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Carbon Energy Limited (ASX: CNX) Appendix 4G and 2017 Corporate Governance Statement

Please find attached the Appendix 4G and 2017 Corporate Governance Statement in accordance with ASX Listing Rules 4.7.3, 4.7.4 and 4.10.3.

Yours sincerely

Ye-Fei Guo and Ian Morgan

Joint Company Secretaries

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of	f entity:			
C	Carbon Energy Limited			
ABN / AI	RBN:	Financial year ended:		
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Our coi	rporate governance statement ² for the a	above period above can be found at:3		
	These pages of our annual report:	rt:		
	This URL on our website:	http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/irm/content/corporate-governance.aspx?RID=181		
The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 27 October 2017 and has been approved by the board.				
The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.				
Date:		27 October 2017		
Name of Director or Secretary authorising lan Morgan and Ye-Fei Guo lodgement: (Joint Company Secretaries)				

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of rule 4.10.3.

Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "<u>OR</u>" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "<u>OR</u>" at the end of the selection.

¹ Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

² "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

³ Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \dots^4
PRINC	PLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVE	RSIGHT	
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management): at	

⁴ If you have followed all of the Council's recommendations in full for the whole of the period above, you can, if you wish, delete this column from the form and re-format it.

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \ldots^4
1.5	 (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either: (1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act. 	the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Diversity at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Diversity and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] at [insert location] at [insert location] at [insert location]	 ⊠ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINCIP	LE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE		
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/NominationCommittee and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/irm/content/annual-report.aspx?RID=234 Refer - Annual Report 2017 or Financial Report 2017 [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	our board skills matrix: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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2.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; (b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director.	the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and the length of service of each director: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPI	LE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	our code of conduct or a summary of it: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	PLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING		
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/AuditRiskCommittee and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/irm/content/annual-report.aspx?RID=234 Refer - Annual Report 2017 or Financial Report 2017 [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ⊠ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPI	E 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE			
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPI	LE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS		•	
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	information about us and our governance on our website: at www.carbonenergy.com.au		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]		an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK		
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/AuditRiskCommittee and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/irm/content/annual-report.aspx?RID=234 Refer - Annual Report 2017 or Financial Report 2017 [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks: In our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/RemunerationCommittee and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/irm/content/annual-report.aspx?RID=234 Refer - Annual Report 2017 or Financial Report 2017 [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	our policy on this issue or a summary of it: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
ADDITIO	NAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED	LISTED ENTITIES	
-	Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities: The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose: (a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity; (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities: An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement



Corporate Governance

Carbon Energy Limited

Corporate Governance Statement – 2017

This corporate governance statement has been approved by the Board. It is current as at 27 October 2017.

The Board and senior executives of Carbon Energy Limited (**Company**) are committed to acting responsibly, ethically and with high standards of integrity as the Company strives to create shareholder value. The Company is committed to implementing the highest standards of corporate governance appropriate for a company of its size and operations. This corporate governance statement outlines the corporate governance practices in place or adopted by the Board by reference to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (3rd Edition) (**Recommendations**).

The Board considers and applies the Recommendations taking into account the circumstances of the Company. Where the Company's practices depart from a Recommendation, this corporate governance statement identifies the area of divergence and reasons for it, or the alternative practices adopted by the Company.

The documents that govern the Company's corporate governance framework, including its Constitution, charters and policies are set out at the end of this corporate governance statement, together with links to where those documents can be accessed on the Company's website.

Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

1.1 Disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of board and management and those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management

The Board and executives are committed to acting responsibly, ethically and with high standards of integrity as the Company strives to create shareholder value. The Board is responsible for the strategic direction of the Company with oversight and review of the management and administration of the Company.

It is the role of senior executives to manage the Company in accordance with the direction and delegation of the Board and the responsibility of the Board to provide leadership to, and oversee the activities of management in carrying out these delegated duties.

The respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, its Committees and senior executives are set out in the Board and Committee Charters. These Charters are available on the Company's website. Details on the number of meetings held throughout the year and attendance at those meetings can be found in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

1.2 Companies should carry out appropriate checks of board candidates and provide information to shareholders that is material to their candidacy

The Board has established policies and procedures that apply to the appointment of new Directors, which include checks as to the person's character, experience, education and appropriate background checks. At each annual general meeting (**AGM**), the Company provides shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

1.3 Companies should have a written agreement with each director and executive setting out the terms of their appointment

Non-Executive Directors are provided a formal letter of appointment which sets out their duties and responsibilities, rights and remuneration entitlements. Senior executives are employed under individual service contracts which set out their terms of employment including details of their duties, responsibilities, rights and remuneration entitlements.

