

# Australian Government

# Australian Industrial Registry

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Mr Richard L Williams Branch Secretary CEPU - Electrical, Energy and Services Division -Queensland Divisional Branch 41 Peel Street SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101

Dear Mr Williams

#### Financial Return - year ending 31 December, 2007

Our records show the organisation's financial year ended recently. This letter outlines some of the things you must do to meet your financial reporting obligations and when you have to do them. For simplicity, we will call the documents you have to lodge with us your *financial return*.

This letter is intended as guide to the law applicable on the date of this letter, and should not be used as a substitute for legal or accounting advice. We only summarise some of the reporting requirements in this letter. More detailed information is at the end of this letter.

#### Information on AIRC Website

We recommend you and your accountant/auditor also refer to the following documents on the Commission's website at <u>www.airc.gov.au</u>:

- RAO Schedule
- RAO Regulations
- <u>Registrar's Reporting Guidelines</u> All GPFR's 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.
- <u>RAO Fact Sheets</u> These Fact Sheets explain the requirements of the RAO Schedule many of them deal with financial reporting matters.

#### Reporting Unit

Under the provisions of the Registration and Accountability of Organisations Schedule (RAO), Schedule 1 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, reporting entities are known as "*reporting units*". Where an organisation is **not** divided into branches the reporting unit is the whole of the organisation. Where an organisation **is** divided into branches each branch will be a reporting unit unless the Industrial Registrar has determined a division of the organisation into reporting units on an alternative basis. We can discuss this with you if you need more information.

For simplicity, we will use the term "reporting unit" in this letter.

#### Industrial Registrar's Guidelines

The Industrial Registrar's reporting guidelines set out certain disclosure requirements in addition to those prescribed by Australian Accounting Standards having in mind the nature of organisations registered under the Workplace Relations Act.

The disclosure requirements prescribed by the reporting guidelines are directed towards providing members of the reporting unit with information to enable them to gauge the performance of the committee of management and other holders of office in relation to the financial management of the reporting unit. In addition, the reporting guidelines seek to improve the quality of information available to users of the financial report about the reporting unit's economic support of, or economic dependency on, other reporting units of the organisation.

# Timeline Planner and Checklist

We have attached a <u>Timeline/Planner</u> (*Attachment A*) to help you **plan** your financial return and carry out all the necessary steps. We have also attached a <u>Document Checklist</u> (*Attachment B*) to **check** your documents before lodging them in the Registry. Both documents are abbreviated summaries of the relevant provisions of the RAO Schedule, RAO Regulations and the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines.

In the following section we describe some of the documents your reporting unit must prepare and the sequence of their preparation and completion.

#### Three Reports

Your reporting unit must prepare two reports <u>as soon as practicable</u> after its financial year, which, together with the Auditor's Report, comprise the reporting unit's financial return.

- 1. **General Purpose Financial Report** this must comply with the Australian Accounting Standards <u>and</u> the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines. The GPFR consists of:
  - (a) Financial Statements containing:
    - a profit and loss statement, or other operating statement; and
    - a balance sheet; and
    - a statement of cash flows; and
    - any other statements required by the Australian Accounting Standards; and

(b) Notes to the Financial Statements containing:

- notes required by the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- information required by the Industrial Registrar's Reporting Guidelines under section 255<sup>1</sup> including disclosures related to any recovery of wages activity; and

(c) Committee of Management Statement as required by the Registrar's Reporting Guidelines (a sample certificate for illustrative purposes is at Attachment C) including declarations related to the recovery of wages activity.

2. **Operating Report** - this report includes a review of your <u>reporting unit's</u> principal activities for the year and other specified information.

Your reporting unit must appoint an auditor to audit the GPFR and to provide:

3. an Auditor's Report.

#### First Meeting (Committee of Management)

For simplicity, we will call the meeting at which the committee of management first considers the GPFR the first meeting. At the first meeting your committee, if satisfied that all is in order, will resolve to express its opinion on the GPFR and complete a Committee of Management Statement.

#### The Auditor

After the first meeting, the auditor takes the GPFR and the Committee of Management Statement and prepares a report on the GPFR. In practice, your auditor may have already completed most of his or her examination of your accounts. The auditor may only be waiting on the Committee to pass the required resolution and make the Statement before signing the report the same day.

#### Informing Your Members

Your reporting unit must provide free of charge to the general membership, copies of the GPFR, the Operating Report and the Auditor's Report. RAO calls these the "full report". Under certain circumstances, your reporting unit can provide a more limited *concise report*.

The reporting unit can meet its obligation to provide copies of the full or concise report to members by publishing the report in a journal that is available to the members free of charge.

A reporting unit may meet this obligation in whole or in part by publication of the report in a journal published on a web site on the Internet dependent on:

a. the extent of the accessibility of the members of the reporting unit to the Internet; and

b. that the members are notified by the reporting unit in the usual manner in which it communicates with its members that the report has been so published at a specified Internet address.

The report must be provided within 5 or 6 months from the end of the financial year, depending on the internal arrangements of the organisation for the presentation of its financial reports.

#### The Second Meeting - if it is a General Meeting of Members

After providing the full report to members it must be presented to a general meeting of members. For simplicity this is referred to as the *second meeting*.

Your reporting unit must always allow a minimum of 21 days for members to receive the full report before presenting it to a general meeting of members (s265(5)). The purpose of the interval is to enable the members to have time to consider the report and, if they wish, to attend the second meeting to discuss it.

If the rules of the organisation permit a general meeting to be a series of meetings held at different locations, the full report may be presented to such a series of meetings. In this case the 'date' of the general meeting is taken to be the date of the last meeting in the series (see s266(2)).

