

Proposed Merger – Executive Summary

Background

Five State Huntington's Associations (all excluding Victoria) have been working together since 2020 on a plan to increase cooperation and collaboration. This developed into a plan to create a national organisation by merging their operations into a single National Entity to be known as Huntington's Australia.

The reasons and opportunities driving this plan are:

- Lack of current, individual State Association viability across all areas of operation;
- Prospect of sharing knowledge and resources and reducing duplication;
- More and enhanced services and supports to the Huntington's community;
- Greater combined capacity and reach;
- More potent advocacy as a single entity.

Following a detailed feasibility study, the Boards of the five State Associations have all voted to progress the merger proposal by putting the question to our members. In order to achieve the recommended outcome, Members of State Associations need to vote on a Special Resolution at a General Meeting and the vote needs to achieve a 75% majority to pass.

The Special Resolution

The detail of the Special Resolution is provided in the attached document, *Proposed Merger – Explanatory Statement*. The intent of the resolution is to amend the constitutions of all participating State Huntington's Associations to the extent necessary to enable the merger to proceed and eventually transfer assets and liabilities to the New Entity and wind up the Associations. A vote for the constitutional changes is a vote for progressing with the merger. A further special resolution to wind up will be put to members once we are ready to finalise this process.

If this Special Resolution is passed, the Boards and staff of the State Associations and the New Entity will work over the first half of 2023 to implement the merger plan, commencing operations of the New Entity on 1 July 2023.

Current services will be maintained and indeed expanded over time. Each State will have a Community Advisory Committee to support the ongoing engagement of the New Entity and its management with the local Huntington's community and their needs and aspirations.