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ARQ GROUP (ASX: ARQ)

Corporate Governance Statement & Appendix 4G

In accordance with ASX Listing Rules 4.7.3, 4.7.4 and 4.10.3, attached is the Arq Group Corporate Governance Statement and Appendix 4G.

These documents will also be accessible from the Corporate Governance page of our website - https://arg.group/investor-centre/announcements

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About Arq Group

Arq Group, previously Melbourne IT Group, is Australia's leading digital solutions partner.

Arq Group is the dynamic space for smart thinkers. Creating unforgettable experiences, solving complex challenges, and providing seamless, end-to-end solutions – from design thinking to customer solutions, leading mobile, cloud and analytical insights, digital marketing to web design - Arq Group powers the growth of businesses, big and small.

Founded in 1996, Arq Group has evolved from the leading Australian domains and hosting business to a leading digital services partner. Today, the company builds and manages innovative channels to market for many of the country's largest enterprises, whilst simultaneously supporting half a million small businesses throughout their online journey.





Corporate Governance Statement

This Statement was approved by the Board of Arq Group Ltd on 16 April 2019.

The Arq Group Board of Directors recognises the need for the highest standards of corporate behaviour and accountability. The Board is committed to optimising shareholder returns within a framework of ethical business practices.

Arq Group's corporate governance practices and policies comply with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations. This statement outlines the key aspects of Arq Group's corporate governance framework, policies and procedures for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 (FY18) by reference to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and recommendations, 3rd Edition (ASX Principles).

Further information on Arq Group's corporate governance policies, including Board and Committee charters, are available in the Corporate Governance section of our website at https://www.arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance (ASX Recommendation 6.1)

The information in this statement is current as at 16 April 2019 and has been approved by the Board.

Principle 1 – Lay Solid Foundations for Management and Oversight by Board

Board and Management (ASX Recommendation 1.1)

The Board of Directors of Arq Group Limited (the Company) is responsible for the corporate governance of the Arq Group. The corporate governance regime ensures the strategic guidance of the Company, the effective monitoring of Management by the Board, and the Board's accountability to the Company and to the shareholders.

The role of the Board is to provide oversight and advice to Management. In its oversight role, the Board monitors management and ensures it is acting diligently in the interests of shareholders. In its advisory role, the Board consults with Management regarding the strategic and operational direction of the Company, paying attention to decisions that balance risk and reward.



In carrying out its responsibilities and exercising its powers, the Board at all times recognises its overriding responsibility to act honestly, fairly, diligently and in accordance with the law in serving the interests of the shareholders and other stakeholders of the Company, protecting the interests of the Company and fulfilling the Board's duties and obligations under the Company's Constitution and the Corporations Act 2001 (*Cth*).

The Board's responsibilities are set out in a formal charter which (**Board Charter**) is available from the Corporate Governance page of the Company's website.

The Board Charter sets out responsibilities reserved to the Board and the functions delegated to the CEO and management. The Board may delegate certain authorities to Board Committees and/or to Management.

The Board has established the following standing Committees:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC) (see Principle 4); and
- Human Resources, Remuneration and Nomination Committee (**HRRNC**) (see Principle 2).

The role and responsibilities of each Committee are outlined in their respective charters.

The Board has delegated to Management the responsibility for the day to day management and operation of the Company. Amongst other things, Management has the responsibility for the overall management and performance of the Company and charting the strategic direction of the Company, taking advice from, and for approval by, the Board. Specific authorities delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) and the Executive Leadership Team are also set out in the *Delegation of Authority Policy*, which is approved by the Board.

Directors (ASX Recommendation 1.2 and 1.3)

The HRRNC identifies, reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the appointment of new independent non-executive Directors. The HRRNC is usually assisted in the identification and selection process by an executive search firm.

In evaluating a candidate for appointment as director, the Board considers criteria which include the particular skill sets identified by the Board as being required at the time as well as the individual's experience and professional qualifications, ability to exercise sound business judgment, leadership ability and/or prominence in a specified field, integrity and moral reputation, diversity, any potential conflicts of interest or legal impediments to serving as a director, and willingness and availability to commit the time required to serve as an effective director.

It is the Company's policy that background checks, including ASIC Banned & Disqualified Persons Register and a bankruptcy search, are conducted on new directors as part of the standard requirements of the Company's recruitment process.



All material information about a director standing for election or re-election is included in the explanatory memorandum to the Notice of Annual General Meeting. The Directors' biographies provide information about their relevant qualifications, experience and skills that they bring to the Board, as well as details of their current commitments including any other material directorships they hold.

