# **Corporate Governance Statement**

This document discloses the extent to which the Company will follow, as at the date it is admitted to the official list of the ASX, the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in the fourth edition of its Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**ASX Recommendations**). The ASX Recommendations are not mandatory, however the ASX Recommendations that will not be followed have been identified and reasons provided for not following them along with what (if any) alternative governance practices the Company intends to adopt instead of the relevant ASX Recommendation.

All corporate governance policies have been adopted by the Company. All references to "the **Board**" below are references to the board of the Company. All references to "**Shareholders**" below are references to shareholders of the Company.

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	Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and oversight  A listed entity should establish and disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management and how their performance is monitored and evaluated.				
A liste	ed entity should disclose:	The Company complies with this recommendation.  The Board Charter sets out the principles for the operation of the Board and describes the functions of the Board and the functions delegated to management of the Company.			
(a) (b)	the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	Clause 2 of the Board Charter sets out the responsibilities and functions of the Board. The Board may delegate consideration to a committee of the Board specifically constituted for the relevant purpose.  Clauses 3 and 9 of the Board Charter set out the responsibilities delegated to the CEO, management and the company secretary.			
Reco	mmendation 1.2	The Company complies with this recommendation.			
A liste	ed entity should  undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to shareholders a candidate for election, as a director; and	Under the Board Charter, it is intended that the Board should compromise a mix of directors with a broad range of skills, expertise and experience from a diverse range of backgrounds selected on the basis of relevant experience, skill, judgement and leadership abilities to contribute to the effective direction of the Company.  Clause 6 of the Board Charter notes that in considering any selection, appointment or re-election to the Board, the Board will consider the pagessary and desirable competencies of any directors and proposed directors. Additionally, the Board will			
(b)	provide shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	will consider the necessary and desirable competencies of any directors and proposed directors. Additionally, the Board will ensure that the Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person or putting forward to securityholders a candidate for election.  Clause 6 also notes that the Board will ensure that the Company provides securityholders all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.			

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Recommendation 1.3  A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	The Company complies with this recommendation.  The Company will have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.
Recommendation 1.4  The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	The Company complies with this recommendation.  Clause 9 of the Board Charter provides that the company secretary is accountable to the Board through the Chair on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.
Recommendation 1.5  A listed entity should:  (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:  (i) 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	

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	(ii) 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 the Act.	
Reco	mmendation 1.6	The Company complies with this recommendation.
A listo	have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and	Clause 7 of the Board Charter provides that the Board will regularly carry out a formal review of its performance, its committees and each director.  The Board will disclose in relation to each reporting period whether a performance evaluation was undertaken.
(b)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	
Reco	mmendation 1.7	The Company complies with this recommendation.
A liste	ed entity should:  have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and	Clause 7 of the Board Charter provides that the Board will regularly carry out a formal review of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and other Senior Management against guidelines approved by the Board.  Clause 7 notes that each year the Board will confirm that this review has taken place.
(b)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	
	iple 2 – Structure the board to add value ed entity should have a board of an appropriate size,	composition, skills and commitment to enable it to discharge its duties effectively.
	mmendation 2.1 poard of a listed entity should:	The Company has adopted a Remuneration and Nomination Committee (RNC) Charter. Clause 2 of the RNC Charter notes that, to the extent practicable given the size and composition of the Board from time to time, the RNC will comprise of at

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(a)	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)  if it do disclorate that the skills, divers	a nomination committee which:  has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and is chaired by an independent director; and disclose the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; 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  oes not have a nomination committee, ose that fact and the processes it employs to ess board succession issues and to ensure he board has the appropriate balance of knowledge, experience, independence and sity to enable it to discharge its duties and onsibilities effectively.	least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors. In addition, the chair of the RNC is to be an independent director.  The Company complies with this recommendation. At the time of listing, the RNC will be comprised of two independent non-executive directors, being Andrew Dutton and Leanne Rowe, and one non-executive director, being Nathaniel Thomson. As at the date of listing, the chair of the RNC will be Andrew Dutton, an independent non-executive director.  The RNC Charter and the members of the RNC are to be disclosed by the Company.  The Company will, at the end of each reporting period, disclose in its annual report the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings is to be disclosed.
A list matri board	Recommendation 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.		The Company complies with this recommendation.  Clause 5 of the Board Charter sets out the aim of the Board to have an appropriate mix of skills, experience, expertise and diversity relevant to the Company's businesses and the Board's duties and responsibilities.  The Company's board skills matrix will be disclosed in the Company's Corporate Governance Statement.

