



## Extraordinary General Meeting Information 28 January 2026, via Zoom

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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which this meeting will take place across Australia. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present and recognise that this land is, was, and always will be Aboriginal land.



# About the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The meeting will be held virtually on Vero and will be recorded for minuting and internal purposes.

*We want everyone who joins us at the EGM to feel safe and included in the proceedings: to this end, we ask everyone to read and abide by our Values and Behaviours Charter as well as the Code of Conduct available on our [website](#). If anyone acts in a manner contrary to these values and behaviours, we will place them on mute and/or remove them from the meeting.*

There will also be an **Ombudsman** appointed for the duration of the meeting (and a few days beyond if necessary). The role of the Ombudsman is to assist participants at the EGM with any concerns about how they have been treated - such as harassment, abuse, discrimination or in a manner inconsistent with the above *Values and Behaviours Charter* and *Code of Conduct*. Your concerns will be treated confidentially. The role is about making our General Meetings a safe and respectful environment in which to hold the meeting.

The details of the Ombudsman, and how to reach them, will be communicated at the meeting.

## **Employment Assistance Program for confidential support**

If you are experiencing any challenging situation, you are welcome to use the Employee Assistance Program for confidential support. All Amnesty International Australia employees, activists and volunteers can contact Acacia on 1300 364 273 or [www.acaciaconnection.com](http://www.acaciaconnection.com).

## **What can you expect at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 28 January 2026**

Please refer to the notice and information available on the Vero platform and on the [website](#). The business proposed is to consider a special resolution to amend the Amnesty International Australia Constitution to remove the formal governance requirements of Activism Leadership Committees to allow greater flexibility in organising our activism.

## **How will the meeting be run?**

The Standing Orders for General Meetings set the 'rules' for the meeting. The Chair is responsible for its orderly running. They can be found on the Vero platform.

## **Meeting protocol**

- Everyone will be on mute and questions can be asked through the Zoom chat. Only a few questions will be taken and only those that are directly related to the relevant items of the meeting.
- If you want to ask a question, please use the Zoom meeting's chat function and write your question as follows, as set out in the Standing Orders:

Point of Information which is a *succinct statement of fact to correct an error or misconception*:  
[your question]



Point of Order *draws attention to a failure to observe the constitution or the standing orders:*  
[your question]

### How to vote on resolutions?

Vero are hosting the EGM on their platform and will be managing the online vote. It will be explained at the meeting how this will work.

Ordinary resolutions, e.g. to adopt the agenda and to appoint the Returning Officer, are decided by a majority of votes cast by the General Meeting Voters present (whether in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote at the meeting.

Special resolutions are decided by at least 75% of the votes cast by the General Meeting Voters present (whether in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote at the meeting.

**Please ensure that the emails are not in your spam folder.**

**GMVs will need to be present for the whole of the meeting. Only a limited amount of time will be allowed for GMVs to vote on the resolutions, then the voting will be closed in order to complete items in a timely fashion.**

### Proxies

Only GMVs or those members who are holding proxies for GMVs can vote. A proxy must be a current member of AIA (i.e. a member whose membership payment is up to date).

A proxy is entitled to:

- the number of votes held by the person for whom they are proxy, in addition to any votes the person may have as a General Meeting Voter in their own right; and
- on a show of hands, one vote.

An instrument appointing a proxy should in writing, legally valid and 'signed' (this includes receiving an email from the appointer) by the appointer. Please download and complete the proxy form available on our website, and send it to [company.secretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:company.secretary@amnesty.org.au). If it is received at an electronic address it is taken to have been signed or executed if the appointment of the proxy comes from the personal email address of the appointer and of the appointee (copied in suffices).

A proxy may not vote unless the instrument appointing the proxy is deposited with the company secretary at the registered office of AIA or the place specified for that purpose - that is, via email [company.secretary@amnesty.org.au](mailto:company.secretary@amnesty.org.au) prior to 2pm AEDT on 28 January 2026.

### Non-members

A person who is not a member may, with the permission of the meeting, attend a General Meeting. The person may also speak if they are invited to do so by the Chair.



