



DECISION

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

Association of Consulting Architects - Australia
(E2026/153)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 6 OCTOBER 2026

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 22 September 2026 the Association of Consulting Architects Australia (ACAA) lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information for an election to fill a casual vacancy in the following office for the remainder of the term:

Victoria/Tasmania Branch President (1)

[2] The ACAA Committee is comprised of the Presidents of each Branch who then elect one of their number as National President. In the recent election for National President, as part of Stage 3 of election **E2026/38**, the President of the Victoria/Tasmania Branch was elected as National President. Rule 19(1) of the ACAA rules provides that “[t]he Branch President elected as National President vacates their Branch President office; that vacancy is treated as a casual vacancy and managed in accordance with rule 31(5)”.

[3] Rule 31(5) relevantly provides that:

In the event of a casual or extraordinary vacancy arising in the position of an office-holder of the Branch Committee, the Branch Committee may elect from amongst their own number by secret postal ballot another office-holder to fill the casual vacancy.

[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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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, BRETT HUDSON, being the NATIONAL SECRETARY of the ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ARCHITECTS - AUSTRALIA make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for ACA-VIC/TAS Branch.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
3. ACA 2026 elections, E2026/38, have concluded.
4. Elections are required to elect the Branch President for the ACA-VIC/TAS as set out in the table in Annexure A.
5. On 15 September 2026 the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) declared the results of Stage 3 election of the National Executive Committee. Attached and marked Annexure B is a copy of the AEC's decision.
6. In accordance with Rule 19(1) of the ACA Constitution the elected National President must vacate their Branch President office:
 - (1) The Committee shall consist of one representative from each Branch, being the elected President of each Branch, together with the National President. The Branch President elected as National President vacates their Branch President office; that vacancy shall be treated as a casual vacancy and managed in accordance with Rule 31(5).
7. Rule 31(5) of the ACA Constitution states:
 - (5) In the event of a casual or extraordinary vacancy arising in the position of an office-holder of the Branch Committee, the Branch Committee may elect from amongst their own number by secret postal ballot another office-holder to fill the casual vacancy. Where the unexpired period of office is 18 months or less, the Branch Committee may appoint a member to fill the vacancy. Any person so elected or appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the office-holder of the Branch Committee they were elected or appointed to replace.
8. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
9. ✓ ACA No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.



Signed: National Secretary

Dated: 22 September 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:

	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
VIC/TAS	Branch President	1	Collegiate electoral system	Casual vacancy	Elected VIC/TAS Branch Committee of Management members conducted by the AEC E2026-38 (ACAA Rule 35)

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN		To be determined by the returning officer. (Rule 19(3)(a))
Nominations CLOSE		To be determined by the returning officer. (Rule 19(3)(a))
Roll of Voters cut off date		7 days prior to nominations opening (Rule 19(3)(f))