



DECISION

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

Print and Visual Communication Association (E2020/129)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 12 NOVEMBER 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 9 November 2020 the Print and Visual Communication Association lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Board Members (from the following electorates):

Australian Capital Territory	(1)
New South Wales	(1)
Queensland	(1)
South Australia	(1)
Tasmania	(1)
Victoria	(1)
Western Australia	(1)
National	(2)

Office Bearers

President	(1)
Vice-President	(1)
Honorary Treasurer	(1)
Honorary Secretary	(1)

[2] The organisation did not lodge the prescribed information before the prescribed day as required by regulation 138(3) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*. The prescribed information should have been lodged by 1 July 2020. In its correspondence dated 9 November 2020, the Honorary Treasurer stated the delay was due to the office not being staffed during Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

[3] I note that while the delay in lodging prescribed information for the abovenamed offices was lengthy (i.e. more than four months after it should have been lodged), I have had regard to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions and the organisation's previous and relevant

compliance history. The normal and reasonable expectation is that registered organisations will take steps to ensure that they comply with the time-frame requirements set out not only in the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the Act) but also in instruments or references pertaining to their own governance (such as their own rules, including the timeframes therein). Having considered the organisation's request for an extension, on this occasion I allow a later day for lodgement section under 189(2) of the Act.

[4] 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 COMMISSIONER

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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009, with a request under Section 187 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

I, John Georgantzakos, being the Hon Treasurer of the Print & Visual Communication Association make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for Print & Visual Communication Association.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
4. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
5. This statement **IS NOT** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A. The reason it is lodged after the prescribed time is:
 - a. Due to Covid19 related stand-down, our Finance Manager who had carriage of these events was un-available to lodge.
 - b. An extension of time request was lodged for this election.

Signed:


Dated: 9 November 2020

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to regorgqs@roc.gov.au.

Annexure A

- Elections that are required [insert as many pages as required]

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System <i>Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system</i>	Reason for Election <i>Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations</i>	Electorate
For the election of officers					
Print & Visual Communication Association	Directors	9	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	National x2, ACT, Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & Western Australia (Rule 37, 88, 90)
Print & Visual Communication Association	President, Vice-President, Hon Treasurer, Hon Secretary	4	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	From the Board (of 9) (Rule 44, 88, 90, 92)
For the election of non-office positions, requested under s 187 of the RO Act					
Insert branch name	Insert name of non-office position	Insert number of non-office positions	Select relevant voting system	Select reason for election	State the electorate and reference the relevant rule

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	15 January 2021 (preferred date)	Rule 88, 90, 92
Nominations CLOSE	9 February 2021 (preferred date)	Rule 88, 90, 92
Roll of Voters cut off date	8 January 2021 (preferred date)	Rule 88, 90, 92