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Ms Sandy Crawford C/- Queensland Plumbing Divisional Branch CEPU PO Box 3596 SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101



Dear Ms Crawford

Re: Lodgement of Financial Statements and Accounts – Queensland Plumbing Divisional Branch, CEPU – for year ending 31 March 2008 (FR2008/213)

Thank you for lodging the abovementioned financial statements and accounts which were received in the Registry on 20 August 2008.

The legislative requirements have been met and the documents will be filed. I mention for reference the following.

Donations over \$1,000

The amount for Donations in the Income and Expenditure Statement shows an amount of \$4,420. If this total amount included any single donation exceeding \$1,000, a separate statement providing relevant particulars must be lodged under s237 of the RAO Schedule. I enclose the relevant extract from s237. Otherwise, there is no further action required.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Kellett Statutory Services Branch

29 August 2008



QUEENSLAND BRANCH A.B.N. 51 918 867 235 BRADLEY O'CARROLL Branch Secretary Postal Address PO Box 3596, South Brisbane 4101 Ph: 07 3844 8433 Fax: 07 3844 8233

Australian Industrial Registry 80 William Street East Sydney NSW 2011

15 August 2008

Attention: Belinda Penna

Dear Belinda,

Please find enclosed the following sets of documents:

- · General purpose financial report
- Certificate of committee of management
- Independent audit report
- Operating report
- Certificate of secretary

Could you please advise if there are any other matters to be dealt with.

Regards

∕Sandra A Crawford





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2008

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

INCOME S S S S S S S S S			r r
Contributions 541 419 487 899	INCOME	Φ	Þ
Contributions 541 419 487 899	INCOME FROM MEMBERS		
State Levy 321 052 284 162		541 419	487 899
Oldio Ecvy 021 002 20+102	State Levy	321 052	284 162
Entrance Fees 1 976 3 511	Entrance Fees	1 976	3 511
Campaign Levy 8 222 87 624	Campaign Levy	8 222	87 624
OTHER INCOME	OTHER INCOME		
Grants Received	Grants Received		
Safety and Compliance 142 663 85 455	•		
Women in Plumbing 136 136 74 230			
Interest Received 24 292 27 325			
Meeting Attendance 30 167 37 808	•		
			1 688
		42 000	21 000
Training Income - 48 864		40.200	
Sundry Income 16 390 17 075	Sundry income	16 390	17 075
TOTAL INCOME 1 282 629 1 176 641	TOTAL INCOME	1 282 629	1 176 641
EXPENDITURE	EXPENDITURE		
		118 495	82 294
Affiliations 16 900 19 463	Affiliations	16 900	19 463
Bank Charges 7 562 5 846	Bank Charges	7 562	5 846
Campaign Expenses – Donations 61 050 -	Campaign Expenses – Donations	61 050	-
1 🗸 1			52 245
Capitation – CEPU National 56 914 47 521	•		
·	•		24 903
			4 518
			40 942
			21 000
			41 232
		3 701	416
Officials and Staff Costs		442.620	440.005
			419 805 228 481
	S .		35 483
•	·		17 432
·	•		46 310
· ·	· · ·		4 344
• •	• •		1 586
			6 625
			19 906

INCOME STATEMENT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	NOTES	2008 \$	2007 \$
Motor Vehicle Expenses		Ф	Ð
Depreciation		7 932	25 205
Fringe Benefit Tax		5 337	2 718
Running Expenses		54 949	50 110
Professional Fees		7.000	40.000
Accounting		7 388	10 998
Audit Legal		7 590 4 171	7 580 42 811
Subscriptions		2 118	3 581
Other Expenses		3 722	1 457
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1 207 215	1 264 812
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR	THE YE	AR	
BEFORE INCOME TAX		<u>75 414</u>	<u>(88 171)</u>
NON-OPERATING INCOME			
Capital Grant - CEPU Plumbing Division			
Federal Office		<u> 118 000</u>	-
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR B	EFORE	193 414	(88 171)
INCOME TAX			, ,
Income Tax Expense	1(C)		
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		193 414	_(88 171)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

