

**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL ELECTRONIC ELECTION STATUTE 2023**

Pursuant to section 276 of Education and Training Act 2020

1. Title and Commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Electronic Election Statute 2023 and comes into force on the day after it is passed and this Statute repeals Massey University Council Electronic Election Statute 2019.

Conduct of Elections

2. Returning Officer

- a. The Council shall appoint a Returning Officer to conduct Elections under this Statute. Until otherwise determined the Returning Officer shall be the Director Governance and Assurance.
- b. Unless

7. Rejection of Nominations

- a. The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination of a nominee who does not qualify for Election under section 6a.
- b. Where a nomination is rejected the Returning Officer will notify the nominee in writing giving the reasons for the rejection.

8. Withdrawal of Nomination

- a. Any Candidate may withdraw his or her nomination at any time before noon on Nomination Day, by notice in writing to the Returning Officer, signed by the Candidate. A withdrawal must be treated as a retirement as per section 11.

9. Only one candidate nominated for the election, Candidate declared elected

- a. If the

Officer of the result of the Election was found to be incorrect; and
II. The name or names of the candidates duly elected.

19. Destruction of Votes

- a. The Returning Officer shall, no earlier than one month after the declaration of the result of an Election, and if an application for a recount is made, not before the declaration of the result of the Election, arrange for all records of votes to be destroyed in a manner which ensures the confidentiality of voting information is preserved.

20. General Provisions

- a. Subject to the provisions of this Statute, the Returning Officer may publish such rules as he or she considers appropriate to ensure the fair conduct of the election and of campaigning in connection with the election. Without limitation, such rules may include restrictions on the mode and timing of campaigning. Where a breach of any published rule has been established in respect of the candidacy of any candidate (not being a candidate for student member) and the Returning Officer is satisfied that the breach may have, or may have had, a material effect on the

- c. Where a Casual Vacancy occurs any earlier in the term of office it shall be filled in accordance with Schedule 11(6) of the Act.

22. Definitions