1.4 The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Chair of the Board for matters relevant to the Board

The Company Secretaries are directly accountable to the Board in relation to matters of governance. The Company Secretaries' role includes advising the Board and its committees on governance matters, monitoring that policy and procedures are followed, coordinating the timely completion and despatch of Board papers and ensuring that the business at meetings is accurately captured in the minutes.

The Company Secretaries are accessible to all Directors. The Board is responsible for the appointment and removal of the Company Secretaries.

1.5 Companies should have a policy concerning diversity and disclose that policy, together with measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and its progress towards achieving those objectives

The Board has adopted a diversity policy, which sets out the Company's commitment to diversity and inclusion in the workplace (**Diversity Policy**). The Diversity Policy does not include a requirement for the Board to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Company aims to achieve an appropriate mix of diversity on its Board, in senior executives and throughout the Company. Given the small size of the Company workforce, the Board has determined that it is not currently necessary or practicable to establish measurable objectives in this area.

The proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the Board as at 30 June 2017 are set out in the following table:

Whole Organisation
Senior Executives Positions
Non-Executive Directors

Proportion of women

1 out of 10 (10%) 1 out of 5 (20%) Nil

The Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website.

The Company is not a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (Cth).

1.6 Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors

The performance of the Board, each Board Committee and each individual Director is evaluated under the direction of the Chair. An appropriate questionnaire is completed by all Directors on a bi-annual basis. The results are collated and then discussed by the Board to ensure all points of view are considered and learnings addressed.

A performance evaluation was not undertaken during the year ended 30 June 2017.

1.7 Companies should disclose the process for evaluating the performance of senior executives

Senior executives are subject to annual performance evaluations following the end of each financial year. This involves the assessment of performance against specific measurable criteria, taking into account the Company's strategy and objectives. Senior executives are required to prepare their strategic objectives for review and approval by the Board, which assess performance against these objectives, taking into account the person's ongoing suitability for the relevant role.

Details on management performance incentives and remuneration are contained in the remuneration report section of the Directors' Report, in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

A performance evaluation was not undertaken during the year ended 30 June 2017.

Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

There are three Directors of the Company. Mr Peter Hogan (Chairman) is an independent and non-executive Director. Mr Huihai Zhuang is a non-executive Director and not independent. Mr George Su Su is an interim executive Director and not independent.

Directors during the financial year are listed in the Company's 2017 Annual Report, with a brief description of their qualifications, appointment date, experience and special responsibilities.

2.1 The Board should establish an appropriately structured nomination committee

The Nomination Committee Charter sets out the Nomination Committee's role and responsibilities, which includes Board renewal, succession planning, induction and evaluation. Reflecting the current size and composition of the Board and Company, the Board has

elected to carry out the functions of the Nomination Committee. Details on the number of meetings held throughout the year and attendance at those meetings can be found in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

The Nomination Committee comprises the full Board and, unless a conflict exists, is chaired by the Chair of the Board.

From time to time, non-Committee members may be invited by the Committee to attend meetings of the Committee, if it is considered appropriate.

The Company considers that the Nomination Committee is appropriately structured given the nature and size of the Company and the extensive knowledge of Directors regarding the Company and its business.

For this reason, the Company takes the view that it is in the best interests of members that Directors are members of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee's Charter is available on the Company's website.

2.2 The Board should establish and disclose a board skills matrix on the skills and diversity for Board membership

The Board considers that there is currently an appropriate mix of skills, diversity and experience on the Board, taking into account the size of the Company, the stage of its development and the nature of its operations. The Company seeks to maintain a Board with a broad range of financial, industry and other relevant skills, experience and knowledge. The Board has developed a matrix to consider the appropriate mix of skills, experience, expertise and diversity across its current membership and to assist in identifying what may be required of candidates in the event a new director is required.

Skills and Experience of Directors	
Resource and/or Oil & Gas Industry Experience	√√√
CEO Experience	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$
Legal and/or Commercial	✓ ✓
Financial	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$
Stakeholder	✓ ✓
Board Governance & Diversity	$\checkmark\checkmark\checkmark$

2.3 The Company should disclose whether its Directors are independent

The independence of Directors was measured during the reporting period having regard to the Company's Assessing the Independence of Directors Policy (Independence Policy), which provides that an independent director will be determined by reference to the defining characteristics as set out in Box 2.3 of the Recommendations. The Independence Policy also provides that an independent director is a director who is not a member of management and is free of any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with, the independent exercise of their judgement.

