

# Appendix 4G

## Key to Disclosures

### Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Auctus Investment Group Limited

ABN/ARBN

76 149 278 759

Financial year ended:

30 June 2023

Our corporate governance statement<sup>1</sup> for the period above can be found at:<sup>2</sup>

- ☐ These pages of our annual report:
- ☒ This URL on our website: <https://www.auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/>

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 17 August 2023 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.<sup>3</sup>

Date: Justin Mouchacca

Name of authorised officer  
authorising lodgement: Company Secretary

<sup>1</sup> "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.

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.

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 Listing Rule 4.10.3.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must also lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The Appendix 4G serves a dual purpose. It acts as a key designed to assist readers to locate the governance disclosures made by a listed entity under Listing Rule 4.10.3 and under the ASX Corporate Governance Council's recommendations. It also acts as a verification tool for listed entities to confirm that they have met the disclosure requirements of Listing Rule 4.10.3.

The Appendix 4G is not a substitute for, and is not to be confused with, the entity's corporate governance statement. They serve different purposes and an entity must produce each of them separately.

<sup>2</sup> Tick whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where your corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

<sup>3</sup> 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 "OR" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

See notes 4 and 5 below for further instructions on how to complete this form.

**ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES**

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation <u>in full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are: <sup>5</sup>
<b>PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</b>			
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out: (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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of our board charter at: <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

<sup>4</sup> Tick the box in this column only if you have followed the relevant recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Where the recommendation has a disclosure obligation attached, you must insert the location where that disclosure has been made, where indicated by the line with “*insert location*” underneath. If the disclosure in question has been made in your corporate governance statement, you need only insert “our corporate governance statement”. If the disclosure has been made in your annual report, you should insert the page number(s) of your annual report (eg “pages 10-12 of our annual report”). If the disclosure has been made on your website, you should insert the URL of the web page where the disclosure has been made or can be accessed (eg “[www.entityname.com.au/corporate governance/charters/](http://www.entityname.com.au/corporate-governance/charters/)”).

<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation <u>in full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are: <sup>5</sup>
1.5	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a diversity policy;</p> <p>(b) through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and</p> <p>(c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:</p> <p>(1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;</p> <p>(2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and</p> <p>(3) either:</p> <p>(A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(B) 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.</p> <p>If the entity was in the S&amp;P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed a copy of our diversity policy at:  <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>  and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraph (c) at:  .....  <i>[insert location]</i>  and if we were included in the S&amp;P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period our measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board of not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.6	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:  in Schedule 4 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available on the Company's website at  <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>  and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:  in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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1.7	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and</p> <p>(b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p> <p>and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<b>PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD VALUE</b>			
2.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
2.2	<p>A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed our board skills matrix at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>[insert location]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
2.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</p> <p>(b) if a director has an interest, position, affiliation 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 or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p> <p>and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b) at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>[insert location]</p> <p>and the length of service of each director at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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 for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
<b>PRINCIPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b>			
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our values at: in Schedule 13 of the Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.2	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our code of conduct at: in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.3	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our whistleblower policy at: <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.4	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our anti-bribery and corruption policy at: <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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<b>PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPORTS</b>			
4.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have an audit committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,</p> <p>and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>The Company complies with paragraph (b)</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed 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 at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
4.2	<p>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.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
4.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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<b>PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE</b>			
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our continuous disclosure compliance policy at: in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
5.3	A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
<b>PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS</b>			
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed information about us and our governance on our website at: <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed how we facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders at: our Corporate Governance Statement and in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement



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<b>PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK</b>			
7.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	<p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>and we have disclosed whether a review of the entity's risk management framework was undertaken during the reporting period at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(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 governance, risk management and internal control processes.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p><i>The Company complies with paragraph (b):</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed 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 at:</p> <p>our Corporate Governance Statement and in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed whether we have any material exposure to environmental and social risks at: our Corporate Governance Statement and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks at: our Corporate Governance Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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<b>PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b>			
8.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>The Company complies with paragraph (b):</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed 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: our Corporate Governance Statement</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
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.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives at:</p> <p>in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
8.3	<p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our policy on this issue or a summary of it at: our Corporate Governance Statement and in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website at <a href="https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/">https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/</a></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<b>ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES</b>			
9.1	A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.	<input type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at: ..... <i>[insert location]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
9.2	A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
9.3	A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we are established in Australia and not an externally managed listed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an AGM and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

# Corporate governance statement

The Board of Directors of Auctus Investment Group Limited (the 'Company' or 'Auctus') is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company. The Board guides and monitors the business and affairs of Auctus on behalf of the shareholders, by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

This Corporate Governance summary discloses the extent to which the Company follows the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication 'Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)' (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however, the Recommendations that have not been followed have been identified and an explanation provided.

The Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website at [auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/](https://auctusinvest.com/shareholder-centre/). This Statement is current as of 17 August 2023 and has been approved by the Board of Directors of Auctus.

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PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS	COMPLY	EXPLANATION (YES/NO)
<b>Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight</b>		
<b>Recommendation 1.1</b> A listed entity should have and disclose a charter which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the board, the chair and management; and</li> <li>(b) includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</li> </ul>	YES	<p>The Company has adopted a Board Charter.</p> <p>The Board Charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Board's composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, Director's access to company records and information, details of the Board's relationship with management, details of the Board's performance review and details of the Board's disclosure policy.</p> <p>A copy of the Company's Board Charter is included in the Corporate Governance Plan which is available on the Company's website.</p>
<b>Recommendation 1.2</b> A listed entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and</li> <li>(b) provide security holders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</li> </ul>	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Company has detailed guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director.</li> <li>(b) Material information relevant to any decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director will be provided to security holders in the notice of meeting holding the resolution to elect or re-elect the Director.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation 1.3</b> A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	YES	<p>The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to ensure that each Director and senior executive is a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment.</p>
<b>Recommendation 1.4</b> 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.	YES	<p>The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibility and accountability of the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, and through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.</p>
<b>Recommendation 1.5</b> A listed entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity; and</li> <li>(ii) to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</li> <li>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them; and</li> <li>(ii) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) 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</li> <li>(B) the entity's "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(a) YES (b) YES (c) NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Diversity Policy provides a framework for the Company to achieve a list of five measurable objectives that encompass workplace diversity and inclusion, including but not limited to gender, age, ethnicity and cultural background.</li> <li>(ii) The Diversity Policy provides for the monitoring and evaluation of the scope and currency of the Diversity Policy. The company is responsible for implementing, monitoring and reporting on the measurable objectives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) The Diversity Policy is stated in Schedule 8 of the Corporate Governance Plan which is available on the company's website.</li> </ul> <p>The Company believes in promoting workplace diversity and inclusion, and while it has adopted a Diversity Policy, given the present Company size, there have been no plans to establish measurable objectives for achieving diversity as part of the KPI of the senior executives. The need for establishing and assessing measurable objectives for achieving workplace diversity will be reassessed as the Company size increases. The Company is dedicated to promoting a corporate culture that embraces diversity and inclusion. The Company believes that diversity begins with the recruitment and selection practices of its Board and its staff. Hiring of new employees and promotion of current employees are made on the bases of performance, ability and attitude.</p>

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<b>Recommendation 1.6</b> A listed entity should: <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Board is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board and individual directors on an annual basis. It may do so with the aid of an independent advisor. The process for this can be found in Schedule 4 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan.</p> <p>(b) The Board has commenced a performance evaluation during the reporting period and is expected to be completed during FY24.</p>
<b>Recommendation 1.7</b> A listed entity should: <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Board is responsible for evaluating the performance of senior executives. The Board is to arrange an annual performance evaluation of the senior executives.</p> <p>(b) There was a performance evaluation undertaken during the year.</p>
<b>Principle 2: Structure the board to add value</b>		
<b>Recommendation 2.1</b> The board of a listed entity should: <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> <p>(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, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The duties of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are outlined in Schedule 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board appointed a Remuneration and Nomination Committee comprising of the following Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Brian Delaney (Chair)</li> <li>- Ms Christine Christian</li> </ul> <p>There are two members in the Committee all of whom are independent.</p> <p>Pursuant to Part B, Clause 6 of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the committee in accordance with the committee charter.</p> <p>(b) The Board devotes time at board meetings to discuss board succession issues. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's nomination process, to the maximum extent permitted under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth) and ASX Listing Rules.</p>
<b>Recommendation 2.2</b> A listed entity should have and disclose a board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	NO	<p>The Board of the Company is comprised of directors with a broad range of technical, commercial, financial and other skills, experience and knowledge relevant to overseeing the business of the Company.</p> <p>While the Company does not have or disclose a formal skills matrix it does consider Directors' attributes prior to appointment. The qualifications, skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position of a Director held by each Director in office at the date of the Annual Report and their attendance at Board meetings is included in the Directors' Report.</p> <p>A summary of the collective skills and board composition are reviewed are included in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan. The Board has an extensive range of knowledge and skills with relevant experience as detailed in the Annual Report.</p>
<b>Recommendation 2.3</b> A listed entity should disclose: <p>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</p> <p>(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendation (3rd Edition), 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</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Board has two independent directors, being Ms Christine Christian (Non-Executive Chairperson) and Mr Brian Delaney (Non-Executive Director).</p> <p>The names of the Directors and their appointment dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Christine Christian (05/03/2021) – Independent</li> <li>▪ Campbell McComb (06/03/2018) – Not Independent</li> <li>▪ Brian Delaney (1/11/2021) – Independent</li> </ul> <p>(b) The Board Charter requires Directors to disclose their interest, positions, associations and relationships and requires that the independence of Directors is regularly assessed by the Board in light of the interests disclosed by Directors. Details of the Directors interests, positions associations and relationships are provided in the Annual Reports and Company's website.</p> <p>(c) The Board Charter provides for the determination of the Directors' terms and requires the length of service of each Director to be disclosed. The length of service of each Director is provided in the Annual Reports and Company's website.</p>

