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AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRANSPORT INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION

Respect, Respond and Represent

14th April 2016

Kathryn Montgomery
Returning Officer, NSW State Office
Australian Electoral Commission
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By email: Kathryn.Montgomery@aec.gov.au

Dear Ms Montgomery

Re: E2015/261 – Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation (ARTIO), NSW Branch election

I refer to your Post election Report of 22 March 2016 concerning a difficulty in applying the NSW Branch Rules in the above election.

Consistent with our legal obligations to respond within 30 days, the ARTIO can advise you that it will take all necessary steps to amend its rules and remove the difficulty identified in your report.

ARTIO will amend its rules, both National and Branch, to provide for a period of 14 days from close of nominations as the time limit available to conduct the draw, and prepare and post ballot material. Extending the time period from the current 7 days to 14 days should provide sufficient time for any defective nominations to be rectified.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Catherine Bebbington at the Registered Orgs Branch at the FWC. Further, a copy of your report and this response will be posted to the ARTIO web-site as soon as practicable.

Please contact Paul Ryan, the ARTIO's National Industrial Advisor on paulryan@bigpond.net.au or phone 0415 331 031, should you require any further information or explanation.

Yours sincerely

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