

*Workplace Relations Act 1996*  
s.189 of Schedule 1 - arrangement for conduct of an election

**Police Federation of Australia**  
(E2008/139)

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DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR

MELBOURNE, 11 APRIL 2007

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

**DECISION**

[1] On 18 March 2008, the Tasmanian Police Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation to an election for Chairperson, Secretary and three (3) Delegates to Branch Conference for the newly established Eastern Sub-Branch.

[2] The prescribed information outlines that the Sub-Branch now exists as a result of the Branch creating an Eastern Sub-Branch at its Executive meeting on 20 February 2008, and the reason for the election is that the positions are new and need to be filled.

[3] Subsection 189(3) of Schedule 1 provides that:

“(3) *If:*

(a) ....; and

(b) *a Registrar is satisfied that an election is required to be held under the rules of the organisation or branch; and*

(c) ...;

*a Registrar must arrange for the conduct of the election by the AEC.” (the underlining is mine)*

[4] The effect of rule 52BU of the Tasmanian Police Branch rules is to provide for District and Sub-Branch officers to be elected biennially with nominations closing not later than 1 October in the year of election. The last election for Sub-Branch offices was held in November 2007. The rules of the organisation or branch, however, make no specific provision for the conduct of an election to fill such positions between regular elections.

[5] Accordingly, I am not satisfied that an election for the abovenamed offices is required to be held under the rules of the organisation or branch at this time.





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Monday 18 March, 2008

Registrar  
Australian Industrial Registry  
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Dear Sir,

I am an officer of the Tasmania Branch of the Police Federation of Australia and am authorised to sign this statement, which is lodged in accordance with subsection 189 (1) of Schedule 1B – Registration and Accountability of Organisations, of the Act. I request that you arrange elections with regard to the following information provided.

1. Elections are required for the Offices of Chairperson, Secretary and three (3) delegates for the newly established Eastern Sub-Branch.

This Sub-Branch now exists as a result of the Police Association of Tasmania creating an Eastern Branch at its Executive meeting on 20 February 2008 and the PFA (Tasmania Police Branch) rules at 52 BU providing for corresponding branches.

2. The reason for the elections are that the positions are new and need to be filled.
3. The electorate for the elections is the geographical area of the Police Eastern district and members at every workplace within the area's boundary.
4. The date for nominations to close is requested to be as soon as reasonably practical.
5. The voting system that we request be employed is the direct voting system.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Randolph Wierenga**  
**President**