## **BROOKSIDE ENERGY LIMITED**

(COMPANY) ACN 108 787 720

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

This Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 31 March 2020 and has been approved by the Board of the Company on that date.

This Corporate Governance Statement discloses the extent to which the Company will follow the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however the Recommendations that will not be followed have been identified and reasons provided for not following them along with what (if any) alternative governance practices the Company intends to adopt in lieu of the recommendation.

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

The Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://brookside-energy.com.au/">http://brookside-energy.com.au/</a>.

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	inciple 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight					
	Recommendation 1.1  A listed entity should have and disclose a charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management, and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.	YES	The Company has adopted a Board Charter that sets out the specific roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.			
		The Board Charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Board's composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, Directors' access to Company records and information, details of the Board's relationship with management, details of the Board's performance review and details of the Board's disclosure policy.  A copy of the Company's Board Charter, which is part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, is available on the Company's website.				
	Recommendation 1.2		(a) The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board in its Corporate Governance Plan. The Company's			

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listed entity should:  undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director; and provide security holders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a Director.	YES	Nomination Committee Charter (in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) requires the Nomination Committee (or, in it absence, the Board) to ensure appropriate checks (including check in respect of character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history (as appropriate)) are undertaken before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director.  (b) Under the Nomination Committee Charter, all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director must be provided to security holders in the Notice of Meeting containing the resolution to elect or re-elect a Director.
Recommendation 1.3 A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	YES	The Company's Nomination Committee Charter requires the Nominatio Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to ensure that each Director and senior executive is a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive appointment.  The Company has written agreements with each of its Directors and senior executives.
the commendation 1.4  The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all natters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.	YES	The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibility and accountability of the Company Secretary. In accordance with this, the Compan Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on a matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.
A listed entity should:  a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the Board or a relevant committee of the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;  b) disclose that policy or a summary or it; and  c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period:  (i) the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the Board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards	PARTIALLY	<ul> <li>(a) The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy which provides of framework for the Company to establish and achieve measurable diversity objectives, including in respect of gender diversity. The Diversity Policy allows the Board to set measurable gender diversity objectives, if considered appropriate, and to assess annually both the objectives if any have been set and the Company's progress in achieving them.</li> <li>(b) The Diversity Policy is available, as part of the Corporate Governance Plan, on the Company's website.</li> <li>(c)</li> <li>(i) The Board does not presently intend to set measurable gender diversity objectives because:</li> <li>the Board does not anticipate there will be a need to</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>(ii) either: <ul> <li>the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</li> <li>if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in the Workplace Gender Equality Act.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		limited nature of the Company's existing and proposed activities and the Board's view that the existing Directors and senior executives have sufficient skill and experience to carry out the Company's plans; and  - if it becomes necessary to appoint any new Directors or senior executives, the Board considered the application of a measurable gender diversity objective requiring a specified proportion of women on the Board and in senior executive roles will, given the small size of the Company and the Board, unduly limit the Company from applying the Diversity Policy as a whole and the Company's policy of appointing based on skills and merit: and  (ii) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes) for each financial year will be disclosed in the Company's Annual Report.
Recommendation 1.6  A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Board, in the absence of a Nomination Committee, is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors on an annual basis. It may do so with the aid of an independent advisor. The process for this is set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period. The Company intends to complete performance evaluations in respect of the Board, its committees (if any) and individual Directors for the each financial year in accordance with the above process.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 1.7  A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	YES	(a) The Board, in the absence of a Nomination Committee is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Company's senior executives on an annual basis. The Board, in the absence of a Remuneration Committee is responsible for evaluating the remuneration of the Company's senior executives on an annual basis. A senior executive, for these purposes, means Key Management Personnel (as defined in the Corporations Act) other than a non-executive Director.
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		<ul> <li>The applicable processes for these evaluations can be found in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period. The Company intends to complete performance evaluations in respect of the senior executives for each financial year in accordance with the applicable processes.</li> </ul>
Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value		
Recommendation 2.1  The Board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a nomination committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address Board succession issues and to ensure that the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company does not currently have a Nomination Committee. The Company's Nomination Committee Charter provides for the creation of a Nomination Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company), with at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors, and which must be chaired by an independent Director.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not have a Nomination Committee as the Board considers the Company will not currently benefit from its establishment. In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Nomination Committee under the Nomination Committee Charter, including the following processes to address succession issues and to ensure the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively:</li> <li>(i) devoting time at least annually to discuss Board succession issues and updating the Company's Board skills matrix; and</li> <li>(ii) all Board members being involved in the Company's nomination process, to the maximum extent permitted under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 2.2	YES	Under the Nomination Committee Charter (in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan), the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) is required to prepare a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has (or is looking to achieve) and to

