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VICTORIA

28th January 2026

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As required by the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and Regulations, the Vic/Tas Branch (**Branch**) reported to the Fair Work Commission (**Commission**), information concerning the financial affairs of the Branch in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2023 in a Statement of Loans, Grants and Donations (LGD Statement) over \$1,000.

It has recently come to the attention of the Administrator that the LGD Statement provided to the Commission, and to you as a member, contained material inaccuracies in relation to payments made to Tintern Heights Pty Ltd trading as Southern Publishing ,and to Total Print Management Pty Ltd acting as Trustee for the Total Print Management Unit Trust trading as Commerce Press.

The total amount of the payments in relation to these transactions was \$329,294.90. The Southern Publishing payment was made on 28 July 2022 for an amount of \$34,100. The payments to Commerce Press were made on 27 September 2022 and 12 October 2022 and totalled \$295,194.90.

The Administrator has determined that each of these payments was not made in respect of the receipt by the Branch of Goods or Services and should have been recorded in the Branch's records as donations by the Branch to Southern Publishing and Commerce Press for the purpose of assisting the re-election of Diana Asmar (who was at that time the Secretary of the Health Services Union, Victoria No. 1 Branch).

The Administrator and the Fair Work Commission have investigated these payments, and the records of the Branch have been corrected to record the payments as donations. In addition, a revised LGD Statement has been lodged with the Commission that includes the \$34,100 payment to Southern Publishing and \$108,116.80 of payments to Commerce Press which were omitted from the original LGD Statement.

The Administrator has strengthened the financial processes within the Branch and will shortly be implementing a new financial governance model to ensure that there is no repetition of errors in the categorisation of payments made by the Branch.

This Notice has been prepared in consultation with the Fair Work Commission.