#### The Second Meeting - if it is a Committee of Management Meeting

If the rules of your organisation contain a provision that allows up to 5% of members to demand a general meeting to be held consider the report (see s266(3)), it is permissible to present the report directly to a Committee of Management meeting.

#### Lodge full report within 14 days of meeting

You must lodge a copy of the full report and any concise report in the Industrial Registry within 14 days of the second meeting. For your convenience you are encouraged to lodge the material electronically (see eFiling Tab at <u>www.airc.gov.au</u>).

The Secretary (or another officer appropriately authorised under the rules of the organisation) must *certify* that the full report is a copy of the one provided to members <u>and</u> presented to the second meeting and provide the date of the meeting (a sample certification for illustrative purposes is at *Attachment D*).

When we receive your return we will check that it includes the information you must provide your members and that you have provided it to them correctly.

#### Complying with time limits

This letter has outlined some of the steps in preparing and lodging your return. Many of the steps must be completed within fixed time limits.

Failure to complete them in time could make your reporting unit or its officers liable to financial or "civil penalties".

#### Extensions of Time

We appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your reporting unit's control may delay completion of a financial return. If you believe your reporting unit is going to be unable to meet a time limit tell us as soon as you know. We can advise you if the step is one for which you may apply under RAO to the Industrial Registrar for extra time to complete. The maximum extra time allowed can be no more than one month.

#### Contact the Registry

We encourage you to contact the Registry on (02) 8374 6618 or by e-mail at belinda.penna@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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For Deputy Industrial Registrar... 21 January 2008

Attachment A

# TIMELINE/ PLANNER

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Financial reporting period ending:	1 1		
FIRST MEETING:		as soon as practicable	
Prepare General Purpose Financial Report (including Committee of Management Statement in accordance with C of M resolution) and Operating Report - s253(1), s254(1)	1 1	year	:
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Auditor's Report prepared and signed and given to the Reporting Unit - s257		within a reasonable time of having received the GPFR	
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Provide full report free of charge to members.			÷
(a) if the report is to be presented before a General Meeting (which must be held within 6 months after the end of the	1 1		
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.	1 1		:
(obligation to provide full report may be discharged by provision of a concise report s265(1))			:
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SECOND MEETING: Present full report to:			
(a) General Meeting of Members - s266 (1),(2), or		within 6 months of end of financial year	 1
(b) where rules of organisation allow, a Committee of Management meeting - s266 (3)		within 6 months of end	i .
Lodge full report (including any concise report) in the Industrial Registry together with secretary's		within 14 days of meeting	<b>i</b>
certificate (or other officer authorised by the rules of the organisation) - s268			÷
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**Note:** The legislation makes limited provision for extensions of time concerning the provision of the full report to members and the presentation of the full report to a general meeting etc however the maximum extra time allowed can be no more than one month.

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# **Documents Checklist**

You can use this checklist as soon as possible after the financial year ends to ensure you have all the necessary documents prepared and that those documents contain all information required by RAO.

You can also use this checklist to ensure all documents in your financial return are complete before lodging them in the Registry.

No	Document		✓
1	General Purpose Financial Report	1	
	Does the report contain a Profit and Loss Statement?	;	
	Does the report contain a Balance Sheet?		
	Does the report contain a Statement of Cash Flows?	1	
	Does the report contain notes to the financial statements as required by AAS and the	ne	
	reporting guidelines?		
	Does the report contain all other information required by the reporting guidelines?	l	
2	Committee of Management Statement	<u>;</u>	
	Is the statement signed by the officer responsible for undertaking functions necessa	ary to	
	enable the reporting unit to comply with RAO?		
	Is the statement dated?		
	Is the statement in accordance with a resolution of the committee?		
	Does the statement specify the date of the resolution?		
	Does the statement contain declarations required by the reporting guidelines?	:	
	Does the statement contain declarations relating to any recovery of wages activity?		
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3	Auditor's Report		
	Is the Report dated and signed by the auditor?		
	Is the name of the auditor clear?		
	Are the qualifications of the auditor on the report?		
	Has the auditor expressed an opinion on all matters required?		
4	Operating Report		
	Is the report signed and dated?		
	Does the report provide the number of members?		
	Does the report provide the number of employees?		
	Does the report contain a review of principal activities?		
	Does the report give details of significant changes?		
	Does the report give details of right of members to resign?		
	Does the report give details of superannuation trustees?		
	Does the report give details of membership of the committee of management?		
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5	Concise report*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
6	Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer		
	Is the certificate signed and dated?		
	Is the signatory the secretary or another officer authorised to sign the certificate?		
	Is the date that the report was provided to members stated?		
	Is the date of the Second Meeting at which the report was presented stated?		
	Does the certificate state that the documents are copies of those provided to memb	pers?	
	Does the certificate state that the documents are copies of those prevented to the S		
	Meeting?		

\* This is an optional way of providing documents to members (see RAO s265(3) and RAO Reg. 161).