Newly appointed directors must stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

New directors provide the Company with a written consent to act as a director and receive a formal Letter of Appointment that sets out the Terms & Conditions of Appointment and Remuneration Schedule. It also sets out the expectations of the Company, the Director's duties and powers, insurance and indemnity arrangements, and rights of access to information.

Company Secretary (ASX Recommendation 1.4)

The Company Secretary is appointed by the Board. The Company Secretary reports directly to the Board, through the Chairman, on matters relating to the proper functioning of the Board. All Directors have access to the Company Secretary.

Diversity & Inclusion Policy (ASX Recommendation 1.5)

Arq Group's *Diversity & Inclusion Policy* outlines its commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Company believes that commitment to this Policy contributes to the achievement of corporate objectives and embeds the importance and value of diversity within the culture of Arq Group.

The Policy addresses all forms of diversity and sets out how the Company will maintain diversity. It also outlines the Board's and Executive Leadership Team's roles in promoting the Company's commitment to gender diversity. A copy of the Policy is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website.

Arq Group is compliant with equal opportunity legislation administered by the Australian Government's Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) and reports under the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012. A copy of Arq Group's most recent report can be found in the Corporate Governance page of the Company's website.

As stated in the Diversity & Inclusion Policy, the Board and Executive Leadership Team have committed to achieving a year on year improvement in gender diversity and representation. The HRRNC reviews the Group's gender diversity status on a regular basis and ensures that the Company has appropriate strategies and that initiatives and programs are in place to deliver on the Group's commitment.



The female participation rates across the Company, which will be submitted in the Workplace Gender Equality Agency report for the year ended 31 March 2019, are as follows:

- overall, 31% of employees were female;
- 33% of the executive roles were held by females;
- 55% of senior leadership roles were held by females; and
- Following the resignation of Ms Gail Pemberton, there is one female board member (17%).

The overall gender pay gap in the Company, (whether including or excluding executives) is <5%, and the CEO and Managing Director, Mr Martin Mercer, was appointed as a Workplace Gender Equality Agency Pay Equity Ambassador in 2018.

Board, Committee and Director Evaluation (ASX Recommendation 1.6)

In accordance with the Board and Committee Charters, the Board is required to annually review its performance, policies and practices and review the performance of its Committees and the Board and Committee Chairs. The performance of the Board and each Committee is measured against its charter and other relevant criteria as determined by the Board. The Board undertook an internal review following the resignation of two non-executive Directors at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in May 2018.

An independent review of the Board, the Committees and the individual directors is undertaken from time to time. The last independent review was conducted in 2015.

Executive Leadership Team Evaluation (ASX Recommendation 1.7)

Formal performance reviews are conducted for all staff on an annual basis. The Executive Leadership Team's performance reviews have been conducted for the financial year ended 31 December 2018. The evaluation is based on role descriptions and agreed key performance metrics. Further details of the outcome of executive performance evaluations are set out in the Remuneration Report which is included in the Annual Report.

A Summary of the Performance Evaluation Process and Induction Process for Senior Executives and the Board can be found in the Corporate Governance page of the Company's website.

Principle 2 - Structure the Board to Add Value

Arq Group's Constitution provides for a minimum of three directors and a maximum of ten directors. One-third of the directors (with the exception of the Managing Director) must retire from office at the time of the Annual General Meeting each year. Directors are eligible for re-election. The directors who retire by rotation are those with the longest period in office since their appointment or the last election. The maximum period that a director can be in office before facing re-election is three years. This period will sometimes be shorter due to the requirement that one-third must retire each year. At the time when any director is coming up for re-election, the Board considers that question and makes a conscious decision as to whether to recommend the re-election of that director to shareholders.



- The Board is composed of a majority of independent directors. Four non-executive directors are considered by the Board to be independent directors in accordance with the ASX Corporate Governance Guidelines – Andrew Reitzer, Naseema Sparks, Simon Martin and Andrew Macpherson.
- One non-executive director, Larry Bloch, is a substantial shareholder in the Company and, therefore, is not considered by the Board to be an independent director.
- The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Martin Mercer, was the sole executive director.
- The Acting Chair of the Board, for the period 29 May 2018 to 30 July 2018, Mr Andrew Macpherson, is an independent non-executive director.
- The Chair of the Board, Mr Andrew Reitzer, is an independent non-executive director.

It is the Board's view that it has an appropriate mix of relevant skills, experience, expertise and diversity which enables it to discharge its responsibilities and meet its objectives. This mix is subject to review on a regular basis as part of the Board performance review process.

