



# Australian Education Union

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Dear Chris

## Post-election Report for the Australian Education Union E2015/262

I refer to your post-election report dated 1 April 2016.

I note that you identify rule 52(6)(d) of the Rules of the Victorian Branch of the AEU as a “difficult rule”. That rule provides that: “Nominations for the positions of Federal Conference Delegates 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 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, appearing to read 'S Hopgood', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susan Hopgood  
Federal Secretary