The Independence Policy is available on the Company's website.

The following table sets out the Directors of the Company during the reporting period, including their length of service up to the date of this corporate governance statement and non-executive and independent status.

Name	Appointment date	Resignation date	Current length of Service	Non- executive?	Independent?
Peter Hogan	29 August 2008	N/a	9 years 2 month	Yes	Yes
Huihai Zhuang	29 October 2015	N/a	2 years	Yes	No
George Su Su (Mr Zhuang's alternate)	4 December 2015	9 March 2017	1 year 3 months	Yes	No
George Su Su (Non- Executive Director)	9 March 2017	N/a	8 months	Yes	No
George Su Su (Interim Executive Director)	19 July 2017	N/a	2 months	No	No
Morné Engelbrecht	23 July 2013	12 August 2016	3 years	No	No
Helen Garnett	6 September 2010	13 March 2017	6 years 6 months	Yes	Yes
Kerry Parker	1 September 2016	5 April 2017	7 months	No	No
Chris Rawlings	1 July 2011	9 March 2017	5 years 8 months	Yes	Yes
Louis Rozman	7 April 2010	10 October 2016	6 years 6 months	Yes	No

2.4 The majority of the Board should be comprised of independent Directors

The Board comprises one independent Director (Mr Peter Hogan) and two non-independent Directors. The majority of the Board is not comprised of independent Directors.

The Company considers that the Board is appropriately structured given the nature and size of the Company and the extensive knowledge of Directors regarding the Company and its business.

2.5 The Chair should be an independent Director and should not be the same person as the CEO

Mr Peter Hogan is an independent non-executive Chairman. The roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are not exercised by the same individual. The Board Charter sets out distinct responsibilities of each role.

2.6 The Board should establish a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for Directors

New Directors are provided with a formal letter of appointment and induction pack, which includes a range of information to allow them to gain an understanding of their rights and responsibilities, the role of the Board, its Committees and senior executives and the Company's financial, strategic, operational and risk management policies and position. The Board Charter provides that the Company Secretaries are responsible for arranging an induction program for any new director to enable the Director to gain an understanding of matters including the Company's operations and the industry in which it operates, the

Company's culture and values, and its financial, strategic, operational and risk management position. The program may include presentations and meetings with Directors and senior executives and site visits. Directors are encouraged to undertake professional development opportunities as and when required in order to further develop and maintain their skills and knowledge.

Principle 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision making

3.1 Companies should establish a Code of Conduct

The Company has established a Code of Conduct (**Code**), which applies to all Directors, senior executives and staff (**Employees**). The Code promotes practices that aim to foster the Company's key values, which include providing a safe and healthy work environment, encouraging Employees to act with fairness, honesty and integrity, being aware of and abiding by relevant laws and regulations and maintaining high standards of professional behaviour. Employees are expected to be honest and ethical in their dealings with each other and all stakeholders. Employees are responsible for actively reporting any inappropriate behaviour, corrupt practices or any breaches of the law or the Code. In order to do so employees are encouraged to follow the steps outlined in the Whistleblower Policy.

A summary of the Code and the Whistleblower Policy are available on the Company's website.

Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting

4.1 The Board should establish an appropriately structured audit committee

The Audit and Risk Committee comprises the full Board. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is also the Chairman of the Board.

The Audit Committee meets at least twice a year. The attendees are the Audit Committee Members, External Auditor, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretaries

The Audit and Risk Committee and the Board discuss, directly with the auditors, relevant financial aspects of the Company. Information about the selection and appointment of the external auditor and regarding the rotation of external audit engagement partners is set out in the Company's Selection and Appointment of External Auditor Policy.

Membership of the Audit Committee, including members' qualifications and experience, are set out in the Company's 2017 Annual Report. Details on the number of meetings held throughout the year and attendance at those meetings can be found in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

This Audit Committee structure is considered to be commercially cost effective, and appropriate to the Company's small size and structure.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter which sets out the Committee's role and responsibilities, composition, structure and membership requirements is available on the Company's website.

4.2 CEO and CFO certification of financial statements

Prior to Board approval of the Company's annual financial reports, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer provide the Board with declarations required under section 295A of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and Recommendation 4.2.