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# Attachment C

# **Committee Of Management Statement**

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On		_// [date of meeting] the Committee of Management of
·····		[name of reporting unit] passed the following resolution in relation to the general
purp	ose finar	ncial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended//[date]:
The	Committ	ee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:
(a)		ancial statements and notes comply* with the Australian Accounting Standards;
(b)	the fina	ancial statements and notes comply* with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
(c)		ancial statements and notes give a true and fair view* of the financial performance, financial position cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
(d)		re reasonable grounds* to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they e 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)	where the organisation consists of 2 or more reporting units, 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
	<b>#</b> (∨)	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 or Registrar; and
	#(vi)	there has been* compliance with any order for inspection of financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule.
[Add	the follo	wing if any recovery of wages activity has been undertaken during the financial year]
(f)	in rela	ation to recovery of wages activity:
	(i)	the financial report on recovery of wages activity has been fairly and accurately prepared in accordance with the requirements of the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar; and
	(ii)	the committee of management caused the auditor to include in the scope of the audit required under subsection 257(1) of the RAO Schedule all recovery of wages activity by the reporting unit in which revenues had been derived for the financial year in respect of such activity; and
	(iii)	no fees or reimbursements of expenses in relation to recovery of wages activity or donations or other contributions were deducted from moneys recovered from employers on behalf of workers other than reported in the financial report on recovery of wages activity and the notes to the financial statements; and

(iv) that prior to engaging in any recovery of wages activity, the organization has disclosed to members by way of a written policy all fees to be charged or reimbursement of expenses required for recovery of wages activity, and any likely request for donations or other contributions in acting for a worker in recovery of wages activity; and (v) no fees or reimbursements of expenses in relation to recovery of wages activity or donations or other contributions were deducted from moneys recovered from employers on behalf of workers until distributions of recovered money were made to the workers.

For Committee of Management:	<u>i</u>	[name of designated officer per section 243 of the
RAO Schedule]	,	
Title of Office held:		:
Signature:	l -	
Date:	:	:

\* Where compliance or full compliance has not been attained - set out details of non compliance instead.

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# Where not relevant these may be modified accordingly (e.g. in (vi) "No orders have been made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule during the period."

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# Attachment D

# Certificate of Secretary or other Authorised Officer<sup>1</sup>

s268 of Schedule 1B Workplace Relations Act 1996

I [name] being the [title of office] of the [name of the organisation] certify:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report, [and the concise report]<sup>2</sup>, referred to in s268 of the RAO Schedule; and
- that the [full report <u>OR</u> concise report]<sup>3</sup>, was provided to members on [insert date]; and .
- that the full report was presented to [a general meeting of members <u>OR</u> the last of a series of general meetings of members <u>OR</u> a meeting of the committee of management]<sup>3</sup> of the reporting unit on [insert date]; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.

Signature

Date:

<sup>1</sup>RAO 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.

<sup>2</sup>Only applicable where a concise report is provided to members

<sup>3</sup>Insert whichever is applicable



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Australian Industrial Relations Commission GPO Box 373 **BRISBANE QLD 4001** 



Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

# **RE: 2007 FINANCIAL RETURNS**

# MACKAY

**41** Brisbane Street PO Box 1854 Mackay 4740 Ph: (07) 4953 4799 Fax: (07) 4953 4899

The documents lodged herewith are an original copy of this organisations audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. These were tabled at our Annual General Meeting on 19th May 2008 (second meeting) and they include the Certificate by Auditor, the Committee of Management Certificate and the Accounting Officer's Certificate, which were in accordance with a resolution, passed by the Committee at our meeting on 14th April 2008 (first meeting).

All members have received a copy of same which was included with our Autumn 2008, Volume No.58, Electrical Worker Bulletin.

NORTH QUEENSLAND

PO Box 5800

Yours faithfully 15 Palmer Street Townsville 4810

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**FINANCIAL REPORT** 

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

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# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

# COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC, ENERGY, INFORMATION, POSTAL, PLUMBING AND ALLIED SERVICES UNION OF AUSTRALIA ELECTRICAL DIVISION, QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY DIVISIONAL BRANCH

#### Scope

The financial report and Committee of Management's ("Committee") responsibility

The financial report comprises the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the Committee's operating report for the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia, Queensland and Northern Territory Divisional Branch ("Union"), for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The Committee of the Union is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* ("Act"). 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 conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Union. 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 judgment, 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 Act and Union's Rules, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Union's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

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

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

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.

MGI White Hancock Chartered Accountants MGI White Hancock Pty Ltd ABN 68 295 962 698 Level 1, 200 Mary Street; GPO Box 1087, Brisbane Qld 4001 Australia t: +61 7 3002 4800 f: +61 7 3229 5603 e: wh@mgiwh.com.au www.mgiwh.com.au MGI is a worldwide association of independent auditing, accounting and consulting firms. Each member firm undertakes no responsibility for the activities, work, opinions or service of the other member firms

# **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion:

- (1) The financial report of the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia, Queensland and Northern Territory Divisional Branch is in accordance with:
  - a. the Workplace Relations Act 1996, including:
    - i. giving a true and fair view of the Union's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
    - ii. complying with Accounting Standards in Australia; and
  - b. other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
- (2) The Union has kept satisfactory accounting records for the financial year including records of:
  - (i) the sources and nature of the Union's income, including membership subscriptions and other income from members; and
  - (ii) the nature of and reasons for the Union's expenditure.
- (3) All the information and explanations that officers or employees of the Union were required to provide have been provided; and
- (4) There was no deficiency, failure or shortcoming in any matters referred to in (1) to (3) above.

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MGI WHITE HANCOCK Chartered Accountants

A D FRASER Registered Company Auditor

Brisbane

14 April 2008

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OPERATING REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

# **Operating Report**

In accordance with section 254 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* ("Act") the Committee of Management ("the Committee") presents its Operating Report on the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia – Electrical Division, Queensland and Northern Territory Divisional Branch ("Union"), for the year ended 31 December 2007.

# **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Union was to act on behalf of members in pursuit of the Objects of the Union (detailed at page 23).

# **Operating Results**

The profit for the financial year amounted to \$276,703 (2006: \$618,109).