	NOTES	2008 \$	2007 \$
<u>ASSETS</u>		•	•
CURRENT ASSETS Cash on Hand Cash at Bank Other Debtors & Prepayments Loans - Other	3	1 200 474 666 8 891 20 000 504 757	1 150 468 724 70 253 <u>20 000</u> 560 127
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, Plant & Equipment	4	<u>573 172</u>	<u>527 510</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1 077 929</u>	<u>1 087 637</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade Creditors Other Creditors and Accrued Expenses Members Wages Collected Provision for Holiday Pay Provision for Long Service Leave & Retiring A CEPU National Divisional Office - Capitation - Levy Unexpended Grant Income	llowance	47 064 18 035 2 746 43 154 113 495 70 582 49 167 11 637	9 389 55 444 2 746 71 060 181 028 125 295 34 040 80 000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>355 880</u>	<u>559 002</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>722 049</u>	<u>528 635</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	5	<u>722 049</u>	<u>528 635</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

	NOTE	S 2008	2007	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITI	ES	\$	\$	
Receipts from members and others		1 319 699	1 575 323	
Interest received		24 292	27 325	
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1 262 122)	<u>(1 510 469)</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities	7(b)	81 869	92 179	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIE	S			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(75 877)	(1 340)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(75 877)	(1 340)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayment of borrowings		-	<u> </u>	
Net cash used in financing activities		-	-	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		5 992	90 839	
Cash at the beginning of the period		<u>469 874</u>	<u>379 035</u>	
Cash at the end of the period	7(a)	<u>475 866</u>	469 874	

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

The financial report covers the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing And Allied Services Union Of Australia as an individual entity. The Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing And Allied Services Union Of Australia is a union operating in Queensland under the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

In particular:

- (a) The accounts have not been adjusted to record either changes in the general purchasing power of the dollar or in the price of specific assets other than as disclosed in these financial statements.
- (b) Plant and equipment are included at cost. All assets are depreciated over their useful lives. The Unions Peel Street property is valued in accordance with an independent valuation carried out on 13 February 2002.
- (c) No provision for income tax is necessary as Trade Unions are exempt from income tax under Section 50-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
- (d) Long service leave and retiring allowance accrued to officials up to 30 June 1999 is taken up in the books of the CEPU National Divisional Office. Long service leave and retiring allowance accrued to officials from 1 July 1999 is taken up in the books of the Queensland Branch.
- (e) As a sponsor of the BERT Fund the Union may receive distributions of income from the Fund. In accordance with the Sponsors Deed all distributions must be loaned back to the Fund until they are expended on welfare or related assistance as agreed upon by the Sponsors. The distributions from the Fund and welfare assistance paid from the loan account are not shown as income or expenditure of the Union as the Union has no control over the funds nor are the funds available for Union purposes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

(f) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

(g) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service to the members.

(h) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

2. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 272 OF THE WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT 1996

In accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of Sub-Sections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 272 which reads as follows:

- (1) A member of a reporting unit, or a Registrar, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit.
- (2) The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- (3) A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).

3. CASH AT BANK

	2008 \$	2007 \$
General Fund Cheque Account	102 579	106 834
Members Wages Account	2 881	2 792
Members Equity Account	223 285	222 378
Term Deposit	<u>145 921</u>	<u>136 720</u>
	<u>474 666</u>	<u>468 724</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

4. PROPERIT, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
,	2008 \$	2007 \$
Peel Street Property – at independent valuation Accumulated Depreciation Office Equipment at cost Accumulated Depreciation Motor Vehicles at cost Accumulated Depreciation	461 421 (23 072) 133 924 (109 169) 118 000 (7 932)	461 421 (11 536) 126 886 (96 459) 123 639 (76 441)
	<u>573 172</u>	<u>527 510</u>
5. ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Retained Earnings at Start of Year Surplus/(Deficit) For Year	372 569 <u>193 414</u>	460 740 (88 171)
Retained Earnings at End of Year Property Revaluation Reserve	565 983 <u>156 066</u> 722 049	372 569 156 066 528 635

6. RELATED PARTIES

The aggregate amount paid to officers during the financial year as disclosed in the Income Statement is as follows:

Wages	413 632	419 805
Superannuation	37 669	35 483

There have been no other transactions between the officers and the Union other than those relating to their membership of the Union and the reimbursement by the Union in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Such transactions have been on conditions no more favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect would have been adopted by parties at arm's length.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

