

FAIR WORK Australia

10 December 2009

Mr F Wubbeling President Victorian Branch Australian Principals Federation Unit2, 13-21 Vale Street NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

By email: apf@apf.net.au

Dear Mr Wubbeling

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 – (RO Act) Financial report for year ended 30 June 2008 – FR2008/218 Financial report for year ended 30 June 2009 – FR2009/10155

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7 December 2009 that clarified the relevant body that had received and approved the Australian Principals Federation (APF) – Victorian Branch financial reports for the years ended 30 June 2008 and 2009 was the APF Victorian Branch Council.

From the information provided in your letter of 7 December 2009, it also appears that the resolutions in the 2008 and 2009 Committee of Management Statements were passed by the APF Victorian Branch Council since Mr Cotching, the Vice President of the APF Victorian Branch Council, had signed the Statements on 11 September 2009.

The financial reports have been filed.

Although the reports have been filed there are a number of issues that will require attention in future financial reports. No further action is necessary in respect of the financial reports already lodged and filed.

1. Employee benefits to office holders and to employees to be separately disclosed

Guideline 11 of the General Manager reporting guidelines require expense items relating to 'employee benefits to holders of office' and 'employee benefits to employees' to be disclosed as separate amounts. The expense entry in the income statement of 'wages & salaries APF' should be provided as separate amounts – salary to employees and salary to holders of office. Separate amounts should also be stated in the balance sheet entry of 'employee benefits' and note 6 to the accounts. In future, please ensure separate disclosures appear in the financial accounts.

2. Auditor's report to cover all parts of the general purpose financial report (GPFR)

The auditor's report states that they have "audited the financial report of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch...The financial report includes the financial statements of the Federation." It is unclear whether the committee of management statement was included as part of the audit. Under sub-section 253(2)(c) the Committee of Management Statement forms part of

the GPFR and must be considered by the auditor in forming the audit opinion. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to your auditor for future action.

3. Reproduction of s272(1), (2) and (3) in notes to the financial statements

It is a requirement of s272(5) of the RO Act that sub-sections 272(1), (2) and (3) be reproduced in the GPFR. This is usually contained in the notes to the financial statements.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 8661 7989 (Wed – Fri) or via email at <u>cynthia.lobooth@fwa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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Victorian Branch

7 December 2009

The General Manager Fair Work Australia 11 Exhibition Street Melbourne Vic 3000 Attention: Ms Cynthia Lo-Booth

Dear Sir,

Re: Your correspondence concerning APF financial reports for year ended 30 June 2008 – FR2008/218 and year ended 30 June 2009 – FR2009/10155

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 December 2009 relating to the above reports which were lodged with your office on 23 October 2009 and I now seek to clarify the details as requested in your letter.

On 11 September 2009 at a regular meeting of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch Council, which is the Committee of Management of the APF Victorian Branch, received and approved financial reports you have named FR2008/218 and FR2009/10155 and which are the financial reports for the respective financial years ended 30 June 2008 and 2009 relating to the APF Victorian Branch. The statement sent to your office was signed by Mr Christopher Cotching who is Vice President of APF Victorian Branch Council and was presiding during my six week leave of absence overseas. If required minutes of that Victorian Branch Council could be provided.

The Federal Council of the APF, chaired by Acting President David Finnerty during my absence, subsequently met but also on 11 September 2009, to consider the financial reports and letters it was authorised and required to approve as the Committee of Management of the Federal Office.

It is acknowledged that the original APF documentation provided to Fair Work Australia did not make it sufficiently clear which committee of management approved the relevant resolutions and I apologise for the confusion and unnecessary work that it may have caused your office.

I will happily provide any additional documents should you require them.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Wubbeling President



FAIR WORK Australia

4 December 2009

Mr F Wubbeling President Victorian Branch Australian Principals Federation Unit2, 13-21 Vale Street NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

By email: apf@apf.net.au

Dear Mr Wubbeling

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 – (RO Act) Financial report for year ended 30 June 2008 – FR2008/218 Financial report for year ended 30 June 2009 – FR2009/10155

I acknowledge receipt of the financial reports for the Victorian Branch of the Australian Principals Federation (APF) for years ended 30 June 2008 and 2009. The documents were lodged with Fair Work Australia on 23 October 2009.

I note that the General Manager of Fair Work Australia (FWA) has been served with an application that was filed in the Federal Court of Australia in *Australian Education Union v Tim Lee & Anor* (VID669/2009). Consistent with earlier correspondence from the General Manager dated 24 August 2009, the financial reports have been examined by FWA in order to determine their compliance with the requirements of the RO Act.

In order to finalise the 2008 and 2009 financial reports for the Victorian Branch of the APF, I require the following additional information:

Committee of management statement

The preamble of the committee of management statement states:

"On 11 September 2009 the Committee of Management of The Australian Principals Federation passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended 30 June 2009."