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<b>Recommendation 2.4</b> A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	NO	The Board Charter requires that where practical the majority of the Board will be independent. The Board does not have a majority of independent directors due to the Company's size. The current independent Non-Executive Directors are Ms Christine Christian and Mr Brad Harrison. The Board believes that, as a whole, it continues to have the ability to exercise independent view and judgement.
<b>Recommendation 2.5</b> 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.	YES	The Board Charter provides that where practical, the Chair of the Board will be a Non-Executive Director. If the Chair ceases to be independent then the Board will consider appointing a lead independent Director. Currently the board Chair is Ms Christine Christian and is judged to be independent.
<b>Recommendation 2.6</b> A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and providing appropriate professional development opportunities for continuing directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as a director effectively.	YES	The Board Charter states that a specific responsibility of the Board is to procure appropriate professional development opportunities for Directors. The Board is responsible for the approval and review of induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities.
<b>Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly</b>		
<b>Recommendation 3.1</b> A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	YES	The Company's values are outlined in Schedule 13 of the Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.
<b>Recommendation 3.2</b> A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and disclose that code or a summary of it.	YES	(a) The Corporate Code of Conduct applies to the Company's directors, senior executives and employees. (b) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct is in the Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website.
<b>Recommendation 3.3</b> A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a Whistleblower policy; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	YES	(a) The Company's Whistleblower policy is available online on the Company's website. (b) As set out in the Whistleblower policy, any breaches and investigations under the policy are required to be reported to the board.
<b>Recommendation 3.4</b> A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of the policy.	YES	(a) The Company's anti-bribery and corruption policy is outlined in Schedule 11 of the Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website. (b) As set out in the anti-bribery and corruption policy, any breaches and investigations under the policy are required to be reported to the board.
<b>Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting</b>		
<b>Recommendation 4.1</b> The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (i) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (ii) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (iii) the charter of the committee; (iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (v) 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 financial reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	NO	(a) Due to the size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no separate Audit and Risk Committee. Pursuant to Part B, Clause 6 of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with the committee charter. The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee are outlined in Schedule 2 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website. The Board devote time at annual board meetings to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with maintaining the Company's internal audit function and arrangements with external auditors. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's audit function to ensure the proper maintenance of the entity and the integrity of all financial reporting.

