
PROTEAN ENERGY LTD

ACN 119 267 391

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TIME: 9:00am (WST)

DATE: 29 November 2021

PLACE: Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd
Level 3, 101 St Georges Tce
Perth WA 6000

This Notice of Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+61 8) 6558 0886

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders to which this Notice of Meeting relates will be held at 9:00am (WST) on 29 November 2021 at:

Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd
Level 3, 101 St Georges Tce
Perth WA 6000

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The business of the Annual General Meeting affects your shareholding and your vote is important.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 9:00am (WST) on 27 November 2021.

VOTING IN PERSON

To vote in person, attend the Annual General Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

VOTING BY PROXY

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the Proxy Form if you have received a copy in the mail and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

Or

Lodge online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au, instructions as follows:

Select 'Investor Login' and in the "Single Holding" section enter Protean Energy Ltd or the ASX code POW in the Issuer name field, your Security Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN) (which is shown on the front of your proxy form), postcode and security code which is shown on the screen and click 'Login'. Select the 'Voting' tab and then follow the prompts. You will be taken to have signed your Proxy Form if you lodge it in accordance with the instructions given on the website;

Corporate Representation

Shareholders can download the 'Appointment of Corporate Representation' form from the Share Registry's website: www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

Hover over 'Resources', click on 'Forms' and then select 'Holding Management'.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, members are advised that:

- each member has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- a member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that changes to the Corporations Act made in 2011 mean that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Further details on these changes is set out below.

Proxy vote if appointment specifies way to vote

Section 250BB(1) of the Corporations Act provides that an appointment of a proxy may specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution and, **if it does:**

- the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy has 2 or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution – the proxy must only vote on a poll; and
- if the proxy is the chair of the meeting at which the resolution is voted on – the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy is not the chair – the proxy need not vote on the poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed).

Transfer of non-chair proxy to chair in certain circumstances

Section 250BC of the Corporations Act provides that, if:

- an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
 - the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting;

- the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

the chair of the meeting is taken, before voting on the resolution closes, to have been appointed as the proxy for the purposes of voting on the resolution at the meeting.

Voting Prohibition

In accordance with section 250BD of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as a proxy must not vote on the basis of that appointment on Resolution 1 if the person is either:

- a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company; or
- a Closely Related Party of such a member, and

the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1.

However, the prohibition does not apply if the proxy is the Chair and the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Financial Statements and Reports

To table and consider the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, which includes the Financial Report, the Directors' Report, and the Auditor's Report.

1. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **non-binding resolution**:

“That, for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.”

Note: the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

Voting Prohibition Statement: A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any of the following persons:

- (a) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (b) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

However, a person (the **voter**) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

- (a) the voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or
- (b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:
 - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; and
 - (ii) expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

2. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR DAVID WHEELER

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

“That, for the purpose of clause 12.3 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Mr David Wheeler, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director.”

3. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT CAPACITY– SHARES

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **special resolution**:

“That, for the purpose of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the issue of Equity Securities totalling up to 10% of the issued capital, calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement.”

DATED: 27 OCTOBER 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**MR TIM SLATE
JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions which are the subject of the business of the Meeting.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Annual Report.

Shareholders will be offered the following opportunities:

- (a) to discuss the Annual Report which is available online at <http://www.proteanenergy.com/investorcentre>;
- (b) to ask questions or make comment on the management of the Company; and
- (c) to ask the auditor questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report.

In addition to taking questions at the Meeting, written questions to the Chair regarding the management of the Company, or to the Company's auditor about:

- (a) the preparation and the content of the Auditor's Report;
- (b) the conduct of the audit;
- (c) accounting policies of the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (d) the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit,

may be submitted no later than 5 (five) Business Days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's Registered Office.

2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

2.1 General

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the remuneration report be adopted must be put to the shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the company or the directors of the company.

The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the directors and senior management of the Company. The Remuneration Report is part of the Directors' Report contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

The Chair of the meeting will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

2.2 Voting consequences

Under changes to the Corporations Act which came into effect on 1 July 2011, a company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling

of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (other than the managing director) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable directors' report (**Spill Resolution**) if, at two consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as directors of the company is approved will be the directors of the company.

2.3 Previous voting results

At the Company's previous annual general meeting the votes cast against the Remuneration Report considered at that annual general meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

2.4 Chair voting undirected proxies

The Chair intends to exercise all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1. If the Chair of the Meeting is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chair is to vote on Resolution 1, by signing and returning the Proxy Form, you are considered to have provided the Chair with an express authorisation for the Chair to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chair's intention.