The skills and experience represented in the Board and relevant to the Company's business are set out in the matrix below:

Skills/Experience	Number of Directors possessing considerable skills
Enterprise Technology Services – Practice Management	1
SME – Digital technology service provision	5
Finance, Audit & Risk	6
Marketing, Communications and Brand	5
Mergers & Acquisitions	5
Current or former experience as Chair	5
ASX Listed Governance	6
Global business experience	4
Remuneration & benefits experience	6

Further information about the qualifications, skills, experience, special responsibilities and period in office of each director is set out in the Directors' Report, which is included in the Annual Report.



As at the date of this statement, the length of service of each of the current non-executive directors are set out below:

Director	Appointment Date	Length of service
Andrew Reitzer	1 August 2018	< 1 year
Naseema Sparks	19 April 2012	< 7 years
Larry Bloch	3 April 2014	< 5 years
Simon Martin	19 July 2017	< 2 year
Andrew Macpherson (Chair)	19 July 2017	< 2 year

The biographies of the current Board members are available from Arq Group's corporate website https://www.arq.group/investor-centre/leadership

Human Resources Remuneration and Nomination Committee (HRRNC)

The HRRNC is comprised of four non-executive directors: Andrew Macpherson (Chair), Naseema Sparks, Larry Bloch and Simon Martin. Andrew Macpherson, Naseema Sparks, and Simon Martin are all independent directors. The Chief People Officer and the Managing Director and CEO attend all Committee meetings by invitation.

The HRRNC meets at least three times a year. In the financial year ended 31 December 2018, the Committee met four times.

The individual attendances of the members at those meetings are set out below:

HRRNC		
No. of Meetings held in 2018	4	
	Eligible	Attended
Andrew Reitzer ₁	-	12
Larry Bloch	4	4
Andrew Macpherson	4	4
Simon Martin	4	4
Martin Mercer	43	4
Naseema Sparks	4	4
Gail Pemberton	-	14

The HRRNC's charter is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website.



¹ Mr Reitzer was appointed as a Non-Executive Director and Chair on 1 August 2018

² Mr Reitzer is not a member of the HRRNC and attended as an observer

³ Mr Mercer is not a member of the HRRNC and attended in his capacity as CEO

⁴ Ms Pemberton was not a member of the HRRNC and attended as an observer



Board induction and professional development

All new Directors are taken through an induction process after joining the Board. This process covers topics such as the Company's financial position, strategies, operations and risk management polices as well as the respective rights, duties, responsibilities and roles of Senior Executives, the Board and the Board Committees.

Arq Group also encourages directors to develop their knowledge and skills as a director. With the prior approval from the Chairman, directors may attend appropriate courses or seminars for continuing education of directors at the Company's cost. This may include courses on directors' duties etc run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors or seminars on developments in the industry in which Arq Group is involved.

Principle 3 - Promote Ethical and Responsible Decision Making

Code of Conduct

The Company has a *Code of Conduct* to guide the directors, the Executive Leadership Team, all employees and contractors as to:

- the practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity, and
- the responsibility and accountability of individuals for reporting and investigating reports of unethical practices.

The Company's *Code of Conduct* is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website.

Share Trading

The Company also has a *Share Trading Policy* concerning trading in the Company's securities by directors, officers and employees involved in material transactions or privy to material information. The Policy complies with the ASX Listing Rules. A copy is available from the Corporate Governance page of the Company's website.

Principle 4 - Safeguard Integrity in Financial Reporting

Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC)

The ARMC is comprised of three independent non-executive directors. Simon Martin (Chairman), Andrew Macpherson and Naseema Sparks. The ARMC Chairman is not the Chairman of the Board. Details of the relevant qualifications and experience of all Committee members are disclosed in the Annual Report and in their biographies, which are available from Arq Group's corporate website:

https://www.arq.group/investor-centre/leadership

The Managing Director and CEO, the Chief Financial Officer (**CFO**) and the Head of Risk & Assurance, attend Committee meetings by invitation. The relevant partner and staff of Arq Group's external auditors also attend Committee meetings by invitation.



The ARMC meets at least three times each year and has direct access to Arq Group's auditors and senior management. On at least one occasion each year, the Committee meets with the auditors without the presence of Management. In the financial year ended 31 December 2018, the Committee met five times.

The individual attendances of the members at those meetings are set out as follows:

	ARMC	
No. of Meetings held in 2018		5
	Eligible	Attended
Andrew Reitzer	-	25
Larry Bloch	-	56
Andrew Macpherson	5	5
Simon Martin	57	5
Martin Mercer	58	5
Naseema Sparks	29	4
Gail Pemberton	2	210
John Armstrong ¹¹	2	2

The ARMC Charter is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website.

