

## **CFMEU Mining & Energy Division National Returning Officer**

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21 July 2017

Andrew Vickers
General Secretary
CFMEU Mining & Energy Division

By Email:

Dear Andrew,

Following is my report in respect to the election of the Northern Mining & NSW Energy District Check Inspector (B) position, which was subject to a casual vacancy after the retirement of the incumbent. The ballot process was concluded on 21 July 2017.

There were 3542 votes cast in the election, which were predominantly received from the Mining areas of the District. The participation in the Energy area was poor, but this could be a combination of a number of things.

I received one formal complaint during the ballot by a member whom complained he was unable to cast a vote. After an investigation by myself and having a lengthy discussion with the local returning officer I am satisfied that the LRO complied with his obligations that go with the position and the member had every opportunity to cast his vote if he so wished. It would be remiss of me not to advise you that the member's comment to the staff employees whom assist me in the ballot process was unwarranted and unacceptable.

At the completion of the ballot count I advise the following result:-

Land, Michael Patrick	767
Watson, Anthony John	2747
Informal	23

Given the above I have declared Anthony John Watson duly elected to the position of Northern Mining & NSW Energy District Check Inspector (B) in accordance with the ballot rule 17 of the Union's rules. Given that I have now declared the position in the casual vacancy mentioned above could you advise the relevant authorities of my decision.

In accordance with Rule 17(I)(3) I wish to make a recommendation that the provision for one Local Returning Officer per site be amended to allow for Assistant Local Returning Officers for sites that have a high number of members and/or multiple access points and varying shift start and finish times. It is a difficult task for one Local Returning Officer to complete their duties in such conditions. It should be the responsibility of lodges to decide the allocation of

shifts or areas of a mine for each Local Returning Officer. I would like Central Council to consider the appropriate rule changes on this matter to allow for a greater participation of members in the election process.

Yours sincerely

**Greg Betts** 

**National Returning Officer** 

cc: Grahame Kelly

**District Secretary** 

Northern Mining & NSW Energy Division



31 July 2017

The Manager Registered Organisations Commission GPO Box 2983 Melbourne VIC 3001

Dear Manager,

## **Re: CFMEU Mining & Energy Division Elections**

In accordance with the rules of the CFMEU Mining and Energy Division, elections have been conducted by the National Returning Officer for the Northern Mining & NSW Energy District.

As is required by Rule 17(I)(e) of the CFMEU Mining and Energy Division Rules, please find enclosed the National Returning Officer's Election report.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Vickers General Secretary