## General Meeting Voters, National Board and Staff Lists

General Meeting Voters elected by member in their Region (45)	
Region	Name
ACT/SNSW	Cetana Das
ACT/SNSW	Chelsea Francis
ACT/SNSW	Ronnie Gori
ACT/SNSW	Pablo Rozas Larraondo
ACT/SNSW	Jay Moran
ACT/SNSW	Stephen Rowe
ACT/SNSW	Madeleine Waterford
NSW	Lisa Annese
NSW	Faith De Savigné
NSW	Tori Edwards
NSW	Ajoy Ghosh
NSW	Silvia Greco
NSW	Giles Gunesekera
NSW	Needeya Islam
NSW	Gabe Kavanagh
NSW	Carol King
NSW	Peter King
NSW	Penelope McKinley-Rodgers
NSW	Lee Rhiannon
QLD/NNSW	Rachel Baggoley
QLD/NNSW	David Cassells
QLD/NNSW	Ruth Gould
QLD/NNSW	Peter Hanley
QLD/NNSW	Jamie Hodgson
QLD/NNSW	Bronwen Kippen
QLD/NNSW	Roselle Tenefrancia
QLD/NNSW	Madelaine Wood
SA/NT	Sarah Faulkner
SA/NT	Vicki Jacobs
SA/NT	Saras Suresh Kumar
TAS	Colleen Holloway
TAS	Sarah Holloway
TAS	Margaret Luckman



VIC	Michael Dundon
VIC	Suzan Gencay
VIC	Ian Gibson
VIC	Terence Jeyaretnam
VIC	Asad Kasim-Khan
VIC	George Miller
VIC	Lobat Nezami
VIC	Katrina North
VIC	Matio Santos
VIC	Prudence Spencer
VIC	Clive Weston
VIC	Anne Wright
WA	<i>none</i>
<b>Staff</b>	
Position	Name
National Director	Sam Klintworth
Campaigning Director	Sarah Gooderham
Chief Operating Officer	Sumithira Thavapalan
Fundraising and Philanthropy Director	Emma Vincent
Ombudsman	TBA
Company Secretary	Katie Wood
Governance Coordinator	Frederique Blanc
<b>Board members</b>	
Position	Name
Chair	Terence Jeyaretnam
Board member	Lisa Annese
Board member	Carole Cooper
Board member	Sonia Di Mezza
Board member	Michael Dundon
Board member	Ajoy Ghosh
Board member	Jamie Hodgson
Board member	Anne Wright



## Vero Meeting guide



### Virtual meeting - Zoom

This meeting is being held on Zoom and will run on the Vero Voting Platform. You will have received a link to access this portal and attend the meeting virtually.

On your device, ensure your browser is compatible – Vero Voting supports the latest versions of Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Edge; Go to [whatismybrowser.com](http://whatismybrowser.com) if you are unsure.

Access to the Vero voting portal will be sent via email from [support@verovoting.com.au](mailto:support@verovoting.com.au). These emails will contain your unique login link which will log you in automatically as well as a Username and Pin if you prefer to log in manually.

### Voting (eligible voting members only)

The voting starts when the meeting Chair opens the poll unless otherwise stated. From your screen, you can see the resolutions and voting choices set.

Click on the vote tab.

Select your option by clicking on your response to cast your vote for each question.

Your vote is logged once the tab turns Blue and a green tick underneath. You do not need to do anything further; your vote has been counted.

You can change your vote at any time (**while the voting period is open**) by clicking “Change”.

### Asking Questions (Q&A)

This is a formal meeting which means questions have to be relevant to the business of the meeting and curated.

To ask a question **prior or during the meeting** click the Q&A tab. Start typing your question in the box and when done, click Submit.

### Online Support

If you have any questions, or need assistance with the online process, please contact Vero Voting via email [support@verovoting.com.au](mailto:support@verovoting.com.au) OR call 1300 702 898 between 8.30am—5.00pm Monday to Friday (Australian Western Standard Time)