

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures

Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Whitehaven Coal Limited

ABN/ARBN

68 124 425 396

Financial year ended:

30 June 2023

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

- ☐ These pages of our annual report:
- ☒ This URL on our website: <https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/>

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 20 September 2023 and has been approved by the board.

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

Date: 20 September 2023

Name of authorised officer
authorising lodgement: Timothy Burt

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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of our board charter at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <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 OR <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 OR <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 OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<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&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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of our Diversity and Inclusion policy at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p> <p>and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraph (c):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on pages 19 and 20 of the 2023 Sustainability Report; and at https://whitehavencoal.com.au/diversity/ <p>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.</p> <p>Whilst we do not have a measurable objective in respect of gender composition of the Board, Whitehaven takes a proactive approach towards diversity at all levels of the business. Females comprise 57% of our non-executive directors and 50% of our directors.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p>Whilst we do not have a measurable objective in respect of gender composition of the Board, Whitehaven takes a proactive approach towards diversity at all levels of the business. Females comprise 57% of our non-executive directors and 50% of our directors.</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"/> and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process in 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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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) and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process in our Corporate Governance Statement.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD VALUE			
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>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in our Corporate Governance Statement (for members); and • on page 14 of the 2023 Annual Report (for meetings and attendances). 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
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.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our board skills matrix in our Corporate Governance Statement.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</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"/> and we have disclosed the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b) and the length of service of each director in 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <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 OR <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 OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our values at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/	<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: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/	<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 Speak Up policy at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/	<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-Corruption policy at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPORTS			
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"/> and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in our Corporate Governance Statement (for the members); and • on pages 7-10 and 14 of the 2023 Annual Report (for qualifications and experience, and meetings and attendances). 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our continuous disclosure compliance policy at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/	<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
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed information about us and our governance on our website at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/	<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 in our Corporate Governance Statement.	<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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PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK			
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>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in our Corporate Governance Statement (for the members); and • on page 14 of the 2023 Annual Report (for the meetings and attendances). 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
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>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed whether a review of the entity's risk management framework was undertaken during the reporting period at in our Corporate Governance Statement.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
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>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>[If the entity 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 in our Corporate Governance Statement.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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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 and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks in our Corporate Governance Statement.	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY			
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"/> and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in our Corporate Governance Statement (for members); and • on page 14 of the 2023 Annual Report (for meetings and attendances). 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in our Corporate Governance Statement; and • at pages 32-53 of the 2023 Annual Report. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</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 in our Securities Trading Policy at: https://whitehavencoal.com.au/our-business/corporate-governance/</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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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.	<input type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at: [insert location]	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR <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 OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR <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 OR <input 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
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.	<input type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) at: [insert location]	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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

Corporate Governance Statement 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Company is committed to achieving the highest standards of corporate governance and to conducting its operations and corporate activities safely and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulatory obligations. This Corporate Governance Statement sets out the key details of the Company's corporate governance framework.

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD

The Board has a formal Board Charter which sets out the responsibilities, structure and composition of the Board. It provides that the Board's broad function is to:

- set the values and monitor the corporate culture of the Group;
- determine strategy and set financial targets for the Whitehaven Group;
- monitor the implementation and execution of strategy and performance against financial targets; and
- appoint and oversee the performance of executive management and to take and fulfil an effective leadership role in relation to the Whitehaven Group.

The Board Charter sets out the responsibilities which are specifically reserved for the Board. These include the following:

- determining the composition of the Board, including the appointment and removal of Directors;
- oversight of the Whitehaven Group, including its control and accountability systems;
- appointment and removal of senior management and the Company Secretary;
- reviewing and overseeing systems of risk management and internal compliance and control, codes of ethics and conduct, and legal and regulatory compliance;
- monitoring senior management's performance and implementation of strategy; and
- approving and monitoring financial and other reporting and the operation of Board committees ('Committees').

A copy of the Board Charter can be viewed on Whitehaven's website (www.whitehavencoal.com.au).

