



FAIR WORK
AUSTRALIA

DECISION

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

United Firefighters' Union of Australia
(E2009/10096)

T. NASSIOS

MELBOURNE, 19 JANUARY 2010

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 30 December 2009 the Queensland Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged with Fair Work Australia the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following vacant office for the unexpired part of the term:

Branch Committee of Management Communication Centres Delegate (1)

[2] On 30 December 2009 the organisation also lodged the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices arising from insufficient nominations in E2009/10033:

Branch Committee of Management Officer Delegates (2) from the following regions:

Northern (1)
Brisbane (1)

Branch Committee of Management Firefighter Delegates (2) from the following regions:

South Eastern (1)
South Western (1)

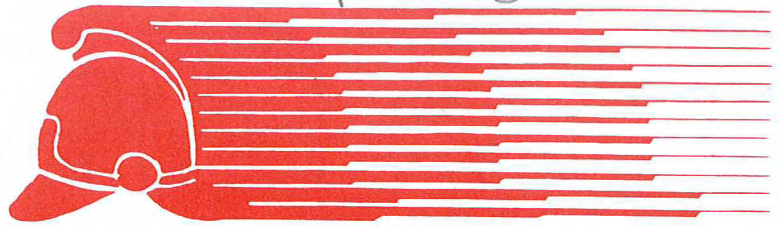
Branch Committee of Management Senior Officer Delegate (1)

[3] 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.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
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E2009/10096



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9 December 2009

The General Manager
Fair Work Australia
GPO Box 1994
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Dear Sir

I refer to the elections conducted in 2009 for the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Queensland Branch.

Advice has been received that Ms Lauren Fowler has resigned from the office of **Communications Centres – Branch Committee of Management – Communications Centres Delegate**. Consequently, the elected position she held is now vacant. Documentary evidence of her resignation is attached.

Additionally, no nominations or an insufficient number of nominations was received for the following offices:

Northern Region - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate

Brisbane – Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate

South Eastern – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate

South Western – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate

Senior Officers – Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer

I therefore request a subsequent election be called for these offices.

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Prescribed information is attached.

It would be preferable if such election could be conducted at the earliest opportunity.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. C. Hawkins', written in a cursive style.

JAMIE HAWKINS

Branch Secretary

Notice and Statement of Prescribed Information for an Election

I, **Jamie Hawkins**, being the **Branch Secretary** of the **United Firefighters Union of Australia Queensland Branch**, make the following statement:

I am the **Branch Secretary** of the **United Firefighters Union of Australia Queensland Branch**,

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

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

Signed:



Jamie Hawkins
Branch Secretary
United Firefighters Union of Australia Queensland Branch

Dated: 8th December, 2009

Offices/Positions

B	Northern Region - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (1) (DVS) Brisbane – Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate (1) (DVS) South Eastern – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS) South Western – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate (1) (DVS) Communications Centres – Branch Committee of Management –
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	Communications Centres Delegate (1) (DVS)
	Senior Officers – Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer Delegate (1) (DVS)

Reasons for election:

- For all offices with the exception of the Communications Centres – Branch Committee of Management – Communications Centre Delegate, no nominations were received or the number of nominations was less than the number of vacant offices.
- In the case of the Communications Centres – Branch Committee of Management – Communications Centre Delegate, Lauren Fowler was elected unopposed but has subsequently resigned from the office creating a casual vacancy for this position (documentary information relating to the resignation of the person holding the office of Branch Committee of Management – Communications Centres Delegate is enclosed)
- Sub rule 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. Schedule 3, 2(a) (vii), (viii) and (ix) prescribe the positions outlined above.

Elected by:

- The electorate for the direct voting system for:

Northern Region - Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate is all Firefighters and Officers in Northern Region

Brisbane – Branch Committee of Management – Officer Delegate is all Firefighters and Officers in Brisbane Region

South Eastern – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate is all Firefighters and Officers in South Eastern Region

South Western – Branch Committee of Management – Firefighter Delegate is all Firefighters and Officers in South Western Region

Communications Centres – Branch Committee of Management – Communications Centres Delegate is all Communications Centres' members in the Queensland Branch

Senior Officers – Branch Committee of Management – Senior Officer Delegate is all Senior Officer members in the Queensland Branch

Nominations open:

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 set appropriate dates.

Nominations close:

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Cut off date for roll:

- In all cases - 7 days prior to the opening date for nominations - rule 22(g).