

2018 Election Results

In accordance with s. 198(3) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth), the below is an extract from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) Post-election Report dated 9 February 2018. The extract concerns the AEC's assessment of difficult rules.

Rules

Rules used for the election: 007V: alterations of 03/11/2016 in matter R2016/254

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: Rule 50.15 – which states:

50.15 The Returning Officer shall arrange for a post office box of sufficient size to hold all returned ballot papers and a further post office box for unclaimed envelopes with unused ballot papers both in the Returning Officer's own name and address and arrange that both post office boxes shall not be available to be opened by the Returning Officer until the close of the ballot.

The process described above is not practical in reality. For the election we have just conducted we utilised the AEC's usual post boxes and mail service, and the ballot paper envelopes receipted from Australia Post were placed into a locked and sealed ballot box until the scrutiny