



## National Office Memorandum

**Date:** Monday 10 December 2018  
**To:** All Branch Secretaries & NMC  
**From:** National Returning Officer  
**Subject:** Postal Ballot Results - South Island Rail NMC Representative 2017 - 2019

The postal ballot results for the North Island Rail National Management Committee governance role for the remainder of the 2017-2019 Term which was conducted in accordance with Rule 42 of the Union Rules and Standing Orders is as follows:

| Name       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Count | Percentage | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Count                          | Percentage | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Count              | Percentage   |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Blakie     | 40                    | 12.99      | Blakie 2 <sup>nd</sup> preferences distributed |            |                                    |              |
| Kearns     | 59                    | 19.16      | 79   | 25.65      | Kearns 3rd preferences distributed |              |
| O'Donoghue | 130                   | 42.21      | 140  | 45.45      | 176                                | <b>57.14</b> |
| Walker     | 78                    | 25.32      | 87   | 28.25      | 122                                | 39.61        |
| Invalid    | 1                     | 0.32       | 2  | 0.65       | 10                                 | 3.25         |
| Total      | 308                   | 100%       | 308  | 100%       | 308                                | 100%         |

Ballot papers issued: 805, Returned: 308, Total ballot return rate 38.26%

As there were four nominees, a Preferential Voting System was used.

At the first count, no nominee received more than 50% plus 1 of the total votes returned. As Mr Blakie had the least number of votes, in the first count, his SECOND CHOICE preferences were distributed to the remaining candidates.

At the second count, no nominee received more than 50% plus 1 of the total votes returned. As Mr Kearns had the least number of votes, in the second count, his THIRD CHOICE preferences were distributed to the remaining candidates. Following the third count, Jed O'Donoghue received 57.14% of the total votes returned.

The increase in the number of invalids is due to the voter either not completing votes for additional candidates or their vote was in favour of a discounted candidate.

### **JED O'DONOGHUE IS DECLARED ELECTED**

Signed:

  
Howard Phillips  
**NATIONAL RETURNING OFFICER**