

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures

Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Paringa Resources Limited

ABN/ARBN

44 155 933 010

Financial year ended:

30 June 2021

Our corporate governance statement¹ for the period above can be found at:²

- ☐ These pages of our annual report:
- ☒ This URL on our website: <http://www.paringaresources.com>

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 30 June 2021 and has been approved by the board.

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

Date: 25 February 2022

Name of authorised officer
authorising lodgement: Gregory Swan – Company Secretary

¹ “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.

² 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.

³ Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes “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, ⁴ we have followed the recommendation in full for the whole 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: ⁵
PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT			
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.	☒ and we have disclosed a copy of our board charter at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ 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.	☐	☒ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ 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.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ 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.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

⁴ 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/”).

⁵ 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, ⁴ 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: ⁵
1.5 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a diversity policy; (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 (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period: (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and (3) either: (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 (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. If the entity was in the S&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.	☐ and we have disclosed a copy of our diversity policy at: [insert location] and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraph (c) at: [insert location] and if we were included in the S&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.	☒ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.6 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	☐ and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at: [insert location] and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at: [insert location]	☒ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and (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.	☒ and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD VALUE			
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	☒ and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	☒ and we have disclosed our board skills matrix in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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2.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; (b) if a director has an interest, position, 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 (c) the length of service of each director.	☒ and we have disclosed the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b) in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com and the length of service of each director in our Corporate Governance Statement at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ 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.	☐	☒ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY			
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	☒ and we have disclosed our values at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒ and we have disclosed our code of conduct at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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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.	☒ and we have disclosed our whistleblower policy at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒ and we have disclosed our anti-bribery and corruption policy at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPORTS			
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	☒ 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: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	☐	☒ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.3	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.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE			
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	☒ and we have disclosed our continuous disclosure compliance policy at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒	☐ 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.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS			
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	☒ and we have disclosed information about us and our governance on our website at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒	☐ 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.	☒ and we have disclosed how we facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒	☐ 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.	☒	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK			
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	☒ and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	☒ and we have disclosed whether a review of the entity's risk management framework was undertaken during the reporting period at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.	☒ 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: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ 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.	☒ and we have disclosed whether we have any material exposure to environmental and social risks at: http://www.paringaresources.com and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY			
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	☒ 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: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	☒ 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: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	☒ and we have disclosed our policy on this issue or a summary of it at: http://www.paringaresources.com	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR ☐ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES			
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.	☐ and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at: <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☒ we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR ☐ 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.	☐	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☒ we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR ☐ 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.	☐	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☒ we are established in Australia and not an externally managed listed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable ☐ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an AGM and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES			
-	<i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i> The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose: (a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity; and (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	☐ and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) at: <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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-	<i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i> An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	☐ and we have disclosed the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity at: <i>[insert location]</i>	☐ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021

Paringa Resources Limited (proposed to be renamed 'GCX Metals Limited') ("**Company**") and the entities it controls believe corporate governance is important for the Company in conducting its business activities.

The Board of the Company has adopted a suite of charters and key corporate governance documents which articulate the policies and procedures followed by the Company. These documents are available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. These documents are reviewed annually to address any changes in governance practices and the law.

The Company's 2021 Corporate Governance Statement, which explains how the Company complies with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's '*Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4th Edition*' (**ASX Principles and Recommendations**) in relation to the year ended 30 June 2021.

In addition to the ASX Principles and Recommendations, the Board has taken into account a number of important factors in determining its corporate governance policies and procedures, including the:

- relatively simple operations of the Company, which currently only undertakes mineral exploration and development activities;
- cost verses benefit of additional corporate governance requirements or processes;
- Board's experience in the relevant sector;
- organisational reporting structure and limited number of reporting functions, divisions and employees;
- relatively simple financial affairs with limited complexity and quantum;
- relatively small market capitalisation and economic value of the entity; and
- direct shareholder feedback.

Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
1.1 Role of Board and management	The Board has established a clear distinction between the functions and responsibilities reserved for the Board and those delegated to management, which are set out in the Company's Board Charter. A copy of the Board Charter is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
1.2 Information regarding election and re-election of director candidates	The Company carefully considers the character, experience, education and skillset of potential candidates for appointment to the Board and conducts appropriate background checks to verify the sustainability of the candidate, prior to their election. Based on the Company's level of knowledge of the potential candidate, these may include checks as to the person's character, experience, education, criminal record, and bankruptcy history. However, the Company did not appoint any new Directors during the 2021 year. The Company has appropriate procedures in place to ensure that material information relevant to a decision to elect or re-elect a director, is disclosed in the relevant notice of meeting provided to shareholders. Director profiles are also included in the Director's Report of the Company's Annual Report.	No

