

# PROXY VOTING POLICY

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## 1. PURPOSE & APPLICATION

The MIML Proxy Voting Policy ¹("the Policy") articulates MIML's policy position with regard to proxy voting for the Macquarie Wrap Platform products offered by MIML.

The Policy has been approved by the MIML Board and applies to the Superannuation and Investor Directed Portfolio Services ("IDPS") Wrap Platforms, where MIML acts as superannuation trustee and IDPS operator respectively. This Policy applies to Australian investments. Proxy voting is not permitted for offshore investments such as international listed securities, unless required by law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Investments in the Funds, other than cash deposits with Macquarie Bank Limited ABN 46 008 583 542, are not deposits with or other liabilities of Macquarie Bank Limited or of any Macquarie Group company, and are subject to investment risk, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or principal invested. Neither Macquarie Bank Limited, MIML, nor any other member company of the Macquarie Group guarantees the performance of the Funds or the repayment of capital from the Funds or any particular rate of return of the investments purchased through the Funds.

## 2. OVERVIEW

The general principle of this Policy is that, where applicable, voting rights should be exercised in a manner that is consistent with the voting provisions contained within the relevant product disclosure statements ("PDS"), trust deed or any applicable guide and the best interests of investors or members. MIML reserves the right to apply this Policy in a flexible manner, as appropriate, to accommodate various circumstances that may arise.

MIML will not accept any standing requests or instructions to vote on any resolutions from investors, members or their advisers.

MIML may choose to engage proxy advisers or otherwise in relation to the exercise of voting rights, if MIML deems such engagement appropriate.

MIML is indemnified from the relevant fund or scheme assets and may pass on any fees, charges, expenses, costs or otherwise, associated with the execution of this Policy to investors and members.

### 3. SUPERANNUATION

Superannuation platform arrangements, such as a superannuation wrap or master trusts are a service offering which allow members of the relevant superannuation fund to choose from a large number of underlying financial products made available by or through the platform. MIML, as trustee, holds assets on trust for the members of the superannuation fund. As a result, members do not have a legal entitlement to exercise any voting rights in respect of individual investments held within their superannuation or pension account. Instead, MIML will exercise voting rights, on behalf of the superannuation fund, in accordance with this Policy.

MIML considers that its fiduciary obligations are best served when MIML acts in a manner that equitably protects and preserves the value and the financial interests of the members in the fund.

Therefore, MIML will exercise voting rights or the outsourcing thereof and/or other associated activities, on behalf of its members, where MIML considers that its ability to significantly influence the outcome of a resolution is probable and the estimated benefit associated with the resolution outweighs the estimated cost having regard to the interests of the members in the fund.

For the purposes of this Policy, MIML considers that the *ability to significantly influence* the outcome of a resolution is satisfied where the superannuation fund holds at least five per cent of shares on issue. MIML monitors voting announcements for securities above this threshold on a monthly basis.

#### Superannuation Proxy Voting Principles

MIML appreciates that in some cases, it has the potential to influence resolutions, corporate governance and policy by the exercise of voting rights. In exercising these rights, MIML has regard to the following:

- (a) MIML will vote for, against, abstain from voting or not vote on a resolution, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant PDS, this Policy and the best financial interests of the members of the fund;
- (b) MIML will ordinarily not vote in favour of resolutions or actions imposing differential voting rights, share classes or "poison pill" or other anti-takeover provisions which seek to deter appropriate takeover offers, where MIML reasonably perceives this to be the case;
- (c) MIML's general preference is to support and vote in favour of a Board or management recommendation. However, where MIML reasonably perceives a recommendation is inconsistent with members' best financial interests, the recommendation will not be supported;
- (d) MIML will not vote where it is excluded from so doing by law, regulation or in cases of conflicts of interest or duty that cannot be reasonably managed;
- (e) in some instances, for example, where MIML reasonably considers that members lack the ability to significantly influence the outcome of a resolution and/or the estimated cost associated with a resolution outweighs the estimated benefit, MIML may determine that the members' best financial interests are served by not voting or abstaining from voting;
- (f) if MIML reasonably perceives that a resolution is divisive or raises contentious issues, MIML will be guided by the best financial interests of the members; and

(g) MIML will not vote in instances where there is insufficient time to conduct thorough due diligence following notification of a vote. Refer to section 4 for operational times to process votes.

#### Disclosures

MIML will publish a summary of its proxy voting activities relating to the superannuation wrap platform website 20 business days following the end of the financial year. This Policy and Proxy Voting Register are available free of charge upon request.

### 4. IDPS

In accordance with the IDPS Guide, ordinarily voting rights are not available to IDPS investors on resolutions. If an investor requests that MIML vote and, in line with the IDPS Guide, MIML does not vote, MIML will notify the investor. However, MIML will vote as required by law and also where MIML receives a written request from an investor and one or more of the below circumstances are satisfied:

- (a) fulfilling MIML's obligations under applicable laws and regulations; or
- (b) where the investors are 'key management personnel', as defined by the Corporations Act 2001 and are otherwise entitled to vote; or
- (c) where investors hold a material interest that in MIML's opinion could reasonably be expected to impact the outcome of a resolution and are otherwise entitled to vote.

For the purposes of this Policy, MIML considers *material interest* to be five per cent or more of an investment's total shares on issue.

#### Operational times to process votes

Individual client elections are to be received 48hours before voting closes. Voting usually closes 48hours before the meeting. Therefore, Custody must receive the final accurate vote 96 hours before the meeting date and time.

## 5. CONTACTS AND DISCLAIMERS

If you have any questions regarding this Policy or you need further information, please contact  $1800\ 025\ 063$  or email wrapsolutions@macquarie.com.

This document does not take into account a client's objectives, financial situation or needs and, before acting on this information, clients should consider whether it is appropriate to their situation.

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