

Workplace Relations Act 1996 – Schedule 1

RETURNING OFFICER - POST ELECTION REPORT

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ELECTIONS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No/s: E2006/146 and E2006/158
Election: Queensland Branch Casual Vacancies
Returning Officer: Nicole Learhinan

RULES

Rules used for elections Rule ID: [259V: Incorporates alterations of 19/01/2006]
[R2006/105]
Rule/s re eligibility to vote: 27, 70(3), Schedule 3 (1)(c)
Rules difficult to apply/interpret: Nil
Model Rule reference (if any): N/A
Legal precedents considered: None
Action taken under section 193 of RAO Schedule: Election notice was published in the Courier Mail and on the Union's website in lieu of publication in the Journal.

ROLL OF VOTERS

Total number of voters on the roll:	846	
Number of private addresses:	831	98.23%
Number of apparent workplace addresses:	15	1.77%
Number of non-current addresses:	3	0.35%

OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO ROLL OF VOTERS

Comments: 55 electors eligible to participate in the election were not included in the initial roll provided by the Union. The information relating to the additional electors was provided with sufficient time for ballot material to be sent out and returned before the close of poll.

ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES RECEIVED

There were no written complaints or allegations of irregularities.

ATTACHMENTS

- A)** E2006/146 – Declaration of Results for Uncontested and Contested Offices
- B)** E2006/158 – Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices

Nicole Learhinan
Returning Officer

25 September 2006

United Firefighters' Union of Australia Queensland Branch Vacancy Election E158

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR UNCONTESTED OFFICES

Results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the rules of the organisation.

E2006/158

South Eastern

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidate

HARDY, Nick

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

Nicole Learhinan
Returning Officer

22 September 2006

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia
Queensland Branch Vacancy Election E146**

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR UNCONTESTED AND CONTESTED OFFICES

Results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the rules of the organisation.

E2006/146

Central Region

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

Candidates

No nomination was received

Branch Committee of Management - Firefighter Delegate

Candidates

No nomination was received

Brisbane

Total number of persons on the roll of voters	845
Ballot papers issued	845
Duplicate ballot papers issued	0
TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED	845
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	475
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	7
Adjusting Balance	0
TOTAL BALLOT PAPERS ADMITTED TO SCRUTINY	468
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	56%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	2
Ballot papers not returned	368

Branch Committee of Management - Officer Delegate

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
CULLEN, Lawrence Edward	130	130
NUNAN, Allan	338	338
Exhausted Votes		0
Loss/Gain by Fraction		0
Total votes	468	468
Formal ballot papers	468	468
Informal ballot papers	0	0

I declare Allan Nunan elected.

Nicole Learhinan
Returning Officer
Australian Electoral Commission
22 September 2006

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia
Queensland Branch Vacancy Election E146**

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I declare Allan Nunan elected.

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22 September 2006

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United Firefighters Union of Australia

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

18 May 2006

The Industrial Registrar
Australian Industrial Registry
GPO Box 1994
Melbourne Vic 3001

Dear Sir

I refer to the recently conducted elections for the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch.

No nominations were received from members in the Central Region for either Firefighter Delegate or Officer Delegate to Branch Committee of Management. Additionally, Brisbane Region requires two (2) Officer Delegates, but due to two of the three candidates being elected to higher office, only one Delegate was appointed.

I therefore request a subsequent election be called for the following positions:

Central Region

Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate

Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate

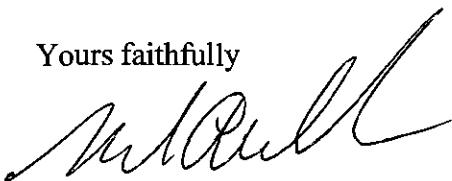
Brisbane Region

Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate.

Prescribed information is attached.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



MARK WALKER
Branch Secretary

WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT 1996
AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

**S189(1) of Schedule 1B of the WRA and
Regulation 138 of the Workplace Relation (Regulation and Accountability
of Organisations) Regulations 2003**

**LODGMENT OF PRESCRIBED INFORMATION
UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND
BRANCH) ELECTIONS**

PART 1 – BRANCH OFFICES

A - OFFICES FOR WHICH AN ELECTION IS REQUIRED

Branch Committee of Management Officer Delegates – Brisbane Region (1) and Central Region (1)

Branch Committee of Management Firefighter Delegate – Central Region (1)

In accordance with Schedule 3 subrule 1(b) the number of Branch Committee of Management Officer Delegates and Firefighter Delegates is determined by reference to the number of Firefighter and Officer members in the region.

B – REASON FOR ELECTION

Subrule 70(1) provides that Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries where such positions exist, Trustees where such positions exist, and members of Branch Committee of Management shall be elected every three years.

The above offices were not filled at the recently conducted election.

C – NUMBER OF OFFICES

Refer to A above

D – COMPOSITION OF ELECTORATE

The electorate for the positions of *Branch Committee of Management Officer Delegates* and *Branch Committee of Management Firefighter Delegates* consists of all financial members (whether that member is an Officer or a Firefighter) in the region for which an election is required. [Schedule 3 Subrule (c)]

**E – DATE AND TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION OF
NOMINATION PERIOD**

1. Rule 27(10) provides that:

(10) In a Branch election -

- (a) date for the opening of nominations shall be the first weekday occurring on or after 14th March;
 - (b) the time on which nominations close shall be 5pm on the first weekday occurring on or after 31st March;
 - (c) the time on which nominations may no longer be withdrawn shall be the first weekday occurring on or after 11th April;
 - (d) the date for the posting of ballot papers shall be 21st April;
 - (e) the time on which the ballot closes shall be 5pm on 7th May.
2. Rule 74(2) provides that a Branch Returning Officer shall call for nominations by notice, which shall be displayed in the registered office of a Branch and at work areas and be published in the Union journal and in other ways likely to come to the attention of the members of the Branch.
3. Rule 74 (1) provides that nominations for Branch positions must be delivered to the Branch Returning Officer or to the Registered office of the Branch addressed to the Branch Returning Officer by 31 March in each year in which there is a general election for these positions.

As this is a subsequent election, I respectfully request the Registrar to set appropriate dates.

F – VOTING SYSTEM TO BE EMPLOYED

The election of all positions listed in Part A above is conducted by a direct voting system.

The above information is lodged pursuant to subsection 189(1) of Schedule 1B of the *Workplace Relations Act*.

I certify that I am the authorized officer to the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch to sign this application.



MARK WALKER
Branch Secretary

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

United Firefighters' Union of Australia
(E2006/146)

T. NASSIOS
DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR

MELBOURNE, 22 JUNE 2006

Arrangement for conduct of election.

DECISION

[1] On 18 May 2006 the Queensland branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegates from the following regions:

Central (1)
Brisbane (1)

Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate from the following region:

Central (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 Schedule 1 of the Act, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.

