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Dear Ms O'Neill

POLICE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA – CONSTITUTION (Ref 200v) – AMENDMENT PART CA – WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE BRANCH

As provided for in Rule 52AZ – Making or Alteration of Branch Rules – of the above mentioned Constitution, I seek your certification of amendments to the rules as explained below. Changes sought are in bold red text.

The current Rule 52AA – Branch Office Bearers: at sub rule (2) provides:

- (2) (a) The management of the Branch shall be vested in the Branch Executive.
- (b) The Executive shall be elected by and from the financial membership of the Branch. The Executive shall comprise 15 members, of which 11 who hold office shall be from the Metropolitan Region and one each respectively who hold office shall be from the **North** (Kimberley/Pilbara), Central (**Midwest/Gascoyne**), **East** (Goldfields/Esperance), **South** (**Peel/Southwest/Wheatbelt**/Great Southern) Regions. The Branch Executive - Elect shall meet within 10 working days of election to office and shall elect from within itself the Branch Office Bearers.

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These changes mirror alterations made to WAPU Rules. Wheatbelt is moved to the Central Region of representation and the location of Peel is removed as it now forms part of the Metropolitan Policing district. Commonality of these provisions is essential for the restoration of the State Section 71 Certificate.

The current Rule 52AO – Executive Elections: at sub rule (2)(a) provides:

(2) Notice Inviting Nominations:

- (a) The Returning Officer shall not less than 14 days and not more than 21 days before the date of commencement of the period for lodging nominations of candidates for an election for an office, cause to be published in either a newspaper circulating widely within the State, the “Police News” or Newsletter a notice stating that he or she is about to conduct elections for positions on the Executive of the Western Australia Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia. The roll of voters shall close on the date of publication of the Returning Officer.

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Corrects the long standing wording, which will provide cogent directions for future Elections.

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These Rules apply to the Registered Organisation Police Federation of Australia – Western Australia Police Branch. Therefore the correct name for this Organisation is 'Branch', not 'Union'.

Rule 52AZ – Making or Alteration of Rules provides at sub rule (1) the capacity to amend the rules. The Branch Executive in the exercise of its powers wishes to give effect to the forgoing amendments subject of course to the approval of the Registrar as prescribed.

These alterations have been made in accordance with the Rules of the Organisation as outlined in the Declaration dated 25 May 2016 (ATTACHMENT 1).

Submitted for your consideration please.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Tilbury', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

George Tilbury
PRESIDENT
Police Federation of Australia – WA Police Branch