		2008	2007
7.	CASH FLOW INFORMATION	\$	\$
(a)	Reconciliation of Cash		
	Cash on Hand	1 200	1 150
	Cash at Bank	474 666	<u>468 724</u>
		475 866	469 874
(b)	Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Ordinary Activities After Income Tax	Activities	to Profit From
	Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after income tax	193 414	(88 171)
	Non-cash Flows in Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Depreciation and profit on disposal of non current		
	assets	30 215	48 420
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
	(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	61 362	(68 238)
	Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(95 439)	` 50 654
	Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(107 683)	149 514
	Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	81 869	92 179

(c) Facilities

The Union has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no matters discovered subsequent to 31 March 2008 which would have a material effect on these financial statements.

9. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

There were no capital expenditure commitments at 31 March 2008.

10. UNION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the union is:

41 Peel Street South Brisbane Qld 4101

CERTIFICATE OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

- I, Bradley Michael O'Carroll, the secretary of the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing And Allied Services Union Of Australia, do state on behalf of the Executive and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Executive on the 5 August 2008:
- (A) The Financial Statements and Notes comply with 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; and
- (E) During the financial year ended 31 March 2008 and since the end of that year:
 - (i) Meetings of the committee of management were held in accordance with the rules of the Branch; and
 - (ii) The financial affairs of the reporting unit have been managed in accordance with the rules of the Branch including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (iii) The financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the 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 schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 has been furnished to the member or Registrar; and
 - (v) The financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
 - (vi) There has been compliance with any order for inspection of financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of the schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.
 - (vii) No recovery of wages activity has been undertaken by the branch during the financial year.

BMO Carrall

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

To the members of the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia.

Scope

The Financial Report and the Responsibility of Committee of Management and Branch Secretary.

The financial report comprises the Income & Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements and the Certificate of Committee of Management for the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia, for the year ended 31 March 2008.

The committee of management and secretary are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We have conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Branch's financial position and its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion of the basis of these procedures, which included:

- (a) examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- (b) assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Branch and its secretary.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of the Communications Electrical Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia is in accordance with:

- (a) The Workplace Relations Act 1996, including:
 - (i) Presenting fairly the Branch's financial position as at 31 March, 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (iii) Complying with any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of Schedule 1B of the Act; and
- (b) Other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

MORRIS & BATZLOFF

Chartered Accountants

Norman J Hoare

Registered Company Auditor 96 Lytton Road, East Brisbane

5 August ,2008

Communications, Electrical Plumbers Union, Plumbing Division (CEPU Plumbing Division)

Queensland Branch

OPERATING REPORT

The State Council, being the Committee of Management for the purposes of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, presents its operating report of the CEPU Plumbing Division, Queensland Branch for the financial year ended 31 March 2008.

Review of the State's Principal Activities

The CEPU Plumbing Division's principal industrial objectives are aimed at the improvement of wages and working conditions for members throughout industry. This has been done primarily by way of industrial awards and enterprise agreements. The CEPU Plumbers Division has also been active in trying to influence governments at all levels in a wide range of political issues. The CEPU Plumbing Division has also been active in seeking to improve training availability and standards within the industry it represents.

Significant Changes in Nature of Principal Activities

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Branch's principal activities during the financial year.

Result of Principal Activities

The Right of Members to Resign

Rule 18 states

- 18.1 that a member of the Division may resign from membership by written notice addressed and delivered to the Secretary of the Branch to which such member belongs.
- 18.2 A notice of resignation from membership of the Division takes effect:
 - 18.2.1 where the member ceases to be eligible to become a member of the Division:
 - 18.2.1.1 on the day the notice is received by the Division
 - 18.2.1.2 on the day specified in the notice, which is a day not earlier than the day when the member ceases to be eligible to become a member;
 - 18.2.2 in any other case:
 - 18.2.2.1 at the end of 2 weeks after the notice is received by the Division; or 18.2.2.2 on the day specified in the notice;

whichever is later

- Any dues payable but not paid by a former member of the Division in relation to a period before the member's resignation from the Division took effect, may be sued for and recovered in the name of the Union, in a court of competent jurisdiction, as a debt due to the Union.
- A notice delivered to the Branch Secretary shall be taken to have been received by the Division when it was delivered.