3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR DAVID WHEELER

Clause 12.3 of the Constitution provides that there must be an election of Directors at each annual general meeting. Further, clause 12.3 provides that a Director who has been a Director the longest without re-election must retire and stand for re-election. If two or more Directors have been a Director the longest and an equal time without re-election, then in default of agreement, the Director to retire will be determined by ballot.

Mr David Wheeler, the Director longest in office since his last election (having been appointed on 16 May 2017 and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 October 2018), retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

Details of Mr David Wheeler's background and experience are set out in the Annual Report.

The Board (other than Mr Wheeler) unanimously supports the re-election of Mr Wheeler.

4. RESOLUTION 3 - APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT CAPACITY– SHARES

4.1 General

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of equity securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period.

Listing Rule 7.1A provides that an Eligible Entity may seek shareholder approval by way of a special resolution passes at its annual general meeting to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25% (**10% Placement Capacity**).

An 'eligible entity' means an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX300 Index and which has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity for these purposes as its market capitalisation as at 7 October 2021 was approximately \$7.15 million.

Resolution 3 seeks shareholder approval by way of special resolution for the Company to have the additional 10% capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A to issue equity securities without shareholder approval.

If Shareholders approve Resolution 3, the number of Equity Securities the Eligible Entity may issue under the 10% Placement Capacity will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (as set out below).

The effect of passing Resolution 3 will be to allow the Company to issue Equity Securities up to a combined limit of 25% pursuant to Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A without any further shareholder approval.

Resolution 3 is a special resolution. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the Resolution must be in favour of Resolution 3 for it to be passed.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue equity securities to issue equity securities without shareholder approval provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing equity securities without shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

4.2 ASX Listing Rule Requirements

Listing Rule 7.3A.1: A statement of the period for which the approval will be valid.

Equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity may be issued until the earlier of:

- the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained; or
- the time and date of the entity's next annual general meeting; or
- the time and date of the approval by ordinary shareholders of a significant change to the Company's activities under ASX Listing Rule 11.1.2 or 11.2.

Listing Rule 7.3A.2: A statement of the minimum price at which the equity securities may be issued under rule 7.1A.2.

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.3 the issue price for each security issued under the Additional Placement Capacity will not be less than 75% of the volume

weighted average price for securities in that class over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- the date on which the price at which the securities are to be issued is agreed; or
- if the securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date above, the date on which the securities are issued.

Equity securities that may be issued under listing rule 7.1A will only be in an existing quoted class of securities.

Listing Rule 7.3A.3: A statement of the purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of equity securities under rule 7.1A.2 may be used.

The Company may only issue equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity for cash consideration to raise funds for the development of the Company's existing assets, the acquisition of new assets or investments (including assets associated with such acquisition), to repay debt or to fund working capital.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 upon issue of any equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity.

Listing Rule 7.3A.4: A statement of the risk of economic and voting dilution to existing ordinary security holders that may result from an issue of equity securities under rule 7.1A.2 including the risk that:

- the market price for equity securities in that class may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the approval under rule 7.1A; and
- the equity securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those equity securities on the issue date.

The issue of equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity may result in voting dilution of existing ordinary shareholders (as shown in the table below). There is also the risk that:

- the market price for equity securities in that class may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
- the equity securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those equity securities on the issue date.

Table 1 below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders calculated in accordance with the formula outlined in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2 on the basis of the current market price of Shares and the current number of ordinary securities quoted on ASX for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 as at the date of this Notice.

The table also shows:

- (i) two examples where variable "A" has increased, by 50% and 100%. Variable "A" is based on the number of ordinary securities the Company has on issue. The number of ordinary securities on issue may increase as a result of issues of ordinary securities that do not require Shareholder approval (for example, a pro rata entitlements issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule 7.1 that are approved at a future Shareholders' meeting; and

- (ii) two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 50% against the current market price.

