

# Appendix 4G

## Key to Disclosures

### Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Vital Metals Limited

ABN/ARBN

32 112 032 596

Financial year ended:

30 June 2023

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

- ☐ These pages of our annual report:
- ☒ This URL on our website: [www.vitalmetals.com](http://www.vitalmetals.com)

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 30 June 2023 and has been approved by the board.

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

Date: 5 October 2023

Name of authorised officer  
authorising lodgement: The Board

<sup>1</sup> "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of Listing Rule 4.10.3.

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "OR" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

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

## ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation 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: <sup>5</sup>
<b>PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</b>			
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed a copy of our board charter at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.4	The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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

<sup>5</sup> If you have followed all of the Council’s recommendations in full for the whole of the period above, you can, if you wish, delete this column from the form and re-format it.

## Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

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

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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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>[insert location]</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<b>PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD VALUE</b>			
2.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: 2023 Annual Report p.24</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively at:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
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 at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
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 at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b) at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>[insert location]</p> <p>and the length of service of each director at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
<b>PRINCIPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b>			
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our values at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.2	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our code of conduct at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.3	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our whistleblower policy at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.4	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our anti-bribery and corruption policy at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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<b>PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPORTS</b>			
4.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have an audit committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,</p> <p>and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at:  <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at:            2023 Annual Report pp. 14, 15 and 24</p> <p><i>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner at:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
4.2	<p>The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
4.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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



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<b>PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK</b>			
7.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at:  <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at:            2023 Annual Report p24</p> <p><i>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework at:</p>	<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"/></p> <p>and we have disclosed whether a review of the entity's risk management framework was undertaken during the reporting period at:  <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

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7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p><i>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</i></p> <p>and we have disclosed how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs at:</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>[insert location]</i></p> <p><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 at:</p> <p><a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
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"/> <p>and we have disclosed whether we have any material exposure to environmental and social risks at:</p> <p><a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks at:</p> <p><a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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<b>PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b>			
8.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: <a href="https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: 2023 Annual Report p24</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>and we have disclosed the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives at:</p> <p>Remuneration Report section of the Company's Annual Report</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
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 type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed our policy on this issue or a summary of it at: .....</p> <p>[insert location]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

## Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation <b>in full</b> for the <b>whole</b> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are: <sup>5</sup>
<b>ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES</b>			
9.1	A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.	<input type="checkbox"/> and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at: ..... [insert location]	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
9.2	A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
9.3	A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed listed entity that has an AGM, should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input 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
<b>ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES</b>			
-	<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

## Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

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-	<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>

## Vital Metals Limited - Corporate Governance Statement

ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4<sup>th</sup> edition*  
For the year ended 30 June 2023 and approved by the Board

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The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance designed to enable it to meet its performance objectives and better manage its risks.

The Company has adopted a comprehensive governance framework in the form of a formal corporate governance charter together with associated policies, protocols and related instruments.

A full copy of the Company's corporate governance charter and associated policies, protocols and related instruments is available on the Company's website under "About Us" / "Corporate Governance" – <https://vitalmetals.com.au/corporate-governance/>

The Company intends to follow the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations in all respects other than as specifically provided below.

In particular, each of the recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations which will not be followed by the Company and the reasons why they respectively will not be followed, are set out below.

The Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 30 June 2023 and has been approved by the Board of Vital Metals Limited.

Recommendation	Current Practice
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.	Satisfied. The functions reserved for the Board and delegated to senior executives have been established.
1.2 A listed entity should: a. Undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive, or putting forward to security holders a candidate 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	Satisfied. Appropriate checks have been undertaken.
1.3 A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Satisfied. Agreements are in place.

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- 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 proper functioning of the board.
- Satisfied. This practice is in place.
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1.5 A listed entity should:

- a. have and disclose a diversity policy;
- b. through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and
- c. disclose in relation to each reporting period:
  - (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;
  - (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and
  - (3) either:
    - (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or
    - (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.

The entity's Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.

To drive diversity and inclusion within the Company, the Board has set the following objectives: To increase the percentage of women in the business and more specifically, in leadership roles, and actively promote a culture that values diversity, inclusion and flexibility. A female Board member was appointed during the year.

The Company has the following appointments by gender as at 30 June 2023:

Position *	Female	Male	Total
Directors	1	3	4
Senior executives **	1	2	3
Other employees***	10	20	30

\* Includes personnel who contract their services to the Company

\*\* Senior executives comprise the Chief Operating Officer, VP Sustainability and Company Secretary

\*\*\* All "Other employees" are located in Australia and Canada

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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 whether performance evaluations were undertaken.

Satisfied, see process in corporate governance policies.

Not satisfied. No evaluations have been undertaken in the reporting period.