Communications, Electrical Plumbers Union, Plumbing Division (CEPU Plumbing Division)

Queensland Branch

OPERATING REPORT (cont)

- A notice of resignation that has been received by the Division is not invalid because it was not addressed and delivered in accordance with Sub-Rule 18.1
- A resignation from membership of the Division is valid even if it is not effected in accordance with this Rule if the member is informed in writing by or on behalf of the Division that the resignation had been accepted.

Nothing in Rule 18 interferes with a member's right to resign from the Union as set out under Schedule 1, Chapter 6, Section 174 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

The Union's administrative staff and officials have been instructed and trained in the application of this rule and has been instructed to inform any member accordingly.

State Members or Members who are either Directors or Trustees of a Superannuation Entity.

No members are Directors or Trustees of a Superannuation Entity

Other Relevant Information

As at 31 March 2008, the Union's Secretary, and one other employee of the Union are 50% legal titleholders on trust for the Union in a training company called, Joint Industry Services Training (RTO) Pty Ltd, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Joint Industry Services Training Limited. The Secretary remains the Chairman whilst the employee is an ordinary board member, of both these entities. Each of these persons has been made aware that they have a fiduciary duty not to benefit from this title in any personal capacity. The remaining 50% of the company is owned by Hydraulic Contractors Group (HCG) Pty Ltd.

Prescribed Information Required Under the Workplace Relations (RAO) Regulations 2000

- a) The number of persons who were recorded in the register of members on 31 March 2008 was 2900
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- c) The number of persons who were employees of the reporting unit on 31 March 2008 was 9, where the number of employees includes both full-time employees and part-time employees measured on a full-time equivalent basis.
- d) The name of each person who has been a member of State Council, at any time during the reporting period, and the period for which he or she held position is as follow:

Communications, Electrical Plumbers Union, Plumbing Division (CEPU Plumbing Division)

Queensland Branch

OPERATING REPORT (cont)

Name	Period Position Held		
Brett MACHIN	President (resigned 17 April 2007)		
Mark WATTS	President (appointed casual 17 April 2007,		
	elected 15 May 2008)		
Andrew John BATTERSBY	Vice President		
Bradley Michael O'CARROLL	Secretary (appointed 6 March 2007)		
Jeffrey Mark KNIGHT	Assistant Secretary		
Norman LUPTON	Trustee (resigned 17 April 2007)		
Leonard KANN	Trustee (appointed casual 17 April 2007, elected 15 may 2008)		
Mark WATTS	Trustee		
Phil HARTMAN	Committee Member (resigned 17 April 2007)		
Erhan DURSUN	Committee Member (resigned 17 April 2007)		
Moray NEWLANDS	Committee Member (resigned 17 April 2007)		
Andrew BATTERSBY	Committee Member (resigned 30 May 2007)		
Kerry DUFFIN	Committee Member		
John GUILFOYLE	Committee Member		
Andrew BURN	Committee Member (appointed casual 17 April 2007, elected 15 May 2007)		
Michael COLWELL			
Peter DAHL	Committee Member (appointed casual 17 April 2007, elected 15 May 2007)		
Norm LUPTON	Committee Member (appointed casual 17 April 2007, elected 15 May 2007)		
Gerard ROBINSON	Committee Member (appointed casual 17 April 2007, elected 15 May 2007)		
Gary O'HALLORAN	Organiser		
Michael KING	Organiser		

Signed in accordance with a resolution of State Council.

BMO Carrall

5 August 2008

Designated Officer's Certificate or other Authorised Officer¹

s268 of Schedule 1 Workplace Relations Act 1996

I, Bradley Michael O'Carroll, being the Secretary of the Communications, Electrical, Electronic Energy Information Postal Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia, certify:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report, referred to in s268 of the RAO Schedule; and
- that the full report, was provided to members on 5 August 2008; and
- that the full report was presented to a general meeting of members of the reporting unit on 5 August 2008; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Signature

Date:

¹RAO regulation 162 prescribes the designated officer for the purpose of RAO schedule s268 as:

(a) the secretary; or

(b) an officer of the organisation other than the secretary who is authorised by the organisation or by the rules of the organisation to sign the certificate mentioned in that paragraph.

