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Dear Mr Webb

## Post-election Report for the Australian Education Union E2016/149

I refer to your letter and post-election report dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

I note that you identify rules 52(6)(d) and 54(5)(d) of the Rules of the Victorian Branch of the AEU as "difficult rules". Rule 52(6)(d) provides that: "Nominations for the positions of delegates to Federal Conference shall.....be delivered to the Branch Returning Officer at the registered office of the Branch not later than 12.00 noon on the first Friday in August." Rule 54(5)(d) provides that: "Nominations for the positions of delegates to the National TAFE Council shall.....be delivered to the Branch Returning Officer at the registered office of the Branch not later than 12.00 noon on the first Friday in August." (**Difficult Rules**)

Pursuant to section 198(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Rules 2009* (Cth) (**FW(RO) Act**), I wish to inform you that these rules have been amended accordingly to allow for nominations to be delivered to the Branch Returning Officer (and where the Australian Electoral Commission acts as the Branch Returning Officer) in the standard ways, e.g. by post, email, fax or by hand to an office of the Branch Returning Officer. The rule amendment was approved by the FWC in decision R2016/164 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

The AEU will make available this response to members in accordance with section 198(3) of the FW(RO) Act.

Yours sincerely

Susan Hopgood Federal Secretary