Number of Shares on Issue	Dilution			
	Issue Price (per Share)	\$0.0050	\$0.010	\$0.0150
		50% decrease in Issue Price	50% Current Issue Price	50% increase in Issue Price
650,612,963 (Current)	10% voting dilution	65,061,296 Shares	65,061,296 Shares	65,061,296 Shares
	Funds raised	\$325,306	\$650,613	\$975,919
975,919,445 (50% increase)	10% voting dilution	97,591,944 Shares	97,591,944 Shares	97,591,944 Shares
	Funds raised	\$487,960	\$975,919	\$1,463,879
1,301,225,926 (100% increase)	10% voting dilution	130,122,592 Shares	130,122,592 Shares	130,122,592 Shares
	Funds raised	\$6,505,613	\$13,011,226	\$1,951,839

The above table is based on the following assumptions:

- The number of shares on issue (Variable "A") is calculated as 650,612,963, being all the fully paid ordinary shares on issue as at the date of this Notice.
- The Company issues the maximum number of equity securities available under the Additional Placement Capacity.
- The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue.
- The table shows only the issue of equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity and not under Listing Rule 7.1.
- The issue of equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity includes only Shares.
- The issue price of \$0.01 was the closing price of shares on ASX on 7 October 2021.

Listing Rule 7.3A.5: Details of the eligible entity's allocation policy for issues under rule 7.1A.2.

The Company's allocation policy for issues under the Additional Placement Capacity is dependent on prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue. The identity of the allottees of the equity securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

- the purpose of the issue;

- the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including rights issues or other issues in which existing shareholders may participate;
- the effect of the issue of the equity securities on the control of the Company;
- the financial situation and solvency of the Company;
- prevailing market conditions; and
- advice from the Company's advisors.

As the Company has no current plans to undertake a new capital raising using its additional 10% placement capacity, the allottees under the Additional Placement Capacity have not yet been determined but if such an exercise was undertaken, allottees may include existing substantial shareholders and/or new shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

Listing Rule 7.3A.6: If the eligible entity has issued or agreed to issue any equity securities under rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 months preceding the date of the meeting details of such issues.

The Company previously sought and obtained shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at the immediately prior Annual General Meeting held 15 December 2020.

In accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A.6, in the 12 months preceding the date of this meeting, the Company issued NIL ordinary shares pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2 representing 0% of the total number of equity securities on issue from the commencement of the last approval of Listing Rule 7.1A.

Listing Rule 7.3A.7: If at the time of dispatching the notice the entity is proposing to make an issue of equity securities under rule 7.1A.2, a voting exclusion statement.

A voting exclusion statement has not been included in this Notice because as at the date of this Notice the Company has not approached any particular investor to participate in an issue of equity securities under the Additional Placement Capacity. No existing Shareholders' votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice. When the Company issues equity securities pursuant to the Additional Placement Capacity, it will give to ASX a list of the allottees of the equity securities and the number of equity securities allotted to each (not for release to the market), in accordance with Listing Rule 7.1A.4.

5. ENQUIRIES

Shareholders are required to contact the Joint Company Secretary, Mr Tim Slate on (+61 8) 6558 0886 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

GLOSSARY

\$ means Australian dollars.

10% Placement Capacity has the meaning given to that term in section 4.1 of the Explanatory Statement.

Annual General Meeting or **Meeting** means the meeting convened by the Notice.

Annual Report means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report in respect to the financial year ending 30 June 2021.

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

ASX means ASX Limited.

ASX Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

Auditor's Report means the auditor's report on the Financial Report.

Board means the current board of directors of the Company.

Business Day means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

Chair means the Chair of the Meeting.

Closely Related Party of a member of the Key Management Personnel means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealing with the entity;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the *Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth)*.

Company means Protean Energy Ltd (ACN 119 267 391).

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

Corporations Act means the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

Directors means the current directors of the Company.

Directors' Report means the annual directors' report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities contained in the Annual Report.

Eligible Entity means an entity that, at the date of the relevant general meeting:

- (a) is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index; and

(b) has a maximum market capitalisation (excluding restricted securities and securities quoted on a deferred settlement basis) of \$300,000,000.

Equity Securities includes a Share, a right to a Share or Option, an Option, a convertible security and any security that ASX decides to classify as an Equity Security.

Explanatory Statement means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

Financial Report means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act of the Company and its controlled entities.

Key Management Personnel has the same meaning as in the accounting standards and broadly includes those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company.

Notice or **Notice of Meeting** or **Notice of Annual General Meeting** means this notice of annual general meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

Ordinary Securities has the meaning set out in the ASX Listing Rules.

Proxy Form means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

Remuneration Report means the Remuneration Report of the Company contained in the Directors' Report.

Resolutions means the resolutions set out in this Notice, or any one of them, as the context requires.

Share means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

Shareholder means a holder of a Share.

WST means Australia Western Standard Time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.