

12 February 2018

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Dear Mr Ahmed

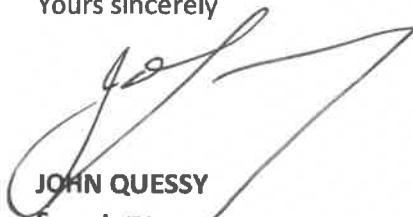
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I write in response to the Post Election Report provided on 17 January 2018 in respect of the above-referenced election and consistent with the Union's obligations pursuant to s198 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

The following constitutes our response:

1. The AEC conducted a recent election (E2016/106) for the Union, utilising the same rules as were used in this instance and issued a report (dated 21 November 2016) but did not raise any of the matters raised in this report.
2. In issuing its reports, in addition to obligations arising from legislation, the AEC should be mindful of the fact that, consistent with Rule 17(c) of the IEU's rules, not all elections for offices in the Union will be conducted by the AEC. The Union's rules are formulated to facilitate both elections conducted by the AEC and those conducted by the branch itself.
3. Aspects of Rule 17(c) have been varied to resolve issues raised in this electoral report and in other reports received by the Union's branches.
4. The recommendations in respect of Rules 17(s) and 17(t) are noted and were referred to the IEUA Federal Executive for consideration at its 8 February 2018 meeting. The Executive resolved to undertake a review of Rule 17 during 2018.

Yours sincerely



JOHN QUESSY
Secretary