

31 May 2019

Post-election report

**“Automotive, Food, Metals,
Engineering, Printing and Kindred
Industries Union” known as the
Australian Manufacturing Workers’
Union (AMWU)**

**Scheduled Election
E2018/210**

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Election: Scheduled
Election Decision No: E2018/210

Rules

Rules used for the election: 188V: Incorporates alterations of 06 December 2018 [R2018/85 and R2018/172] (replaces rulebook dated 19 July 2017 [R2018/55, R2018/56 and R2018/57])

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: Rule 6A 10 and that the reference in rule 6A 10 to financial members of the Division had to be read in conjunction with rule 49.8 of Appendix 1. There were some challenges surrounding the Transitional rules and the application of rule 6A2(b). This rule presented a separate voter roll for some offices as the electorate was based on which state they reside. Whilst other direct elections voters were to vote in the state in which they work.

Rule 6A 9 (b) A member voting shall indicate preference in order at least up to the number required to be elected to cast a valid vote. The indication of preference beyond the number required to be elected is optional.

In this paragraph the phrase "primary votes cast" shall refer only to all votes cast up to the required number of persons needed to fill the relevant multiple offices, and the phrase "preferences cast" refers only to preference votes recorded by a voter beyond the required number of persons needed to fill the relevant multiple offices. The second sentence "The indication of preference beyond the number required to be elected is optional", and following paragraph appears to be unnecessary.

Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website:

https://www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/AEC_Services/Industrial_Elections

Roll of Voters

There were no contested offices in 7 Declared Elections, no Roll of Voters was required in those.

There was a contested ballot for the Western Australia Branch Election – See attachment 8.

Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: NIL

Irregularities

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

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: None

Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes

Details:

The Union initially sent a certification report that was found to be incorrect and later amended by the national Secretary on 1 March 2019. The Returning Officer exercised his Powers under Section 193 of the Act to amend the nominations acceptance report to rectify the errors identified by the Union.

Signed



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Attachments

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