

THE AUSTRALASIAN MEAT INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES' UNION

(Federal Council)



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**The General Manager
Fair Work Commission
Level 8, Terrace Towers
80 William Street
EAST SYDNEY NSW 2011**

Via email: orgs@fwc.gov.au

Dear General Manager,

**Re: Application to Fair Work Commission to Approve Proposed Alterations to Rules
of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union**

The AMIEU has conducted a further review of its rules to correct errors, update references, and ensure general modernisation.

I provide the following declaration for the purposes of Section 159 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

1. Under rule 39, the rules of the AMIEU may be varied by the Federal Council of the Union.
2. In lieu of a meeting of the Federal Council, ballot papers were issued to Federal Councillors with explanatory covering letters (copies enclosed).
3. The rule changes concerned the updating of the address of the NSW Branch and the inclusion of a rule pertaining to the keeping of minute books.
4. The ballots closed on 30 June 2017 and 31 May 2017 respectively. A majority of Federal Councillors of the AMIEU endorsed the following resolutions approving changes to the federally registered rules of the AMIEU:

ADDRESS MOTION 1

“The Federal Council resolves to alter Rule 42 of the AMIEU Rules to remove the words “at Unit 3, 190 George Street, Parramatta” and, in their place, insert the words “at 62 Prospect Street, Rosehill” to reflect the new address of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union New South Wales Branch.

ADDRESS MOTION 2

“The Federal Council authorises the Federal Secretary Treasurer and/or his nominated officer or employee to do all things necessary to make the required application to the Fair Work Commission for approval of this rule variation including amendments, correcting any typographical and/or other error/s and making declaration/s in support of the application.”

and

MINUTE BOOKS MOTION 1

“The Federal Council resolves to alter the AMIEU Rules to include a new sub-rule 58.8 in the terms specified below.

58.8 All resolutions passed and other business transacted by each meeting of a Branch Committee of Management shall be recorded by the keeping of minutes. Minutes may be made and kept electronically.”

MINUTE BOOKS MOTION 2

“The Federal Council authorises the Federal Secretary Treasurer and/or his nominated officer or employee to do all things necessary to make the required application to the Fair Work Commission for approval of this rule variation including amendments, correcting any typographical and/or other error/s and making declaration/s in support of the application.”

5. The rationale for the proposed rule changes were discussed during a meeting of the Federal Executive in Adelaide in March 2017. The motions were endorsed by that body to be put to Federal Councillors. A summary is provided below:

a. concerning the updating of the address of the NSW Branch: the New South Wales Branch premises had been located at Unit 3/190 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150. That address is presently reflected at Rule 42 of the Federal Rules. The New South Wales Branch premises are now located at 62 Prospect Street Rosehill NSW 2142. It is proposed that Rule 42 of the Federal Rules be changed to reflect that new address.

b. concerning the inclusion of a rule about minute books: the proposal is to alter the Federal Rules in line with the requirements of the recently amended *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* which now states that the rules of an organisation must provide for “the keeping of minute books in which are recorded proceedings and resolutions of meetings of committees of management of the organisation and its branches”.

6. In accordance with rule 39.2 of the rules of the AMIEU, I caused notice to be provided to all branch committees of management of the proposed rule changes prior to the Federal Council ballot by virtue of the meeting of the Federal Executive on 9 March 2017.

7. Notice of the proposed rule changes has also been placed on the AMIEU federal website <http://amieu.asn.au/> and can be accessed here: <https://amieu.asn.au/2013-federal-rule-changes/>.

8. On the basis of the foregoing, I declare that the alterations sought were made in accordance with the rules of the Union.

9. I further declare that the particulars contained in this notice are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If you have any enquiries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me, or the National Industrial Officer of the Union, Kristen Rogers, on (08) 8274 4100.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Smith', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

GRAHAM SMITH
FEDERAL SECRETARY
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