



DECISION

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

Australian Retail Council
(E2026/120)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 27 JULY 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 9 July 2026 the Australian Retail Council (**ARC**) lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

Board Members	(9)
Chair	(1)
Deputy Chair	(1)
Treasurer	(1)
Secretary	(1)

[2] On 1 February 2026, the Australian Retailers Association (ARA) amalgamated with the National Retail Association Limited, Union of Employers (NRA) to form the ARC (D2025/5)¹. Under the ARC's rules, a transitional rule (rule 37.8) provided for a Board and office bearers (drawn from the former ARA and NRA) who would serve until the first election of a new Board could take place. Rule 37.12 prescribes that the inaugural election of the abovenamed offices is to take place no later than 12 months after Amalgamation Day (i.e. by 1 February 2027).

[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 *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

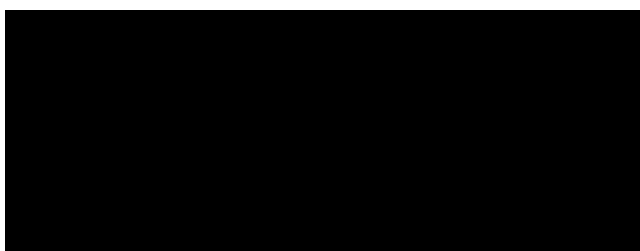
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¹ [2025] FWC 3807.

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, **Drew Meads**, being the **Acting Chair** of the **Australian Retail Council** make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the **Australian Retail Council**.
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.
No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
4. This statement **IS** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A.



Signed: **Drew Meads**

Acting Chair, Australian Retail Council

Dated: **6/07/2026**

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

Annexure A

- Elections that are 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
National	Board Member	9	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	<i>National. Rule 20.1; 25.1-25.27; 37.12</i>
National	Chair	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	National. Rule 25.28; 37.12
National	Deputy Chair	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	National. Rule 25.28; 37.12
National	Treasurer	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	National. Rule 25.28; 37.12
National	Secretary	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	National. Rule 25.28; 37.12

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	TBD by Returning Officer – Rule 37.12; 25.11; 25.12 NOTE A new board must be in place by 1 February 2027 due to the ARC Amalgamation date of 1 February 2026 PREFERRED DATE: September 2026	Via secret ballot at the first meeting of the Board following the declaration of the results of the elections for the Board – Rule 25.28
Nominations CLOSE	TBD by Returning Officer Nominations open for not less than 3 weeks - Rule 25.13 PREFERRED DATE: September 2026	Via secret ballot at the first meeting of the Board following the declaration of the results of the elections for the Board – Rule 25.28
Roll of Voters cut off date	7 days before nominations open – Rule 25.10	Election of office bearers are the Board members declared – Rule 25.28

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.*](#)