It is unclear which committee of management passed the relevant resolution contained in the statement. The declarations must be made by the committee of management of the reporting unit to which the financial report relates, that is by the committee of management of the <u>Victorian</u> Branch.

If the resolutions were passed by the Federal committee of management, new committee of management statements for 2008 and 2009 will have to prepared, the general purpose financial reports will have to be audited again, the financial documents along with the operating report, new committee of management statement and new auditor's report will have to be re-circulated to the Victorian Branch members and re-presented to the Victorian Branch committee of

management. New designated officer's certificates will then have to be prepared and re-lodged with the financial documents.

You are requested to provide written clarification as to whether the Federal committee of management or the Victorian Branch committee of management passed the resolutions contained in the committee of management statements in relation to the general purpose financial report for the Victorian Branch of the APF for year ended 30 June 2008 and 2009.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 8661 7989 (Wed – Fri) or via email at <u>cynthia.lobooth@fwa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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<u>Certificate of Secretary or Other Authorised Officer</u> 2008-09 Australian Principals Federation Vic Branch

I, Frederik Wubbeling, being the President of the Australian Principals Federation certify:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report referred to in s268 of Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009; and
- that the full report was provided to members on 8 October 2009 ; and
- that the full report was presented to the Committee of Management held on 22 October 2009.

Signature:

(APF Victorian Branch President)

Date:

22 October 2009

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

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OPERATING REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009

Principal Activities

The core business of the organisation and therefore the principal activity has been to provide effective advice and support to members as well as representing and advocating for them with the employer in relation to matters such as salary, contractual issues, retirement, Work Cover, complaints resolution, disciplinary action of employer and performance management.

The Victorian Government was unwilling to enter a joint certified agreement with the Australian Education Union (AEU) and the Australian Principals Federation without the consent of the AEU. However a separate agreement and Memorandum of Understanding was concluded between the APF and the Victorian Government, although not certified. These documents provided a number of benefits additional to those contained in the certified agreement.

Significant progress was also made in matters outside the above agreements relating to contract renewal and a revision of the process relating to the management of complaints, misconduct and unsatisfactory performance of Principal Class Officers (PCOs).

A continuing issue which the APF has been and is pursuing with the employer is to find constructive support for members required with the relentless workload demanded of PCOs in Victoria.

Significant Changes

A shrinking membership base remains a challenge. As in the previous reporting period the changing demographic of the membership has been an obvious factor. The loss of registration, general reduction in union membership, the global financial crisis and dissatisfaction with the EBA outcome are arguably further factors. There are signs, particularly since the reinstatement of registration, although not in the reporting period, that the downward trend is being arrested. A range of initiatives including the provision of an interactive website together with a membership drive are expected to contribute positively to the operational viability of the Australian Principals Federation in the next reporting period.

As a cost cutting measure in this period the number of employees has been reduced and the President has taken on more 'hands on' role. Furthermore, it needs to be noted that in the current reporting period the 'one off' asset write off of \$55,104 represents an extraordinary item of expenditure. The reinstatement of registration is also expected to significantly reduce the associated legal costs over the longer term.

Right to Resign

A members' right to resign is regulated by Section 174 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and is covered by Rule 12 which provides *inter alia* that a member may resign by written notice addressed and delivered to the President.

Trustee of Superannuation Entity

The APF has no officers or members who are trustees of a superannuation entity or of an exempt public sector superannuation scheme or as a director of a company that is a trustee of such an entity or scheme.

OPERATING REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009

Number of Members

The number of financial members of the APF Victorian Branch as at 30 June 2009 was 962.

Number of Employees

The APF had 2.5 (EFT) employees in the reporting period.

Committee of Management (APF Victorian Branch Council)

For the entirety of the financial year, 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, the individuals listed below held office of the Australian Principals Federation - Victorian Branch Council unless otherwise stated.

Name	Sector	Constituency
Fred Ackerman (resigned 24/03/09)	Primary	Statewide Victorian
Kevin Mackay elected 19/05/09)		
David Finnerty	Secondary	Statewide Victorian
Robert Cherry	Primary	Barwon South West Region
Barry Rowland	Secondary	Barwon South West Region
Wendy Inman	Primary	Gippsland Region
Position vacant	Secondary	Gippsland Region
James Rowley elected 19/05/09		
Andrew Dalgleish (resigned	Primary	Grampians Region
20/02/09)		
Position vacant		
Peter Dredge (resigned 23/03/09)	Secondary	Grampians Region
Position vacant		
Elizabeth Lloyd	Primary	Hume Region
John Pryor	Secondary	Hume Region
Sally Rule ineligible for election	Primary	Loddon Mallee Region
Position vacant		
John Cortese (resigned 19/03/09)	Secondary	Loddon Mallee Region
Christopher Eeles elected 19/05/09)		
Christopher Cotching	Primary	Eastern Metropolitan Region
Fred Wubbeling	Secondary	Eastern Metropolitan Region
Loretta Piazza	Primary	Northern Metropolitan Region
Branko Lukic	Secondary	Northern Metropolitan Region
Rod Kendall	Primary	Southern Metropolitan Region
Karin Liedke	Secondary	Southern Metropolitan Region
Peter Kearney	Primary	Western Metropolitan Region
Position vacant	Secondary	Western Metropolitan Region

