



DECISION

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

Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association
(E2026/15)

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MELBOURNE, 12 MARCH 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 2 March 2026 the Victorian Branch (the **Branch**) of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the **Commission**) prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

President	(1)
Vice Presidents	(2)
State Councillors elected from the Metropolitan Division	(7)
State Councillors elected from all other Division Delegates	(4)
Trustees	(2)

[2] On 24 February 2026 the Branch lodged an application with the Commission (**R2026/18**) to alter the Branch rules under section 159 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the **RO Act**). The proposed rule alteration to Branch rule 41(d) provides that the date nominations close regarding an election for the abovementioned offices shall be ‘not later than’ twenty nine days prior to the commencement of the Branch Conference. The alteration proposes to add the words ‘not later than’ before the words ‘twenty nine days’. The proposed date for nominations to open in this election is 13 May 2026. If the rule alteration is certifiable in accordance with the RO Act, it is anticipated that the alteration will be certified and take effect before the date nominations are to open for this election.

[3] 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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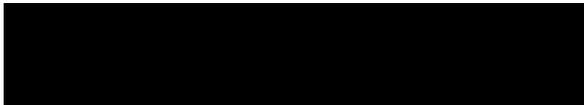
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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

I, MICHAEL DONOVAN, being the Branch Secretary/Treasurer of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association Victorian Branch make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association Victorian Branch.
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 rule alteration affecting this election has been lodged with the Fair Work Commission (Case No R2026/18). It amends Rule 41(d) as follows:
 - Amend Rule 41(d) by inserting the words “not later than” before the words “twenty nine days”This rule alteration has been lodged with the Fair Work Commission. The proposed alteration was lodged on 24 February 2026.
5. At a meeting on 4 February 2026 State Council passed the following resolution in relation to the election
 - Noting that elections for the Officers of the Branch (other than the Secretary/Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer) and the Trustees are due in 2026 and subject to approval of the proposed amendment to Rule 41(d), State Council resolves that nominations shall open on Wednesday 13 May 2026 and close at 11 am on Friday 29 May 2026 and any ballot necessary shall open on Monday 15 June 2026 and close at 10 am on Friday 10 July 2026.
6. This statement IS lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A.

Signed:



Dated:

2 MAR 2026

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

Annexure A

- 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
Victorian	President	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	Delegates to Branch Conference Rules 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42
Victorian	Vice President	2	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	Delegates to Branch Conference Rules 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42
Victorian	State Councillors elected from Metropolitan Division Delegates to Branch Conference	7	Collegiate Electoral System	Scheduled	Delegates to Branch Conference Rules 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42
Victorian	State Councillors elected from all other Division Delegates to Branch Conference	4	Collegiate Electoral System	Scheduled	Delegates to Branch Conference Rules 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42
Victorian	Trustees	2	Collegiate Electoral System	Scheduled	Delegates to Branch Conference Rules 36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN		13 May 2026
Nominations CLOSE		11am, 29 May 2026
Roll of Voters cut off date		6 May 2026 7 days prior to nominations opening

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.

If the P.I. includes a position that is not an office, please refer to our template [Prescribed information for the election of officer and non-officer positions](#)