



DECISION

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

The Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union
(E2026/8)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 16 JANUARY 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 15 January 2026 the Newcastle, Northern, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices, due to insufficient nominations received in a previous election (**E2025/69**):

Committee of Management Ordinary Member from New South Wales (1)

Committee of Management Ordinary Member from South Australia (1)

[2] 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 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Election of Offices -AMIEU NNSAT Branch Committee of Management Vacancies

I am writing to request the Fair Work Commission arrange for the conduct of an election by the Australian Electoral Commission, in relation to two vacancies in the branch committee of management of the AMIEU NNSAT Branch. The vacancies exist because there are recently-concluded quadrennial elections failed to fill all available positions.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the prescribed information required by the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 ("the RO Act).

The Prescribed Information

The prescribed information in respect of the election is as follows:

(a) the name of each office or position for which an election is required;

The name of each office or position for which an election is required, is as follows:

- (i) One (1) committee of management representative elected by the New South Wales membership; and
- (ii) One (1) committee of management representative elected by the South Australian membership.

The rules of the AMIEU provide [at clause 47.33] that there are to be a total of ten committee of management representatives, in addition to the named positions - Seven

from New South Wales, two from South Australia, and one from Tasmania.

The scheduled quadrennial branch elections have recently been conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission – Election E2025/69. On 13 January 2026, the AEC 33 returning officer issued a declaration of the election results, a copy of which is attached.

The declaration shows that only six candidates were nominated for the seven committee of management positions to be elected from the New South Wales membership. All six were declared elected, with one position therefore vacant. The declaration shows that only one candidate was nominated for the two committee of management positions to be elected from the South Australian membership. That candidate was declared election, with one position therefore vacant.

The vacancies in the committee of management cannot be filled by appointment by the committee of management, pursuant to rule 51.1 of the AMIEU rules, because the unexpired term of office of each position exceeds twelve months, and also exceeds three-quarters of the unexpired term of office. Accordingly, rule 51.4 of the AMIEU rules requires a ballot be conducted to fill the vacancy.

(b) the reason for the election

In respect of each of the above offices, the reason for the election is that a vacancy for the office exists, because the position was not filled at the previous, recently-conducted scheduled election (E2025/69).

(c) the electorate for each office

The electorate for each office is as follows:

- (i) For the committee of management vacancy from New South Wales, the electorate comprises those members of the Union who are resident in New South Wales (see clause 47.33.1 of the AMIEU rules).
- (ii) For the committee of management representative from South Australia, the electorate comprises those members of the Union who are resident in South Australia (see clause 47.33.3 of the AMIEU rules).

(d) the beginning and end of the nomination period for candidates

The rules of the AMIEU do not specifically state when the nomination period begins or ends.

Rule 50.8 specifies that the Returning Officer must advertise the election, that this must occur at least fourteen days prior to the close of nominations, and that the date for the close of nominations is to be fixed by the Returning Officer.

(e) the day on which the rules specify the roll of voters is to be closed

The rules of the AMIEU do not specifically provide for the day on which the roll of voters is to be closed.

(f) voting method

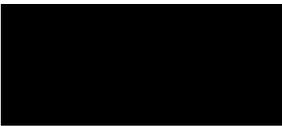
The kind of voting system to be used in the conduct of the election is a direct voting system.

I request that you make the appropriate arrangements for the conduct of the election for the two vacant offices of the AMIEU Northern New South Wales, South Australian and Tasmanian Branch.

I state that the above information is the information prescribed by Regulation 138 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulation 2009 and is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in relation to the above, or if you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,



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