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Recommendation 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 Company will disclose:  (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors (as at the date of listing, being Andrew Dutton, Leanne Rowe, Michael Stanford and Mark Haberlin);  (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.	
A ma	ommendation 2.4  ujority of the board of a listed entity should be beendent directors.	The Company complies with this recommendation.  Clause 5 of the Board Charter provides that the majority of the Board should, to the extent practicable given the size and composition of the Board from time to time, be comprised of independent directors. At the time of listing, the Board will be comprised of four independent directors and three non-independent directors.	
The dindep	chair of the board of a listed entity should be an bendent director and, in particular, should not be the e person as the CEO of the entity.	Clause 8 of the Board Charter provides that the chair of the Board must be a non-executive director and must not hold (or held in the previous 3 years) the office of Chief Executive Officer. The Board acknowledges the recommendation, however as at the date of listing the Company will not be in compliance with this recommendation, as the chair of the Board, Michael Alscher, is a non-independent director. Nevertheless, the Board believes that Michael Alscher brings objective and unbiased judgement to this position of chair of the Board and having regard to the Company, has considerable skills, experience and understanding of the Company's business which he will bring to the role of chair of the Board.	
A listed direction developments of the control of t	ed entity should have a program for inducting new tors and provide appropriate professional lopment opportunities for directors to develop and tain the skills and knowledge needed to perform role as directors effectively.	The Company complies with this recommendation.  Clause 10 of the Board Charter provides that new directors will be briefed on their roles and responsibilities and the minutes and papers of Board and committee meetings will be made available to them. It also provides that time will be allocated at Board and committee meetings for the continuing education of directors on significant issues facing the company and changes to the regulatory environment.	

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Princ	ciple 3	- Promote ethical and responsible decision	n making
A list	ted entit	ty should act ethically and responsibly	
Reco	ommen	dation 3.1	The Company complies with this recommendation.
A list	ted entit	ty should:	The Company has a Code of Conduct which applies to all employees, contractors, consultants, managers and directors of
(a)		a code of conduct for its directors, senior utives and employees; and	the Company.  A copy of the Company's Code of Conduct will be disclosed on its website.
(b)	disclo	ose that code or a summary of it.	
Recommendation 4.1  The board of a listed entity should:			The Company has established an Audit Committee which is governed by the Audit Committee Charter which sets out its roles and responsibilities.
	-	<ul> <li>Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting ty should have formal and rigorous processes to</li> </ul>	that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting
(a)		an audit committee which:	Clause 2 of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee should to the extent practicable, given the size and composition of the Board from time to time, comprise of:
	(i)		at least three members;
	are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and	non-executive directors; and	
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director, who	a majority of directors who are independent.
	is not the chair of the board,	Clause 2(c) of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the chair of the Audit Committee should be an independent non-	
		and disclose:	executive director who does not chair the Board. As at the date of listing, the chair of the Audit Committee will be Mark Haberlin, independent non-executive director. The Company complies with this recommendation. At the time of listing, the
	(iii)	the charter of the committee;	Audit Committee will be comprised of Mark Haberlin, Michael Stanford and Andrew Dutton.
	(iv)	the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and	The Audit Committee Charter will be disclosed on the Company's website and the Company's website will include an overview of the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee.
	(v)	in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual	Clause 3(a) of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee must meet at least two times annually or a frequently as is required to undertake its role effectively.

