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Company Announcements Platform
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

2008 Annual General Meeting

At Westpac Banking Corporation's ("Westpac") Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 11 December 2008, the following business included in the Notice of Meeting was carried by the requisite majority:

Item 1 – Reports and Accounts

The reports of the directors and the auditors and the financial reports of Westpac for the year ended 30 September 2008 were received and considered.

Item 2 – Remuneration Report – Non binding vote

The annual Remuneration Report for Westpac for the year ended 30 September 2008 was adopted.

The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

Item 3 – Election of Directors

- Ms **Elizabeth Bryan** was re-elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;
- Ms **Carolyn Hewson** was re-elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;
- Mr **Lindsay Maxsted** was elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;

- Mr **John Curtis** was elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;
- Mr **Peter Hawkins** was elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands; and
- Mr **Graham Reaney** was elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

The Westpac Board is now comprised of the following Directors:

- Ted Evans, Chairman
- John Curtis, Deputy Chairman
- Gail Kelly, Chief Executive Officer
- Elizabeth Bryan
- Gordon Cairns
- Peter Hawkins
- Carolyn Hewson
- Lindsay Maxsted
- Graham Reaney
- Peter Wilson

Item 4 – Non-Executive Directors’ Remuneration

Approval was given that the maximum aggregate amount of annual remuneration that may be paid to Non-Executive Directors be increased by \$1.5 million, from \$3 million to \$4.5 million, with effect from the merger implementation date, that is 1 December 2008.

The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

All resolutions were decided by a show of hands. In accordance with section 251AA of the Corporations Act 2001, we advise that the total number of proxy votes which were available are attached as Attachment 1.

Yours sincerely

Alex Crompton
Acting Head of Group Secretariat

Attachments: Breakdown of proxy votes as required by Section 251AA(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)



WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

**RESULT OF GENERAL MEETING
(ASX REPORT)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, 11 December, 2008

As required by section 251AA(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth) the following statistics are provided in respect of each resolution on the agenda.

Resolution	Manner in which the securityholder directed the proxy vote (as at proxy close):				Direct vote (as at proxy close):		Manner in which votes were cast in person or by proxy on a poll (where applicable)		
	Votes <i>For</i>	Votes <i>Against</i>	Votes <i>Discretionary</i>	Votes <i>Abstain</i>	For	Against	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain **</i>
2 ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (NON-BINDING RESOLUTION)	900,579,860	46,182,976	38,357,506	11,722,930	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(A) RE-ELECT ELIZABETH BLOMFIELD BRYAN AS A DIRECTOR	948,179,773	5,795,721	40,086,874	2,796,797	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(B) RE-ELECT CAROLYN JUDITH HEWSON AS A DIRECTOR	947,832,556	6,399,191	39,970,198	2,657,948	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(C) ELECT LINDSAY PHILIP MAXSTED AS A DIRECTOR	921,120,687	32,341,918	40,239,715	3,157,573	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(D) ELECT JOHN SIMON CURTIS AS A DIRECTOR	940,040,447	13,326,851	40,633,538	2,849,359	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(E) ELECT PETER JOHN OSWIN HAWKINS AS A DIRECTOR	939,691,906	13,589,552	40,619,788	2,949,877	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3(F) ELECT GRAHAM JOHN REANEY AS A DIRECTOR	939,370,867	13,701,326	40,727,868	3,045,287	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
4 NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	521,651,025	390,798,894	17,437,702	46,122,666	0	0	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands

** - Note that votes relating to a person who abstains on an item are not counted in determining whether or not the required majority of votes were cast for or against that item