

Australian Education Union

Tasmanian Branch Scheduled Election E2020/85

Candidate Statement Guidelines

A maximum of 200 words per candidate and may include a passport sized photograph

TAS Rule 32 (7):

In an election conducted by secret postal ballot pursuant to this rule, each candidate may....., submit to the AEC Returning Officer a statement (together with a passport-size photograph of the candidate if desired) in support of the candidature. Such statement (together with any photograph so supplied) must not exceed 200 words. The Returning Officer shall reject any statement or photograph which does not comply with this rule and may reject any statement or photograph the publication of which may be defamatory or in breach of law. A candidate whose statement or photograph is rejected shall be given not more than three days from such rejection to supply a replacement statement or photograph that complies with this rule and remedies the defect. The AEC Returning Officer shall arrange the printing of the statement and/or photograph in an Election Bulletin and their publication on the Union's Web Site for each candidate. The Returning Officer shall include with the ballot paper delivered to each voter a copy of the Bulletin. Where no statement or photograph has been submitted to the Returning Officer by a candidate, the Returning Officer shall indicate this in the Election Bulletin

- (1)
 - (a) Written statements by candidates in support of their candidature may not refer to another candidate by name or their position unless the written consent of that candidate is received by the Returning Officer with the notice of nomination
 - (b) Candidate statements may include:
 - age, personal and family information;
 - qualifications;
 - experience - union, community, business, administration, work etc.;
 - personal philosophy;
 - goals to be pursued if elected;
 - the candidate's photograph; and
 - any other information considered relevant.
 - (c) Candidates are required to sign a declaration taking responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the statements they provide. The Electoral Commission will publish candidate statements on the basis that it bears no liability for any of the information contained within them.
 - (d) In line with any directions from the Australian Electoral Commission the Branch will publish the statements on its web site.
- (2)
 - (a) All articles/letters/statements relating to an election that are printed or published between the notice of election and the end of the polling period, must contain the true name and address of the person taking responsibility for the article, at the end of the article/letter/statement.
 - (b) "Address" means an address, other than a post office box or an electronic address—
 - at which the responsible person resides; or
 - at or through which the responsible person may be readily contacted;

HOW TO LODGE YOUR DECLARATION

By email: A signed declaration may be scanned and submitted as a pdf file to IEBNominations@aec.gov.au