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1.7 A listed entity should:

- a. Have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of senior

Satisfied, see process in corporate governance policies.

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- management at least once every reporting period; and
- b. Disclose whether performance evaluations were undertaken.

Not satisfied. No evaluations have been undertaken in the reporting period, due to senior management having spent limited time in their roles to date.

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- 2.1 A listed entity should have a nomination committee which:

Satisfied

- Consists of at least 3 members, a majority of whom are independent directors;
- Is chaired by an independent director;

During the year the Company established a nomination committee. This committee consists of a majority of directors who are independent. As the Company grows in size, the Company will consider appointing additional members.

And disclose:

- The charter of the committee;
- The members of the committee
- The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings

If it does not have a nomination committee disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that role.

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- 2.2 A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix.

The Board uses a skills matrix to guide its assessment of the skills and experience of current Directors, and those skills that the Board considers will complement the effective functioning of the Board. Directors as at 30 June 2023 possessed a range of professional skills, some of which are summarised in the following table:

Industry specific knowledge and expertise	Specific experience, knowledge and expertise gained across the mining and exploration industry as well as the rare earths industry
Country specific knowledge and expertise	Specific experience, knowledge and expertise gained from regions and countries related to the Company's strategy and activities
Operational specific knowledge and expertise	Specific experience on exploration and development of rare earths
Financial acumen	Financial knowledge and experience, including an understanding of the financial statements of organisations the type and size of the Company
Strategic and commercial acumen	An ability to define strategic objectives and implement strategy using analytical and technical expertise
Risk management	An understanding of risk management, including operational, financial reporting and compliance risks
Governance and compliance	Commitment to, and knowledge of, governance (incorporating experience gained from working in publicly listed companies) and sustainability issues

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2.3	A listed entity should disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors</li><li>- If a director has an interest / association / relationship that meets the factors of assessing independence, but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, state the reasons</li><li>- Length of service of each director</li></ul>	Satisfied.  As at 30 June 2023 the following directors were in office: <table><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Status</th><th>Appointment Date</th><th>Length of Service</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Richard Crookes</td><td>Not independent</td><td>10/08/2022</td><td>10 months</td></tr><tr><td>James Henderson</td><td>Independent</td><td>04/08/2020</td><td>3 years</td></tr><tr><td>Paul Quirk</td><td>Not Independent</td><td>10/08/2022</td><td>10 months</td></tr><tr><td>Lisa Riley</td><td>Independent</td><td>02/12/2022</td><td>6 months</td></tr></tbody></table>	Name	Status	Appointment Date	Length of Service	Richard Crookes	Not independent	10/08/2022	10 months	James Henderson	Independent	04/08/2020	3 years	Paul Quirk	Not Independent	10/08/2022	10 months	Lisa Riley	Independent	02/12/2022	6 months
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2.4	A majority of the board should be independent directors.	Not satisfied. 2 of the 4 directors are not considered independent.																				
2.5	The chair should be an independent director. The roles of Chair and Chief Executive Officer should not be exercised by the same individual.	Not satisfied																				
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need to undertake professional development.	Satisfied  The Company will provide induction material for any new directors and, depending on specific requirements, will provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors.																				
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	Satisfied  Our core values are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) <b>Integrity</b> – we act honestly and with integrity in all dealings, both internally and externally. We commit to only dealing with business partners who demonstrate similar ethical and responsible business policies.</li><li>(b) <b>Respect</b> – we respect all people, their ideas and cultures and our words and actions must reflect this respect.</li><li>(c) <b>Safety</b> – we are committed to providing and maintaining a safe and non-discriminatory working environment to safeguard the health and safety of our employees, consultant contractors, customers, suppliers and other persons who visit our workplace, work site or project sites, or who we work with, as required by law.</li><li>(d) <b>Community Standards</b> – we act in a manner consistent with reasonable expectations of our investors and the broader community.</li><li>(e) <b>Invested</b> – we are invested in achieving positive outcomes for all stakeholders. We are committed to exploring opportunities to create and sustain value.</li></ul>																				

		In line with the above values, we have a zero-tolerance approach toward bribery and corruption, and we encourage our personnel to uphold these values and report any unacceptable conduct that is not consistent with these values. Please refer to our Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy and our Whistleblower Protection Policy.
3.2	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have a code of conduct; and</li> <li>- ensure the board or a committee is informed of any material breaches of the code.</li> </ul>	<p>Satisfied.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section. Any material breached of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Board.</p>
3.3	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and</li> <li>- ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.</li> </ul>	<p>Satisfied</p> <p>The Company's Whistleblower Protection Policy is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Whistleblower Protection Policy are to be reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.</p>
3.4	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and</li> <li>- ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.</li> </ul>	<p>Satisfied</p> <p>The Company's Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy are to be reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.</p>
4.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should have an audit committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has at least three members all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of independent directors; and</li> <li>- Is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the board.</li> </ul> <p>Disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The charter of the committee;</li> <li>- The relevant member qualifications;</li> <li>- The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Satisfied</p> <p>During the year the Company established an audit and risk committee. This committee currently consists of a majority of directors who are independent. As the Company grows in size, the Company will consider appointing additional members.</p> <p>The external auditor attends the Annual General Meeting to answer any questions concerning the audit and the content of the Auditor's Report.</p> <p>The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.</p>

