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# Post-election Report

**The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers- The  
Newcastle Branch - E2018/126**



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Election Decision No/s: E2018/126

### Rules

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Rules used for the election: ([009V: Incorporates alterations of 03/12/2014 in matter R2013/22]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: Rule 33 A (ii) is difficult to apply as the Returning Officer is appointed by the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the election after receiving the Order from the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC).  
It is recommended that this issue be resolved.

Model Rule reference (if any) : None

### Roll of Voters

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Total number of voters on the roll	189
Number of apparent workplace address	Nil
Number of non-current address	Nil

### Irregularities

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Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC: None

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: None

### Other Matters

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*Rule 33B(v) ..... The Returning Officer shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the opening of the election cause to be sent by prepaid mail to each financial member of the branch a ballot paper together with two (2) envelopes, a “declaration envelope” with a removal flap or label and a prepaid envelope.*

## Australian Electoral Commission

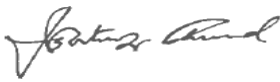
It is unusual for the ballot material to be posted to the voter significantly before the ballot is opened. This may cause confusion amongst the voters and voters may return their ballot papers before the opening of ballot irrespective of instruction not to do so.

To prevent the issue described above and in considering the nature of the industry and services provided by the Australia post it is strongly suggested that AIMPE vary Rule 33B(v) to allow for a longer ballot period to ensure voters have adequate time to receive and return ballot papers, instead of earlier posting.

## Attachments

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- 1) Declaration of results for contested Offices



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Returning Officer  
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