



# DECISION

*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*  
s.30(1)(a) RO Act—Cancellation of registration

## **Victorian Farmers Federation Industrial Association** (D2023/10)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT COLMAN

MELBOURNE, 2 FEBRUARY 2024

*Application by organisation for cancellation of registration – registration cancelled*

[1] The Victorian Farmers Federation Industrial Association (VFFIA) has made an application pursuant to s 30(1)(a) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (RO Act) to cancel its registration.

[2] The form F60 application sets out the VFFIA’s reasons for applying to terminate its registration. The VFFIA has in recent years relied on another organisation, the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF), to provide industrial services to its members and to make staff available to perform its administrative and compliance functions. The VFFIA currently has no staff or funding to operate independently from the VFF. All members of the VFFIA are also members of the VFF. The VFF has decided to offer industrial services directly to its members instead of through the VFFIA.

[3] Notice of receipt of the application was published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 8 December 2023. The 35-day period within which interested persons could lodge notices of objection to the application ended on 12 January 2024. No notices of objection were received.

[4] On 2 February 2023, I conducted a hearing in relation to the application, as required by regulation 34(7) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009* (Regulations). In support of its application, the VFFIA relies on the declaration of its president, Mr Nathan Free, and the information in the application and its attachments.

[5] It is apparent from the information contained in the application, together with the documents attached to it, that the association obtained approval for the cancellation of its registration in accordance with its registered rules, as regulation 33 requires.

[6] I am satisfied that the application for cancellation of registration was made in accordance with the RO Act and the Regulations. As to the requirement in regulation 34(2), I note that the VFFIA does not have a website, however the VFFIA published on the VFF’s website a notice that it had lodged the application.

[7] I consider it appropriate that the registration of the VFFIA be cancelled under s 30(1)(a) of the RO Act. As requested by the VFFIA, the cancellation will have effect from 9 February 2024. An order is issued separately in [PR770896](#).



DEPUTY PRESIDENT

*Appearances:*

*H. Skene for the VFFIA*

*Hearing details:*

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