**PWDA 2024 Annual General Meeting Explanatory Statement**

This Explanatory Statement forms part of the Notice of Meeting convening the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of People with Disability Australia (PWDA or the Company) to be held on Thursday 14 November 2024. This Explanatory Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notice of Meeting.

**Online attendance only no attendance in person**

* The AGM will be held online via Zoom
* The AGM will be accessible to all current PWDA members via a secure Zoom link.
* Members must register to attend the AGM by 5pm AEDT on Monday 11 November 2024.
* You can register by:
	+ Phone: 1800 422 015
	+ Email: pwd@pwd.org.au
	+ Online: https://pwd.org.au/get-involved/elections-and-agm-papers/
	+ After you register you will be sent the AGM Zoom link via email.
	+ IMPORTANT: If you do not receive the AGM Zoom link by Wednesday 13 November 2024, please check your spam/junk mail or contact PWDA at pwd@pwd.org.au and 1800 422 015.

**Voting**

**Eligibility to vote**

* To determine a person’s entitlement to vote at the AGM, a person will be recognised as a member of the Company if that person was registered as a member of the Company at 12 midnight (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Thursday 15 August 2024. If you have any questions about this process or your membership contact PWDA.
* A Zoom video conference voting mechanism will be established for use during the AGM.
* Zoom does not have the technical capacity to cast votes if you join the meeting via phone. We therefore recommend you join the Zoom meeting via video conference or appoint a proxy.

**Voting on a poll**

* The vote on the motions at the AGM will be conducted by way of a Zoom poll.
* On a poll, every current member present in person or by attorney or by proxy (or, in the case of a body corporate, by a representative) shall:
	+ In the case of an Individual Member, have one (1) vote; and
	+ In the case of an Organisational Member, have two (2) votes.

**Proxy**

* A current member who is entitled to attend and vote can appoint a proxy. The proxy need not be a member of the Company. If you wish to appoint a proxy and you are entitled to two or more votes, then you may appoint two proxies and specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy may exercise. For more information on proxies please refer to the enclosed AGM Proxy Form and Explanatory notes. **All proxies must be received by 6pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 13 November 2024 to be included in the vote.**