# **Review of Operations**

A review of the operations of the Union during the financial year found that there was no significant change in the nature or the results of the operations during the year.

# After Balance Date Events

No matters of circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Union, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Union in future financial years.

#### **Future Developments**

Likely developments in the operations of the Union are the expected result of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Union.

#### Environmental issues

The Union's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

#### Members Right to Resign

The right of members to resign from the Union is set out in the Rules of the CEPU – Electrical Division and on the reverse side of the application to join form.

# **Membership of Superannuation Scheme**

Those who hold a position of trustee or director of an entity, scheme or company as described in s.254 (2)(d) of Schedule 1B, where a criterion of such entity is that the holder of such position must be a member or official of a registered organisation are as follows:

Richard Williams	Alternate Director of SPEC (Q)
	Alternate Director of ESI Super

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OPERATING REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### Number of Members

The number of persons that were, at the end of the financial year to which the report relates, recorded in the register of members for s.230 of the RAO Schedule and who are taken to be members of the Union under s.244 of the RAO Schedule is:

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Total	13,075
Financial	10,806
Honorary and Life members	905
Unfinancial	1,364

# Members of the Committee of Management

The name of each person who has been a member of the committee of management of the Union at any time during the reporting period, and the period for which he or she held such a position is as follows:

Name	Period of appointment
*Abbott, Gordon	Whole Period
Baker, Gary	Whole Period
Beattie, Neville	From 24/07/07
Bijoux, Cyril	From 24/07/07
Bloom, Gregory	From 24/07/07
*Bloxsom, Gary	Whole Period
*Calligan, Peter	Whole Period
Callgan, reter	Whole Period
*Christoffel, Jeffrey	Whole Period
Clark, Ken	From 24/07/07
Cooke, Clive	Whole Period
Coxon, Michael	Whole Period
Cunningham, Clayton	Whole Period
Denson, Shane	To 24/07/07
Dick, Peter	To 24/07/07
Ferguson, Kevin	From 24/07/07
*Fiteni, Joseph	Whole Period
Francis, Terrie	To 24/07/07
Hamblyn, Gary	Whole Period
Harmon, Jeffrey	From 24/07/07
Higgins, Shawn	To 24/07/07
Jeffs, Brendan	Whole Period
Keding, Daryl	Whole Period
King, Shane	From 24/07/07
*List, Stephen	Whole Period
McGaw, Christopher	Whole Period
McGaw, Daniel	From 24/07/07
Milne, Aaron	From 24/07/07
Moloney, Dane	From 24/07/07
Moloney, Wendel	Whole Period
Reichman, Scott	Whole Period
Simpson, Peter	Whole Period
Smith, Clinton	To 24/07/07
Smith, Gregory	Whole Period
Stein, Clark	Whole Period
Taylor, John	Whole Period
Traill, Stuart	Whole Period
*Williams, Richard	Whole Period

\* Member of the Divisional Branch Executive

# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OPERATING REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### Indemnifying Officers or Auditors

The Union has not, during or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

# Proceedings on Behalf of Union

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Union or intervene in any proceedings to which the Union is a part for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Union for all or any part of those proceedings. The Union was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

#### Other Information

There is no other information that the Union considers relevant.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee Members by:

mallos G Abbott

14 April 2008

South Brisbane

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue Employee benefits expense Depreciation and amortisation expenses Finance costs Other expenses	2 3 3	5,974,483 (2,539,570) (89,648) (5,259) (3,063,303)	5,169,388 (2,364,081) (144,399) (10,265) (2,032,534)
Profit before income tax expense	-	276,703	618,109
Income tax expense	1(a)	<b></b>	
Profit attributable to members of the Union	-	276,703	618,109

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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# BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables	4 5 _	5,481,589 74,757	4,950,578 60,085
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	5,556,346	5,010,663
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b> Property, plant and equipment Loan receivable	6 7	292,593 680,000	321,064 680,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		972,593	1,001,064
TOTAL ASSETS	-	6,528,939	6,011,727
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> Trade and other payables Short-term borrowings Short-term provisions	8 9 10 _	388,062 43,195 481,868	185,300 26,299 448,999
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	913,125	660,598
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Long-term borrowings Long-term provisions	11 12	88,752 111,128	94,612 117,286
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	199,880	211,898
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	1,113,005	872,496
NET ASSETS		5,415,934	5,139,231
MEMBERS EQUITY Retained Profits		5,415,934	5,139,231

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	Retained Earnings	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2006		4,521,122	4,521,122
Profit for the year		618,109	618,109
Balance at 31 December 2006		5,139,231	5,139,231
Balance at 1 January 2007		5,139,231	5,139,231
Profit for the year		276,703	276,703
Balance at 31 December 2007		5,415,934	5,415,934

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Membership contributions Interest received Other receipts from customers Fines and Levies Payments to employees Payments to supplies Finance costs		4,612,178 332,410 692,247 303,388 (2,512,859) (2,860,541) (5,259)	4,147,339 337,973 390,804 272,539 (2,382,600) (1,964,881) (10,265)
Net cash provided by operating activities	13(b)	561,564	790,909
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payment for property, plant & equipment Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment Payment to DMB fund Proceeds from TCV Investment	-	(121,982) 80,393 - -	(106,308) 95,453 (18,181) 1,391,689
Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities	-	(41,589)	1,362,653
Cash Flows Financing Activities			
Motor Vehicle finance lease repayments (principal)		11,036	(24,368)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) financing activities	-	11,036	(24,368)
Net increase in cash held		531,011	2,129,194
Cash at beginning of financial year	-	4,950,578	2,821,384
Cash at end of financial year	13(a)	5,481,589	4,950,578

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Workplace Relations Act* 1996.

