

*Workplace Relations Act 1996*  
s.189 of Schedule 1 - arrangement for conduct of an election

**Australian Nursing Federation**

(E2006/256)

T NASSIOS  
DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR

MELBOURNE, 21 NOVEMBER 2006

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

**DECISION**

[1] On 8 November 2006, the New South Wales Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following office:

Branch Councillor (1) (*due to an insufficient number of nominations received at previous election*)

[2] 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 Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.





# NEW SOUTH WALES NURSES' ASSOCIATION

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Industrial Registrar  
Australian Industrial Relations Commission  
Level 36  
80 Collins Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

**Attention: Mr Robert Pfeiffer**

Dear Sir

## **Australian Nursing Federation (NSW Branch) Elections Requirement for Further Election**

On 28 August 2006, T Nassios, Acting Industrial Registrar, handed down a decision in Matter E2006/182 relating to the conduct of an election of offices of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation.

An election for those offices was subsequently conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission and the Branch President (1), Branch Assistant Secretary (1), Branch Vice-President (1), and Branch Executive Members (4) were all duly elected. However, only fourteen of a possible fifteen Branch Councillor positions were filled.

Rule 51.6 of the Federation's Rules provides that where an election has been held and no person has been duly elected "*a further election shall be conducted as though a casual vacancy existed and so far as is practicable the provisions of this Rule shall apply.*"

I therefore advise that a further election is required to be held and the relevant prescribed information required by s 189(1) of the RAO Schedule of the Australian Workplace Relations Act 1996 is as follows:

- (a) An election is required in the following office:  
  
Branch Councillor (one to be elected);
- (b) The reason for the election is that the term of office for current Branch Councillors expires on 29 November 2006, and one position remains unfilled following Election E2006/182 conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission;
- (c) In relation to the number of offices that have the same name, see (a) above;

- (d) The electorate comprises financial members of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation;
- (e) In relation to the dates for the calling of nominations, the rules provide that the election is to be conducted "*as soon as possible*" (Rule 51.3);
- (f) The rules (Standard Branch Rule 27.4) provide that the roll of voters for an election is to be closed 7 days before the day on which nominations are opened, and
- (g) The voting system to be used is a direct voting system.

I hereby state that I am the Secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation and am authorised to sign this statement that the above information is being lodged in accordance with s 189(1) of the RAO Schedule of the Act.

Accordingly I ask that you arrange for this election to be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission.

Yours sincerely



**Brett Holmes**  
Branch Secretary  
Australian Nursing Federation (NSW Branch)