

# NEWS RELEASE

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WESTERN AREAS LTD



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## EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR SHARE PURCHASE PLAN

Western Areas Limited ("Western Areas" or the "Company") advises that it will extend the closing date for its share purchase plan announced to ASX on 9 March 2021 (SPP) by two weeks. The SPP will now close at 5.00 pm (Perth time) on Tuesday, 20 April 2021 (previously Tuesday 6 April) to allow eligible shareholders additional time to participate. The decision to extend the closing date was taken due to mailing delays related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on postal services, and potential timing issues with Easter public holidays, in order to ensure all eligible shareholders have an opportunity to participate in the offer.

Shareholders who have already applied for shares under the SPP are not required to re-submit their application form. Shareholders may apply for additional shares (up to a maximum of \$30,000), on the terms and conditions set out in the SPP Booklet released to ASX on 15 March 2021 (SPP Booklet).

Other than consequential changes to the SPP timetable as a result of the extension of the closing date, all terms of the SPP remain the same. The Company encourages eligible shareholders to read the SPP Booklet carefully and in full as you will be bound by the SPP terms and conditions if you apply to participate in the SPP.

The revised timetable for the SPP is as follows:

Event	Date
Record Date for determining Eligible Shareholders	5:00 pm (Perth time) Monday, 8 March 2021
Opening Date	Monday, 15 March 2021
Closing Date	5.00 pm (Perth time) Tuesday, 20 April 2021
Issue of New Shares under the SPP	Thursday, 29 April 2021
New Shares issued under the SPP expected to commence trading	Friday, 30 April 2021
Dispatch of holding statements	Friday, 30 April 2021

*The timetable is indicative only and remains subject to change at the Company's absolute discretion, subject to compliance with applicable laws and the ASX Listing Rules. The Company reserves the right to change the timetable or cancel the SPP at any time before shares are issued under the SPP, subject to regulatory requirements. The Company encourages eligible shareholders who wish to participate in the SPP to act promptly in submitting their application forms. The Company reserves the right to close the SPP early, in its sole and absolute discretion, should it be considered necessary to do so, by making an announcement to ASX.*

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