



DECISION

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

Australian Education Union
(E2026/124)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 11 AUGUST 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 30 July 2026 the Australian Education Union (the **AEU**) lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information for an election to fill an increased entitlement for the following office for the remainder of the term of office:

Queensland Branch

Federal Conference Delegate representing the General Division (1)

[2] The rules of the AEU Queensland Branch (the **Branch**) provide that an election of Federal Delegates to Federal Conference shall occur each two years or at such sooner time for filling an increased entitlement¹ pursuant to rule 24 of the AEU Federal rules (Constitution of Federal Conference).

[3] Following an enquiry from Commission staff about the relevant financial membership of the Branch, the AEU confirmed that membership of the General Division of the Branch recorded at 30 June 2026 (42,855 financial members) had increased from the membership recorded at 30 June 2025 (41,814 financial members), thereby entitling the Branch to one additional Federal Conference Delegate from the General Division.

[4] This increase in entitlement is in addition to the 17 Federal Conference Delegates from the General Division representing the Branch, elected in the previous scheduled election (**E2025/37**)² in accordance with the formula prescribed in rule 24(3A)³ of the AEU Federal rules.

[5] 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*

¹ AEU Qld Branch rule 10(2)

² [2025] FWCD 64

³ AEU rules certified 13 August 2025 [R2025/117] – see rule 24(3A) and rule 24(4) financial members assigned to a Division at 30 June

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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30 July 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 election/s that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
4. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the elections.
5. The rule numbers which specify the formulas are Rule 24(3A), Rule 25, Rule 47(3), Rule 47A and various Branch Rules concerning the minimum representation of women in connection with any ballots that are necessary for the election the Federal Conference and the National TAFE Council.
6. Federal Rule 30(4) states that the roll of voters is to be closed seven days before the day on which nominations open.
7. The Branch Secretaries to contact for lists of members and other necessary information in relation to these elections are:

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Nicole Calnan
Federal Secretary

ANNEXURE A - Elections that are required

QUEENSLAND BRANCH					
NAME OF OFFICE	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER REQUIRED	VOTING SYSTEM	REASON FOR ELECTION	ELECTORATE
Federal Conference Delegate (General Division)	1 January 2026 - 31 December 2027	1	Direct Voting System	Increase in entitlement (<i>Federal Rule 24(4) General Division membership as at June 30 = 42,855</i>)	Financial members assigned to the General Division of the Queensland Branch (Federal Rule 30 (1))

IMPORTANT DATES

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