

Community and Public Sector Union - SPSF Group

Western Australian Prison Officers Union Branch

ELECTION NOTICE - E2026/21 Stage 2

Scheduled election

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

Nominations are called for:

Federal offices

- Branch Delegates to Federal Council (in addition to ex officio offices) (2)
- Branch Representative to Federal Executive (1)

Nominations must be in writing and comply with the organisation's registered rules, may be made at any time from 12/08/2026. Additional nomination forms are available from the Returning Officer.

Prospective candidates and nominators should verify they meet all eligibility criteria set out in the organisation's rules, including financial status and any other necessary qualifications, before submitting their nominations.

The Branch Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 26/08/2026 at 107 Abernethy Road, Belmont WA 6104, commencing at 12pm (Australian Western Standard Time (AWST))

Nominations must reach the Returning Officer before the close of nominations when announced at the Branch Council meeting held on 26/08/2026, using the lodgement method(s) specified below.

How to lodge nominations:

Nominations must be submitted using one of the following methods:

1. **By Hand:** Prior to nominations being closed at the Branch Council meeting held on Wednesday 28/06/2026 at the WAPOU office 107 Abernethy Rd Belmont WA 6104.
2. **By portal:** Visit the Australian Electoral Commission Portal at www.aec.gov.au/ieb. From this page, select "**Access the electoral event portal,**" then click "**Current industrial elections.**" Locate and select your election, then access the nomination documents.
3. **By email:** A fully completed nomination form, including all necessary signatures, may be scanned and emailed to IEBNominations@aec.gov.au.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 3.1 Nomination forms may be submitted as PDF files, with each candidate's nominations form in a separate PDF.
- 3.2 When sending nominations via email, please use the subject line as:
"**AWDGV - E2026/21 Stage 2 – Nomination [Name of candidate]**"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON EMAILS:

- 3.3 Emails that appear to be spam may be blocked. It is the sender's responsibility to ensure their nomination email is delivered to the returning officer before the deadline.
- 3.4 Emails and attachments must not exceed 6 MB in total size.

After Nominations Close and Acknowledgment

After nominations close, all submissions will be reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and comply with the organisation's rules. If any issues are identified, the returning officer will notify the relevant candidates and provide a specific timeframe to remedy their nomination.

You will receive an acknowledgment email confirming receipt of your nomination. Please note that this acknowledgment may be sent after nominations close.

Enquire about the status of your nomination by emailing IEBNominations@aec.gov.au or by calling 02 9375 6366 or 03 9285 7111.

Withdrawing Nominations

The nominations may be withdrawn by notice in writing up to, but not later than the time determined by the returning officer for the commencement of the printing of ballot papers, at the Branch Council meeting.

Absent Voting

Any eligible member who is unable to attend the Branch Council meeting on 26/08/2026 may apply in writing for an absentee vote. Applications for an absentee vote must be received by the Returning Officer by no later than 12 midday AWST on 25/09/2026.

Applications can be submitted via email to IEBevents@aec.gov.au The subject line of your email should include the reference: **"E2026/21 WAPOU – Absentee Vote Application & [your name]"**

Voting Period

If no absentee voter applications have been received:

The ballot will be conducted at the Branch Council meeting on 26/08/2026 and close at the time determined by the Returning Officer during the meeting. The scrutiny will be conducted following the close of the ballot.

If absentee voter applications have been received:

A ballot of those present will be open and close at the Branch Council meeting on 26/08/2026.

A postal ballot for eligible members who submitted an absentee vote application will open on 27/08/2026 and close at 10am (Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)) on 24/09/2026. The scrutiny will be conducted following the close of the postal ballot period at the office of the Returning Officer: Level 5, 59-61 Goulburn street, Haymarket NSW 2000.

Scrutineers

The appointment period for scrutineers opens on 12/08/2026

A scrutineer appointment form is available from the AEC's website [here](#) or from the returning officer.

Other Information

If you have changed your postal address, please inform your organisation immediately. Postal vote packs are sent to the address currently registered with the AEC by your organisation.

Privacy

The AEC handles personal information in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#). Further information can also be found in the relevant [AEC Privacy page](#) and the [IEB collection notice](#).

Post-Election Report

A copy of the AEC's post-election report can be obtained from the organisation or from the returning officer after the completion of the election.

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