Name: Position Held: 11 September 2009

Acting PRESIDENT

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

INCOME Subscriptions	2009 \$	2008 \$
- Primary Members	111,087	170,267
- Secondary Members	40,560	90,423
- Direct Payments	144,900	77,417
	296,547	338,107
Reimbursements	86,662	74,242
Interest Received	3,437	6,501
Sponsorships	12,272	8,835
	398,918	427,685
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Occupancy and Office Expenses	159,093	125,750
APF Office Expenses	21,562	32,446
Wages & Salaries APF	236,194	301,506
Motor Vehicle Expenses	14,402	16,038
Finance Expenses	10,519	5,584
Consultancies	4,894	1,634
Meeting Expenses	9,914	16,355
Affiliation Expenses – Federal Branch	12,070	-
Bad Debts	3,500	-
Asset Write off	55,104	-
	527,252	499,313
OPERATING (LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(128,334)	(71,628)
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The above income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	NOTE	2009 \$	2008 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	95,000	88,728
Receivables		19,107	36,741
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		114,107	125,469
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & equipment	4	45,431	121,281
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		45,431	121,281
TOTAL ASSETS		159,538	246,750
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and borrowings	5	81,629	31,369
Employee benefits	6	799	6,723
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		82,428	38,092
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	6	8,764	10,010
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,764	10,010
TOTAL LIABILITIES		91,192	48,102
NET ASSETS		\$ 68,346	 \$ 198,648
		=====	=====
MEMBERS' EQUITY Reserves	7	112,905	114,873
Retained Profits/(Accumulated Losses)	1	(44,559)	83,775
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TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		\$ 68,346 ======	\$ 198,648 ======

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	NOTE	2009 \$	2008 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		¥	Ψ
Receipts from Subscriptions Reimbursements Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received Sponsorship		162,534 86,662 (257,461) 3,437 12,272	(257,855) 6,501
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	7,444	(96,887)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Fixed asset purchases		(1,172)	(6,771)
		(1,172)	(6.771)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		6,272	(103,658)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		88,728	192,386
Cash at the end of the financial year	3	\$95,000	\$88,728 =======

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

2009	Retained Profits \$	Reserves \$	Total \$
Beginning of the financial year	83,775	114,873	198,648
Movement for the year	(128,334)	(1,968)	(130,302)
End of the financial year	(44,559)	112,905	68,346

2008	Retained Profits \$	Reserves \$	Total \$
Beginning of the financial year	155,403	126,212	281,615
Movement for the year	(71,628)	(11,339)	(82,967)
End of the financial year	83,775	114,873	198,648

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is for the entity Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch, as an individual entity. This organisation is registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and domiciled in Australia. In accordance with the Act the Federation is a body corporate and has perpetual succession. By virtue of this method of incorporation, the Federation is not subject to the Corporations Act 2001.

(a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritive pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the requirements imposed by the reporting guidelines of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

(b) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised for major activities as follows:

(i) Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognised on receipt from members.

(ii) Reimbursements

Reimbursements are recognised on receipt from associations in which business agreements are held. The Foundation receives reimbursements from these associations for office expenses incurred.

(iii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

(iv) Donations and Sponsorships

Donations and sponsorships are recognised on receipt of the funds.

(c) Income Tax

The Federation is exempt from the payment of income tax pursuant to Section 50-30 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(d) Impairment of assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicated that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by when the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, high liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(f) Receivables

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off.

(g) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probably that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Foundation and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) Plant and Equipment (continued)

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis to write off the net cost of each fixed asset during its expected useful life. The principal annual rates in use are:

Motor Vehicles	25%
Office Furniture and Equipment	10% - 25%
Professional Library	10%

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 1 (d)).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the income statement.

(h) Creditors and Borrowings

These amounts represent liabilities for good sand services provided to the Federation prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. The legal fund amounts represent monies collected from members for legal support and industrial representation.

(i) Employee benefits

(i) Wages and Salaries and Annual Leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised in current provisions in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

(ii) Long Service Leave

A liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits, and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using interest rates on national government guaranteed securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) New accounting standards and interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2009 reporting periods. The Federation has assessed the impact of these new standards and interpretations and is not expecting a significant impact on the financial statements.