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attendances of the members at those meetings; or	The Company will, at the end of each reporting period, disclose in its annual report the number of times the Audit Committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings is to be disclosed.
(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.	
Recommendation 4.2	The Company complies with this recommendation.
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.	Clause 6 of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee will review the Company's financial statements with management and its external auditor before recommending that the Board approve the statements. The Audit Committee is also responsible for ensuring that appropriate processes are in place to form the basis upon which the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer provide the recommended declarations in relation to the Company's financial statements.
Recommendation 4.3	The Company complies with this recommendation.
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	Clause 8(b) of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the Company must ensure the external auditor attends the Company's AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.  Clause 5.3(a) of the Constitution of the Company requires that a notice of meeting be given to an auditor of the Company
audit.	(in the same way that a member of the Company is entitled to receive notice).

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Principle 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure  A listed entity should make timely and balanced disclosure of all matters concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities.			
Recommendation 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.	The Company complies with this recommendation.  The Company has in place a Disclosure Policy, a copy of which will be disclosed on the Company's website.		
Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders  A listed entity should respect the rights of its security holde  Recommendation 6.1	The Company complies with this recommendation.		
A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	The Company will provide information about itself and its governance on its website pursuant to its Shareholder Communication Policy.		
Recommendation 6.2  A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	<ul> <li>The Company complies with this recommendation.</li> <li>The Company's Shareholder Communication Policy provides for an investor relations program which facilitates effective two-way communication:</li> <li>through the Company's AGM, where shareholder participation is actively encouraged and facilitated; and</li> <li>by providing shareholders with information via the corporate and investor sections of the Company's website and the option to receive email communications and send email communications directly to the Company and to the Company's share registry.</li> </ul>		
Recommendation 6.3	The Company complies with this recommendation.  The Company will disclose a copy of its Shareholder Communication Policy on its website.		

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A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.			
Reco	ommen	dation 6.4	The Company complies with this recommendation.
recei	ve comi	ty should give security holders the option to imunications from, and send communications and its security registry electronically.	The Company's Shareholder Communication Policy provides securityholders the option to receive email communications and send email communications directly to the Company and to the Company's share registry.
	_	- Recognise and manage risk ty should establish a sound risk management f	ramework and periodically review the effectiveness of that framework
Reco	ommen	dation 7.1	The Company complies with this recommendation.
The t	(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk,		The Company has established a Risk Committee which is governed by the Risk Committee Charter which sets out its roles and responsibilities. At the time of listing, the Risk Committee will be comprised of Michael Stanford, Leanne Rowe and Mark Haberlin (one of whom will serve as chair of the Risk Committee, being Michael Stanford), each of whom are independent directors.
	(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	Clause 2(a) of the Risk Committee Charter provides that the Committee should to the extent practicable, given the size and composition of the Board from time to time, comprise of:
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director, and disclose	<ul> <li>at least three members; and</li> <li>a majority of directors who are independent.</li> </ul>
	(iii)	the charter of the committee;	Clause 2(b) of the Risk Committee Charter provides that the chair of the Committee should be an independent director.
	(iv)	the members of the committee; and	The Risk Committee Charter will be disclosed on the Company's website.
	(v)	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	Clause 3(a) of the Risk Committee Charter provides that the Risk Committee must meet at least quarterly or as frequently as is required to undertake its role effectively.  The Company will, at the end of each reporting period, disclose in its annual report the number of times the Committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings is to be disclosed.
(b)		oes not have a risk committee or committees satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the	

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	processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	
Reco	ommendation 7.2	The Company complies with this recommendation.
The b	board or a committee of the board should:	Clause 6 of the Risk Committee Charter provides that the Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing the risk profile of the Company at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and disclose that such a review has taken place in the Company's annual report.
(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.	
Reco	ommendation 7.3	The Company complies with this recommendation.
A list	ed entity should disclose:	Clause 4 of the Audit Committee Charter provides that the Audit Committee is required to manage audit arrangements and auditor independence, including considering whether an internal audit function is required and, if not, ensuring that the Company discloses the processes it employs to evaluate and improve its risk management and internal control processes.
(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.	Clause 4 of the Risk Charter provides that the Risk Committee is responsible for assisting the Board is discharging its responsibilities to evaluate and improve its risk management and internal control processes. The Risk Committee reviews and reports to the Board (at least annually) on the effectiveness of its risk management and process for identifying, managing and monitoring material business risks.
Recommendation 7.4		The Company complies with this recommendation.
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.		The Company will 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.

