

# Formalisation of the PSA Eco Network

## Notice of motion

a) That rule 74(6) be amended by the addition of a new (f) that reads:

“Eco Network (see rule 80).”

b) That a new rule 80 is proposed as follows, with subsequent rules being renumbered accordingly:

(1) “In accordance with rule 74, there will be an Eco Network of the PSA, which shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the union.

(2) The Eco Network exists to:

- a. promote environmental interests within the PSA;
- b. facilitate the sharing of information and resources;
- c. encourage engagement and action on the environment.”

## Rationale

The Eco Network was established in 2010 and is currently an informal network of the PSA. There are five formal networks of the PSA: the Women’s Network, PSA Youth, PSA Pasefika, Out@PSA, and the Deaf and Disabled Network.

Formal PSA networks are intended to have a stronger constitutional role than informal networks. As outlined in the PSA rules at 74(4), this includes providing advice to the executive board, sector committees or Te Rūnanga o Ngā Toa Āwhina; submitting remits or resolutions to congress; and speaking on behalf of the PSA when authorised by the executive board to do so. As per rule 59(d), formal networks are also entitled to each select three representatives to attend congress.

The PSA Eco Network has a clear constituency of over 1,500 members, and has significant potential to grow. It has an active leadership structure and a membership that is growing in numbers and activism. It is leading conversations within the PSA and member workplaces about the environment and the role of unions in advocating for climate change action and Just Transitions for workers. Climate change has been identified as one of the top three issues for members, and a key feature of the PSA’s election campaign. It is appropriate that the Eco Network is given formal recognition and a strengthened voice and constitutional role within the union.

As per rule 74(5), “Formal networks may be established with the approval of the executive board and may be included in the rules by decision of the national delegates’ congress.”