Day-to-day management of the Company's affairs and implementation of its strategy and policy initiatives are delegated to the Managing Director and senior executives, who operate in accordance with Board approved policies and delegated limits of authority.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE BOARD

Under the terms of the Board Charter, an independent Director is a non-executive director who is not a member of management and who is free of any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with – or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with – the independent exercise of their judgment.

The Board reviews and makes a determination regarding each Director's independence on a regular basis as required by any change in circumstance that may affect an individual's independence. In making this determination, the Board has regard to all relevant facts and circumstances, including the recommendations of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board Charter and the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations. The Board assesses whether the Director is independent of management and any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of objective or independent judgment or the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company.

Paul Flynn is not considered independent because during the financial year he was an executive of the Company.

Mark Vaile, Julie Beeby, Nicole Brook, Wallis Graham, Tony Mason, Fiona Robertson and Ray Zage are considered by the Board to be independent Directors pursuant to the terms of the Board Charter. The tenure of a Director is a factor taken into account by the Board in assessing the independence of a Director, but is not determinative. Based on its assessment, the Board determined that each independent Director remains able to bring an independent mind to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders generally. In addition, the

Board believes that the interests of all stakeholders are best served if its composition includes a blend of experience and tenure among Directors.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has established the following standing Committees and the membership of those Committees at 30 June 2023 is set out below:

Committee	Purpose	Membership
Audit and Risk Management Committee	<p>Advises on the establishment and maintenance of a framework of internal control and appropriate ethical standards for the management of the Whitehaven Group. It also gives the Board additional assurance regarding the quality and reliability of financial information prepared for use by the Board in determining policies or for inclusion in the financial report.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee also has an important role in ensuring that the audit is of high quality and that there is active engagement with the auditors. It is also actively involved in the appointment of auditors and ensures that the audit is conducted to the highest standard.</p>	<p>Fiona Robertson (Chair)</p> <p>Wallis Graham</p> <p>Mark Vaile</p> <p>Ray Zage</p>
Remuneration Committee	<p>Assists the Board and reports to it on remuneration and issues relevant to remuneration policies and practices including those for key management. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing Whitehaven's human resources strategy.</p>	<p>Wallis Graham (Chair)</p> <p>Fiona Robertson</p> <p>Mark Vaile</p>
Governance and Nomination Committee	<p>Assists the Board and reports to it on issues relevant to governance policies and practices including the independence of Directors and to make recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment of new Directors. The Committee also supports and advises the Board on the oversight of succession planning for the Managing Director.</p>	<p>Mark Vaile (Chair)</p> <p>Julie Beeby</p> <p>Fiona Robertson</p>
Health, Safety, Environment and Community Committee	<p>Assists the Board and reports to it on health, safety, environment and community (HSEC) matters including Whitehaven's performance on HSEC matters, compliance with relevant HSEC laws and the adequacy and effectiveness of HSEC management systems.</p>	<p>Julie Beeby (Chair)</p> <p>Nicole Brook</p> <p>Mark Vaile</p>

The number of meetings held for each of the Committees above, and each Committee member's attendance at these meetings, is set out in the Directors' Report in the 2023 Annual Report.

The Charter of each of the standing Committees is included in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Whitehaven website (<http://www.whitehavencoal.com.au/corporate-governance/>).

In addition to the standing Committees referred to above, the Board also has the ability to establish ad hoc committees formed for a limited period of time to address a specific need.

Each Committee regularly reports to the Board on matters relevant to the Committee's role and responsibilities and the minutes of each Committee meeting are made available to each Director.

BEST PRACTICE COMMITMENT

Whitehaven is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of conduct and has undertaken various initiatives, as outlined in this statement, designed to achieve this objective. Whitehaven's corporate governance charters are intended to 'institutionalise' good corporate governance and, generally, to build a culture of best practice both in Whitehaven's internal practices and in its dealings with others.

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

With the prior approval of the Chairman, each Director has the right to seek independent legal and other professional advice concerning any aspect of Whitehaven's operations or undertakings in order to fulfil their duties and responsibilities as Directors. Any costs incurred are borne by the Company.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASX CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board has assessed the Company's practice against the Australian Securities Exchange Corporate Governance Council's 'Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4th edition' ('ASX Guidelines'). The Appendix 4G reflects the Company's compliance with the ASX Guidelines.

