12 and 16 June 2025, the Branch lodged amended prescribed information in relation to this election, which reflected the new regions for the Executive Councillors that had been the subject of the rule alterations in **R2025/84**. The amended prescribed information accordingly seeks to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

Branch Secretary	(1)
Executive Councillors from the following regions:	
Darwin	(4)
Big Rivers	(1)

¹ Rulebook **R2025/84**, available on the Commission's webpage for Australian Education Union matters (<https://www.fwc.gov.au/registered-organisations/find-registered-organisation/australian-education-union-aeu>)

East Arnhem	(1)
Central	(2)
Top End	(3)
Barkly	(1)

[5] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed offices is required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of the RO Act, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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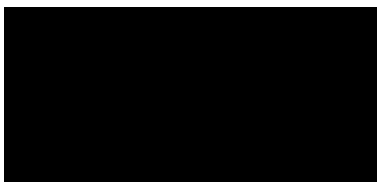
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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and Regulation 138 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*

I, RACHAEL METCALFE, being the BRANCH SECRETARY of the NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH of the AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for THE NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
4. A brief outline of the proposed rule alterations affecting this election is attached. These rule alterations HAVE been lodged with the Fair Work Commission and a Rule Decision number R2025/84 was received on 11 June 2025. I reference this Rule Decision for the reason for lodging this amended PI.
5. The original statement was lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election in Annexure A. An amended statement was lodged with the Fair Work Commission on 12 June 2025 and today, after rule changes relevant to this election were certified on 11 June 2025 by the Fair Work Commission in decision R2025/84.
6. If the number of elected representatives is calculated on a formula(s) defined in the rules]:
 - a. The rule number(s) which specify(s) the formula(s) is/are 18 a) (vi)
 - b. The formula(s) is 1 : 200
 - c. The information for calculating the formula(s) is 'Executive Councillors from each Region, elected on a basis of one member for every 200 members or part thereof'

Signed:



Dated: 16 June 2025

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Fair Work Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to regorgs@fwc.gov.au.

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- Elections that are required

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system	Reason for Election Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations	Electorate
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, Darwin	4	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Darwin, Rule 108 d), Attachment B, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, Big Rivers	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Big Rivers, Rule 108 d), Schedule 1, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, East Arnhem	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	East Arnhem, Rule 108 d), Attachment B, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, Central	2	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Central, Rule 108 d), Schedule 1, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, Top End	3	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Top End, Rule 108 d), Attachment B, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Executive Councillor, Barkly	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Barkly, Rule 108 d), Schedule 1, Attachment C
NT Branch of the Australian Education Union	Branch Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Rule 108 c)

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
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Nominations OPEN	No later than 22 July 2023, Rule 109 a)	
Nominations CLOSE	5.00pm 21 August 2023, Rule 109 a)	
Roll of Voters cut off date	To be determined by the returning officer	