



DECISION

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

Australian Education Union
(E2026/103)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 3 JULY 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 18 June 2026, the Australian Education Union (AEU) lodged prescribed information with the Fair Work Commission seeking an election to fill a casual vacancy in the following office for the remainder of the term:

Federal Executive Member from the Northern Territory Branch (1)

[2] Rule 35(1)(e) of the AEU rules relevantly provides that Federal Executive Members from the Northern Territory Branch are elected biennially by and from members of the Branch Executive who are assigned to the General Division. This indicates that only members on the Branch Executive assigned to the General Division are eligible to hold office as Federal Executive Members.

[3] In the present circumstances, the Federal Executive Member from the Northern Territory Branch recently resigned from their office as Branch President. The Branch President was a member of the Branch Executive assigned to the General Division. Upon resignation they ceased to be a member of the Branch Executive. The resignation did not specifically set out that they were also resigning from their office as a Federal Executive Member. However, where a person is no longer on the Branch Executive (and assigned to the General Division), they are no longer eligible to hold office as a Federal Executive Member, thus vacating this office.

[4] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed office 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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18 June 2026

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Dear Mr Furlong,

**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, Nicole Calnan being the Federal Secretary of the Australian Education Union make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for 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 elections.
5. Federal Rule 30(4) states that the roll of voters is to be closed seven days before the day on which nominations open.
6. The resignation that has caused the vacancy is attached.
7. The Branch Secretaries to contact for lists of members and other necessary information in relation to AEU elections are:

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Yours sincerely,



Nicole Calnan
Federal Secretary

ANNEXURE A - Elections that are required

NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

NAME OF OFFICE	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER REQUIRED	VOTING SYSTEM	REASON FOR ELECTION	ELECTORATE
Federal Executive Member	1 March 2026 – 29 February 2028	1	Collegiate Electoral System	Casual Vacancy	Financial members assigned to the General Division of the Northern Territory Branch Executive Federal Rule 35, <i>Branch Rule 114A</i>

Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	To be determined by returning officer.	To be determined by returning officer.
Nominations CLOSE	To be determined by returning officer.	To be determined by returning officer.
Roll of Voters cut-off date	7 days prior to nominations opening (Federal rule 30 (4))	7 days prior to nominations opening (Federal rule 30 (4))