

Australian Government

**Registered Organisations Commission** 

23 November 2017

Ms Lisa Morris Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia lisa@scaa.org.au

Dear Ms Morris,

#### Reminder of actions required when persons elected to office

The Australian Electoral Commission has provided the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) a declaration of results for the election of uncontested offices for [E2017/179]. This letter is a reminder of certain obligations imposed on organisations and on persons elected to office.

#### A notice must be published on the organisation's website

The organisation or branch must publish on its website a notice that a copy of the report is available from the organisation, branch or the AEC on request. The notice must be kept on the website for a period of at least 3 months (see regulation 141 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009).

#### Holders of office required to undertake approved training

Section 293K of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act) requires each officer with financial management duties to undertake approved training that covers those duties within 6 months after the person begins to hold office. Please ensure that relevant officers undertake approved training within the required timeframe. Please also ensure that all new holders of office are advised of their obligations to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests, the details of which are provided for in the RO Act.

#### Organisation must notify the Commission of changes

Also, section 233(2) of the RO Act requires that an organisation must notify the Commission within 35 days of any changes to the holders of office in the organisation. If there are no changes a notification is not required. If the election has resulted in any changes to the holders of office, the Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia, The must notify the Commission of these changes. In particular, please advise:

- 1. Person(s) who have ceased to hold office:
  - the name of the office vacated;
  - the date of the change of office holder; and
  - the name of the person vacating the office.
- 2. Person(s) who have commenced to hold office:
  - the name of the office now held;
  - the date of the change of office holder;
  - the name of the person now holding the office;
  - the postal address of the person (generally the postal address of the organisation); and
  - the occupation of the person now holding the office.

The notification must include a declaration by the Secretary (or other prescribed officer) that the information is a correct statement of the changes made. A template notification of changes, which may assist you, is attached. If any change does not apply until a date in the future, you do not need to notify until then (e.g. AGM, 1 January, 2nd Monday in March). If you have already lodged this information, please disregard this reminder.

Regards

Christine Hibberd Registered Organisations Commission NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return) required to be kept in accordance with section 230 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and regulation 147 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* 

- I, [NAME], being the [OFFICER] of the [ORGANISATION NAME], declare the following:
- 1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
- 2. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

[delete all that do not apply]

- On [DATE] the address of the organisation changed to [STREET ADDRESS].<sup>1</sup>
- On [DATE] the name and/or address of a branch[es] of the organisation changed to:<sup>2</sup>
  - 1. [include <u>OLD</u> name and address and <u>NEW</u> name and address of every branch that has changed]
  - 2. ...
- A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
- On [DATE] the following branch[es]:<sup>3</sup>
  - COMMENCED operation:
    - 1. [include name of each new branch]
    - 2. ...
  - CEASED operation:
    - 1. [include name of each closed branch]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(a) & (d)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(b) & (c)

2. ...

Signed: [SECRETARY OR OTHER AUTHORISED OFFICER]

Dated: [DATE]

[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within **35 days** of the change. It can be submitted to <u>regorgs@roc.gov.au</u>.]

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#### ANNEXURE A

• Changes to Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation and its Branches [insert as many pages as required]:

Please note the 35 days begins at the earliest event (for instance when the officer retires) and an organisation may need to notify the events separately if the appointment or election process will take longer than 35 days.

Branch	Date of Change	Name of Office that has changed	Name of <u>Outgoing</u> Office Holder	Name of <u>New</u> Office Holder	Postal Address of <u>New</u> Office Holder	Occupation of <u>New</u> Office Holder
National	1.1.2014	Secretary	Full Name	Full Name	c/- the Registered Organisation, postal address of Registered Organisation	Paid official
	25.12.2013	President	vacant	Full Name	As above	mechanic
 NSW	1.1.2014 (resigned) 7.1.2014 (appointed)	President	Full Name	Full Name	c/- the Branch, postal address of the Branch	mechanic
		Committee of Management Member	Full Name	Full Name	As above	mechanic
		Treasurer	Full Name	vacant	vacant	vacant

# **Post-election Report**

The Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia – E2017/179



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### Election(s) Covered in this Report

Election Decision No/s: E2017/179

## Rules

Rules used for the election:[056N: Incorporates alterations of 23/4/2004 (R2004/231)]Rules difficult to apply/interpret:N/AModel Rule reference (if any) :None

## **Roll of Voters**

As there were no contested offices, no Roll of Voters was required.

## Irregularities

Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC: None

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: None

### **Other Matters**

#### **Rule 23 - RIGHT OF VOTING**

Rule 23(3) of the Association specifies that a Director or officer must be duly authorised to cast a vote on behalf of a corporation. This is different to that of a firm (Rule 23(2)). It is recommended for transparency that the right to vote for a firm be defined in similar terms as corporation members. This will ensure that the person voting on behalf of the firm has proper authority in which to do so on behalf of the member.

Similar issue was also raised in the post-election report related to election reference number E2016/279.

### Attachments

1) Declaration of results for Uncontested Offices

Ishtiaq Ahmed Returning Officer 21 November 2017

### The Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia Election of Trustee – E2017/179

#### **Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices**

Below are the results of the election for the following offices, conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and the rules of the organisation.

#### **Committee of Management**

Trustee

**Candidates** 

KING, Trevor

As the number of nominations accepted did not exceed the number of positions to be filled, I declare the above candidates elected.

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Ishtiaq Ahmed Returning Officer 29 September 2017





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### DECISION

*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* s.189—Arrangement for conduct of an election

# **The Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia** (E2017/179)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 28 JULY 2017

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 7 July 2017, the Shearing Contractors' Association of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following office, due to insufficient nominations received in a previous election (E2016/279):

Trustee (1)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed office is required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



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July 28, 2017

Registered Organisations Commission 414 Latrobe St, Melbourne Vic

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Request application for a Section 189 Fairwork (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

For subsection 189 (1) of the Fairwork (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, the following information is prescribed information for an election conducted for an office or for a position other than an office

- 1. 1 x Trustee
- 2. The reason for the election is:
  - Only 1 Trustee was elected due to 2<sup>nd</sup> position nominated did not rectify a defect on his nomination form within the 7 day period given to him by the AEC and so the nomination was rejected. (a copy of the rectified nomination form attached).
- 3. The kind of voting system to be used in the conduct of the election is:
  - Collegiate by and from the members of the Executive Committee (Rule 26A)
- 4. The dates and times for the opening and closing of nominations will be at the discretion of the Returning Officer.
- 5. Roll of voters
  - At the discretion of the Returning Officer

Declaration:

I Jason Letchford, Secretary of The Shearing Contractors Association of Australia (SCAA), am authorised to sign this statement which is lodged in accordance with Section 189(1) of the Fairwork (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

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Signed: Jason Letchford Secretary/Treasurer