Principle 1 – Lay Solid Foundations for Management and Oversight

The role of the Board and delegation to senior management have been formalised as described above.

Senior Executive Contracts and Performance Evaluations

All senior executives are employed under employment services agreements that detail their role and responsibilities and other key terms of their employment with the Whitehaven Group.

On an annual basis, the Board reviews the performance of the Managing Director. The assessment criteria used in these reviews are both qualitative and quantitative and includes the following:

- financial performance;
- safety and environmental performance; and
- strategic leadership actions.

The Managing Director annually reviews the performance of Whitehaven's senior executives using criteria consistent with the above.

The performance of the Managing Director and the Company's senior executives during the 2023 financial year has been assessed in accordance with the above processes.

Appointment of Directors

As part of the process for appointing new Directors, appropriate background checks on potential appointees' character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history are undertaken by the Governance and Nomination Committee. Equivalent checks are also undertaken before putting forward a candidate to shareholders for election as a Director.

The Company provides shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director.

Each Director has a letter of appointment, which sets out the terms of their appointment, including their responsibilities and the expected time commitment.

Board, Committee and Director Evaluations

The Board periodically undertakes an evaluation of the performance of the Board, its Committees and its Directors. The evaluation encompasses a review of the structure and operation of the Board and its Committees, the skills and characteristics required by the Board to maximise its effectiveness, the performance of its Committees and Directors, and the appropriateness of the Board's practices and procedures to meet the present and future needs of the Company.

The most recent evaluation of the Board, its Committees and its Directors was conducted during the year. The Board determined that it benefits from a variety of perspectives and skills, that it remains of a size which facilitates effective decision making and that its Committees and Directors are discharging their responsibilities.

Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chairman, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The Company Secretary is responsible for coordination of all Board business, including agendas, board papers, minutes, communication with the ASX and all statutory and other filings.

Diversity

Whitehaven recognises that people are its most important asset and is committed to maintaining and promoting workplace diversity. Diversity drives the Group's ability to attract, retain and develop the best talent, create an engaged workforce, deliver the highest quality services to its customers and continue to grow the business.

The Board has adopted a Diversity and Inclusion Policy which describes Whitehaven's diversity aspirations and sets minimum expectations to be met by the Group on workforce diversity. A copy of the Diversity and Inclusion Policy is available on Whitehaven's website.

The recruitment and selection processes adopted by Whitehaven ensure that employees and management are selected in a non-discriminatory manner based on merit. The Diversity and Inclusion Policy is overseen at Board level by the Governance & Nomination Committee.

In FY22, Whitehaven established a measurable objective to increase female participation in the workforce to 20% and women in leadership roles to 20% by the end of FY26. Those in leadership roles include anyone with employees reporting directly to them, or who themselves report to an Executive General Manager or General Manager. Currently, 17.3% of Whitehaven employees and 14.1% of our leaders are female. Commentary against the performance of this objective is set out in the 2023 Sustainability Report.

Whilst we do not have a measurable objective in respect of gender composition of the Board, Whitehaven takes a proactive approach towards diversity at all levels of the business. Females comprise 57% of our Non-Executive Directors and 50% of Whitehaven's Directors.

A full copy of Whitehaven's Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) report for FY2023, which includes Whitehaven's "Gender Equality Indicators", can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Principle 2 – Structure the Board to add value

Board Composition

The Board is currently comprised as follows:

Director	Independent	Non-executive	Term in office
Mark Vaile (Chairman)	Yes	Yes	11 years
Paul Flynn	No	No	11 years
Julie Beeby	Yes	Yes	8 years
Nicole Brook	Yes	Yes	11 months
Wallis Graham	Yes	Yes	8 months
Tony Mason	Yes	Yes	1 month
Fiona Robertson	Yes	Yes	5 years
Ray Zage	Yes	Yes	10 years

The Board reviews its composition from time to time to ensure the Board benefits from an appropriate balance of skills and experience. Details of the experience and skills of the Directors are set out in the Directors' Report in the 2023 Annual Report.