The financial report covers the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia Electrical Division Queensland and Northern Territory Divisional Branch ("Union") as an individual entity. The Union is a trade union which is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

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

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

#### (a) Income Tax

The Union is exempt from income tax by virtue of s50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

#### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows, which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with that item will flow to the group and the costs 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 THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

#### (b) Property, Plant and Equipment (cont.)

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leased assets, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the Union commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	5% - 40%
Motor Vehicles	20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

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.

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

#### (c) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the Union reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

#### (d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, at bank, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown with short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### (e) Financial Instruments

#### Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on the trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit and Loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

# NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

#### (e) Financial Instruments (cont.)

#### Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost.

#### **Financial Liabilities**

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising the original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

#### Impairment

At each reporting date, the Union assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

#### (f) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Union's liability for employee benefits (Annual Leave and Long Service Leave) arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

#### (g) Chattel Mortgages

Chattel Mortgages used to finance fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the assets, are transferred to the Union are classified as assets. Chattel Mortgages are capitalised, recording an asset and liability equal to the present value of the minimum payments including any guaranteed residual values. The assets (motor vehicles) are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Payments are allocated between the reduction of the liability and the interest expense of the period.

#### (h) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (i) Revenue

Revenue from membership contributions is recognised on a cash basis.

Interest revenue is recognised on an accrual basis proportional to taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax ("GST")

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

# NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

#### (j) Finance Costs

Finance costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

# (k) 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 Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

# (I) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2007 reporting period however, they may impact the Union in future periods. The impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

AASB Amendment	Standards Affected	Outline of Amendment	Application date of standard	Application date for Union
AASB 8 and AASB 2007-3: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 8 : Operating Segments	AASB 8 will result in a significant change in the approach to segment reporting as it requires adoption of a "management approach" to reporting financial performance. It is not expected to affect any of the amounts recognised in the financial statements.	1 January 2009	1 January 2009
AASB 123 and AASB 2007-6 :	AASB 1 : First Time adoption AIFRS	The option to expense all borrowing costs is removed	1 January 2009	1 January 2009
Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	Accounting Presentation of attributable to the acquisition, Standards Financial Statements construction or production of a	·		
	AASB 107 : Cash Flow Statements	qualifying asset. There should Cash Flow be no impact on the financial		
	AASB 111 : Construction Contracts			
	AASB 116 : Property, Plant and Equipment			
	AASB 123 : Borrowing Costs			
	AASB 138 : Intangible Assets			

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### (I) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (cont.)

AASB Amendment	Standards Affected	Outline of Amendment	Application date of standard	Application date for Union
AASB 101 and AASB 2007 8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 101 : Presentation of Financial Statements	This requires the presentation of a statement of comprehensive income and makes changes to the statement of changes in equity, but will not affect any amounts recognised in the financial statements.	1 January 2009	1 January 2009
AASB 2007 – 4 and AASB 2007 -7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	<ul> <li>AASB 1 : First Time adoption of AIFRS</li> <li>AASB 2 : Share Based Payments</li> <li>AASB 4 : Insurance Contracts</li> <li>AASB 5 : Non Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations</li> <li>AASB 107 : Cash Flow Statements</li> <li>AASB 128 : Investments in Associates</li> </ul>	The amendments introduce a number of options that existed under IFRS but not under AIFRS. This may affect the financial statements by: - the ability to use the indirect method for presenting cash flow statements. - discount rates for employee benefit obligations to be based on corporate bonds if there is a deep market in Australia (previous guidance mandated the use of government bond rates).	1 July 2007	1 January 2008
AASB 2008 1: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 2 : Share Based Payments	Revised standard clarifies that vesting conditions, service conditions and performance conditions only and that other features of a share based payments are not vesting conditions. This will not affect the financial statements of the Union.	1 January 2008	1 January 2008

# (m) Comparative Figures

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When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Critical accounting estimates and judgement

The Union's Committee Members evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and internally.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

# (m) Comparative Figures (cont.)

Key Estimates – Impairment

The Union assess impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Union that may lead to the impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

No impairment has been recognised in respect of the current year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 2 – REVENUE		Ŷ	Ψ
Membership received Fines and levies Other membership income Rental income Interest received Refunds received Advertising received Administration Fees - Distress, Mortality & Building Fund Merchandise Sold Sundry Income	-	4,612,178 303,388 7,746 141,704 332,410 418,169 9,000 18,618 8,567 122,703 <b>5,974,483</b>	4,096,372 270,748 10,043 142,037 337,973 98,903 34,750 17,614 10,892 150,056 <b>5,169,388</b>
NOTE 3 – PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
<b>Expenses</b> (i) Finance Costs - External		5,289	10,265
<ul> <li>(ii) Depreciation and amortisation</li> <li>Motor vehicles</li> <li>Plant and equipment</li> <li>TCV investment</li> </ul>		57,248 32,400	94,537 27,688 22,174
		89,648	144,399
(iii) Conference expenses		235,848	219,778
(iv) National council expenses		427,068	360,950
(v) Legal fees		211,588	109,233
(vii) Sale of property, plant and equipment - Profit on sale - Loss on sale		19,586 -	14,997
NOTE 4 – CASH ASSETS			
Cash on Hand Cash at Bank Deposit at Call (CBA) Deposits (Members Equity)		2,315 60,060 233,045 <u>5,186,169</u> <b>5,481,589</b>	2,857 78,530 600,307 <u>4,268,884</u> <b>4,950,578</b>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 5 – TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Trade and other Receivables Prepayment to ETU Fighting Fund		21,145 53,612. <b>74,757</b>	6,473 53,612 <b>60,085</b>
NOTE 6 – PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Furniture, Fittings and Office equipment: At cost Accumulated Depreciation Total furniture, fittings and office equipment		463,832 (396,516) 67,316	452,497 (364,116) 88,381
Motor Vehicles: At cost Accumulated Depreciation Total motor vehicles		345,708 (120,431) 225,277	359,331 (126,648) 232,683
Total Property, Plant & Equipment		292,593	321,064

