

# ANNEXURE A



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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE  
PFA SPECIAL FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
(TO BE HELD BY TELECONFERENCE)  
FRIDAY 18 MAY, 2018  
12PM AEST**

In accordance with PFA rule 16(b), notice is hereby given of a Special Federal Council meeting to be held via teleconference on Friday 18 May, 2018 at 12pm AEST.

The purpose of the meeting is to deal with the following rule changes as per PFA Rule 33.

It is proposed that several rules governing PFA elections be either rescinded or amended.

## **PROPOSAL TO RECIND RULE 22A:**

Rule 22A was added to the PFA rules to cater for the 2016 election of delegates to the Federal Executive and subsequent election of the Federal President, Federal Vice Presidents (2) and Treasurer.

In 2016 the PFA was advised by the Fair Work Commission that legal advice had confirmed that the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) was not empowered by legislation to conduct the PFA's elections, as per our rules, at the 2016 Federal Council Meeting as it was being held in New Zealand.

As a result, we amended the PFA rules to allow the 2016 PFA elections to be conducted outside of the Federal Council meeting.

When this rule was changed, advice to delegates at the time noted that the change was for the 2016 elections only and that we would ultimately seek to delete this clause some time post the 2016 Federal Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Rule 22A be rescinded**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULE 21(c)(i):**

Traditionally, the election of Honorary Officers of the Federation has been conducted “immediately upon the commencement of the afternoon session on the second day of the Annual Federal Council Meeting”.

Following the decision to conduct the 2017, and subsequent Federal Council meetings in Canberra, the Executive has recommended that we amend Rule 21(c)(i) to allow the elections to be held “during” the Annual Federal Council Meeting in case future meeting/s were determined to be held over one day instead of two days.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Rule 21(c)(i) be ended to read –**

**The election of Honorary Officers shall be held during the Annual Federal Council Meeting. At the time the elections are to be held, the Returning Officer shall call for nominations for the positions of Executive Members in accordance with the provisions of Rules 20 and 21 and conduct the elections in a manner consistent with the provisions of Rules 20 and 21. Successful candidate will take up their positions upon the close of the Federal Council meeting and shall hold office until the close of the subsequent Federal Council meeting.**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULE 21(c)(iv)**

Rule 21(c)(iv) currently reads –

One position of Vice-President shall be held ex officio by the Australian Federal Police Association Executive member unless that Australian Federal Police Association Executive member has been elected President. This provision shall remain in force for a transitional period of 5 years from the date of certification of the Rules, notwithstanding any decision made by Federal Council in accordance with Rule 15, Clause (c), to declare either or both Vice-President Positions to be Full Time Officer positions. Nominations for the positions of Vice-Presidents shall be called for by the Returning Officer immediately after the election of the President has been concluded. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, the

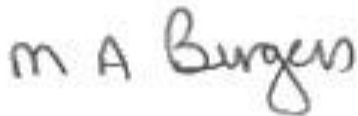
Returning Officer shall forthwith conduct a ballot of Executive Members and declare the result as soon as it becomes available.

The first 5 years referred to in this rule expired in 2004. This rule is now outdated and can be amended.

**RECCOMENDATION:**

**That Rule 21(c)(iv) be amended to read –**

**Nominations for the positions of Vice-Presidents shall be called for by the Returning Officer immediately after the election of the President has been concluded. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, the Returning Officer shall forthwith conduct a ballot of Executive Members and declare the result as soon as it becomes available.**

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Mark Burgess  
Chief Executive Officer  
11 April, 2018