



## DECISION

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

**The Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union**  
(E2025/69)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 13 November 2025, the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch (the **Branch**) of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union (the **organisation**) lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information and on 20 November 2025 lodged amended prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

Branch President	(1)
Branch Vice President	(1)
Branch Secretary	(1)
Branch Assistant Secretary	(1)
Branch Treasurer	(1)
Branch Organisers	(2)
Ordinary Members of the Branch Committee of Management from the following membership areas:	
New South Wales membership:	(7)
Tasmanian membership:	(1)
South Australian membership:	(2)
Federal Council Delegates	(3)

### Restructure of Branches

[2] Since the previous scheduled election for what was then the Newcastle and Northern Branch in (E2021/72)<sup>1</sup>, there have been two separate certifications of alterations to the organisation's rules under section 159 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

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<sup>1</sup> [2021] ROCD 70

(RO Act) that have changed the Branch's structure.<sup>2</sup> Among other things, the Tasmanian Branch has been dissolved and its members reallocated to the Newcastle and Northern Branch, renaming it the Newcastle, Northern and Tasmanian Branch (**NNT Branch**).<sup>3</sup> Separately, the South and Western Australian Branch was dissolved and the members in South Australia reallocated to the NNT Branch, which has been renamed and now bears the name set out in the first paragraph of this decision.

[3] The restructure reflected in the rule changes has altered the composition of the Branch's Committee of Management by creating two new representative positions reserved for members in South Australia and reducing the number of representative positions reserved for members in Tasmania from two to one.<sup>4</sup> The remaining seven Branch Committee members elected by the New South Wales membership of the Branch remains unchanged from the previous election.<sup>5</sup>

[4] The alterations also reduce the Branch's entitlement to Federal Council Delegates representing the Branch on the Federal Council, from four positions to three positions.<sup>6</sup> It is noted that the rules certified in (R2022/114)<sup>7</sup>, provided that two Federal Council Delegate positions were to be reserved for delegates elected by members based in Tasmania, therefore entitling the Branch to a total of four Federal Council Delegates. Subsequent rule alterations certified in (R2024/71) removed the Tasmanian Branch's guaranteed entitlement with the effect of reducing the total number of Branch Federal Council Delegate positions from four to three.<sup>8</sup>

[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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<sup>2</sup> [2022] FWCD 6 - R2022/114 and [2024] FWCD 1032 - R2024/71

<sup>3</sup> R2022/114 – paragraph 4

<sup>4</sup> R2024/71 – paragraph 10

<sup>5</sup> See E2021/72 [2021] ROCD 70 & AMIEU rules certified 5 August 2024 [R2024/71] – r.47.33.1

<sup>6</sup> Ibid r.13.2.4

<sup>7</sup> R2022/114 – paragraph 14

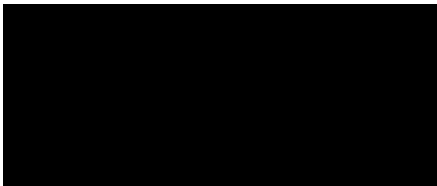
<sup>8</sup> R2024/71 – paragraphs 9 and 10

**PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and Regulation 138 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*, with a request under Section 187 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009***

I, Justin Smith, being the Secretary of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees 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 B.

Signed:

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Justin Smith.

Dated: 20/11/2025

**NOTE:** This statement, together with Annexures A and B, must be lodged with the Fair Work Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted by email to [regorgs@fwc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@fwc.gov.au).

## Annexure B

- Elections that are required [insert as many pages as 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
<b>For the election of officers</b>					
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	President	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch – <i>rule 47.33</i>
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Vice President	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch – <i>rule 47.33</i>
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch– <i>rule 47.33</i>
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Assistant Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch – <i>rule 47.33</i>

Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Treasurer	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch– <i>rule 47.33</i>
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Organisers	2	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch – <i>rule 47.33</i>
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Committee of Management Members from New South Wales	7	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch who reside in New South Wales – Rule 47.33.1
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Committee of Management Members from Tasmania	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch who reside in Tasmania – Rule 47.33.2
Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Committee of Management Members from South Australia	2	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch who reside in South Australia – Rule 47.33.3

Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch	Delegates to Federal Council	3	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch – <i>rule 13.2.4</i>
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- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System
<b>Nominations OPEN</b>	To be determined by the returning officer
<b>Nominations CLOSE</b>	To be determined by the returning officer – at least 14days after the opening of the nominations per rule 50.8
<b>Roll of Voters cut off date</b>	To be determined by the returning officer

**NOTES:** For insufficient nominations and casual vacancies, the date nominations open and close, unless specified in the rules, should be listed as ‘To be determined by the returning officer’. This also applies where rules are silent as to the nominated dates. If the nomination dates are ‘To be Determined by the Returning Officer’, but your organisation has a preference, please state ‘To be Determined by Returning Officer’ and clearly indicate that your nominated date is a preference.