	external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	
4.2	The board should receive declarations for CEO & CFO in accordance with S.295A of corporations act before approving financial statements.	Satisfied.
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.	<p>Satisfied.</p> <p>All periodic corporate reports released to the ASX, including Quarterly Reports, are prepared and reviewed by senior managers and subject matter experts, reviewed and approved by the Managing Director, CFO and Company Secretary, and finally reviewed and authorised for release to the market by the Board.</p> <p>In addition, reports such as the Half year and Annual financial reports (and certain performance reports) are audited by our external auditors in accordance with relevant regulations and good governance.</p>
5.1	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</li> <li>- disclosure that policy or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	<p>Satisfied.</p> <p>Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.</p>
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	The Board receives copies of all material market announcements prior to release.
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.	The Company adheres to this policy.
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	<p>Satisfied.</p> <p>See the Company's website including the Corporate Governance Section.</p>
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates	Satisfied. See the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.

	effective two-way communication with investors.	
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders	Satisfied. See Shareholder Communication Policy on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.
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.	Satisfied
6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communication to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Satisfied. See welcome pack to investors.
7.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should have a committee to oversee risk, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has at least three members all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of independent directors; and</li> <li>- Is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the board.</li> </ul> <p>Disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The charter of the committee;</li> <li>- The members of the committee; and</li> <li>- The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings</li> </ul> <p>If it does not have a risk committee disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that role.</p>	<p>Satisfied</p> <p>During the year the Company established an audit and risk committee. This committee currently consists of a majority of directors who are independent. As the Company grows in size, the Company will consider appointing additional members.</p> <p>The Company has established policies for the oversight and management of material business risks.</p> <p>The Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.</p>
7.2	<p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that it operates with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and</li> <li>- Disclose whether such a review has taken place.</li> </ul>	<p>The Board adopts practices designed to identify significant areas of business risk and to effectively manage those risks in accordance with the entity's risk profile through its Risk Management Policy. This includes assessing, monitoring and managing operational, financial reporting and compliance risks for the entity. The entity is not of a size nor are its affairs of such complexity to justify the establishment of a formal system for reporting risk management and associated compliance and controls.</p>

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The Managing Director, in accordance with Company policy, approves expenditure, is intimately acquainted with all operations and reports all relevant issues to the other Directors at the directors' meetings.

Before approving the entity's yearly financial statements, the Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director declare to the Board that the Company's financial reports are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which implements the policies adopted by the Board.

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7.3 A listed entity should disclose:

- If has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs;
- If it does not have an internal audit function, disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that function.

The entity does not have an internal audit function. The function is undertaken by the Board in accordance with the internal controls and risk management procedures previously mentioned.

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7.4 The entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks, and if it does, how it manages those risks.

The entity undertakes minerals exploration and mining development and, as such, faces risks inherent to its business, including economic, environmental and social sustainability risks, which may materially impact the entity's ability to create or preserve value for security holders over the short, medium or long term.

The entity views sustainable and responsible business practices as an important long term driver of performance and shareholder value and is committed to transparency, fair dealing, responsible treatment of employees and partners and positive interaction with the community.

The entity has in place policies and procedures, including a risk management framework (as described in the Company's Risk Management Policy), which is developed and updated to help manage these risks. The Risk Management Policy is located on the Company's website.

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8.1 The board of a listed entity should:

- have a remuneration committee which has at least three members all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of independent directors; and
- Is chaired by an independent director; and

Satisfied

During the year the Company established a remuneration and nominations committee and this committee consists of a majority of directors who are independent. As the Company grows in size, the Company will consider appointing additional members.

Disclose:

- The charter of the committee;
- The members of the committee; and
- The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings

The Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.

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If it does not have a remuneration committee disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that role.

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| 8.2 | Companies should clearly distinguish the structure of non-executive directors' remuneration from that of executive directors and senior executives. | Satisfied.<br><br>The structure of Directors' remuneration is disclosed in the remuneration report section of the annual report. |
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| 8.3 | A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme;</li><li>- Disclose that policy or a summary of it.</li></ul> | The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme. |
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Further information about the Company's corporate governance practices is set out on the Company's website at <http://vitalmetals.com.au>