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Dear Mr Phillips

**Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union
South Australia/Northern Territory Branch
Scheduled Election
E2022/65**

The Registered Organisations Commission has made arrangements with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) under Section 189 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the Act)* to conduct the above election.

Timetable

The timetable for the election will be:

Date	Occurrence
01/08/2022	Returning Officer publishes Election Notice via AEC Website
01/08/2022	Organisation publishes Election Notice via Organisation circular/email
15/08/2022	Close of Roll
16/08/2022	List of eligible members delivered to Returning Officer
22/08/2022	Notices displayed in all Tram & Bus work centres.
22/08/2022	Nominations Open
12/09/2022	Nominations Close at 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST))
12/09/2022	Candidate Statements to be lodged by 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST))
19/09/2022	Nomination withdrawal period closes at 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST))
24/10/2022	Postal Ballot Opens
10/11/2022	Tram & Bus Depot Attendance Ballot Opens at 07:00am (Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT))
10/11/2022	Tram & Bus Depot Attendance Ballot Closes at 4:30pm (Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT))
21/11/2022	Postal Ballot Closes at 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT))

Notification to Members

I will arrange for the Election Notice to be published via AEC Website on 01/08/2022 and the Nomination form to be published via the AEC Website on 22/08/2022.

The Organisation is required to have the Notice published via Organisation circular/email on 01/08/2022 and on the Organisations website from 01/08/2022 until 21/11/2022.

The election notice is also to be displayed in all Tram & Bus work centres e.g. Depots, sheds, offices, departments etc from 22/08/2022.

The election notice will be sent through shortly.

Nomination forms

A copy of the nomination form will be sent prior to the opening of nominations. Please copy it for use by members as required.

Application of Section 193 Powers

The matters in which I have exercised the authority given to me by s.193 of the Act are:

- Under S.193(1)(b)(ii) Delay the commencement of the calling for nominations to ensure that the required positions for each officer are correct as at the time of announcement.
- Under S.193(1)(b)(i) Extend the opening of the ballot period to ensure no irregularity occurs due to the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on postal delivery times.
- Rules regarding the timetable of the election were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic may impact on the ability for stakeholders to fully participate in the election. A timetable for the conduct of the ballot which varied from the rules was set when the AEC was satisfied that stakeholders would be able to fully participate.

Request to supply Register of Members Information

The Roll of Voters for the above election will be those members of the branch financial as at 15/08/2022.

As the Returning Officer, I request you supply the following listing(s) of members of the ARTBIU – South Australia/Northern Territory Branch by the dates that are specified:

Listing	Date Required
(a) Name and member information (identified below), of every member who was financial at 15/08/2022 in accordance with the rules of the Organisation	16/08/2022
(b) Update(s) listing members who: i. were inadvertently included on a listing ii. were inadvertently omitted from a listing who are eligible iii. have changed name, address or any other personal details iv. have changed electorate/s PLEASE NOTE: any deletions [b (i)], additions [b (ii)] or electorate changes [b (iv)] must be updates to the roll as at 15/08/2022. Updates which occur after this date cannot be accepted and so, should not be provided, except where they are changes relating to b (iii) above.	31/08/2022
(c) The names of members appearing on a listing who have ceased to be members.	21/10/2022 04/11/2022
(d) Any change of address details for members appearing on listing (a) and not provided on 31/08/2022.	14/09/2022 28/09/2022 12/10/2022

Electronic listings

Organisations are requested to submit data and documents electronically via the AEC

Electoral Event Portal. A link to the portal can be found on the AEC website (www.aec.gov.au) under Elections, Industrial elections and ballots.

The List of Members is to be supplied as an Excel file.

Lists should not be emailed as Commonwealth Guidelines provide that classified information, including personal information, should not be transmitted by email.

Member Information

Name and member information (identified below) of every member, eligible to be included in the electorate/s for the election, who was financial at 15/08/2022 in accordance with the rules of the Organisation.

A record for each eligible member is to include the following information in separate fields:

- Membership number,
- Member surname,
- Member (full) first name/s,
- Email
- Address line 1 (BUILDING NAME AND UNIT/FLAT/TOWNHOUSE NUMBER),
- Address line 2 (STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX),
- Address line 3 (CITY/TOWN),
- STATE (Aust Post Abbrev),
- Postcode,
- COUNTRY (OUTSIDE AUST ONLY)
- Electorate Code (see below)
- "Incorrect last known address" code (see below)
- "Workplace Address" Code (see below)

Electorate code

For each member listed, include a field identifying the relevant Electorate and provide an explanatory table for the codes.

Incorrect last known address

Please include in the listing(s) a field for "Incorrect Last Known Address". If you have eligible members with a last known address thought to be incorrect, you should code those members as "Y" or "Yes" in this field.

Workplace addresses

Please include in the listing(s) a field for "Workplace Address". If you have eligible members with only a workplace address, you should code those members as "Y" or "Yes" in this field – otherwise, leave the field blank.

Certification of Lists

Each listing must be accompanied by a certificate signed by you in the following terms:

"I certify that the accompanying listing contains the (include appropriate details, as per the text in (a), (b), (c), or (d) above). I further declare that the register of members has been maintained as required by Section 230(2) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

The total number of eligible members listed is [include number] at 15/08/2022."

The listings and certificates as described above must be supplied to me by NO LATER THAN 12:00pm on the date(s) specified.

Confidentiality of Information

Regulation 131 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* (the

Regulations) requires that the Returning Officer must make a copy of the roll available for inspection and copying by members, and other persons authorised by the Returning Officer. However, sub-regulation 6 provides:

(6) If a copy of a roll, or a copy of part of a roll, is made or supplied under this regulation, a person must not use information in the roll for a purpose other than:

- (a) a purpose in connection with the election; or*
- (b) to monitor the accuracy of the information contained in the roll.*

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

Other Legislative Provisions

I wish to draw your attention to the following:

- Regulation 145 of the Regulation which provides that, where an election or ballot is conducted by the AEC, no steps in the election may be taken by any person without the Returning Officer's authority or direction.
- Section 190 is an offence provision of the Act and a contravention of it constitutes an irregularity. Section 190 of the Act states:

An organisation or branch commits an offence if it uses, or allows to be used, its property or resources to help a candidate against another candidate in an election under this Part for an office or other position.

Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on IEBevents@aec.gov.au or 02 9375 6375.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Bernoth
Returning Officer
Australian Electoral Commission
27/07/2022