

West Auckland Branch Resolution to Amend the Rules (1)

“That the following Rule change be adopted”

Amend Rule 26.4 to read:

26.4 The election ballot will be taken by means of a secret postal or electronic ballot of full members of the Institute. The National President will appoint an independent returning officer for the ballot. Each candidate may appoint a scrutineer.

Rationale:

- *This resolution would bring NZEI into alignment with PPTA and NZPF who ask all of their paid/full members to elect their representatives.*
- *Many members have no idea how NZEI is structured and run, this would incentivise people to take a greater interest in the organisation.*
- *Candidates building their reputation will also lift the profile of the organisation.*
- *Candidates planning on eventually running for Executive will be very keen to build a CV that makes them stand out, a great motivation to innovate and lead at Branch level.*
- *Widens the pool of candidates for Executive as electioneering won't be so onerous.*
- *Removes need for delegates to attend conference to make their vote.*
- *Conference still important for all the other functions it fulfils could be shorter, deal with more, or cover in more depth.*

- *Encourages free flow of information, so members can make informed vote.*
- *If electronic, opens up regular, reliable communication channel that could, if developed properly, lead to economies of time and money, allowing more classroom teachers to stand.*
- *Paves the way for a future where environmental concerns may mean large gatherings are no longer viable.*
- *As with our PPTA colleagues, this vote could be conducted through our Branches to make it more manageable.*

Costs

Estimated to be between \$100,000 (electronic) and \$350,000 (postal).