

CODE 2

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UNITED FIREFIGHTERS
UNION OF AUSTRALIA,
UNION OF EMPLOYEES,
QUEENSLAND.

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Mercedes Aetigo

A member has raised concerns about the Mercedes Aetigo appliance. It is the view of this office that no appliance should be utilised at any time if it is not roadworthy. If you believe there are faults with this appliance that are not being dealt with at regional level then please notify this office.

Local Branch Elections

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has just released the notification of election and nomination forms for the local branch elections. There are a number of positions available in various branches throughout the state. These positions are vital to our union process and the first step in an issue progressing to the state executive or the state committee of management.

The best way to positively impact your workplace is to get involved with your union on a local level. There is much satisfaction to be gained in approaching management in your local area for a fellow workmate and producing a positive outcome. These positions are the foundation of our union and they are vital to our strength around the state. If you are not happy with the present situation in your area or would just like to make a positive contribution for the workmates around you then I encourage you to nominate.

If you would like some information about exactly what is required of you should you be elected then please do not hesitate to contact this office or a regional delegate for help. To nominate simply copy and fill out the nomination form attached to this Code 2 and follow the instructions detailed. The details are also available on the union website front page. Please note that the specified dates will be strictly adhered to.

State Committee Management Elections

All documentation has been lodged with Australian Electoral Commission and as soon as they supply this office with notification of election and nomination forms they will be made available. It is expected that they will arrive this week.

United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland

Notice of Election

The Queensland Industrial Registrar has issued a Decision, pursuant to the Industrial Relations Act 1999, that the Electoral Commission of Queensland conduct an election for positions of office within the United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland.

Branch Positions

Office	No. of Positions	Office	No. of Positions	Office	No. of Positions
Branch President		Mackay	1	Sunshine Coast	1
Brisbane South	1	Maryborough	1	Tablelands	1
Bundaberg	1	Mt Isa	1	Toowoomba	1
Gladstone	1	Rockhampton	1	Townsville	1
Mackay	1	Townsville	1		
Maryborough	1			Firefighter Executive Representative	
Mt Isa	1	Officer Executive Representative		Beenleigh	1
Rockhampton	1	Brisbane South	1	Bundaberg	1
		Bundaberg	1	Gladstone	1
Branch Secretary		Gladstone	1	Mackay	1
Brisbane North	1	Gold Coast	1	Maryborough	1
Bundaberg	1	Mackay	1	Mt Isa	1
Gladstone	1	Maryborough	1	Tablelands	1
Gold Coast	1	Mt Isa	1	Townsville	1

Nominations close at midday on Wednesday, 24 March 2010

Nominations

Nominations open at midday on Wednesday, 24 February 2010. All nominations should comply with the Union's Rules and reach the Electoral Commission of Queensland no later than midday on Wednesday, 24 March 2010. A nomination form is printed with this notice. Additional forms can be obtained either from the Union or the Electoral Commission of Queensland. Any form of nomination complying with the Union's Election Rules is acceptable.

Only members of the Branch may be candidates for positions within the Branch, provided that:

- (i) Nominations for any position must be in writing and signed by the candidate who, at the closing date of nominations, is a financial member who has been continuously financial for the two (2) years prior to the closing date of nominations or a life member of the Union still employed in the industry.
- (ii) nominations must be signed by two financial members of the Branch.
- (iii) only persons who are firefighters usually or ordinarily employed in the branch at the close of nominations for Branch executive positions will be eligible to nominate for the firefighter Branch executive position;
- (iv) only persons who are officers usually or ordinarily employed in the Branch at the close of nominations for Branch executive positions will be eligible to nominate for the officer Branch executive position.

A candidate may withdraw their nomination by written notice given to the Commission no later than 7 days after nominations close.

Ballot

If necessary, the Commission will take a secret postal ballot of eligible members commencing Tuesday, 20 April 2010 and closing at midday on Tuesday, 11 May 2010.

All financial members of the Branch, who were financial members of the Union 30 days before nominations open, usually or ordinarily employed in the Branch shall be entitled to vote for all Branch executive positions including the firefighter Branch executive position and the officer Branch executive position without regard to whether those voting members are firefighters or officers.

The Roll of Voters is prepared following the close of nominations. Ballots are decided by optional preferential voting.



JOHN JANSSEN-GROESBEEK
Returning Officer
16 February 2010



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**United Firefighters' Union of Australia,
Union of Employees, Queensland
Nomination Form**

Nominations close at midday on Wednesday, 24 March 2010.

We the undersigned financial members of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland from _____ Branch, hereby nominate
(Branch name)

Member No: _____ Ms/Mr/Other: _____
(Print the full name of the person you are nominating)

for the position of: _____
(Show the Branch name and position title in full - see Election Notice)

Membership No.	Full Name	Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Consent to Nomination

And I, _____ a financial member of the
(Print your name as you would like it to appear on the ballot paper)
United Firefighters' Union of Australia, Union of Employees, Queensland from
_____ Branch, do hereby agree to be nominated and to
(Branch name)
act if elected.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Postcode

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Facsimile: _____ E-mail: _____

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