		2009 \$	2008 \$
2.	EXPENSES		
	Operating profit (loss) includes the following specific expenses:		
	Depreciation of plant and equipment Provisions – employee entitlements	21,918 7,171	13,309 (6,122)
		29,089 ======	7,187
3.	CASH		
	Cash on Hand General Cheque Account Term Deposits	45 44,479 50,476	129 32,443 56,156
		\$95,000	\$88,728

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009

4.	PLANT & EQUIPMENT	2009 \$	2008 \$
	Motor Vehicles - Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	38,261 (22,370)	38,261 (17,074)
		15,891	21,187
	Office Furniture & Equipment - Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	46,788 (17,248)	282,533 (183,897)
		29,540	98,636
	Professional Library - Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation		2,925 (1,467)
			1,458
		\$45,431 ======	\$121,281 =======
5.	CREDITORS & BORROWINGS		
	Sundry Creditors and Accruals GST Outstanding	84,891 (3,262)	27,198 4,171
		\$81,629	\$31,369
6.	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
	Current Annual Leave	799 8,764	6,723 10,010
	Non Current Long Service Leave	\$9,563 ======	\$16,733

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

		2009	2008
_		\$	\$
7.	RESERVES		
	(a) Legal Fund	\$ 112,905	\$114,873
		======	======
	(b) Movements		
	Balance 1 July	114,873	126,212
	Member's subscriptions received	56,553	63,158
	Legal fees paid	(58,521)	(74,497)
	Balance 30 June	\$ 112,905	\$ 114,873
		======	=======
	subscriptions received to cover legal fees such as registration and member issues.		
8.	CASH FLOW INFORMATION	2009	2008
		\$	\$
	Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating		
	Activities with Net Income	(120, 224)	(91, 205)
	Net Income/(loss)	(128,334)	(81,295)
	Non-cash flows in net income	21.019	20.205
	Depreciation	21,918	20,395
	Asset Write Off	55,104	-
	Changes in assets and liabilities	17 624	(12.071)
	Decrease/(increase) in receivables	17,634	(13,271)
	Increase/(decrease) in sundry creditors	50,260	24,888
	Increase/(decrease) in legal fund	(1,968) (7,170)	41,439
	Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(7,170)	22,578

Net Cash provided (used in) by operating activities \$7,444

\$ 14,734

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

9. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS	2009 \$	2008 \$
During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the entity:	\$	¢
<i>Audit services</i> Mark Costigan & Associates Audit and review of financial reports and other audit work under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>	4,290	3,960
<i>Other Services</i> Mark Costigan & Associates Advice regarding the AIRC Act including restatement of your 2007 and 2008 financial statements as general purpose financial reports Reconciliation of wages and salary packages and	3,850	1,760
preparation of payment summaries.		
	\$8,140 ======	\$5,720 ======

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Key management personnel compensation (President)

Short-term employee benefits Other Long-term employee benefits	144,979 4,704	132,722 7,669
	\$ 149,683	\$ 140,391
	=======	

(b) Transactions with related parties

There are no transactions between the Federation and committee members for the supply of goods or services other than in the normal relationship between the Federation and a member. Transactions between the Federation and committee members are on the same terms and conditions available to all other members.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

On 11 September 2009 the Committee of Management of The Australian Principals Federation passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.

The Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPFR relates and since the end of that year:
 - (i) meetings of the committee of management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (ii) the financial affairs of the reporting unit have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (iii) the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with the RAO Schedule and the RAO Regulations; and
 - (iv) the information sought in any request of a member of the reporting unit or a Registrar duly made under section 272 of the RAO Schedule has been furnished to the member of Registrar; and
 - (v) there has been compliance with any order for inspection of financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule.
- (f) in relation to recovery of wages activity:
 - (i) there has been no such activity undertaken by the reporting unit.

For Committee of Management

Name: Position Held: 11 September 2009

Acting Persons

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PRINCIPALS FEDERATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch for the year ended 30 June 2009. The financial report includes the financial statements of the Federation. The Committee of Management is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Federation.

Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members' of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee members', as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the general purpose financial report of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch presents fairly the financial position of the Australian Principals Federation Victorian Branch as at 30 June 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the financial year then ended, in accordance with any of the following that apply in relation to the reporting unit:

- (a) the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- (b) The requirements imposed by Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Material Uncertainty Regarding Continuation as a Going Concern

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to the statement of changes in equity in the financial report which indicates that the Federation incurred a net loss of \$128,334 during the year ended 30 June 2009 and, as of that date, the Federation's accumulated losses total \$44,559. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Federation's ability to continue as a going concern.

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