

Appendix A

Rules changes for NSW

43 - NSW/ACT/QLD BRANCH COUNCIL

- (a) The supreme governing body of the NSW/ACT/QLD Branch, subject to these rules and to the control of the Branch members as hereinafter mentioned, shall be the Branch Council which shall meet annually at a place and on a date to be fixed by the Branch Committee. Provided that the Branch Committee may call meetings of the Branch Council at other times to deal specifically with matters arising under sub-rule (f)(C) hereof.
- (b) The Branch Council shall consist of:
- (i) The Branch Officers;
 - (ii) Twenty five (25) Councillors constituted as follows:
 - (A) Eighteen (18) Councillors with at least one (1) but not more than two (2) being drawn from hospitals or health services in each of the fifteen (15) local health districts (refer Note 1) ~~provided that one (1) Councillor shall come from the Health Managers Sub Branches;~~
 - (B) One (1) Councillor from a Private Hospital;
 - (C) Four (4) Councillors from a non-public sector aged care facility;
 - (D) One (1) Councillor from the NSW Ambulance Services; and
 - (E) One (1) Councillor from the Australian Capital Territory.
- Note 1 - The fifteen (15) local health districts (“LHD”) as constituted by section 17, and specified in Schedule 1 of the Health Services Act 1997 (NSW), as at the date of the certification of this rule, with these being Sydney LHD, South Western Sydney LHD, South Eastern Sydney LHD, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD, Western Sydney LHD, Nepean Blue Mountain LHD, Northern Sydney LHD, Central Coast LHD, Hunter New England LHD, Murrumbidgee LHD, Southern NSW LHD, Western NSW LHD, Far West LHD, Mid North Coast LHD, and Northern NSW LHD.
- (c) Meetings of the Branch Council may be conducted by telephone or by such other electronic means as may be available from time to time.
- (d) In the event that a member of Branch Council shall for any reason or at any time be unable to be present at any meeting of Branch Council he or she may appoint in writing another member of the Branch Council as his or her proxy to exercise his or her vote at such meeting. A member of Branch Council may be appointed proxy for any number of members.
- (e) A special meeting of Branch Council shall be called by the Branch Committee if requested to do so by no less than fifteen members of the Branch Council.
- (f) The Branch Council shall, subject to these rules and to the control of the Branch members as hereinafter mentioned, have power:
- (i) to generally watch the interests of the Union in the area where the Branch is established;

- (ii) to fix the remuneration and terms and conditions of employment of any officer or employee of the Branch;
 - (iii) to suspend or remove from office in accordance with these rules any officer of the Branch;
 - (iv) in addition to the powers of the Branch Committee to do so, to alter, amend, rescind or add to any rules insofar as they relate to the internal management of the Branch pursuant to rule 39(d);
 - (v) to develop and implement rule 90 Branch policies and procedures;
 - (vi) to review decisions of the Branch Committee; and
 - (vii) to take any action which in its opinion is in the interests of the Branch, provided that such action does not conflict with the policies and procedures of the Union.
- (g) The quorum for a meeting of the Branch Council shall be sixteen members of the Council.