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

Police Federation of Australia (E2006/57)

T. NASSIOS DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR MELBOURNE, 30 JANUARY 2006

Arrangement for conduct of election.

DECISION

[1] On 30 January 2006, the Western Australia Police Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation elections for the following offices;

Branch Executive Members representing the following Regions:

Metroplitan Region (12) Northern Region (1) Central Region (1) Southern Region (1)

President / Delegate to Federal Council Vice President Deputy Vice President Treasurer Delegates to Federal Council (2)

[2] I am satisfied that elections for the abovenamed offices are required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the elections by the Australian Electoral Commission.



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Attention Mr Robert Pfeiffer

ELECTION of BRANCH EXECUTIVE

I refer to my letter dated January 5 2006 requesting assistance with the election of officers and your subsequent exchanges with Mr Ken See of this Union. I am pleased to attach the Prescribed Information in accordance with WRA Section.189(1) of Schedule 1B.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Perth office of the Australian Electoral Commission (Election Services Manager Mr Van Panegyres) which conducted the inaugural election in 2004.

I would be pleased for your assistance and **urgent** instructions to AEC to initiate the election for the 2006 – 2009 term of the Executive. Please address any questions to Ken See on office `telephone 08 93212155 or mobile 0438080935.

Yours sincerely

M J (Michael) Dean PRESIDENT

POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA POLICE BRANCH) PRESCRIBED INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF ELECTION Schedule 1B, Section 189 (1) of Workplace Relations Act

I am an officer of the Police Federation of Australia (WA Police Branch) and am authorised to sign this statement which is lodged in accordance with WRA Schedule 1B, Section 189 (1). The constitution of the Police Federation of Australia specifies in Part CA WA Police Branch;

- 1. That the Executive shall be elected by and from the financial membership of the Branch, now numbering in excess of 5000, and that at Section 52AA (2), the Branch Executive for which the elections are required shall comprise 15 offices as under:-
 - 12 positions for the Metropolitan area
 - One position for the Northern regional area
 - One position for the Central regional area
 - One position for the Southern regional area

Section 52 AA Rule (9) directs that a "Region" shall be determined at Annual Conference. The boundaries of the regions for these purposes have remained unchanged since conduct of the inaugural election of the Branch Executive in 2004.

2. Within Ten working days of the election result being declared, the Executive – Elect shall meet to elect from within itself, the following Branch Office Bearers outlined in Part CA Section 52AA (1). Sections 52AF and 52AP further direct that the Federal Council Delegates also be elected and that the order in which the elections conducted on a "first past the post" basis, shall be;-

•	President (who shall be the Chief Executive Officer)	(1)
•	Vice President	(1)
•	Deputy Vice President	(1)
•	Treasurer	(1)
•	Federal Council Delegates (President is ex-officio appointed)	(3)

- 3. In accordance with the intent of Section 52AA (4), the requirement for these elections arises from the impending expiration of the term for which the inaugural Executive was elected, being the period until dissolution of the 2006 Annual Conference, scheduled for June 26-27 2006. The Executive Elect will commence their office contemporaneously.
- 4. Section 52AA (3) provides that the Returning Officer should conduct the election so as to allow declaration of the result not later than the 15th of April. Sections 52AO (2) and (3) outline the timeline with the intervals between the actions required of the Returning Officer, commencing with publishing of a notice that the Returning Officer is about to conduct elections for positions on the Executive of the Police Federation of Australia (WA Police Branch).
- 4(a). Subject to the Returning Officer's determination of the times and dates as provided in Section 52AO (3), application of the intervals mentioned in Section 52AO (2) suggests that publishing of the notice of intent to conduct the elections should occur on February 1 2006.
- 5. Section 52AO (14) prescribes the Duties of the Returning Officer to determine the validity of votes and reject informal ballot papers; it provides for scrutiny, specifies that voting by proxy shall not be permitted and that the voting for an office shall be by a preferential ballot.

M J (Michael) Dean PRESIDENT