For the periodic financial reports provided during the year, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer provided the Board with declarations that, in their opinion, the financial records of Company had been properly maintained and that the financial statements complied with the appropriate accounting standards and gave a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and that those opinions had been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which was operating effectively.

4.3 External auditor availability at AGM

The external auditor attends the Company's Annual General Meeting and is available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and preparation and conduct of the Independent Auditor's Report. Shareholders are also given the opportunity to submit written questions prior to the meeting. The Company considers that this is important in promoting and encouraging shareholder participation and reflects and supports the roles of the auditor and the auditor's accountability to shareholders.

Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

5.1 Companies should establish continuous disclosure policies and ensure compliance with those policies

The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy that sets out the policies and procedures relating to:

- the reporting of price sensitive information to a Company Secretary for review;
- the preparation, approval and release of announcements containing price sensitive information or potentially price sensitive information to the market; and
- compliance by the Company with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Corporations
 Act and ASX Listing Rules, and to ensure accountability at a senior executive level for that
 compliance.

The Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.

Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders

6.1 The Company should provide information about itself and its governance to shareholders on its website

The Company's website <u>www.carbonenergy.com.au</u> provides detailed information about its business and operations.

The Investor Centre section of the website provides helpful information to shareholders and a link to the Company's share registrar, Link Market Services. The Investor Centre also provides an investor fact sheet, investor FAQs, analyst reports and webcasts.

The Announcements & Reports section contains ASX and media announcements, industry news, roadshow and investor presentations and annual and periodic reports.

Shareholders can find information about the Company's corporate governance practices on the website within the Corporate Governance section under About Us. This includes the Company's Constitution, Board and Committee Charters and the Company's other corporate governance policies.

6.2 The Company should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with shareholders

The Company is committed to engaging with shareholders and using a variety of tools to facilitate effective two-way communication. In doing so it has adopted a Shareholder Communications Policy which outlines the range of media used to communicate with shareholders and the types of information provided. The Company encourages participation by shareholders at the Company's general meetings, investor presentations and via the contact details provided on the Company's website.

The Shareholder Communications Policy is available on the Company's website.

6.3 The Company should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of shareholders

The Company sees general meetings as an important forum for reciprocal communication between itself and shareholders. Such meetings allow opportunities for shareholders to hear from and put questions to the Board, senior executives and the external auditor. In order to maximise shareholder participation at general meetings, and to enable those shareholders who are unable to attend, the Company welcomes questions or comments to be submitted prior to the meeting. Such questions or comments will, where appropriate, be answered or responded to at the general meeting, either verbally or in writing.

6.4 The Company should provide the option to send and receive communications from the Company and its Share Registry in electronic form

The Company provides shareholders with the option of receiving communications from, and sending communications to, the Company and Share Registry electronically, for reasons of cost, convenience and environmental considerations. The Company provides a printed copy of the Annual Report only to those shareholders who have specifically elected to receive a printed copy. Other shareholders are advised that the Annual Report is available on the Company's website.

Shareholders are encouraged to register on the Company website to receive email alerts of ASX announcements and media releases and other news.

The Company's share register is managed and maintained by Link Market Services Limited. Shareholders can access their shareholding details or make enquiries about their

shareholding electronically through the Link Market Services Investor Centre or by emailing registrars@linkmarketservices.com.au.

Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

7.1 The Company should establish an appropriately structured risk management committee for the oversight of material business risks

The Audit and Risk Committee has the responsibility to establish policies on the system of internal control and management of financial and business risks.

Risk matters are raised with the Audit Committee, which in turn manages these matters raised and reports to the full Board.

This Audit Committee structure is considered to be commercially cost effective, and appropriate to the Company's small size and structure.

7.2 The Board or a Committee of the Board should review the Company's risk framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound

During the year ended 30 June 2017, the Board managed the Company's material business risks.

The Company is required to regularly review procedures, and ensure timely identification of disclosure material and materiality thresholds.

Materiality judgments are made on a case-by-case basis, when all the facts are available. When establishing a preliminary assessment of materiality, the Company has regard to:

- the reliability of management information;
- factors which may indicate deviations from normal activities; and
- qualitative factors which impact on the materiality of individual misstatements, to assess:
 - o the significance of the misstatement to the particular entity;
 - o the pervasiveness of the misstatement; and
 - the effect of misstatement.

