MARENICA ENERGY LIMITED ACN 001 666 600 (COMPANY)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

This Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 26 September 2019 and has been approved by the Board of the Company on that date.

This Corporate Governance Statement discloses the extent to which the Company has, during the financial year ending 30 June 2019, followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however the Recommendations that have not been followed for any part of the reporting period have been identified and reasons provided for not following them along with what (if any) alternative governance practices were adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

The Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Plan which provides the written terms of reference for the Company's corporate governance duties.

The Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website at www.marenicaenergy.com.au.

RECOMMENDATIONS (3RD EDITION)	COMPLY	EXPLANATION		
Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and overs	Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight			
Recommendation 1.1 A listed entity should have and disclose a charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management, and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.	YES	The Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Plan that sets out the specific roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. The Corporate Governance Plan 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, Directors' 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. A copy of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, is available on the Company's website.		

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Recommendation 1.2 A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a Director.	YES	 (a) The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board in its Corporate Governance Plan. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires that prior to appointing a director or recommending a new candidate for election as a director that appropriate checks are undertaken as to the persons character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history. These checks will continue to be undertaken in future prior to appointing a director or recommending a new candidate for election as a director. (b) Under the Corporate Governance Plan, all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director must be provided to security holders in the Notice of Meeting containing the resolution to elect or re-elect a Director. The Board will ensure this material information is included in the any Notice of General Meeting concerning such appointment.
Recommendation 1.3 A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company 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. The Company has had written agreements with each of its Directors and senior executives for the past financial year.
Recommendation 1.4 The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.	YES	The Corporate Governance Plan outlines the roles, responsibility and accountability of the Company Secretary. In accordance with this, the Company Secretary reports to the Board through the Chairman and is responsible for monitoring the extent that Board policy and procedures are followed and coordinating the timely completion and dispatch of Board agenda and briefing material. All directors have access to the Company Secretary.

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Recommendation 1.5		
 A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the Board or a relevant committee of the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary or it; and 	PARTIALLY	 (a) The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy which provides a framework for the Company to establish and achieve measurable diversity objectives, including in respect of gender diversity. The Diversity Policy allows the Board to set measurable gender diversity objectives, if considered appropriate and to assess annually both the objectives if any have been set and the Company's progress in achieving them. (b) The Diversity Policy is available, as part of the Corporate
 (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period: (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 (ii) either: (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 (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 the Workplace Gender Equality Act. 		Governance Plan, on the Company's website. (c) The Board did not set measurable gender diversity objectives for the past financial year because the Board considered the application of a measurable gender diversity objective requiring a specified proportion of women on the Board and in senior executive roles would, given the small size of the Company and the Board, unduly limit the Company from applying the Diversity Policy as a whole and the Company's policy of appointing based on skills and merit. 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) for the past financial year is disclosed below – Female Male Board 0% 100% Senior Executive* 0% 100% Whole organisation 20% 80% * The Senior Executives are the individuals at the highest level of organisational management who have the day-to-day responsibilities of managing the Company below the Board. The Senior Executives include the Company's CEO and the CFO/Company Secretary.

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Recommendation 1.6 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	YES	 (a) The Company's Remuneration and Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board on an annual basis. In addition, each Board subcommittee is required to undertake an annual performance review of its own activities annually. The Chairman shall review each Director at least once every calendar year. The process for this is set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website. (b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period. A formal performance evaluation in respect of the Board and its committees was not undertaken. In addition, it is noted that the Chairman has open and honest communications with each of the Directors both throughout the financial year and currently whereby matters relating to Director Performance, if any, are raised promptly and dealt with accordingly.
Recommendation 1.7 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	YES	 (a) The Chairman is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Company's CEO on an annual basis. The Company's Remuneration and Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) is responsible for approving changes to remuneration or contract terms of the CEO. The applicable processes for these evaluations can be found in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website. (b) The Company has completed a performance evaluation in respect of the CEO for the past financial year in accordance with the applicable processes.

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Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value		
Recommendation 2.1		
The Board of a listed entity should:		
(a) have a nomination committee which:		(a) On 27 April 2016, the Board resolved for the full Board to act as the
(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and	NO	Remuneration and Nomination Committee. (b) As noted above, the Company does not currently have a separate
(ii) is chaired by an independent Director,		Nomination Committee as the Board does not consider the Company
and disclose:		would benefit from its establishment. The Board carried out the duties
(iii) the charter of the committee;		that would ordinarily be carried out by the Nomination Committee, including the Board reviewing as and when required succession
(iv) the members of the committee; and		planning and the balance of skills, experience, independence and
 (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 		
(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.		