## **Principles and Recommendations**

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### Principle 8 - Remunerate fairly and responsibly

A listed entity should pay director remuneration sufficient to attract and retain high quality directors and design its executive remuneration to attract, retrain and motivate high quality senior executives and to align their interests with the creation of value for security holders.

#### **Recommendation 8.1**

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a remuneration committee which:
  - has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - (ii) is chaired by an independent director.and disclose:
  - (i) the charter of the committee;
  - (ii) the members of the committee; and
  - (iii) 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.

The Company complies with this recommendation. At the time of listing, the RNC will be comprised of two independent non-executive directors, being Andrew Dutton and Leanne Rowe, and one non-executive director, being Nathaniel Thomson. The chair is an independent director, being Andrew Dutton.

The RNC is governed by the RNC Charter which sets out the RNC's roles and responsibilities.

Clause 2 of the RNC Charter provides that the RNC should, to the extent practicable given the size and composition of the Board from time to time, comprise:

- at least three members:
- non-executive directors: and
- a majority of directors who are independent.

The RNC Charter will be disclosed on the Company's website.

The RNC Charter provides that the RNC meet at least once annually or as frequently as is required to undertake its role effectively.

The Company will, at the end of each reporting period, disclose in its annual report the number of times the RNC met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings.

#### Recommendation 8.2

A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive

The Company complies with this recommendation.

Details of the Company's remuneration policies and practices for non-executive directors, executive directors and senior management will be disclosed in the prospectus and in the Company's future annual reports.

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directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.		
Recommendation 8.3		The Company complies with this recommendation
	ted entity which has an equity-based remuneration me should:	Clause 5.2 of the Securities Trading Policy prohibits directors and senior management (and their associated investment vehicles) from trading in financial products that limit the economic risk of security holdings (e.g. hedging arrangements).
(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	This policy will be disclosed on the Company's website.
(b)	disclose that policy or a summary of it.	

#### **Board Skills Matrix**

In considering the appointment or recommendation for appointment of Directors the ACL Board has regard to the Board Skills Matrix set out below. The Board seeks to collectively represent a balance of skills.

All Directors are expected to actively support the core values of the Company (patient focus and medical excellence, entrepreneurship and agility, efficiency and effectiveness, passion and enthusiasm, and respect and integrity), and to work diligently to safeguard the long-term interests of the Company and its value to Shareholders. All Directors must demonstrate a track record of ethical leadership and accountability, of operating successfully in an environment of challenge and collegiality, and of understanding commercial risk/return trade-offs. Particular skills and experience which need to be adequately represented include (not in priority order):

- (a) Strategy development and oversight;
- (b) Situation analysis and decision-making processes in a complex and ambiguous environment;
- (c) Identification of key risks in a wide range of areas including medical developments, legal and regulatory compliance and monitoring of risk and compliance management frameworks and systems;
- (d) Use and governance of information management and information technology, including personal information privacy and security risk management;
- (e) Patient focus and care, and healthcare experience;
- (f) Marketing;
- (g) Corporate finance and accounting;
- (h) Funding, M&A, capital management;
- (i) Senior management and CEO experience;
- (j) Contemporary corporate governance in listed companies;
- (k) Innovation;
- (I) Corporate social responsibility; and
- (m) Human resource governance.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee (**RNC**) will provide recommendations in respect of the Board Skills Matrix. The skills, knowledge and experience of Directors as a group, will be subject to regular assessment by the RNC, including for adequacy to deal with emerging business and governance issues.

In making recommendations to the Board with respect to selecting new directors, the RNC may adopt a broader criteria, including the candidate's background, experience, professional skills, personal qualities, gender, capability to devote necessary time and commitment to the role, potential conflicts of interest, independence and whether their skills and experience will complement the existing Board.

Further, it will take into consideration ACL's Diversity Policy and may obtain assistance from professional intermediaries, to identify and assess the suitability of Board candidates.