# (a) MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

Movement in the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Motor Vehicles	Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment	Total
Balance at the beginning of year	232,683	88,381	321,064
Additions	110,647	11,335	121,982
Disposals	(124,271)	-	(124,271)
Write back of accumulated depreciation	63,466	-	63,466
Depreciation expense	(57,248)	(32,400)	(89,648)
Carrying amount at the end of year	225,277	67,316	292,593

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 7 –LOAN RECEIVABLE			
Distress, Mortality & Building Fund receivable		680,000 680,000	680,000 <b>680,000</b>
NOTE 8 – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
Trade payables and accrued expenses GST Collected Other payables		243,631 42,534 101,897 <b>388,062</b>	102,112 4,444 78,744 <b>185,300</b>
NOTE 9 -SHORT TERM BORROWINGS			
Finance Lease – Motor Vehicles	14	43,195 <b>43,195</b>	26,299 <b>26,299</b>
NOTE 10 -SHORT TERM PROVISIONS			
Provision for Annual Leave Provision for Long Service Leave		330,249 <u>151,619</u> <b>481,868</b>	310,196 138,803 <b>448,999</b>
NOTE 11 – LONG TERM BORROWINGS			
Finance Lease – Motor Vehicles	14	88,752 88,752	94,612 <b>94,612</b>
NOTE 12 -LONG TERM PROVISIONS			
Provision for Long Service Leave		<u> </u>	117,286 <b>117,286</b>
Long term provisions represent long service leave entitlements owing to employees who have not completed			• **

10 continuous years service with the Union.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 13 CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
(a) <b>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposits or any other cash held that can be readily convertible to known amount of cash and be subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:			
Cash on hand Cash at Bank Deposit at Call (CBA) Deposits (Members Equity)	-	2,315 60,060 233,045 5,186,169 <b>5,481,589</b>	2,857 78,530 600,307 4,268,884 <b>4,950,578</b>
(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Net Profit after Income Tax		276,703	618,109
Operating Surplus		270,703	010,109
Non cash flows in profit from ordinary activities - Depreciation & Amortisation - (Gain)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		89,648 (19,586)	144,399 14,997
Changes in assets and liabilities		70,062	159,396
(Increase)/ decrease in trade receivables Increase/ (decrease) in trade payables and accruals Increase/ (decrease) in provisions		(14,672) 202,761 <u>26,710</u> 214,799	(59,348) 91,271 (18,519) 13,404
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities		561,564	790,909
(c) Credit standby arrangements Finance Leases Used facility Unused facility		131,996	120,911
Total Facility		131,996	120,911
The financing facility has been arranged with a number of Australian banks with the facility due to expire in 2009.			

The Union does not operate any other financing facilities at 31 December 2007.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 14 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		T	•
(a) Operating Lease Commitments		-	-
(b) Contingent liabilities and Commitments There are no material contingent liabilities or Commitments			
(c) Finance Lease Commitments – Motor Vehicles Payable – Minimum lease payments			
- not later than 12 months		51,164	34,633
<ul> <li>between 12 months and 5 years</li> </ul>		93,058	103,484
- greater than 5 years			
Minimum lease payments		144,222	138,117
Less: Future financing charges		(12,226)	(17,206)
Present value of minimum lease payments	-	131,996	120,911

The finance lease is on two motor vehicles, which commenced in 2005 and 2007 and is due to cease in 2009.

# **NOTE 15 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Transactions with related parties:

(a) Distress, Mortality and Building Fund The Union receives receipts and payments on behalf of the Distress, Mortality and Building Fund ("the Fund"). Once received, the Union forwards such receipts and payments to the Fund. Refer Note 22 for further information.

In addition, the Union has an amount owing by the Fund at balance date of \$680,000 (2006: \$680,000).

#### **NOTE 16 – KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

Key management personnel comprise of those individuals who have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Union. During the year, the key management personnel of the Union were remunerated as follows:

	Short-Term Benefits	Post-Employment Benefits	Total
2007 Total compensation 2006	211,068	31,086	242,154
Total compensation	194,252	29,605	223,857

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 17 AUDITORS REMUNERATION			
Amounts received or due and receivable by the auditor of the Union for:			
(a) audit of the financial report of the Union (b) audit of other associated entities of the Union (c) other services	_	23,000 7,000 <u>4,200</u> <b>34,200</b>	15,000 7,883 <u>5,500</u> <b>28,383</b>

# NOTE 18 – SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Union operates solely in one reporting business segment being the provision of trade union services.

The Union operates from one reportable geographical segment being Australia.

# NOTE 19 – FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Union's activities exposes it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Union's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Union. The Union uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of interest rate and ageing analysis for credit risk.

Risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management provides principles for overall risk management, as well as policies covering specific areas such as interest risk, credit risk and investment of excess liquidity.