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Recommendation 2.2 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.	YES	Under the Corporate Governance Plan, the Board is required to prepare a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has (or is looking to achieve) and to review this at least annually against the Company's Board to ensure the appropriate mix of skills and expertise is present to facilitate successful strategic direction.
		The Company has a Board skill matrix. A copy is available on the Company's website.
		The Corporate Governance Plan requires the disclosure of each Board member's qualifications and expertise. Full details of each Director's and senior executive's relevant skills and experience is available in the Company's 30 June 2019 Annual Financial Report.
Recommendation 2.3		
A listed entity should disclose:		(a) The Corporate Governance Plan requires the disclosure of the
(a) the names of the Directors considered by the Board to be independent Directors;	YES	names of Directors considered by the Board to be independent. The Company has disclosed those Directors it considered to be independent in its 30 June 2019 Annual Financial Report.
(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		(b) There are no independent Directors who fall into this category.
(c) the length of service of each Director		(c) The Company's Annual Report discloses the length of service of each Director.

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Recommendation 2.4 A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be independent Directors.	NO	The Company's Board Charter requires that, where practical, the majority of the Board should be independent. The Board does not currently have an independent majority. The Board considers the composition of the Board is appropriate in the context of the size of the Board and the Company and the scope and scale of the Company's operations. Further, the Board considers that each of the non-independent Directors in office during the financial year possesses skills and experience suitable for building the Company.
Recommendation 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.	YES	The Corporate Governance Plan provides that, where practical, the Chair of the Board should be an independent Director and should not be the CEO. The current Chair of the Company Andrew Bantock (appointed Chair from 1 February 2018) is an independent Director and is not the CEO/Managing Director of the Company.
Recommendation 2.6 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	In accordance with the Company's Corporate Governance Plan the Board is responsible for implementing an induction program for new Directors to ensure that they gain an understanding of the Company and that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities. The Company Secretary assists in the facilitation of inductions and professional development. The Company Secretary regularly provides information to the Directors which may assist in their ongoing professional development.

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Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly			
Recommendation 3.1 A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its Directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	YES	 (a) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and employees. (b) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct (which forms part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) is available on the Company's website. 	
Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting			
Recommendation 4.1 The Board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (i) has at least three members, all of whom are nonexecutive 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	NO	 (a) On 27 April 2016, the Board resolved for the full Board to act as the Audit and Risk Committee. (b) As noted above, the Company did not have a separate Audit and Risk Management Committee for all of the past financial year as the Board did not consider the Company would benefit from its establishment. The Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Audit and Risk Management Committee including the following processes to oversee the entity's risk management framework: 'Risk' is a standing agenda item at each Board meeting. The Company's Risk Register is tabled periodically and noted by the Board with any changes to the Register from prior period being noted by the CEO. The Board are encouraged to update and challenge the matters disclosed in the Risk Register; and prior to approval of the Company's statutory financial statements, the Board had the opportunity to meet with the Company's auditors as appropriate. 	

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reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.		
Recommendation 4.2		
The 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 Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter requires the CEO and CFO (or, if none, the person(s) fulfilling those functions) to provide a sign off on these terms. The Company has obtained a sign off on these terms for each of its financial statements during the financial year.
Recommendation 4.3		The Company's Corporate Governance Plan provides that the Board
A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	YES	must ensure the Company's external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit. The Company's external auditor, or a representative of, attends the Company's AGM's.
Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure		
Recommendation 5.1 A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	YES	(a) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan details the Company's Disclosure policy.(b) The Corporate Governance Plan, which incorporates the Disclosure policy, is available on the Company's website.

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Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders		
Recommendation 6.1 A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	YES	Information about the Company and its governance including the Corporate Governance Plan, Board Skills Matrix and the 2019 Corporate Governance Statement is available in the Corporate Governance page on the Company's website at http://www.marenicaenergy.com.au/investors/corporate governance .
Recommendation 6.2 A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan states that the Board is committed to open and accessible communication with holders of the Company's securities. Disclosure of information and other communication is made as appropriate by mail or email. Security holders are given the option to receive communication from, and send communications to, the Board and its security registry electronically. The Company's security holder communications strategy aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The Corporate Governance Plan outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to shareholders and is available on the Company's website.
Recommendation 6.3 A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	YES	Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all general meetings and AGMs of the Company by the provision of written notices to advise of shareholders meetings.
Recommendation 6.4 A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES	The security holder communication strategy provides security holders with the option to receive communication from, and send communications to, the Board and its security registry electronically. All information provided to the ASX is immediately posted the Company's website. Shareholder queries are referred to the Company Secretary in the first instance.

