

## News Release

<b>Date:</b>	13 March 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	Computershare releases comprehensive review of the 2013 Australian company meetings season

**Melbourne – 13 March 2014** Computershare Limited (ASX: CPU) announced today that it had released the most comprehensive review of company meetings held in Australia during 2013, with the publication of its fifth annual research report on 12 March 2014.

More than 770 ASX-listed companies' meetings were analysed as part of this year's report, which identified a number of trends including declining meeting attendance, increasing voted capital and fewer companies receiving a strike against their remuneration report in 2013.

Greg Dooley, Managing Director of Computershare Investor Services Australia, said that this year's report will give companies valuable insights to assist their planning for company meetings in 2014 and beyond.

"Our analysis gives our clients and other key industry participants vital intelligence on a range of AGM considerations, from voting trends all the way through to how many shareholders are attending meetings.

There's no other resource that covers the breadth of information on meetings from such a significant number of ASX-listed companies as our 2013 report," Dooley concluded.

This year's report explores:

- How the total amount of issued capital voted across Computershare clients increased in 2013 to 45.3%, up from 42.9% in 2012. At the same time the number of investors voting continued to decrease, down to 5.3% in 2013 from the previous year's 5.9%.
- The impact of an increasing number of digital options for voting and how 10% of investors who voted online used a mobile device to lodge their proxy in 2013.
- How companies are dealing with the two strikes legislation in its third year of operation. The report shows that in 2013 fewer companies received a first strike and a similar number of companies received a second strike compared with 2012.
- The fact that investors continued to be confused by the practical application of the two strikes policy, with a number of companies that faced a second strike receiving a higher vote in favour of the spill resolution than the vote against the remuneration report.

[Click here](#) to download the report.

Also this week, Computershare's Global Capital Markets team has launched its latest piece of thought leadership titled *Transparency of share ownership, shareholder communication and voting in global capital markets*. This report explores in-depth the market structures, regulations and practices at work in different countries, and allows the drawing of comparisons between various markets. To access this special report, please [click here](#).

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Founded in 1978, Computershare is renowned for its expertise in high integrity data management, high volume transaction processing and reconciliations, payments and stakeholder engagement. Many of the world's leading organisations use us to streamline and maximise the value of relationships with their investors, employees, creditors and customers.

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