

Matter Number: D2023/8

Notification of withdrawal of application for registration within the Fair Work Commission.

Take notice that Pro-Choice Union, of	hereby
give notice of the withdrawal of application D2023/8 for registration, as provided for by	/
Regulation 25 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations Act 2009.	

I, Adam Warwick, National Secretary of the organisation, declare that I am authorised to make this declaration and that all facts, statements and documents proffered as part of this notice and true and accurate to the best of my knowledge having made all relevant enquiries and exercised due diligence.

Signed by:	
Organisation:	Pro-Choice Union
Print name:	Adam Warwick
Title/office/position:	National Secretary
Dated:	18 /01 /2024
Witness signature:	
Organisation:	Pro-Choice Union
Print name:	Zenovii Mackenzie
Title/office/position:	Vice National Secretary
Dated:	18 /01 /2024

Please find enclosed and marked as letter A, a resolution made unanimously by the management committee of Pro-Choice Union on 17 January 2024, in favour of withdrawal of the application.

Signature of person signing withdrawal	
Signature:	
Name:	Adam Warwick
Title of office held:	National Secretary
Name of organisation:	Pro-Choice Union



Pro-Choice Union National Executive Resolution: Withdrawal of Application for Registration of the Pro-Choice Union within the Fair Work Commission.

Discussion: The Board convened to discuss the proposed withdrawal of the application for registration of the Pro-Choice Union within the Fair Work Commission. The discussion highlighted several key considerations:

- Strategic Reassessment: The Board acknowledged the need to reassess the strategic direction of the Pro-Choice Union. The objections received and deficiencies within the applications required amendments and necessitated a reconsideration of the Union's approach to the association's registration and objectives.
- 2. Legal Advice: Concerns were raised regarding the Legal advice received with regard to the organisational rules and demographic of membership. Legal Advice received has now been assessed to be lacking in effectiveness for a successful registration. Continued pursuit of registration under current circumstances could possibly lead to a refusal of the application. The PCU does not wish to unnecessarily burden the Commission or other parties to the application or waste our members' time and resources.
- 3. **Legal Implications:** An email will be sent to Sam seeking information regarding a withdrawal of the application, ensuring it can be made without prejudice.
- 4. **Member Feedback:** The Board reviewed feedback from Union members, noting unanimous opinions about the value of pursuing successful registration. The need to align with the members' interests and priorities was stressed.
- 5. Future Opportunities: The discussion also touched upon opportunities that might arise from not pursuing registration at this time, including building stronger grassroots support within our focused demographic, and exploring efficiencies and alternative forms of advocacy. This will be seen as the time to redraft the organisational rules and registration application for greater compliance with Industrial relations legislation and the spirit of the Act.

Resolved: Based on the comprehensive discussion and careful consideration of various factors, it is hereby resolved that:

- By a vote of the National Executive members, of whom 4 of 5 were present at the National Executive weekly meeting, the vote was unanimous to withdraw the application, so the fact one member was missing did not affect the outcome of the vote.
- The application for registration of the Pro-Choice Union within the Fair Work
 Commission will be withdrawn.
- The Union will redirect its efforts and resources towards activities and strategies more aligned with its revised objectives and member expectations.
- The Board will continue to monitor the situation and reassess the decision if circumstances change significantly.

Minutes and Resolution taken and drafted by National Secretary Adam Warwick.