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Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk					
Recomm	endation 7.1				
The Board	d of a listed entity should:		(a) On 27 April 2016, the Board resolved for the full Board to act as the		
(a) have of whi	a committee or committees to oversee risk, each ich:	NO	Audit and Risk Committee. (b) As noted above, the Company does not currently have a		
(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and		separate Audit and Risk Management Committee. The Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Audit and		
(ii)	is chaired by an independent Director,		Risk Management Committee including the following processes to oversee the entity's risk management framework. 'Risk' is a standing		
and a	disclose:		agenda item at each scheduled Board meeting. The Company's Risk		
(iii)	the charter of the committee;		Register is tabled every six months and noted by the Board with any changes to the Register from prior period being noted by the CEO.		
(iv)	the members of the committee; and		The Board are encouraged to update and challenge the matters		
(~)	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		disclosed in the Risk Register at and between each Board meeting and raise any material risks that they believe are not adequately dealt with in the Risk Register.		
satisfy	pes not have a risk committee or committees that (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it bys for overseeing the entity's risk management work.				
Recomm	endation 7.2		(a) The Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter requires that		
The Board	d or a committee of the Board should:		·	YES	the Audit and Risk Management Committee should, at least annually, satisfy itself that the Company's risk management
	v the entity's risk management framework with			framework continues to be sound.	
	gement at least annually to satisfy itself that it nues to be sound; and			(b) The Company's Board and Audit and Risk Management Committee, if established, is focused on the management of risk.	
	se in relation to each reporting period, whether a review has taken place.		The CEO is required to report on the management of risk as a standing agenda item at each Board meeting, which involves the tabling of a Risk Register which is monitored and periodically updated by management. In addition, the Company's Board or		

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		the Audit and Risk Management Committee also reviews the Company's risk management framework at least annually.
Recommendation 7.3 A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	NO	 (a) The Board believes it is not of a size to justify having an internal audit function for efficiency purposes but will monitor the need for an internal audit function as the size of the Company and its operations grow having regard to the size, location and complexity of the Company's operations. (b) The Company did not have an internal audit function for the past financial year. The Board as a whole is ultimately responsible for establishing and reviewing the Company's policies on risk profile, oversight and management and satisfying itself that management has developed and implemented a sound system of risk management and internal control. In addition, the Board or the Company's Audit and Risk Management Committee, if established, reviews the Company's risk management framework including in relation to internal controls, economic, environmental and social sustainability risk at least annually and monitors the quality of the accounting function. This review was undertaken by the Audit and Risk Management Committee during the financial year.
Recommendation 7.4 A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan states the risk management policies and procedures shall include a procedure to determine whether the Company has a material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and if it does, a policy to manage those risks. The Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter requires the Audit and Risk Management Committee or the full Board is acting as the Audit and Risk Management Committee to assist management determine whether the Company has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks. The Company discloses this information in its Annual Report and on its ASX website as part of its continuous disclosure obligations.

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Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly				
Recommendation 8.1				
The Board of a listed entity should:		NO	(a) From 27 April 2016, the Board resolved for the full Board to act as the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.	
(a) have a remuneration committee which:				
(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and			
(ii)	is chaired by an independent Director,			
and disclose:				
(iii)	the charter of the committee;			
(iv)	the members of the committee; and	(b) As noted above, the Company did not have a sepa Remuneration Committee for all of the past financial year given the of the Board and as the Board did not consider the Company w benefit from its establishment. The Board currently carries out the of that would ordinarily be carried out by the Remuneration Nomination Committee. The Board undertakes this role with	(b) As noted above, the Company did not have a separate	
(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			
(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.			assistance of any external advice which may be required from time to time. Remuneration levels are competitively set to attract suitably qualified and experienced Directors and senior Executives, having regard for Company performance.	
Recommendation 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 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.		YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of Directors and senior executives, which is disclosed in the remuneration report contained in the Company's 30 June 2019 Annual Financial Report as well as being disclosed on the Company's website.	

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Recommendation 8.3		
listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration theme should:	YES	(a) The Company had an equity based remuneration scheme during the past financial year. Under the Company's Corporate Governance
(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		Plan, participants are not permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme unless specifically approved by the Board.
(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.		(b) A summary of the policy is provided in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan which is on the Company's website.