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2 February 2026

Michael Buchan  
Branch State Secretary  
Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union-Western Australian Branch  
Sent via email: [mbuchan@cfmeuwa.com](mailto:mbuchan@cfmeuwa.com)

Dear Michael Buchan

**Section 271 application for certificate of exemption from the requirements of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act) (FR2025/261)**

I refer to the application lodged pursuant to section 271(1) of the Act by the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union-Western Australian Branch (the reporting unit) for the financial year ended 31 December 2025. The application was lodged with the Fair Work Commission on 20 January 2026.

The application has been granted. The certificate is attached.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please call 1300 341 665 or email [regorgs@fwc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@fwc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
**Patrick Coyle**  
**Delegate of the General Manager**  
**Fair Work Commission**



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# CERTIFICATE

*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

s.271—Certificate of exemption from requirements of Chapter 8, Part 3

**Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union-Western Australian Branch**  
FR2025/261

PATRICK COYLE

ADELAIDE, 2 FEBRUARY 2026

*Certificate of exemption from the requirements of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work  
(Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

[1] On 20 January 2026 an application was made under section 271(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* by the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union-Western Australian Branch for a certificate of exemption in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

[2] I am satisfied that the reporting unit did not have any financial affairs in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2025.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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The General Manager  
Fair Work Commission  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* – Application for s.271 certificate**

I am the State Secretary of the Western Australia State Branch of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU). I make this application on behalf of the Branch, pursuant to a direction issued by the National Executive of the CFMEU and in accordance with Rule 28 of the CFMEU Rules.

Pursuant to s.271 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act), I hereby apply for a certificate of exemption for the Branch in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2025.

In support of this application I submit as follows:

1. The CFMEU consists of a number of Divisions.
2. There exist a number of Divisional Branches, Districts or District Branches within these Divisions. Such Divisional Branches, Districts or District Branches function within a designated geographical area, in most cases being the State or Territory in which they are established.
3. The CFMEU and each Division and Divisional Branch, District or District Branch thereof submit annual financial returns in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Act.
4. CFMEU State Branches, including the Branch, consist of the members and officers of each Divisional Branch, District or District Branch in each State or Territory.
5. The Branch has not had an account with a bank or any other financial institution nor has it had custody of any real property or monies during the financial year.
6. The Branch had no reason to keep accounting records and did not have any financial affairs during the financial year.
7. The Branch had not traded or carried out financial transactions of any kind and has not expended economic resources or incurred any financial obligations to conduct its activities during the financial year.
8. The various Divisional Branches, Districts, or District Branches within the State of Western Australia expend their own economic resources and incur financial obligations so that the Branch may conduct its activities.

9. No person or body corporate or trust expends its own economic resources or incurs financial obligations so that the Branch may conduct its activities.
10. Notwithstanding the above, the Branch has functions in accordance with the rules of the CFMEU including rules relating to Branches.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mick Buchan.

**Mick Buchan** /  
**State Secretary**  
**CFMEU Western Australia State Branch**