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
1.3 Written contracts of appointment	In addition to being set out in the Board Charter, the roles and responsibilities of Directors are also formalised in the letter of appointment which each Director receives and commits to on their appointment. The letters of appointment specify the term of appointment, time commitment envisaged, expectations in relations to committee work or any other special duties attaching to the position, reporting lines, remuneration arrangements, disclosure obligations in relation to personal interests, confidentiality obligations, insurance and indemnity entitlements and details of the Company's key governance policies. Each Key Management Personnel ("KMP") enters into a service contract which sets out the material terms of employment, including a description of position and duties, reporting lines, remuneration arrangement and termination rights and entitlements. Contract details of KMP are summarised in the Remuneration Report of the Company's Annual Report.	Yes
1.4 Company Secretary	The Company Secretary reports directly to the Board through the Chairman on Board matters and all Directors have access to the Company Secretary. In accordance with the Company's Constitution, the appointment or removal of the Company Secretary is a matter for the Board as a whole. Details of the Company Secretary's experience and qualifications are set out in the Directors' Report of the Company's Annual Report.	Yes
1.5 Diversity	The Company has not adopted a Diversity Policy, nor has it established measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity for the 2021 year. The Company recognises that a diverse and talented workforce is a competitive advantage and encourages a culture that embraces diversity. However, the Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size to warrant the time and cost of adopting a Diversity Policy and setting measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Board will review its position and may adopt a Diversity Policy and develop measurable objectives when the Company's operations increase. At the date of this Statement, the Company has no female directors or senior executives. At the date of this Statement, other than Directors, the Company had no employees as it uses consultants when required.	No
1.6 Board reviews	The Board has not conducted a formal performance evaluation. The Company is pre-production and the Board believes that a formal performance evaluation is not required at this point in time and that that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained from a formal performance evaluation. The Chairman is responsible for evaluating the Board and informal discussions are undertaken during the course of the year. As the Company grows and develops, it will continue to consider the efficiencies and merits of a more formal performance evaluation of the Board, its committees and individual Directors.	No
1.7 Management reviews	Each year the Board evaluates the performance of its KMP against Key Performance Indicators ("KPI's") as set by the Board. Details of the process followed are set out in the Remuneration Report of the Company's Annual Report. For the 2021 year, the Board undertook a performance evaluation of its KMP in accordance with that process.	Yes

Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY’S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?																								
2.1 Nominations committee	The Board has decided not to form a separate Nominations Committee. The Board believes that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate Nominations Committee. The Board has adopted a Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter, however the Board as a whole performs the function of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter sets out the processes the Board 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. The Board regularly reviews whether it has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, and experience suitable for a Company in the mineral resources sector. The Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter is reviewed annually and is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company’s website www.paringaresources.com.	Yes																								
2.2 Board skills matrix	The Board seeks a mix of skills suitable for a company in the mineral resources sector. A summary of the key board skills matrix is set out below, as at 30 June 2021: <table><tr><th>Director / Skills</th><th>Capital Markets</th><th>Resources Industry</th><th>Mining/ Geology</th><th>Finance/ Accounting</th><th>Listed Company</th></tr><tr><td>Ian Middlemas</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Todd Hannigan</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr><tr><td>Gregory Swan</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td></td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td></tr></table> Further details regarding the skills and experience of each Director are included in the Directors’ Report of the Company’s Annual Report.	Director / Skills	Capital Markets	Resources Industry	Mining/ Geology	Finance/ Accounting	Listed Company	Ian Middlemas	✓	✓		✓	✓	Todd Hannigan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Gregory Swan	✓	✓		✓	✓	Yes
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2.3 Disclose independence and length of service	The Board has assessed the independence status of its Directors and has determined the following as at 30 June 2021: <table><tr><th>Name</th><th>Position</th><th>Independent?</th><th>Length of Service</th></tr><tr><td>Ian Middlemas</td><td>Non-Executive Chairman</td><td>Yes</td><td>7.7 years</td></tr><tr><td>Todd Hannigan</td><td>Non-Executive Director</td><td>Yes</td><td>7.1 years</td></tr><tr><td>Gregory Swan</td><td>Non-Executive Director</td><td>No</td><td>0.3 years</td></tr></table> Further details regarding the Directors are set out in the Directors’ Report of the Company’s Annual Report.	Name	Position	Independent?	Length of Service	Ian Middlemas	Non-Executive Chairman	Yes	7.7 years	Todd Hannigan	Non-Executive Director	Yes	7.1 years	Gregory Swan	Non-Executive Director	No	0.3 years	Yes								
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2.4 Majority of directors independent	A majority of Directors of the Company are independent. As disclosed against Recommendation 2.3, Ian Middlemas and Todd Hannigan are considered independent.	Yes																								
2.5 Chair independent	The Chairman, Mr Ian Middlemas, is an independent non-executive Director. Further details regarding the Directors are set out in the Directors’ Report of the Company’s Annual Report.	Yes																								

