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**Post Election Report For: Victorian Farmers Federation Industrial Association
Election E2016/83**

I refer to the above election for your organisation.

Section 197(1) of Schedule 1 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* requires the AEC to provide a written report on the conduct of the election to the Industrial Registrar and to the organisation or branch for whom the election was conducted. A copy of the report in relation to this election is attached.

Section 198 of Schedule 1 requires that if an organisation or branch is given a post election report under section 197 that identifies a rule that was difficult to interpret or apply, the organisation or branch must, within 30 days, give a written response to the AEC on that aspect of the report. The response must specify whether the organisation or branch intends to take any action in relation to the rule, and if so, what action it intends to take.

If the attached Report identifies a rule that was difficult to interpret or apply, you should forward your response to the AEC by email to 'industrial.elections@aec.gov.au' within thirty days of the date of the report.

Section 198 and the regulations also require an organisation to make the post election report and the organisation's response to the report (if applicable) available to members.

Further, Regulation 141(4) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* Regulations requires an organisation or branch to publish a notice on its web site advising members that a copy of the post election report is available upon request. If a website is not available, publishing a notice in a journal or newsletter would be considered appropriate.

Please contact me if you wish to clarify any aspect of this report.



Allison Valentine
Returning Officer

15 September 2016

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 Schedule 1

POST ELECTION REPORT

Victorian Farmers Federation Industrial Association

ELECTION/S COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No/s: E2016/83

RULES

Rules used for the election: [222V: Incorporates alterations of 24 November 2014 (R2014/169)] replaces version of 23 February 2014 (R2014/26)

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

- 1) As per *Rule 9.4 Membership Application*. The election process is facilitated by the provision of the names of the nominees appointed to act on behalf of the partnership or company and hold office in the Association. The membership database needs to reflect this requirement.
- 2) *Rule 28.10 The Count* does not allow for progressive markback of envelopes at the direction of the Returning Officer. If a ballot were to occur provision for progressive markback and preliminary scrutiny facilitates the counting of votes following the ballot close.
- 3) *Rule 28.1 Nominations for Office* provides that the Election Notice will be posted to the electorate. The Association may wish to consider allowing for alternative means of delivery such as email for faster/more efficient communication.

Model Rule reference (if any):

- 1) NIL
- 2) *17.2 Preliminary Scrutiny of Envelopes*
- 3) NIL

ROLL OF VOTERS

Total number of voters on the Roll: Nil

Number of apparent workplace addresses: Nil

Number of non-current addresses: Nil

Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: Nil

IRREGULARITIES

Details of written allegations of irregularities, Nil
and action taken by AEC:

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Stage 1 - Uncontested Declaration - Committee
2. Stage 1 - RECALL - Uncontested Declaration - Committee
3. Stage 2 - Uncontested Declaration - Office Bearers



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