



DECISION

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

Australian Education Union
(E2026/27)

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MELBOURNE, 27 FEBRUARY 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 9 and 10 February 2026 the South Australian Branch (**Branch**) of the Australian Education Union lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information and amended prescribed information for an election to fill a casual vacancy in the following offices for the remainder of the term:

Branch Executive Officer (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) (1)

Branch Executive Officer (General Division) (1)

[2] Branch rule 54 concerns the conduct of elections where a minimum number of women are required to be elected to fill, among other offices, the twelve (12) Branch Executive Officers. The Branch Executive Officer (General Division) is one of the 12 Branch Executive Officers.

[3] Sub-rule 54(6) specifically provides that ‘Any casual or extraordinary vacancy in the position of Branch Executive Officer shall be held by a person of the same gender as the person who is being replaced’. The previous office of Branch Executive Officer (General Division) was held by a female officer. Accordingly, that vacant office shall be filled by a person of the same gender.

[4] 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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Mr Murray Furlong
General Manager
Fair Work Commission
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Dear Mr Furlong,

Re: Prescribed Information – Australian Education Union (SA Branch) – Branch Executive – Casual vacancies x2

I wish to submit a Prescribed Information for Branch Executive for two casual vacancies.

I, Matthew Cherry, being the Branch Secretary of the Australian Education Union (SA Branch), make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the South Australia 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. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
5. The elections that are set out in the table in Annexure A are in accordance with Branch rules 48.

Yours sincerely,

MATTHEW CHERRY
Branch Secretary

Branch	Name of Office	Number required (Minimum Number of Female officers)	Voting System	Reason for Election	Electorate	Previous Office Holder
SA	Branch Executive Officer (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)	1 <i>(Rule 48(9))</i> <i>(Rule 48(15))</i>	Direct Voting System	Casual vacancy	Financial members of the Branch, provided that the member being nominated and the nominators must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander members of the Branch <i>(Rule 48(9))</i> . Casual vacancy to be filled as per Rule 48(15).	Daniel “Danny” Ellis
SA	Branch Executive Officers	1 (1) <i>(Rule 7(5))</i> <i>(Rule 48(15))</i> <i>(Rule 54(6))</i>	Direct Voting System	Casual vacancy	Financial members of the General Division other than members assigned to the Children’s Services Sub-Division and School Services Officers Sub-Division <i>(Rule 48(8))</i> . Casual vacancy to be filled as per Rule 48(15). The nominee must be female as per Rule 54(6).	Madeleine “Madie” Heller

Annexure A

	Direct Voting System
Nominations OPEN	Not less than 14 days before the close of nominations (<i>Rule 48(12)</i>)
Nominations CLOSE	Not less than 14 days after nominations open.
Roll of Voters cut-off date	Seven days before the day on which nominations open (<i>Rule 52(1A)</i>)