Julie Beeby will retire as Non-Executive Director at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2023.

Board Skills and Experience

The Board is comprised of eight Directors (which will be reduced to seven following Julie Beeby's retirement) from diverse backgrounds with a range of business experience, skills and attributes. The following table demonstrates the skills and experience of the Directors across several dimensions that are relevant to the Company's business.

Leadership & Governance	
Leadership	Experience in implementing, influencing and fostering positive organisational outcomes from senior leadership positions.
Public Listed Company Experience	Experience in senior management roles within large, listed and/or multinational organisations.
Corporate Governance	Detailed understanding of regulatory, compliance and legal frameworks applicable to listed corporations and experience in providing compliance oversight for such frameworks.
Strategy	Experience and proven accountability for business strategy development and implementation at a senior executive level.
Business, Finance & Risk	
Accounting, Audit & Finance	Demonstrated proficiency with financial accounting, reporting and a strong understanding of internal financial controls.
Risk Management	Experience in developing and overseeing risk management systems with a focus on identification, assessment and assurance of emerging and existing risks.
Mergers & Acquisitions	Experience in delivering successful M&A transactions and other corporate development outcomes.
Technology	Experience in leveraging emerging technology and innovations to improve organisational outcomes.
Technical & Operations	
Mining Industry Experience & Engineering	In-depth experience in technical services and/or operations in mining or wider resources sector.
Project Delivery	Demonstrated responsibility for planning and delivery of large-scale capital projects with long cycle times.
Marketing	Experience in the marketing or trading of coal or similar commodities.
Health, Safety & Environment	Familiarity with complex operational health & safety and environmental protection frameworks.
Human Resources & Remuneration	Understanding of remuneration frameworks, workplace culture management and experience with succession planning.
Sustainability & Stakeholder Management	
Public Policy & Government Affairs	Strong understanding of public policy matters, proficiency in communicating key policy positions and experience with interacting with government and regulators.
Investor Relations	Experience in building positive relationships with institutional and retail investors.
Community Relations	Experience managing community stakeholder issues in a large organisation.
Sustainability & Climate Change	Comprehensive understanding of relevant risks and strategic implications arising from climate change.
Volunteer & Not for Profit Involvement	Prior involvement in leadership or management of volunteer or community-based organisations.

The Board is committed to identifying and attracting suitably experienced leaders to ensure that it has the right directors. In terms of composition, the Board is of the view that its current Directors possess an appropriate mix of skills, experience and diversity to enable the Board to discharge its responsibilities and deliver the Company's corporate objectives.

Governance and Nomination Committee

Details regarding the Governance and Nomination Committee, including its role and members, are set out above. The Committee is comprised entirely of independent Directors, is chaired by an independent Director and has three members. The Governance and Nomination Committee's Charter can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Director Induction and Ongoing Training

Whitehaven has a comprehensive induction training programme for Directors, which involves briefings by the Managing Director and the leadership team regarding the Group's strategy and culture, sessions on key areas such as risk, and site visits. There is also an ongoing Director training programme to ensure that Directors maintain the skills and knowledge required to effectively perform their role.

Principle 3 – Instil a Culture of Acting Lawfully, Ethically and Responsibly

Whitehaven's Values inform the behaviours, leadership attributes and decision-making of all Whitehaven Directors and employees and underpin the way we build relationships within our teams, with our business partners, our communities and other stakeholders. The senior leadership team has responsibility for instilling the values by continually referencing and reinforcing those values. The Code of Conduct provides Directors and employees with guidance on what is acceptable behaviour and requires all Directors and employees to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. The Code of Conduct and Values can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Whitehaven has a Speak Up Policy which outlines the options for reporting a business conduct concern, what happens when such a report is made and how we will protect the reporter. Whitehaven does not tolerate any form of retaliation against anyone for reporting a matter in accordance with the Speak Up Policy and material breaches of the policy are reported to the Board. The Speak Up Policy can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Whitehaven has a Securities Trading Policy that regulates dealing in its securities by key management personnel (including Directors) and certain other employees (Restricted Persons). In addition to an overriding prohibition on dealing in securities when a Restricted Person is in possession of inside information, Restricted Persons and their families and/or companies and other entities that the Restricted Person controls, are prohibited from dealing in the company's securities during certain blackout periods as follows:

