

The WIA board has discussed potential delivery and return mail delays due to several issues, the main concern being Covid-19 associated delays affecting the Australia post mail service. Most affected are WIA members in regional Australia and especially those residing in Western Australia who are currently experiencing extreme postal delays.

The WIA board by directive has addressed this issue and the Ballot Regulation Document has been amended.

The initial election closing date of March 27<sup>th</sup> is now extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

*“Section 6. (g) The ballot is to close on or before 30th April of the election year, and the ballot must be open for a minimum of 21 days and a maximum of 42 days from the date the ballot papers are posted.”*

These changes are reasonable and accommodating as Section 14.1 of the WIA constitution states:

“14.1 Election of Directors

Election of Directors shall be conducted before each annual general meeting by postal ballot or electronic means in accordance with the WIA Ballot regulations as amended by the Board from time to time.”

John Marshall  
2021 Returning Officer  
WIA election of Directors