

BALLOT NOTICE

The Australian Electoral Commission is to conduct a secret postal ballot of members of The Maritime Union of Australia on the question whether they approve the proposed amalgamation of that organisation with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia

At the same time, a ballot will also be conducted on an alternative scheme for amalgamation if the proposed amalgamation does not take place. The scheme for amalgamation contains details of the alternative scheme/s.

The full scheme for amalgamation is available from the AEC website www.aec.gov.au or the Returning Officer's office.

Are you on the roll of voters?

Eligible members of the Union who are financial on 31 August 2017 will be eligible to vote in the ballot. If you believe you are entitled to vote in the proposed ballot and wish to confirm whether your name is included on the roll of voters, you should contact the Union now.

Postal ballot timetable

All members will be voting by post. Voting materials will be posted to the members' address on Thursday, 28 September 2017. Members will receive the *Outline of the Scheme for Amalgamation*, the "Yes" case, the ballot paper and instructions on how to return the ballot paper to the AEC Returning Officer. Members should notify the Union if they recently changed address.

Voting will close at 10:00 am (AEDT) Thursday, 23 November 2017 and only ballot papers received by the AEC Returning Officer by that time will be counted.

Question to be put to members

Members will be asked to vote by placing a tick (✓) or a cross (✗) in the spaces next to the word "Yes" or "No" for the following questions:

- Do you approve the proposed amalgamation of The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) and The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia (TCFUA) in accordance with the scheme for amalgamation, a copy of the outline of which has been sent to you with this ballot paper?
- If the proposed amalgamation in relation to which you have just recorded your vote does not take place, do you approve of the amalgamation of The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) with the other organisation (Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU)) involved in the alternative proposal for the amalgamation?

Reporting ballot irregularities

If you believe an irregularity has occurred in the conduct of the ballot, please contact the Returning Officer, Renee Damasena as soon as possible so that the matter can be investigated on 02 9375 6361.

How to find out more information about the ballot

Information about the voting can be obtained from the AEC by calling 02 9375 6361. Interpreter services are available, please see www.aec.gov.au

Information about the proposed amalgamation can be obtained from your Union by calling Bill Giddins on 0409 122 140.

Renee Damasena
Returning Officer, Australian Electoral Commission

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