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2.6 Induction and professional development	The Board does not have a formal program for inducing new Directors and providing appropriate professional development opportunities. The Board has been structured such that its composition and size will enable it to effectively discharge its responsibilities and duties. Each Director has been appointed because they already possess the relevant industry experience and specific expertise relevant to the Company's business and level of operations and given the activities of the Company and their own experience do not require the Company, given its size, to provide professional development opportunities. However, each new Director receives and commits to a letter of appointment which includes details of the Company's key policies and processes and continuing professional development is expected of all Directors. Directors are also entitled to seek independent professional advice at the expense of the Company (subject to approval) as may be reasonably required to assist them to carry out their duties as a Director.	No

Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
3.1 Values	The Board has established a Code of Conduct for its Directors, executives and employees, a copy of which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. The Code of Conduct articulates its values and is provided to all employees as part of the recruitment process. The Code of Conduct forms the foundation for the behaviour expectations that the Company has for its Directors, senior executives, employees and contract personnel.	Yes
3.2 Code of conduct	The Board has established a Code of Conduct for its Directors, executives and employees, a copy of which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com .	Yes
3.3 Whistleblower Policy	The Company has adopted a Whistleblower Policy intended to support and protect persons who speak up about any unlawful, unethical or irresponsible behaviour within the organisation, a copy of which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. The Board are informed of material incidents reported under the Company's Whistleblower Policy.	Yes
3.4 Anti-Bribery & Corruption Policy	The Company has adopted an Anti-Bribery and Corruption (ABC) Policy which links to the Code of Conduct by which the Company expects its operations and business dealings to be managed, a copy of which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. The ABC Policy prohibits the giving of bribes or other improper payments and specifies the controls around the giving of donations and the acceptance of gifts or hospitality by officers of the Company. The Board is informed of any material breaches of the ABC Policy.	Yes

Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
4.1 Audit committee	The Audit Committee was dissolved during the year ended 30 June 2021. The Board believes that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained from a separate Audit Committee. The Board has adopted an Audit Committee Charter, however the Board as a whole performs the function of the Audit Committee. At the date of this statement, the Company: (a) currently only has 3 Directors; (b) has relatively simple operations and currently only undertakes mineral exploration and development activities; (c) has relatively simple financial affairs with limited complexity and quantum; and (d) has a relatively small market capitalisation and economic value. As a result, the Board as a whole considers that it is more efficient and effective for the corporate reporting process to not have an Audit Committee at this stage. The Board monitors this position as the Company's circumstances change. The Board as whole determines when to seek the appointment or removal of the external auditor, and subject to any statutory requirements, the Board will also seek rotation of the audit partner on an as required basis. Further details on the integrity measures implemented for the corporate reporting function are provided in the Audit Committee Charter which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
4.2 CEO and CFO certification of financial statements	In respect to full year and half year financial reports, the Board has obtained a written declaration from the CEO (or equivalent) and CFO (or equivalent) that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained and 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 is formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting and material business risks. However, the Board does not receive declarations from the CEO (or equivalent) and CFO (or equivalent) in respect to the quarterly cash flow reports prepared and lodged in compliance with Appendix 5B of the Listing Rules, as these quarterly cash flow reports are considered by the Board: • not to be a financial report or interim financial report as defined under Australian accounting standards; and/or • not to be capable, as a standalone report, of giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, only its cash flows for the relevant reporting period.	No
4.3 Verifying the Integrity of Periodic Corporate Reports	The Company has an effective system of internal control and multiple review and approval stages which it applies to public documents that are not reviewed or audited by its external auditor.	Yes

Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
5.1 Disclosure and Communications Policy	The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy which sets out the processes and practices that ensure its compliance with the continuous disclosure requirements under applicable Listing Rules and applicable corporation law (including the Corporations Act). A copy of the Continuous Disclosure Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
5.2 Material Market Announcements	The Company ensures that Directors are provided with a copy of all material market releases either before, or promptly after lodgement.	Yes
5.3 Investor or Analyst Presentations	The Company ensures that any new substantive investor or analyst presentation is released on the Company's announcements platforms ahead of the presentation.	Yes

Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
6.1 Information on website	The Company keeps investors informed of its corporate governance, financial performance and prospects via its website. Investors can access copies of ASX announcements, notices of meetings, annual reports and financial statements, investor presentations on the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. Investors can also access information about the Company's corporate governance practices and policies on the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
6.2 Investor relations programs	The Company conducts investor briefings, roadshows, site visits and attends regional and industry specific conferences in order to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors and other financial market participants. Access to Directors and KMP is provided at these events, with separate one-on-one or group meetings offered whenever possible. The presentation material provided at these events is posted on the Company's website (www.paringaresources.com), which also provides the opportunity for interested parties to join the mailing list to receive regular updates from the Company.	Yes
6.3 Facilitate participation at meetings of security holders	The Board encourages participation of Shareholders at its meetings of shareholders and Shareholders are provided with all notices of meeting prior to meetings, which are set at times and places to promote maximum attendance by Shareholders. Shareholders are always given the opportunity to ask questions of Directors and management, either during or after meetings. In addition, the Company's auditor is also made available for questions at the Company's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders ("AGM").	Yes
6.4 Voting by poll	The Company has adopted the process required by ASX Guidance Note 35 which stipulates that all Listing Rule resolutions be decided by poll. The Company has extended the conduct of a poll to all resolutions proposed at shareholder meetings.	Yes

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6.5 Facilitate electronic communications	The Company welcomes electronic communication from its Shareholders via its publicised email address (info@paringaresources.com) and the Company's website (www.paringaresources.com) provides the opportunity for interested parties to join the mailing list to receive regular electronic updates from the Company. The Company's share registry also engages with Shareholders electronically and makes available a range of relevant forms on its website. Shareholders can register with the share registry to access their personal information and shareholdings via the internet.	Yes

Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
7.1 Risk committee	The Board has decided not to form a separate Risk Committee. Due to the size and development phase of the Company, the Board believes that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate Risk Committee. The Board as a whole is ultimately responsible for identifying the principal risks of the Company's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage those risks. For further details of the responsibilities of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, and other management in the evaluation and continual improvement of the Company's risk management and internal control processes, refer to the Company's Risk Management Policy, which is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
7.2 Annual risk review	The Board reviews the Company's risk management framework annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the Company is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the Board. This review took place for the 2021 year after management provided the Company's Risk Register to the Board.	Yes
7.3 Internal audit	The Board has not established an internal audit function at this time. The Board as a whole oversees the effectiveness of risk management and internal control processes. Refer to the Company's Risk Management Policy for responsibilities of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, and other management in the evaluation and continual improvement of the Company's risk management and internal control processes. A copy of the Risk Management Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
7.4 Sustainability risks	As discussed above, the Company identifies and manages material exposures to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks in a manner consistent with its Risk Management Policy, which is available on in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com. The material risks faced by the Company that could have an effect on the Company's future prospects, include: (a) exploration and development risks; (b) availability of further funding; (c) fluctuations in commodity prices; and (d) global financial conditions. Further details of these risks and how the Company manages or intends to manage these risks are set out in the Directors' Report of the Company's Annual Report.	Yes

Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

RECOMMENDATION	COMPANY'S COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWED IN FULL FOR WHOLE OF 2021 YEAR?
8.1 Remuneration committee	The Board has decided not to form a separate Remuneration Committee. The Board believes that no efficiencies or other benefits would be gained by establishing a separate Remuneration Committee. The Board has adopted a Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter, however the Board as a whole performs the function of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. The Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter sets out the processes the Board 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 Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter is reviewed annually and is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes
8.2 Disclosure of Executive and Non-Executive Director remuneration policy	The Company seeks to attract and retain high performance Directors and Executive with appropriate skills, qualifications and experience to add value to the Company and fulfil the roles and responsibilities required. It reviews requirements of additional capabilities at least annually. Executive remuneration is to reflect performance and, accordingly, remuneration is structured with a fixed component and performance-based remuneration component. Non-Executive Directors are paid fixed fees for their services in accordance with the Company's Constitution. Fees paid are composite fee (covering all Board and Committee responsibilities) and any contributions by the Company to a fund for the purposes of superannuation benefits for a Director. No other retirement benefits schemes are in place in respect to Non-Executive Directors. Further details regarding the remuneration of the Executive and Non-Executive Directors are set in the Remuneration Report within the Annual Report.	Yes
8.3 Policy on hedging equity incentive schemes	The Company's Directors and Executives must not enter into any hedge arrangement in relation to any performance rights they may be granted or otherwise entitled to under an incentive scheme or plan, prior to exercising those rights or, once exercised, while the securities are subject to a transfer restriction. Further details regarding the Company's hedging policy are set out in the Company's Securities Trading Policy which is available on the Company's website, www.paringaresources.com.	Yes