- 4.00pm (Sydney time) on 30 June each year until the day following the announcement to the ASX of the full-year results
- 4.00pm (Sydney time) on 31 December each year until the day following the announcement to the ASX of the half-year results
- 4.00pm (Sydney time) on 31 March each year until the day following the release to the ASX of the March Quarterly Report
- 4.00pm (Sydney time) on 30 September each year until the day following the release to the ASX of the September Quarterly Report
- Any other period that the Board specifies from time to time.

A copy of the Securities Trading Policy is available on Whitehaven's website.

Whitehaven has an Anti-Corruption Policy which establishes a standard of behaviour and integrity, honesty and transparency which applies to anyone who is employed by or works in the Whitehaven Group. The policy sets out what conduct is expected of Whitehaven and its employees and provides guidance on how to recognise and deal with instances of corruption and bribery. The Anti-Corruption Policy can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Whitehaven has a Political Donations Policy which sets out the circumstances under which Whitehaven and its Directors may make political donations and the internal reporting requirements in respect of any donations made. Whitehaven is committed to transparency in respect of its political donations and to ensuring compliance with its political donations disclosure obligations. The Political Donations Policy can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Principle 4 – Safeguard Integrity in Corporate Reporting

Whitehaven is committed to a transparent system for auditing and reporting of the Company's financial performance. Whitehaven's Audit and Risk Management Committee performs a central function in achieving this goal. All of the members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee (including the Chair of the Committee) are independent Directors, and all the members are financially literate non-executive Directors. The relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee are set out in the Directors' Report in the 2023 Annual Report.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee holds discussions with external auditors without management present as required. The Audit and Risk Management Committee's Charter can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Each financial period, the Board receives a declaration from the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer that, in their opinion, the financial records of Whitehaven 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 Whitehaven, and that this opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control, which is operating effectively. These declarations were provided by the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Whitehaven is committed to providing timely, clear, consistent and accurate disclosure to shareholders and other stakeholders in its corporate reports. Unaudited periodic corporate reports are prepared by, or under the supervision of, subject-matter experts. Material statements in those reports are reviewed for accuracy by relevant members of the management team. The reports are approved for release by the Managing Director and/or Board.

Principle 5 – Make Timely and Balanced Disclosure

Whitehaven has in place (under its Continuous Disclosure Policy) practices and procedures which are aimed at ensuring timely compliance with the Company's obligations under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and ASX Listing Rules. The Continuous Disclosure Policy sets out Whitehaven's disclosure obligations, explains what type of information needs to be disclosed and identifies who is responsible for disclosure.

The Continuous Disclosure Policy requires employees of Whitehaven to immediately report to the Managing Director or if the Managing Director is not contactable, one of his delegates (the Chief Financial Officer or the General Counsel and Company Secretary) once they become aware of information that is, or may be, price sensitive.

Under the Continuous Disclosure Policy, Whitehaven must not publicly disclose price-sensitive information until it has given that information to the ASX and has received an acknowledgment from the ASX that the information has been released to the market. After an acknowledgment has been received from the ASX, information disclosed to the ASX should be promptly placed on Whitehaven's website. This policy can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

Principle 6 – Respect the Rights of Shareholders

The Board recognises the importance of ensuring that shareholders are kept informed of all major developments affecting the Company. Information is communicated to shareholders in the following ways:

- regular announcements are made to the ASX in accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure obligations, including quarterly reports, half-year results, full-year results and an Annual Report. These announcements, as well as information regarding the Company and its governance, are available on Whitehaven's website;
- Whitehaven's Annual Report is delivered to those shareholders who have elected to receive it;
- through participation at the Company's Annual General Meeting. The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting;
- the Company's external auditors attend the Annual General Meeting and are available to answer shareholders' questions.

