# notice of annual meeting 2023

# Chorus Limited's 2023 annual meeting of shareholders will be held as a hybrid meeting (in-person and online).

### Where

In-person: Chorus' Wellington office Aon Centre Level 10, 1 Willis Street Wellington

### Online:

via Computershare's online meeting platform:

### https://meetnow.global/nz

You are encouraged to read this Notice (including the Explanatory Notes and Procedural Notes) and the instructions on the Proxy/ Voting Form carefully.

### When

Wednesday 8 November 2023 commencing at 2.00pm (New Zealand time)

### Important dates

All times are given in New Zealand time unless otherwise specified.

### 6 November 2023, 2.00pm

Latest time for receipt of Proxy Forms

### 6 November 2023, 5.00pm

Record date for voting entitlements for the Annual Meeting

### 8 November 2023, 2.00pm

Annual Meeting

## **Business**

Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought appropriate, to pass the following ordinary resolutions:

### **Election and re-election of Directors**

- 1. That Ms Kate Jorgensen be re-elected as a Chorus director.
- 2. That Mr Jack Matthews be re-elected as a Chorus director.

See Explanatory Note 1.

### **Auditor Fees and Expenses**

That the Board be authorised to fix the fees and expenses of KPMG as auditor.

See Explanatory Note 2.

### By order of the Board

Elaine Campbell Chief Corporate Officer & General Counsel 4 October 2023



**Kate Jorgensen** MTF, BBus, CA

Director since 1 July 2020 Independent

Kate brings a wealth of experience in strategic, financial, and audit matters, with several senior leadership positions held in NZ's telecommunications, infrastructure, and construction industries. Her focus on governance, risk management and sustainability has earned her the respect of stakeholders

Kate also serves on the boards of Suncorp NZ and Kiwibank. She has held senior positions as CFO of Vodafone NZ, KiwiRail, and Fletcher Building's infrastructure division. Kate is an impact coach with the Springboard Trust and was a member of the Sustainable Business Council Advisory Board.

She holds a Masters in Technological Futures and a Bachelor of Business, is a Chartered Accountant of Australia and New Zealand, and a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors.

Kate is chair of our Audit and Risk Management Committee.



**Jack Matthews**BA Philosophy, College of William and Mary

Director since 1 July 2017 Independent

Jack is an experienced director who has held a number of senior leadership positions within the media, telecommunications and technology industries in Australia and New Zealand.

Jack has extensive telecommunications industry experience having been CEO of TelstraSaturn during the period they deployed their HFC network in New Zealand, as well as a former director of Crown Fibre Holdings, the Crown agency overseeing the rollout of New Zealand's fibre infrastructure network.

Formerly, Jack was CEO of Fairfax Media's Metro Division, CEO of Fairfax Digital and Chief Operating Officer of Jupiter TV (Japan).

Jack is currently the chair of Lodestone Energy, and a former director of New Zealand Golf Network Limited, Plexure Group, The Network for Learning, APN Outdoor Group, and Trilogy International.

Jack is a member of our Audit and Risk Management Committee.

# **Explanatory Notes**

### **Explanatory Note 1: Election and re-election of Directors**

The NZX Listing Rules provide that a director of an issuer must not hold office (without re-election) past the third annual meeting following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer.

Accordingly, Kate Jorgensen and Jack Matthews, who were last elected at the 2020 Annual Meeting, are retiring from office at this year's Annual Meeting and offer themselves for re-election.

Ms Jorgensen and Mr Matthews are standing with the full support of the Board. The Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote in favour of their re-election. The Board has determined that each of Ms Jorgensen and Mr Matthews is an independent director.

A biographical background of each director standing for re-election is set out above.

### **Explanatory Note 2: Auditor fees and expenses**

KPMG are currently Chorus' auditors and will be automatically reappointed under the Companies Act 1993. Under the Companies Act, auditor fees and expenses must be fixed in the manner determined at the Annual Meeting. Shareholder approval is, therefore, sought to authorise the Board to fix the fees and expenses of KPMG as auditor.

# **Attending the Annual Meeting - instructions**

Shareholders can attend the meeting either in person at Chorus' Wellington offices, or virtually through the Computershare meeting platform <a href="https://meetnow.global/nz">https://meetnow.global/nz</a>.

To access the meeting virtually, click 'Go' under the Chorus meeting and then click 'JOIN MEETING NOW'. By using the meeting platform, you will be able to watch the meeting, vote and ask questions online using your smartphone, tablet or desktop device. Please refer to the Virtual Meeting Guide for more information. You will need the latest version of Chrome, Safari or Edge to access the meeting. Please ensure your browser is compatible.

