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Dear Mr Ahmed

Re Post-election Report IEUA NSW/ACT Branch - Scheduled election E2018/283

I write in response to the Post-election report dated 10 January 2020 regarding the IEUA NSW/ACT Branch scheduled elections and in particular, the issues you raise regarding rules which were difficult to apply or interpret.

The rules of the IEUA regarding elections were drafted to cover elections conducted under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* by the Australian Electoral Commission and elections conducted by a Branch Returning Officer nominated by the Union.

I note that your report found two Rules were difficult to apply. These Rules were Rule 17(s) s relating to the ballot box and Rule 17(t) in relation to counting of ballots at the registered office of the Union in the presence of scrutineers. You have recommended that the Rules incorporate provisions in the *AEC Model Rules Guide* (paragraph 16 and 17). You also noted that there was no provision in the IEUA Rules for withdrawal of nominations.

The Union will refer your recommendations to the Federal Executive and the Federal Council who have the capacity to make alterations to the IEUA Rules. Those bodies will give your suggestions serious consideration.

I note further that your Post-election report indicates that there were no irregularities identified.

Yours sincerely



MARK NORTHAM
Secretary