Shareholders are able to receive communications from, and send communications to, Whitehaven or its share registry electronically.

Principle 7 – Recognise and Manage Risk

Whitehaven recognises that risk is a part of doing business and that effective risk management is fundamental to achieving the Company's strategic and operational objectives.

Whitehaven has a Risk Management Framework which provides the approach, infrastructure and processes for risk management at the Company. This Framework is constantly evolving, enabling the Company to manage its risks effectively and efficiently.

The Company's Risk Appetite Statement sets out the types and extent of risk that Whitehaven is willing to accept in pursuit of its strategic objectives and underpins Whitehaven's Risk Management Framework.

Under the supervision of the Board, management is responsible for identifying and managing risks.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that a sound system of risk oversight and management exists and that internal controls are effective. In particular, the Board ensures that the principal strategic, operational, financial reporting and

compliance risks are identified, and that systems are in place to manage and report on these risks and that the Company is operating within the risk appetite set by the Board. The Board conducts a review of the Risk Management Framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound. The Board undertook this review during the financial year and is satisfied that Whitehaven's Risk Management Framework remains sound.

The Board, together with management, constantly seeks to identify, monitor and mitigate risk. Internal controls are monitored on a continuous basis and, wherever possible, improved.

The Board is also assisted by the Audit and Risk Management Committee to oversee financial reporting risks by reviewing the major risks affecting each business segment and developing, and recommending to the Board, strategies to mitigate these. The Health, Safety, Environment and Community Committee also assists the Board to oversee and minimise health, safety and environmental risks. The Charters which set out the specific responsibilities of these Committees are available on Whitehaven's website.

Whitehaven does not have a formal internal audit function. Whitehaven divides responsibility for internal audit activities between management, the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Health, Safety, Environment and Community Committee and the Board. One of Whitehaven's key risk management systems is its internal risk register which is used for the purposes of reporting to the Board regarding material risks within the Group and how these have been managed. This process is aimed at ensuring the Company's Risk Management Framework and system of internal control are continually being monitored and evaluated.

Material Environmental and Social Risks

Whitehaven's business is subject to various risks, including the material economic, environmental and social sustainability risks. Details in relation to environmental and social risks are provided below. This not an exhaustive list of all the environmental and social risks that may affect the Company.

Water Security and Management

Water is critical for the Whitehaven's mining operations as it is used for various purposes including dust suppression and coal washing. Whitehaven's ability to access water may be impacted by a number of factors, including drought, changes in government policy and regulation and scarcity of supply. The inability to access sufficient water may negatively impact Whitehaven's costs, future production and financial performance.

Proactive water management is also required to ensure operations are not impacted by excess water. The inability to adequately dewater or store excess water onsite may limit production, sterilise coal and result in unauthorised water discharge from site.

Whitehaven regularly monitors the water balances at each of its sites, invests in water management infrastructure and investigates opportunities to minimise water usage and secure alternate, reliable water sources to build resilience against water availability risks.

Safety and Environment Risks and Licence to Operate

A range of health, safety and environmental risks exist with coal mining activities. Accidents, environmental incidents and real or perceived threats to the environment or the amenity of local communities could result in a loss of the Company's social licence to operate leading to delays, disruption or the shut-down of operations. Potential safety risks include equipment failure, dust exposure, vehicle and mining equipment interactions, roof fall hazards in underground operations and spontaneous combustion and outburst risks.

Whitehaven engages with a number of different stakeholders in the communities within which it operates. Stakeholder related risks include:

- the requirement to comply with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) which can delay the grant of mining tenements and impact the timing of exploration, development and production operations;
- the ability to reach agreement with local landholders in relation to acquisition and/or access terms which may delay the timing of project development; and
- notwithstanding the contributions made to the communities within which the Whitehaven operates, local communities may become dissatisfied with the impact of operations or oppose new development projects. There is also the possibility of anti-coal activism targeted towards the Whitehaven's projects.

Whitehaven has a comprehensive environmental, health and safety management system to mitigate the risk of incidents and to ensure compliance with environmental and safety laws. Whitehaven also has a dedicated community relations team that engage with local communities to ensure that community issues are understood and addressed appropriately.