7.3 The Company should disclose the structure and role of its internal audit function

The Company does not retain a dedicated internal audit function. The Board considers this is appropriate, taking into account the Company's stage of development, the scale of its operations and the relative simplicity of its finance function. The internal audit function performed by senior management comprises:

 regular review and testing of the adequacy of controls for risks identified as in the higher range;

- management confirmation on a periodic basis that the assessment of identified risks and their controls remain appropriate; and
- identification of any new risks or enhanced controls that may be required.

Where considered appropriate, external guidance may be sought on specific risks or controls. The Audit and Risk Committee regularly discusses the appropriateness of controls with the external auditor and if considered necessary would initiate an audit of a particular function.

7.4 The Company should disclose their economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and how those risks are managed

Managing economic sustainability is central to the Company's operation and ongoing viability. The most significant risk currently being managed is cash resources and the Company's ability to secure further licensing and technology services revenue streams as well as additional capital investment. The Company ensures its organisational structure includes appropriate resources to manage these risks. A key focus of senior executives is on securing sustaining financial resources and optimising existing cash resources and, where required, external advisors will be engaged to assist senior executives.

The Company has invested significantly in proving its environmental credentials through its Bloodwood Creek pilot study site. In 2015, the Company submitted its Decommissioning Report and a Rehabilitation Plan to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (**DEHP**). These reports demonstrated that the Company's gas production technology is safe, effective, highly controlled and minimises impact on groundwater volumes and quality. In relation to the management of ongoing environmental sustainability and the potential associated risks, the Company meets all its compliance obligations and reports appropriately to designated statutory bodies. Sampling procedures that follow industry best practice have been adopted including samples being sent to two independent laboratories for analysis every month. All data captured through the monitoring process is analysed thoroughly to ensure the Company can respond quickly in the event there is any variance in the data collected.

Community support is considered the most significant social sustainability risk. At its Surat Basin, Queensland site the Company employs local community members and contractors and purchases most of its supplies through local suppliers. The Company engages with the broader community through active involvement in local community business groups and forums and is available to answer any concerns raised by the community.

Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

8.1 The Board should establish an appropriately structured remuneration committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises the full Board. The Chairman of the Remuneration Committee is also the Chairman of the Board.

The membership of the Remuneration Committee throughout the year under review, including their qualifications and experience are set out in the Company's 2017 Annual Report. Details on the number of meetings held throughout the year and attendance at those meetings can be found in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

The Remuneration Committee Charter, which sets out the Remuneration Committee's role and responsibilities, composition, structure and membership requirements is available on the Company's website.

8.2 The Company should distinguish between non-executive directors' remuneration and that of executive directors and senior executives

Non-Executive Directors are paid fees from an aggregate sum approved by shareholders of the Company. Non-Executive Directors are remunerated at a fixed fee for their time and responsibilities and their remuneration is not linked to the operating performance of the Company. There are no termination or retirement benefits for Non-Executive Directors other than superannuation.

Remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer and senior executives consists of a base salary, superannuation, fringe benefits and performance incentives. Performance incentives may include options granted at the discretion of the Board and subject to obtaining relevant approvals.

Details of remuneration, including the Company's policy on remuneration are contained in the Remuneration Report, which forms part of the Directors' Report in the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

8.3 The Company should establish a policy on whether participants in equity based remuneration schemes are able to enter into transactions which limit the economic risk of participating in those schemes

The Company's Securities Trading Policy specifically prohibits Directors and senior executives from entering into transactions that would limit the economic risk of any unvested entitlements under any equity-based remuneration schemes. Further, Directors and senior executives are prohibited from entering into margin loan arrangements or arrangements whereby their securities in the Company may be used as collateral, without prior approval. Breaches of this policy are regarded as serious misconduct.

Governance Documents

Constitution

http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Constitution

Charters

- Board http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/BoardCharter
- Audit and Risk Committee
 http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/AuditRiskCommittee
- Nomination Committee http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/NominationCommittee
- Remuneration Committee http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/RemunerationCommittee

Policies

- Assessing the Independence of Directors Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/IndependenceDirectors
- Securities Trading Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/SecuritiesTrading
- Code of Conduct (Summary)
 http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/CodeConduct
- Continuous Disclosure Policy (Summary)
 http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/ContinuousDisclosure
- Shareholder Communications Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/ShareholderCommunication
- Diversity Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Diversity
- Whistleblower Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Whistleblower
- Remuneration Policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/Remuneration
- Risk Management Policy (Summary)
 http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/RiskManagement
- Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption policy http://www.carbonenergy.com.au/AntiBriberyandCorruptionPolicy