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Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
20 Bridge Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

### **2006 Annual General Meeting**

At Westpac Banking Corporation's ("Westpac") Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 14 December 2006, 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 2006 were received and considered.

#### **Item 2 – Election of Directors**

- Ms **Carolyn Judith Hewson** was re-elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;
- Mr **Peter David Wilson** was re-elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands;
- Ms **Elizabeth Blomfield Bryan** was elected as a Director of Westpac. The resolution was decided by a show of hands; and
- Ms **Helen Ann Lynch** retired as a Director of Westpac.

The Westpac Board is now comprised of the following Directors:

- Leon Davis, Chairman
- Ted Evans, Deputy Chairman
- David Morgan, Chief Executive Officer
- Elizabeth Bryan
- Gordon Cairns
- David Crawford
- Carolyn Hewson
- Peter Wilson

### **Item 3 – Non- Executive Directors’ Remuneration**

Approval was given to an increase in the yearly maximum sum available to Non-executive Directors of Westpac as remuneration from \$2.5 million to \$3.0 million.

The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

### **Item 4 – Westpac Equity-Based Reward Plans**

- (a) Approval was given for the establishment of an equity-based reward plan, to be called the Westpac Reward Plan, for the provision of long term incentives to employees of Westpac and its subsidiaries.

The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

- (b) Approval was given for the establishment of an equity-based reward plan, to be called the Restricted Share Plan, for the provision of a retention benefit to employees of Westpac and its subsidiaries.

The resolution was decided by a show of hands.

### **Item 5 – Remuneration Report – Non binding vote**

The annual Remuneration Report for Westpac for the year ended 30 September 2006 was adopted.

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.

A copy of the Notice of Meeting has already been lodged with the ASX.

Yours sincerely

**Anna O'Connell**  
Head of Group Secretariat

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



**WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday, 14 December, 2006

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

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):				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>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstain</i> **
2A RE-ELECT CAROLYN JUDITH HEWSON AS A DIRECTOR	870,386,178	1,697,385	24,068,320	1,100,414	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
2B RE-ELECT PETER DAVID WILSON AS A DIRECTOR	870,146,327	1,634,985	24,218,469	1,252,516	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
2C ELECT ELIZABETH BLOMFIELD BRYAN AS A DIRECTOR	863,043,889	8,573,122	24,287,285	1,362,825	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
3 NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	837,886,931	21,397,518	13,494,590	10,844,329	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
4A WESTPAC EQUITY-BASED REWARD PLANS - WESTPAC REWARD PLAN	853,584,766	16,400,578	13,548,826	3,321,599	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
4B WESTPAC EQUITY-BASED REWARD PLANS - RESTRICTED SHARE PLAN	853,888,910	14,365,900	13,567,806	4,877,468	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands	Passed on a show of hands
5 ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS'REMUNERATION REPORT (NON BINDING RESOLUTION)	847,532,910	20,865,394	24,412,266	4,520,587	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