If you have any questions, or need assistance with the online process, please contact Computershare on +64 9 488 8777 between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Audio will stream through the selected device, so shareholders will need to ensure that they have the volume control on their headphones or device turned up.

Shareholders attending virtually will be able to view the presentations, vote on the resolutions to be put to shareholders and ask questions, by using their own computers or mobile devices. Shareholders will still be able to appoint a proxy to vote for them or send a postal vote, as they otherwise would, by following the instructions on the proxy form and this Notice of Annual Meeting.

Details of how to participate 'virtually' are provided in the accompanying Virtual Meeting Guide, with instructions for accessing the virtual meeting. Shareholders are encouraged to review this guide prior to the Annual Meeting.

Shareholders will require their CSN/Securityholder Number, which can be found on their proxy and postal voting form, for verification purposes.

### **Procedural Notes**

### **Voting entitlements**

The persons who will be entitled to vote on the resolutions at the Annual Meeting are those persons who are Chorus shareholders at 5:00pm on Monday, 6 November 2023.

### **Casting your vote**

You may cast your vote using one of the following options:

 Before the Annual Meeting: If you wish, you can vote prior to the Annual Meeting (up until 2.00pm on Monday, 6 November 2023) on the website of Chorus' share registry, Computershare Investor Services Limited at: <a href="https://www.investorvote.co.nz">www.investorvote.co.nz</a>

### 2. At the Annual Meeting:

If you wish, you can vote at the Annual Meeting either;

In-person: If you wish you can attend the Annual Meeting and vote. Voting will be by way of poll. You must bring the Proxy/ Voting form with you to vote.

### Online at: <a href="https://meetnow.global/nz">https://meetnow.global/nz</a>

For more information about voting at the Annual Meeting, please refer to the Virtual Meeting Guide that accompanies this Notice of Meeting.

- 3. Appoint a proxy to vote: You may appoint a proxy or corporate representative (if the shareholder is a body corporate) to attend the Annual Meeting, to act generally at the meeting and to vote on your behalf. Your proxy does not need to be a Chorus shareholder. To do this, you should complete the Proxy/Voting Form. It must be returned to the share registrar by 2.00pm on Monday 6 November 2023. You may return your Proxy/Voting Form by:
  - Completing the Proxy/Voting Form and either posting it or faxing it to the share registrar; or
  - Completing the Proxy/Voting Form online at www.investorvote.co.nz

### **Proxy/voting forms**

The Proxy/Voting Form allows you to vote either for or against, or abstain from, the resolutions notified in the Notice of Meeting.

If you appoint a Chorus director as your proxy to vote on your behalf, then any undirected proxies granted to the director will be voted in favour of the relevant resolutions.

If, in appointing a proxy, you have inadvertently not named someone to be your proxy, or your named proxy does not attend the Annual Meeting, the Chair of the meeting will be your proxy and will vote in accordance with your express direction.

Chorus directors are not able to speak at the Annual Meeting on behalf of a shareholder who appoints them as their proxy. If you wish to be heard at the meeting you should either participate online or appoint a proxy other than a Chorus director.

To assist shareholders wishing to exercise their voting rights at the Annual Meeting (whether online or by proxy), the Proxy/Voting Form accompanying this Notice of Meeting has been personalised with individual shareholder details. The Proxy/Voting Form shows your current shareholding. If, at 5:00pm on 6 November 2023, your shareholding is different from that shown on the Proxy/Voting Form, it will be updated by Chorus' share registry, Computershare Investor Services Limited.

### **Method of voting**

Voting on all resolutions put before the Annual Meeting will be by poll. Results of the voting will be available after the conclusion of the meeting, and will be notified on the NZX and ASX.

### **Voting Thresholds**

Items of business 1 to 3 are ordinary resolutions and required to be passed by a simple majority of the votes of those shareholders entitled to vote and voting on the resolutions.

### **Questions for the Annual Meeting**

If you wish to submit written questions to be considered at the Annual Meeting, please email or post them to Elaine Campbell, Chief Corporate Officer & General Counsel , at the following addresses:

### Elaine Campbell

Chief Corporate Officer & General Counsel Chorus Limited PO Box 632 Wellington 6140

Email: company.secretary@chorus.co.nz

### **Share Registrar**

Chorus' share registrar in New Zealand and Australia is Computershare.

You can manage your shareholding online via the Computershare investor centre. To change your address, update your payment instructions and to view your investment portfolio including transactions, please visit <a href="https://www.investorcentre.com/nz">www.investorcentre.com/nz</a>.

The addresses for the share registrar are:

### **New Zealand**

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### **Presentations**

A copy of the presentations from the Annual Meeting will be available for viewing on Chorus' website after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.