#### Interest rate risk

The Union has minimal exposure to market interest rates due to its debt free status. As at balance date, the only financial assets or liabilities exposed to Australian variable interest rate risk were cash and cash equivalents outline below:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	60,060	78,530
Short-term deposit	5,419,914	4,869,191
	5,479,974	4,947,721

The Union invests its cash in short-term deposits earning interest at a weighted average rate of 6.66% (2006: 6.07%) per annum. At 31 December 2007, if interest rates had changed by -/+ 1% absolute from the geared rates with all other variables held consistent, profit for the year would have been \$87,059 higher/lower.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### NOTE 19 -- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont.)

#### Credit Risk

The Union is exposed to minimal risk from its financial instruments as a result of its debt free status. Therefore the main risk affecting the Union is credit risk. To minimise credit risk exposure, the Union trades only with recognised, creditworthy third parties. It is Union policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures.

In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Union's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

#### NOTE 20 – UNION DETAILS

The principal place of business is:

41 Peel Street South Brisbane Queensland 4101

#### NOTE 21 - DISTRESS AND MORTALITY AND BUILDING FUND – QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY ("Fund")

The DMB levy received by the Union on behalf of the Fund, which is a trust fund, is excluded from the income statement. Those amounts are presented in the audited financial report of the Fund. The amounts excluded are:

٠	levy received	\$194,810 (2006:\$ 181,898)
٠	levy transferred to Fund	\$197,210 (2006:\$ 183,691)

#### NOTE 22 - INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR REGISTRAR

In accordance with the requirements of the *Workplace Relations Act* 1996 as amended the attention of members is drawn to the following provisions:

#### Workplace Relations Act 1996 - Sections 272 (1), (2) and (3):

#### Sub-Section (1)

A member of an organisation, or a Registrar, may apply to the organisation for specified prescribed information in relation to the organisation to be made available to the person making the application.

#### Sub-Section (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 organisation.

#### Sub-Section (3)

The organisation must comply with an application made under sub section (1) above.

The purposes for which the Union are established are:

- (a) To advance the trade interests of members and secure a proper classification of the workers in the industry.
- (b) To obtain adequate pay for its members and the institution and maintenance of the apprenticeship system.
- (c) To afford legal protection to its members in industrial matters.
- (d) To establish and maintain an employment bureau for electrical workers.
- (e) To publish a trade union journal or newspaper.
- (f) To establish a Branch or Branches of the Union and Sub-Branches of Branches and Agencies of Branches.
- (g) To organise the electrical workers into Branches or Sub-Branches of the Union throughout the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (h) To financially assist Branches and Sub-Branches.
- (i) To provide for the acquisition or leasing of property.
- (j) To secure preference of employment of Unionists.
- (k) To advance the living and working conditions of workers and their families, and to assist kindred Unions and to support other bodies having these objects, and such projects for the advancement of Labor as the Union may determine.
- (I) The abolition and prevention of contract and piecework schemes and the restriction and control of incentive and bonus systems in industry.
- (m) To establish funds to assist members in distress through sickness or accident or who are lawfully out of employment.
- (n) To make financial provision for carrying out the objects set out herein.
- (o) To make such provision for superannuation payments or retiring allowances and/or long service leave to full-time officers and/or employees of the Union as the Union may determine.
- (p) To establish a fund for sustenance of members involved in industrial disputes.
- (q) To establish an Electrical Workers' Award.
- (r) To provide legal representation for:
  - (i) A member in a compensation claim and/or action for damages arising out of injuries sustained in the course of his employment.
  - (ii) Dependants of a deceased member at an inquest or inquiry in a compensation claim and/or action for damages arising from the death of a member.





## **MEMBERSHIP - CERTIFICATE BY AUDITOR**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

We advise that we have audited the financial statements of the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing, and Allied Services Union of Australia, Electrical Division, Queensland and Northern Territory Divisional Branch ("Union") for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The financial statements disclose total membership of: 10,806 financial members, 905 honorary and life members and 1,364 unfinancial members as at 31 December 2007 which is consistent with the membership records maintained by the Union and audited by us.

MGI WHITE HANCOCK Chartered Accountants

A D FRASER Registered Company Auditor

14 April 2008

Brisbane

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# **OPINION ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

The additional financial information presented on pages 26 to 27 is consistent with the financial statements of the Union for the year ended 31 December 2007. Such additional financial information has been subject to auditing procedures in order to express an opinion on the revenue and expenses of the Union. Our auditing procedures involve testing on a test basis a sample of transactions throughout the year.

#### **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the additional information on pages 26 to 27 presents fairly in all material respects the revenues and expense of the Union for the year ended 31 December 2007.

MGI WHITE HANCOCK Chartered Accountants

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A D FRASER Registered Company Auditor

Brisbane

14 April 2008

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# Additional Information in Explaining the Financial Results of the Union

	2007 \$	2006 \$
REVENUE		
General Fund		
Administration Fees - Distress, Mortality & Building Fund	18,618	17,614
Advertising received	9,000	34,750
Contributions Received (Nett)	4,612,178	4,096,581
Contribution Wallets	1,283	1,514
Entrance Fees	6,525	8,528
Fines	15,118	10,187
Interest Received Levies Received	332,410 288,208	337,973 260,352
Merchandise Sold	8,567	10,892
Other Refunds	342,178	84,703
Profit on Sale of MV	19,586	-,100
Refund Organising Expenses	15,002	8,748
Refund Staff Salaries	60,988	5,453
Rents Received	141,704	142,037
Sundry Income	103,118	150,056
	5,974,483	5,169,388
EXPENDITURE		
General Fund		
Advertising	11,193	77,945
Accounting	4,200	5,500
Affiliation Fees	98,567	106,930
Audit Fees	35,250	22,883
Bank Charges	23,871	22,279
Conference Expenses	235,848	219,778
Campaign Expenses	851,800	-
Debt Collection Fees	108,344	79,114
Delegate Expenses	C 477	40,000
Coal Delegates Other Delegates	6,477 48,079	18,602
Depreciation	89,648	19,497 122,225
Donations	33,498	25,558
Electrical Trades Journal and Rule Books	54,297	11,595
Electricity	1,115	642
Sub-total	1,602,187	732,548