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PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS	COMPLY EXPLANATION (YES/NO)
<b>Recommendation 4.2</b> 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 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.	YES The Company's Corporate Governance Plan states that a duty and responsibility of the Board is to ensure that, before approving the entity's financial statements for a financial period, the CEO and CFO provide a written declaration of assurance that their opinion, that the financial records of the Company for any financial period have been properly maintained, comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively. The Company's Managing Director and CFO have provided their declaration.
<b>Recommendation 4.3</b> A listed entity should disclose its process and verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.	YES As detailed in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, in respect of periodic reports which are prepared by management, subject matter experts and the relevant executives review and approve the disclosures, which are then reviewed by the Company's Executive Director and approved by the Board prior to release to the ASX.
<b>Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure</b>	
<b>Recommendation 5.1</b> 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.	YES (a) The Board Charter provides details of the Company's continuous disclosure policy. In addition, Schedule 5 of the Corporate Governance Plan details the Company's continuous disclosure requirements as required by the ASX Listing Rules and other relevant legislation. (b) The Board Charter and Schedule 5 of the Corporate Governance Plan are available on the Company's website.
<b>Recommendation 5.2</b> A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Yes In accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure policy set out in Schedule 5 of the Corporate Governance Plan (Clause 3(g)), the Board must receive a copy of all material ASX announcements promptly after they have been made.
<b>Recommendation 5.3</b> A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	Yes In accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure policy set out in Schedule 5 of the Corporate Governance Plan (Clause 3.7), all price sensitive information will not be discussed at a presentation unless that particular information has been formally disclosed to the market via an announcement. Any presentation or briefing material used will also be released immediately prior to the briefing to the market.
<b>Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders</b>	
<b>Recommendation 6.1</b> A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	YES Information about the Company and its governance is available in the Corporate Governance Plan which can be found on the Company's website.
<b>Recommendation 6.2</b> A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	YES The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Policy which aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The Shareholder Communications Policy outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to shareholders. The Shareholder Communications Strategy can be found in Schedule 10 of the Board Charter which is available on the Company's website.
<b>Recommendation 6.3</b> A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	YES The Shareholder Communications Policy states that as a part of the Company's developing investor relations program, Shareholders can register with the Company Secretary to receive email notifications of when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX, including the release of the Annual Report, half yearly reports and quarterly reports. Links are made available on the Company's website on which all information provided to the ASX is immediately posted. Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all EGMs and AGMs of the Company. Upon the despatch of any notice of meeting to Shareholders, the Company Secretary will send out material with that notice of meeting stating that all Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the meeting.
<b>Recommendation 6.4</b> A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	YES In accordance with the Company's Board Charter (Clause 5(a)) a task of the Company Security is to ensure all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.
<b>Recommendation 6.5</b> A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES Security holders can register with the Company to receive email notifications when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX. Shareholders queries should be referred to the Company Secretary in the first instance.



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<b>Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk</b>	
<p><b>Recommendation 7.1</b></p> <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>(b) Due to the size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no Audit and Risk Committee. Pursuant to Part B, Clause 6 of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committee under the written terms of reference for that committee.</p> <p>The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee are outlined in Schedule 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board devote time at annual board meeting to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with overseeing risk and maintaining the entity's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 7.2</b></p> <p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework with management at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound, to determine whether there have been any changes in the material business risks the entity faces and to ensure that they remain within the risk appetite set by the board; and</p> <p>(b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>(a) The Company's process for risk management and internal compliance includes a requirement to identify and measure risk, monitor the environment for emerging factors and trends that affect these risks, formulate risk management strategies and monitor the performance of risk management systems. Schedule 6 of the Corporate Governance Plan details the Company's disclosure requirements with respect to the risk management review procedure and internal compliance and controls.</p> <p>(b) The Board commenced a review of its risk management framework during FY23 and expects to perform a review in the following reporting period.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 7.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Schedule 2 of the Company's Corporate Plan provides for the internal audit function of the Company. The Board Charter outlines the monitoring, review and assessment of a range of internal audit functions and procedures.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 7.4</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose whether, and if so how, it has regard to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Schedule 2 of the Company's Corporate Plan details the Company's risk management systems which assist in identifying and managing key risk areas including business, economic, environmental and social sustainability risks (if appropriate). Review of the Company's risk management framework is conducted at least annually and reports are continually created by management on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Company's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures.</p> <p>There is a risk of poor market conditions, and specifically the potential for underperformance by the Company, which is a key economic sustainability risk that has the potential to materially impact the Company's ability to create or preserve value for security holders over the short, medium or long term. This risk is addressed within the Company's risk management framework as set out above. The Company does not consider that it has material exposure to environmental or social risks.</p>

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PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS	COMPLY EXPLANATION (YES/NO)
<b>Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly</b>	
<p><b>Recommendation 8.1</b></p> <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> <p>(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.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The Board has appointed a Remuneration and Nomination Committee comprising of the following Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Brian Delaney (Chair); and</li> <li>- Mr Christine Christian.</li> </ul> <p>There are two members in the Committee and the majority of whom are independent.</p> <p>Pursuant to Part B, Clause 6 of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Remuneration Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The role and responsibilities of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are outlined in Schedule 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board devoted time at annual board meetings during FY23 to fulfill the roles and responsibilities associated with setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 8.2</b></p> <p>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 and ensure that the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive directors compared to executive directors and other senior executives are reflected in the level and composition of their remuneration.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of Non-Executive Directors, Executive Directors, and other senior executives.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 8.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>(a) The Board Charter of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan (Part D, Clause 3.4) states that the Company strives to have a well-designed equity-based remuneration, including options or performance rights, which can be an effective form of remuneration, especially when linked to hurdles that are aligned to the Company's longer-term performance objectives. The Company takes care in the design of equity-based remuneration schemes to ensure that they do not lead to "short-termism" on the part of senior executives or the taking of undue risks. The Board must review and approve any equity-based plans.</p> <p>(b) A copy of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website.</p>