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A listed entity should have and disclose a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.		review this at least annually against the Company's Board skills matrix to ensure the appropriate mix of skills and expertise is present to facilitate successful strategic direction.  The Company has a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership. A copy will be made available in the Company's next Annual Report.  The Board Charter requires the disclosure of each Board member's qualifications and expertise. Full details as to each Director and senior executive's relevant skills and experience are available on the Company's website.
Recommendation 2.3  A listed entity should disclose:  (a) the names of the Directors considered by the Board to be independent Directors;  (b) if a Director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendation (3rd Edition), but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the Director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and  (c) the length of service of each Director	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Board Charter requires the disclosure of the names of Directors considered by the Board to be independent. The Company will disclose those Directors it considers to be independent in its Annual Report and on its ASX website. The Board considers the following Directors are independent: Michael Fry and Loren King.</li> <li>(b) There are no independent Directors who fall into this category. The Company will disclose in its Annual Report and ASX website any instances where this applies and an explanation of the Board's opinion why the relevant Director is still considered to be independent.</li> <li>(c) The Company's Annual Report will disclose the length of service of each Director, as at the end of each financial year.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be independent Directors.	YES	The Company's Board Charter requires that, where practical, the majority of the Board should be independent.  The Board currently comprises a total of 3 directors, of whom Michael Fry and Loren King are considered to be independent. As such, independent directors are currently an independent majority of the Board.
Recommendation 2.5  The Chair of the Board of a listed entity should be an independent Director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	YES	The Board Charter provides that, where practical, the Chair of the Board should be an independent Director and should not be the CEO/Managing Director.  The Chair of the Company is an independent Director and is the CEO/Managing Director.
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Recommendation 2.6  A listed entity should have a program for inducting new Directors and providing appropriate professional development opportunities for continuing Directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as a Director effectively.	YES	In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) is responsible for the approve and review of induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effective discharge their responsibilities. The Company Secretary is responsible for facilitating inductions and professional development.
Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly		
Recommendation 3.1  A listed entity should:  (a) have a code of conduct for its Directors, senior executives and employees; and  (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and employees.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct (which forms part the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) is available on the Company's website.</li> </ul>
Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting		
Recommendation 4.1  The Board of a listed entity should:  (a) have an audit committee which:  (i) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive Directors and a majority of whom are independent Directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent Director, who is not the Chair of the Board,  and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and  (v) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its financial reporting, including the processes for the appointment	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company does not currently have an Audit and Risk Committee The Company's Corporate Governance Plan contains an Audit an Risk Committee Charter that provides for the creation of an Audand Risk Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company with at least three members, a majority of whom must be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by a independent Director who is not the Chair.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not have an Audit and Risk Committee as the Board considers the Company will not currently benefit from it establishment. In accordance with the Company's Board Chartee the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried on by the Audit and Risk Committee under the Audit and Risk Committee Charter including the following processes to independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its financial reporting, including the processes for the appointment and remove of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner:  (i) the Board devotes time at annual Board meetings to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with maintaining the Company's internal audit function and arrangements with external auditors; and</li> </ul>

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and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.		(ii) all members of the Board are involved in the Company's aud function to ensure the proper maintenance of the entity and the integrity of all financial reporting.		
Recommendation 4.2  The Board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's consolidated financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the consolidated 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.	NO	The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the CEO ar CFO (or, if none, the person(s) fulfilling those functions) to provide a sign off on these terms.  The Company intends to obtain a sign off on these terms for each of consolidated financial statements in each financial year.		
Recommendation 4.3  A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan provides that the Boomust ensure the Company's external auditor attends its AGM and available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the auditor.		
Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure				
Recommendation 5.1  A listed entity should:  (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and  (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Board Charter provides details of the Company's disclosure policy. In addition, the Corporate Governance Plan details the Company's disclosure requirements as required by the ASX Listing Rules and other relevant legislation.</li> <li>(b) The Corporate Governance Plan, which incorporates the Board Charter, is available on the Company website</li> </ul>		
Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders				
Recommendation 6.1  A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	YES	Information about the Company and its governance is available in the Corporate Governance Plan which can be found on the Company website.		
governance to investors via its vvebsire.		The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Strate		