Note	2007	2006
EXPENDITURE (cont.)	\$	\$
Balance carried forward	1,602,187	732,548
Employee Leave Entitlements	97,271	13,097
Expenses 877 Boundary Road	3,556	6,905
Fringe Benefits Tax	21,663	22,626
Insurance	38,251	38,739
Internet Expenses	12,558	11,339
Interest on MV Loan	5,259	10,265
Investments – write off in value of TCV	-	22,174
Labour Day Expenses	51,154	42,777
Legal Costs		
Professional Fees	108,334	103,405
Lodgement Fees	3,725	5,828
Loan Transaction Processing Cost	1,428	-
Loss on Fixed Asset Sales and Scrapping	20 500	14,997
Maintenance – 41 Peel Street	32,590	37,468
Meeting Fees	1,170	1,475
Merchandise Purchases	25,459	101,574
Motor Vehicle Expenses	83,687 427,068	87,945
National Council Fees and Expenses	12,642	360,950 39,204
National Office Expenses Northern Territory Office – Expenses	22,795	20,593
Office Equipment, Supplies and Maintenance Expenses	44,950	47,197
Organising Expenses	164,271	154,169
Payroli Tax	58,655	75,241
Postage	75,510	76,076
Printing & Stationery	102,301	104,813
Rates – 877 Boundary Road	10,705	9,458
Refund of Contributions	12,993	5,981
Rent	15,715	18,564
Salaries – Officers	740,587	658,989
Salaries – Staff	1,168,724	1,011,333
Salaries – Income Protection 1.2%	20,044	18,923
Salaries – NT	87,017	81,776
Shop Stewards Reimbursements	9,702	9,220
Staff Amenities	44,487	39,144
Storage	4,857	1,766
Subscriptions	17,348	8,509
Superannuation	362,823	352,057
Supply Industry Expenses	20,962	18,151
Sundry Expenses	74,890	82,693
Telephone	73,127	84,493
Training	37,115	18,614
T'vlle Petty Cash	200	200
	5,697,780	4,551,279

# 2007 Your Rights at Work Expenditure

ACTU Union Campaign Levy Advertising ALP Election Expenses (Blair, Bowman, Groom, Leichhardt & National)	67,760 128,269 640,588
ETU Shared Prosperity DVD Project	30,840
Fosters Campaign	1,256
In Your Face Campaign	8,426
Light the Fuse Tour	190
National Day of Action - March	11,106
Postage	13,937
Publications	86,272
QCU YRAW Campaign Levy	21460
Sundry Expenses	10,408
Times Up Tour	13,336
YRAW Campaign Expenses (Blair, Bowman, Groom, Leichhardt & Nationally)	1,009,385

# TOTAL

\$2,043,233

The above campaign expenses have been listed in the following financial statements:

Communication, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia Electrical Division, Queensland and Northern	
Territory Branch ETU Fighting Fund No.1	851,800 1,191,433
TOTAL	\$2,043,233

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# **OPINION ON ADDITONAL INFORMATION - CAMPAIGN EXPENSES**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

The additional financial information on campaign expenses presented on page 1 is consistent with the statements of both the Communication, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia Electrical Division, Queensland and Northern Territory Branch and the ETU Fighting Fund Trust No.1 for the year ended 31 December 2007. Such additional financial information has been subject to auditing procedures in order to express an opinion on campaign expenses incurred by the Union. Our auditing procedures involve testing on a test basis a sample of transactions throughout the year.

#### **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the additional information on page 1 presents fairly in all material respects the campaign expense incurred by the Communication, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia Electrical Division, Queensland and Northern Territory Branch and the ETU Fighting Fund Trust No.1 for the year ended 31 December 2007.

MGI WHITE HANCOCK Chartered Accountants

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Brisbane

14 April 2008

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Mr Richard Williams Divisional Branch Secretary, Electrical Divisional Branch, Queensland Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia PO Box 3520 SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101

Dear Mr Williams

# Re: Lodgement of Financial Return – CEPU, Queensland Electrical Divisional Branch for year ending 31 December 2007 (FR2007/579)

I refer to the abovementioned financial statements lodged in the Registry on 20 May 2008. I draw your attention to the following issues:

# **Donations**

The total amount of Donations listed on page 26 is \$33,498. The Branch is reminded that if any individual donation exceeded \$1,000, a separate statement setting out the relevant particulars must be lodged pursuant to s237 of the RAO Schedule.

# Committee of Management Statement

The documents lodged did not include a separate Committee of Management Statement as required by the Industrial Registrar's Guidelines. This omission is consistent with the omissions from the documents lodged in the previous two years, but is in the Registry's view, an omission which would have been rectified had the Registry corresponded with the Branch on the matter in previous years.

Accordingly, I simply draw your attention to paragraphs 24-26 of the Industrial Registrar's Guidelines, which may be accessed on the AIRC website at <u>http://www.airc.gov.au/registered/rao/rao\_253.pdf</u>. Future returns should also include this statement, prepared and signed prior to audit and distribution of the accounts.

Unless a s237 statement as described earlier is applicable, there is no further action required, and the documents have been filed.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Kellett for Deputy Industrial Registrar.

2 June 2008