²Only applicable where a concise report is provided to members

³Insert whichever is applicable

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Ref: FR2008/213-[128V-PQLD]

Mr B O'Carroll
Branch Secretary
CEPU Plumbing Division
Queensland Divisional Branch
PO BOX 3596
SOUTH BRISBANE OLD 4101

Dear Mr O'Carroll

Re: Financial Return - year ending 31 March, 2008 - Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (RAO Schedule)

This is a courtesy letter to remind you of the financial reporting obligations of the abovenamed reporting unit under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* ('the Act') for the financial year ended 31 March, 2008.

The legislative scheme set out in Chapter 8, Part 3 of the RAO Schedule is directed at ensuring that a registered organisation or a branch of such an organisation discharges obligations of accountability to its members in relation to its financial affairs through proper and regular disclosure of financial information. The various steps of the financial reporting requirements must be carried out within the time-scales prescribed by the legislation so as to ensure the relevance of the financial information provided to the members. A copy of the time-scale provisions is attached for your information.

Now that the financial year has ended, it is timely that you put in train the various steps of the financial reporting requirements. We recommend you and your accountant/auditor refer to the following documents on the Commission's website where a new site has been created dealing with:

- RAO Fact sheets These Fact Sheets explain the requirements of the RAO Schedule many of them deal with financial reporting matters.
- Financial Reporting Sample Documents Sample Committee of Management's Statement, Designated Officer's Certificate and checklists for illustrative purposes.
- Registrar's Reporting Guidelines The GPFR must comply with these Guidelines. Please note
 that the Guidelines set out requirements that are in addition to those required by the Australian
 Accounting Standards.
- RAO Schedule and RAO Regulations

You can access these documents at: http://www.airc.gov.au/registered/FR/information.htm.

The Registry strongly encourages your organisation to lodge documents electronically by either:

- Sending an email with the documents attached to: riasydney@air.gov.au
- Sending the documents by fax to: (02) 9380 6990

We encourage you to contact the Registry on (02) 8374 6666 or by e-mail at riasydney@air.gov.au as early as possible if you believe preparation or lodgment of your return will be delayed or if you have any queries. We can offer you advice on procedures but we cannot give you legal or accounting advice.

Yours sincerely

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Belinda Penna (02) 8374 6666 2 April, 2008

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Financial reporting period ending:	1	1	
Prepare financial statements and Operating Repo	ort.		
 (a) A Committee of Management Meeting must consider the financial statements, and if satisfied, pass a resolution declaring the various matters required to be included in the Committee of Management Statement. (b) The Designated Officer must sign and date the Committee of Management Statement which is then forwarded to the auditor for consideration as part of the General Purpose Financial Report (GPFR). 	1	I	As soon as practicable after end of financial year
Auditor's Report prepared and signed and given to the Reporting Unit - s257	1	1	Within a reasonable time of having received the GPFR (NB: Auditor's report must be dated on or after date of Committee of Management Statement
Provide full report free of charge to members – s265 The full report includes: • the General Purpose Financial Report (which includes the Committee of Management Statement); • the Auditor's Report; and • the Operating Report.	1	1	(a) if the report is to be presented to a General Meeting (which must be held within 6 months after the end of the financial year), the report must be provided to members 21 days before the General Meeting, or (b) in any other case including where the report is presented to a Committee of Management meeting*, the report must be provided to members within 5 months of end of financial year.
Present full report to: (a) General Meeting of Members - s266 (1),(2);	1	1	Within 6 months of end of financial year
(b) where the rules of organisation or branch			

* The full report may only be presented to a committee of management meeting if the rules of the reporting unit provide that a percentage of members (not exceeding 5%) are able to call a general meeting to consider the full report.

Within 6 months of end of financial year

Within 14 days of meeting

allow* - a Committee of Management

Lodge full report in the Industrial Registry,

together with the Designated Officer's

meeting - s266 (3)

certificate - s268 #

[#] The Designated Officer's certificate must be signed by the Secretary or another officer who is an elected official and who is authorised under the rules (or by resolution of the organisation) to sign the certificate stating that the documents lodged are copies of the documents provided to members and presented to a meeting in accordance with s266 – dates of such events must be included in the certificate. A non-elected official is not allowed to sign the certificate.