Details of how Whitehaven engages effectively with the communities in which we operate and steps which the Company takes to maintain its social licence to operate are set out in Whitehaven's 2023 Sustainability Report.

Legal, Policy and Regulatory Risk

The coal sector is subject to a broad range of laws, regulations and standards including in relation to taxation, royalties, environmental matters and greenhouse gas emissions. A change in laws, regulations or standards applicable to Whitehaven could result in increased costs, regulatory action, litigation or, in extreme cases, threaten the viability of an operation.

Whitehaven actively monitors legislative and regulatory developments and engages appropriately with legislative and regulatory bodies to manage this risk.

Climate Change Risk

The physical and non-physical impacts of climate change are interlinked with multiple other risks and may affect Whitehaven's assets, production and the markets where its products are sold. These impacts may include severity and frequency of weather patterns, policy and regulatory change and coal demand responses. Further details in relation to climate change risks are set out in Whitehaven's 2023 Sustainability Report.

Attract and Retain People

Whitehaven's ability to achieve its business strategy depends on attracting, developing and retaining a wide range of skilled and experienced employees and contractors. An inability to attract or retain such personnel could adversely affect the success of Whitehaven's business.

Whitehaven seeks to manage this risk by designing employment arrangements and succession plans to secure and retain key personnel. Whitehaven also seeks to build a future supply of industry labour by actively promoting the resources industry in the local communities where it operates.

Principle 8 – Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly

Whitehaven's remuneration policy and practices are designed to attract, motivate and retain high quality people. The policy is built around the following principles:

- it is aligned with our strategy;
- it drives the right outcomes and behaviours from our people;
- it recognises industry dynamics and ESG concerns; and
- it acts as an attraction and retention tool in a competitive labour market.

Whitehaven's remuneration framework is designed to ensure that executives focus on delivering against the strategic objectives, ensuring that company and shareholder outcomes are primary considerations in the decision-making processes. The framework is structured to mitigate against any excessive risk-taking or short-term decisions by executives through the establishment of scorecard metrics that align with strategic objectives.

Whitehaven has a Remuneration Committee whose responsibilities include considering the Company's remuneration strategy and policy, overseeing the Company's human resources strategy and making recommendations to the Board that are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Committee is comprised of entirely of independent Directors, is chaired by an independent Director and has three members.

The Remuneration Committee has a formal charter which sets out its roles and responsibilities, composition structure and membership requirements. A copy of this charter can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

The remuneration of non-executive Directors is fixed by way of cash and statutory superannuation contributions. Non-executive Directors do not receive any options, bonus payments or other performance related incentives, nor are they provided with any retirement benefits.

To provide for shareholder alignment and to comply with the Minimum Shareholding Requirement introduced in July 2022, Whitehaven operates a minimum shareholding policy for key management personnel and other executives reporting to the Managing Director & CEO.

More information relating to the remuneration of non-executive Directors and executives is set out in the Remuneration Report in the 2023 Annual Report. As required by the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), a resolution that the Remuneration Report be adopted will be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting, however the vote will be advisory only and will not bind the Directors of the Company.

Under Whitehaven's Securities Trading Policy, members of the Company's key management personnel and other employees nominated by the Board must not enter into hedging arrangements over their unvested securities. A copy of the Policy can be viewed on Whitehaven's website.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY – TAXATION

Whitehaven recognises and accepts its responsibility to comply with all laws relating to the reporting and payment of all taxes on a timely basis. The tax strategies, policies, resources, procedures and controls set in place by the Board, management and staff should at all times support this status.

The Board has approved a Tax Governance and Risk Management Framework under its Audit & Risk Management Committee to ensure:

- The assessment of tax risk, functions and profiles and roles of key parties;
- The escalation to the Board of matters of a material impact;
- The communication of the strategic intent of the group to key parties;
- The identification of key tax liabilities and relevant compliance reporting functions and the assessment of the factors which may impact on these;
- The specific roles and required capabilities of management, staff and advisors; and
- The periodic review of its tax functions.

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