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A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	YES	with investors. The Strategy outlines a range of ways in which informatio is communicated to shareholders and is available on the Company's website as part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan.	
Recommendation 6.3  A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	YES	Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all general meetings and AGMs of the Company. Upon the despatch of any notice of meeting to Shareholders, the Company Secretary shall send out material stating the all Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the meeting.	
Recommendation 6.4  A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES	The Shareholder Communication Strategy provides that security holde can register with the Company to receive email notifications when a announcement is made by the Company to the ASX, including the release of the Annual Report, half yearly reports and quarterly report Links are made available to the Company's website on which conformation provided to the ASX is immediately posted.  Shareholders queries should be referred to the Company Secretary at firm instance.	
Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk			
Recommendation 7.1  The Board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and	YES	(a) The Company does not currently have an Audit and Risk Committee The Company's Corporate Governance Plan contains an Audit and Risk Committee Charter that provides for the creation of an Audit and Risk Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company with at least three members, a majority of whom must be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by a independent Director.	
<ul> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> <li>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>(b) A copy of the Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's website.</li> <li>(c) The Company does not have an Audit and Risk Committee as the Board consider the Company will not currently benefit from it establishment. In accordance with the Company's Board Chartee the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Audit and Risk Committee under the Audit and Risk Committee Charter including the following processes to oversee the entity's risk management framework: <ol> <li>(i) the Board devotes time at quarterly Board meetings to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with overseeing risk and</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

maintaining the entity's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures; and  (ii) the Board has required management to design and implement risk management and internal control systems to manage the
Company's material business risks and has required management to report to it on whether those risks are being managed effectively; and  (iii) the Chief Executive Officer reports to the Board as to the effectiveness of the Company's management of its material business risks.
<ul> <li>(a) The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires that the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) should, at least annually, satisfy itself that the Company's risk management framework continues to be sound.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose at least annually whether such a review of the Company's risk management framework has taken place.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(a) The Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to monitor the need for an internal audit function.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not have an internal audit function. The Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) evaluates and looks to continually approve the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control processes as set out in the duties and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (contained in the Corporate Governance Plan available on the Company's website).</li> </ul>
The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to assist management determine whether the Company has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.  The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks. The Company will disclose this
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		information in its Annual Report and on its ASX website as part of i continuous disclosure obligations.
Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
Recommendation 8.1  The Board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company does not currently have a Remuneration Committee The Company's Corporate Governance Plan contains Remuneration Committee Charter that provides for the creation of Remuneration Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company), with at least three members, a majority of whom must be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by condependent Director.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not have a Remuneration Committee as the Board considers the Company will not currently benefit from establishment. In accordance with the Company's Board Chartee the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried on by the Remuneration Committee under the Remuneration Committee Charter including the following processes to set the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executive and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and nexcessive: <ol> <li>(i) the Board devotes time at the annual Board meeting to assed the level and composition of remuneration for Directors are senior executives;</li> <li>(ii) the Company has not adopted any schemes for retireme benefits;</li> <li>(iii) the total maximum remuneration of non-executive Directors initially set by the Constitution and subsequent variation is be ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting; and (iv) the determination of non-executive Directors' remuneration within the maximum amount fixed will be made by the Boar having regard to the inputs and value to the Company or the constitution of the Company or the constitution of the Company or the company or the constitution of the Company or the company or the constitution of the Company or the company or the constitution of the Company or the company or the constitution of the Company or the company or the constitution of the Company or the company</li></ol></li></ul>
Recommendation 8.2 A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and	YES	respective contributions be each non-executive Director.  The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of Directors.
practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive Directors and the remuneration of executive Directors and other senior executives and ensure that the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive Directors compared to	I ES	and senior executives, which is disclosed on the Company's website.

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executive Directors and other senior executives are reflected in the level and composition of their remuneration.		
Recommendation 8.3  A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:  (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and  (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	YES	(a) The Company does not have an equity based remuneration scheme. The Company does not 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.
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