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Progress of SOA Rules - Update

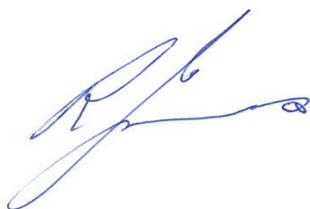
Good progress has been made in relation to the approval process for our new Rules. Two resolutions passed at the State Conference have been found to be vital, as this has allowed technical changes required by the Industrial Registrar to proceed without having to go through the entire voting process again. These were the resolutions to adopt the model election rules and for the State President to authorise technical amendments required by the Industrial Registrar.

The first technical change occurred when the Industrial Registrar required that, instead of referencing the model election rules, the entire election process (as per the *Industrial Relations Regulation 2000*) is included in the new rules. The second technical change occurred when the Industrial Registrar required dates to be set for elections and this must allow for office bearers to be in office for three years. The rules were amended to include a date for calling elections and a date where the successful applicants take up office.

With these changes being implemented by our legal advisors (Clayton Utz) we were advised on 25 July that the Rules are now in order and will be approved by the Industrial Registrar.

The change of name is the last issue to complete the update of the Rules. An advertisement was placed in the Courier Mail on 18 July providing the required public notification of the application and interested parties (as identified by the Industrial Registrar) were notified in writing. A 35-day objection period started on this date, with this objection period due to expire on 22 August. When this is completed the new Rules, together with the new name, will come into effect and our legal advisors will process these as required through the QIRC.

As soon as this is finalised, a Newsletter will be issued informing members of the outcome. If any member has any questions related to points raised in this Newsletter, please contact the State President, State Treasurer or State Secretary.



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