

Declaration of result of election

In accordance with reg 140 of the Regulations, the AEC issued a declaration of the result of election E2023/192 Stage 1 on 4 April 2024 and E2023/192 Stage 2 on 28 May 2024. For a copy, see **Attachment A and B**.

United Firefighters' Union of Australia Rules

United Firefighters' Union of Australia Rules used for the election:

259V: Incorporates alterations of 8 September 2022 [R2022/65] Note: Also includes alterations certified on 24 December 2020 [R2020/200] and 16 July 2021 [R2021/44] which were not included in this rulebook when it was published on 16 July 2021. Replaces rulebook dated 22 April 2021 [R2020/174]

The following rules were difficult to apply:

Rule 27 (10)

(d) the date for the posting of ballot papers shall be 21st April.

(e) the time on which the ballot closes shall be 5pm on 7th May

Sub-rules 27(10)(d) and (e) were difficult to apply because they do not allow time for the ballot period. Rule 27(10)(d) of the UFJA Rules states that the date for the posting of the ballot papers shall be 21 April, however 21 April 2024 was a Sunday and rule 27(10)(e) states that the time on which the ballot closes shall be 5pm on 7 May.

Practical considerations required the AEC to open the ballot for at least twenty-eight (28) days. This is the minimum reasonable time for the delivery of mail and for electors to complete and return their ballot packs. Additionally, given the distances and time involved in posting voters packs to other states and back, a decision was made to allow a six week ballot period with the opening on 22 April 2024 and closing on 3 June 2024.

Roll of Voters

There were no known issues with the roll of voters.

Written allegations of any irregularities

The AEC did not receive any written allegations of irregularities for this election.