# Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

## **AMENDED**

# PRESCRIBED INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF ELECTION UNITED FIREFIGHTERS' UNION OF AUSTRALIA, AVIATION BRANCH

I, Henry Lawrence, being the Branch Secretary of the Aviation Branch of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia make the following statement:

I am the Branch Secretary of the Aviation Branch of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia.

I am authorised to lodge the following prescribed information concerning forthcoming elections in the Aviation Branch of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia, and

I confirm that the following information is being lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations Act) 2009

H. P. Lawrence

**Branch Secretary** 

**Aviation Branch** 

United Firefighers' Union of Australia

The United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Aviation Branch lodges the following information under subsection 189 (1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009:

a) The name of each office in respect of which an election is required:

Branch Committee Member - New South Wales (1)

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The electorate comprises [for the Branch Committee member – New South Wales, all members of the Branch in New South Wales [as named in Rule 56 (2) who are financial members at the time of the close of the roll of voters shall be entitled to vote in the election of the member of the Branch Committee of Management representing the State or Territory [rule 70 (3) (b) (ii).

Branch Organisers – one (1) elected by and from the members employed in each of the following Rescue and Firefighting Units [as named in Rule 56 (2)] who are financial at the time of the close of the roll of voters shall be entitled to vote in the election of the organiser for the said Rescue and Firefighting Unit provided in Subrule 4 of this Rule [rule 70 (3) (b) (iii)].

Alice Springs Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Avalon Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Broome Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Canberra Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Darwin Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Hamilton Island Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Hobart Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Melbourne Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Port Hedland Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Townsville Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

- b) The reason for the election is that these offices were not filled at the last election.
- c) The opening date of nominations and closing date of nominations is to be determined by the Returning Officer.
- d) The date on which the roll of voters is to be closed is 7 days before the day on which nominations are opened in relation to elections by a direct voting system for the above listed offices in the union [rule 27].
- e) The kind of voting system to be used in the conduct of the election is a direct voting system.

 From:
 Henry Lawrence

 To:
 WILKIN, Sarah

 Subject:
 RE: E2012/335

**Date:** Monday, 27 August 2012 2:06:37 PM

Importance: High

Good afternoon Sarah,

There is no requirement to conduct an election for the Organiser at Port Hedland and hence should not be included in the delegate's decision.

Yours faithfully

Henry Lawrence

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From: WILKIN, Sarah [mailto:sarah.wilkin@fwa.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 27 August 2012 1:11 PM

**To:** Henry Lawrence **Subject:** RE: E2012/335

Thanks Henry.

Can I confirm that the Port Hedland election does not need to be conducted and hence not included in the delegate's decision?

If this is the case, would you be able to send me an email confirming this and I will include it as a note on the file.

The decision will then authorise the conduct of elections for the Committee Member and all Branch Organisers except that for the Port Hedland unit.

Kind regards

Sarah

From: Henry Lawrence [mailto:ufuavat1@bigpond.com.au]

Sent: Thursday, 23 August 2012 11:30 AM

To: WILKIN, Sarah Subject: RE: E2012/335 Importance: High

Hi Sarah,

To the best of my knowledge while nominations might have been invited for the position at Port Hedland there is no station there at the moment nor was there at the time. The paperwork for the last election was prepared from our national office and they appear to have got it wrong by including Port Hedland in the election back in March-May.

Hope this helps.

Henry

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From: WILKIN, Sarah [mailto:sarah.wilkin@fwa.gov.au]

Sent: Thursday, 23 August 2012 9:30 AM

To: Henry Lawrence Subject: RE: E2012/335

Thank you Henry.

Can you please advise whether an election was arranged for the Port Hedland branch at all in 2012? If not I will need to check with the AEC to confirm whether an error was made in the declaration for E2012/211.

Many thanks

Sarah

From: Henry Lawrence [ufuavat1@bigpond.com.au] Sent: Wednesday, 22 August 2012 10:31 AM

To: WILKIN, Sarah Subject: RE: E2012/335

Good morning Sarah,

My apologies for delaying getting back to you on this.

There are currently no firefighters in Port Hedland so we do not need to invite nominations for an Organiser there. The Port station looks like opening again later in the year and if it does we will deal with it then.

Hope this is what you need.

Regards

Henry

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From: WILKIN, Sarah [mailto:sarah.wilkin@fwa.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 15 August 2012 5:24 PM

To: Henry Lawrence Subject: E2012/335

Dear Henry,

My apologies for contacting you by email but I am unable to get through to you on the telephone.

I have a query in relation to E2012/335. I notice that in your Prescribed Information statement, you list a number of Rescue and Firefighting Units for which Branch Organiser elections are required (due to these offices not being filled at the last election) including one for the Port Hedland Rescue and Firefighting unit.

I notice in the Delegates' decision E2012/211 elections were arranged for Branch Organisers for a number of Rescue and Firefighter Units (p. 3 of the decision). However, I also note that there was no request for a Branch Organiser election for the Port Hedland Unit; and no request made for this in the Prescribed Information (pages 2-3)

However, when I look at the AEC declaration of results for uncontested and contested offices, I notice that an election was in fact conducted for the Port Hedland Rescue and Firefighting Unit – with no nomination and no candidates elected (at the bottom of p. 4).

Can you please advise me further on this? I have attached the relevant documents for your perusal.

I will not be in the office tomorrow, however I will be able to access my email. Alternatively, I will be back in the office on Monday.

Kind regards

#### **SARAH WILKIN**

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# **DECISION**

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

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia** (E2012/335)

AILSA CARRUTHERS

MELBOURNE, 3 SEPTEMBER 2012

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 23 July 2012 the Aviation Branch of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia lodged with Fair Work Australia the prescribed information in relation to an election for the remainder of the term of office for the following offices, due to insufficient nominations in E2012/211:

Branch Committee Member New South Wales (1); and

Branch Organisers from:

Alice Springs Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Avalon Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Broome Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Canberra Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Darwin Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Hamilton Island Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Hobart Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Melbourne Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Perth Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

Townsville Rescue and Firefighting Unit (1)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed offices 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.



<u>DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER</u> <u>FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA</u>

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