



19 November 2021

Stephen Plarre  
Secretary  
The Australian Retailers Association  
Sent via email: [info@retail.org.au](mailto:info@retail.org.au)

### **Notification of changes – Action required**

Dear Stephen Plarre,

We acknowledge receipt of a Notification of Change to the office holders of the Australian Retailers Association (AR2021/4).

A list of those changes has been summarised in Appendix A at the end of this letter.

#### **What you need to do right now**

- Any person who has been elected or appointed to a new office that has financial management duties (which usually includes all the committee of management) **MUST** do [financial training](#) or [obtain an exemption](#)
- Inform all officers of their [disclosure obligations](#)
- Consider giving your new officers the link to the ROC's [Officer Induction Kit](#)

These next steps are explained below in more detail.

#### **Financial training must be done within 6 months**

Any officer who has been elected or appointed to a new office that has financial management duties must complete [financial training](#) (or obtain an exemption) **within 6 months** after taking office (s.293K of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (RO Act)).

The organisation is responsible for this requirement. You should arrange for the relevant officers to have training as soon as possible.

Good governance processes around financial training are highly recommended. These include:

- keeping a list of all offices that have financial management duties
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- collecting records of who has done training or obtained an exemption, including any certificates and exemption letters
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The organisation and officers are both responsible for meeting this obligation.

### **Time frames for notifications of change**

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### **Resources to help you make your notifications of change**

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Yours sincerely

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## Appendix A

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3/11/2021	N/A	Councillor vacancy	Yes

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I, Stephen Plarre, being the Secretary of the Australian Retailers Association, declare the following: I am authorised to make this declaration.

1. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

- A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.

Signed: [SECRETARY]

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Dated: 03/11/2021

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within **35 days** of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*

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	<i>23/10/2021</i>	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Greg Leslie</i>		<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	



10 September 2021

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06/08/2021	National	President, Acting President, Councillor, Vice President	Yes

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Dated: 06/08/2021

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	04/08/2021	<i>President (Retaining role as Councillor)</i>	<i>Rowan Hodge</i>		<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	
	04/08/2021	<i>Acting President (Acting until a casual election is conducted)</i>		<i>Nicole Sheffield</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>Executive General Manager</i>
	04/08/2021	<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Charlie Davey</i>		<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne Vic 3092</i>	
	03/08/2021	<i>Vice President (Declared 03.08.21 by the AEC)</i>		<i>Stephen Younane</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne Vic 3092</i>	<i>Director</i>

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	16/07/2021	<i>Councillor</i>		<i>Sharon Beaumont</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>General Manger</i>
	16/07/2021	<i>Councillor</i>		<i>Erica Berchtold</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>CEO</i>
	16/07/2021	<i>Councillor</i>		<i>Sarah Hunter</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>Managing Director</i>
	16/07/2021	<i>Councillor</i>		<i>Jane McNally</i>	<i>Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>CEO</i>
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**Australian Government**  
**Registered Organisations Commission**

2 March 2021

Steven Plarre  
Secretary  
The Australian Retailers Association  
Sent via email: [info@retail.org.au](mailto:info@retail.org.au)

Dear Steven Plarre

**The Australian Retailers Association's annual return of information (Annual Return) lodged under subsection 233(1) of the RO Act**

Thank you for providing your declarations and information (Annual Return) lodged under subsection 233(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).

**Summary of your Annual Return and Review Outcome**

Year 2020  
Matter number AR2021/4  
Lodgement date 15 January 2021  
Review Primary Review  
Result FILED

**Your primary review**

Your Annual Return had a **primary review** which checked whether it was signed by an officer, lodged on time, the required declarations were made, included the list of offices and office holders and whether you met the requirements that the ROC raised with you last year. A primary review does not examine all the requirements of subsection 233(1).



**Your Annual Return satisfied the requirements of the primary review and has been uploaded to the ROC website.**

## **The ROC's risk-based approach**

This year your Annual Return was assessed against a primary review. A primary review does not check all legislative requirements.

Over a five year period the Annual Return of every organisation will be subject to at least one advanced review. An advanced review is a more comprehensive review.

The ROC's [advanced review checklists](#) are published on our website.

## **Do you have questions?**

Information and education materials are available on our [website](#). These materials are regularly updated. We recommend you [subscribe to the ROC's subscription service](#).

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Yours sincerely

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**ANNUAL RETURN OF INFORMATION (organisation with no branches) in accordance with Regulation 147 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009 and Sections 230 and 233 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009**

I, Stephen Plarre, being the Secretary of the Australian Retailers Association, declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The register of members has, during the immediately preceding calendar year, been kept and maintained as required by s.230(1)(a) and s.230(2) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the Act).
3. The following is a correct statement of the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the Act:
  - The address of the organisation is Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade East Melbourne 3002.<sup>1</sup>
  - The organisation has no branches and no branches have ceased or commenced in the previous 12 months.<sup>2</sup>
  - On 31 December in the previous year the number of members was 7.171.<sup>3</sup>
  - A list of offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices as at the date of this declaration is attached at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
  - Under the rules of the organisation, the following elections must be held between 1 January and 31 December of THIS YEAR:<sup>4</sup>

There are no elections scheduled THIS YEAR (This does not include casual vacancy elections)
  - The organisation:
    - Has not entered into an agreement under s.151(1) of the Act with a state union.

Signed: [SECRETARY]



Dated: 15.01.2021

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<sup>1</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

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<sup>3</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(f)

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*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission by 31 March. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au). If at any time in the year this information changes a Notification of Changes must be lodged with the ROC within **35 days** of the change<sup>5</sup>.]*

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<sup>5</sup> s.233(2); reg. 151

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<i>President</i>	<i>Rowan Hodge</i>	<i>Australian Retailers Association Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>CEO</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Charles Davey</i>	<i>Australian Retailers Association Level 1, 112 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002</i>	<i>General Manager - Retail</i>
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<i>Councillor</i>	<i>Jack Gance</i>		<i>Chairman</i>
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