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By email — industrial.elections@aec.gov.au

Dear Mr Murray

Post-election Report for the Australian Education Union E2015/238

I refer to your letter dated 10 February 2016, received by the AEU on 18 March 2016.

I note that you identify rule 53(6)(c) of the Rules of the Victorian Branch of the AEU as a “difficult rule”. That rule provides that: “Nominations for the positions of Branch Federal Executive Members 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 February.” (**Difficult Rule**)

Pursuant to section 198(2) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Rules 2009* (Cth) (**FW(RO) Act**), I wish to inform you that, I have spoken to the Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the AEU, Gillian Robertson, who informs me that the Victorian Branch of the AEU intends to amend the Difficult Rule at the next available opportunity (the Branch’s Branch Conference to be held in August 2016). The amendment, if passed, will make it plain that nominations may be delivered to the Branch by email and facsimile. Ms Robertson also informs me that the Branch is currently preparing appropriate amendments.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S Hopgood'.

Susan Hopgood
Federal Secretary