 $^{^{\}rm II}$ Mr Armstrong resigned from the Board following the conclusion of the AGM on 28 May 2018



 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ Mr Reitzer is not a member of the ARMC and attended as an observer

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ Mr Bloch is not a member of the ARMC and attended as an observer

 $^{^{7}}$ Mr Martin became Chair of the ARMC following Mr Armstrong's resignation from the Board

 $^{^{\}rm 8}$ Mr Mercer is not a member of the ARMC and attended in his capacity as CEO

⁹ Ms Sparks became a member of the ARMC on 13 June at the Board Meeting which was held after the ARMC on 13 June 2018. Prior to her appointment as a member of the ARMC, Ms Sparks attended meetings as an observer.

 $^{^{10}}$ Ms Pemberton was not a member of the ARMC and attended as an observer



CEO and CFO certification of financial statements

The CEO and CFO, in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act, have stated in writing to the Board that, for the financial year ended 31 December 2018, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained, the financial statements and the notes comply with the accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, and that their statement has been provided on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

External Auditor

Arq Group's has appointed an external auditor who is suitably qualified and whose independence is unequivocal. The external auditors attend the Company's Annual General Meeting and are available to answer reasonable questions from shareholders in relation to the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the independent audit report and the accounting policies adopted by Arq Group.

Principle 5 - Make timely and balanced disclosure

Arq Group is committed to complying with its disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules of the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) and the Corporations Act. To that end, Arq Group has adopted a *Disclosure Policy*, which is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website.

The Board has appointed the Chief Executive Officer and the Company Secretary as "Disclosure Officers", with responsibility for:

- reviewing compliance with Arg Group's continuous disclosure obligations;
- coordinating the timely release of information to the market; and
- maintaining a record of disclosure information (including any information which was considered but rejected for disclosure and the reasons for non-disclosure).

As a general rule, disclosure issues are discussed with, and proposed releases are approved by, the Chairman, CEO and CFO. If necessary, external legal advice is obtained.

Principle 6 - Respect the rights of shareholders

Arq Group aims to keep its shareholders informed of all important developments concerning the Company. Arq Group communicates with its shareholders using the following means:

- periodic market announcements, which are released first to the ASX;
- periodic investor briefings, which are also released first to the ASX;
- the annual report;
- the annual general meeting and the explanatory notes to the notice of annual general meeting; and
- the Company's corporate website located at https://www.arq.group/investor-centre-home/



Shareholders also have the opportunity to ask questions of the Company's external auditors, who attend the Company's Annual General Meeting. The auditors are available to answer reasonable questions from shareholders in relation to the conduct of the audit, the independent audit report and the accounting policies adopted by Arq Group.

Shareholders also have the option to electronically receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its security registry.

Shareholders can find information about the Company's corporate governance on our website (https://www.arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance), including the Board and Committee Charters, and the Company's corporate governance policies:

- Disclosure Policy
- Shareholder Communications Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Risk Management Policy
- Performance Evaluation Process and Induction Process for Senior Executives and the Board
- Share Trading Policy
- Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Long Term Incentive Plan
- Environment & Sustainability Policy
- Work Health Safety Policy
- Harassment, Bullying & Discrimination Policy

Principle 7 – Recognise and Manage Risk

The Board is ultimately responsible for guiding and monitoring the Company on behalf of its shareholders. The Board has adopted a *Risk Management Policy*, which is available from the Corporate Governance page of our website. The Policy provides an overview of the Company's approach to risk management oversight and control and its approach to the development of risk management policies.

One of the key responsibilities of the Board is to ensure that proper risk management systems and internal controls are in place, including the review of material risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such exposures. To fulfil this function, the Board makes use of the ARMC (See Principle 4).

The ARMC assists the Board by, amongst other things:

- reviewing the risk management policies, together with processes and systems for managing risk and internal control, to ensure they remain appropriate and effective;
- ensuring that an up to date risk register that appropriately describes the risks facing the organization, is maintained;
- ensuring that an assurance program that monitors the effectiveness of controls and processes managing the key risks facing the organization, is in place; and
- ensuring that the Board receives reports whenever an area of material business risk or exposure is identified.



Arq Group's main risks and mitigation plans are reviewed annually by the ARMC and the Board.

Arq Group's internal audit function is led by the Head of Risk & Assurance, who provides the ARMC with regular reports on the progress of risk mitigation actions and internal audit activities throughout the year.

The Head of Risk & Assurance, is responsible for:

- the design and implementation of an effective and appropriate risk management framework;
- the execution of the annual risk oversight program;
- managing the annual internal audit program, and continuous risk and control monitoring;
- reporting, as required, the effectiveness of risk and control activities to Management and the ARMC; and
- providing risk management support and expertise across Group.

The Head of Risk & Assurance exercises these responsibilities under the direction of the ARMC and conducts the risk management program over the areas of material business risk for the Company.

Arq Group continually assesses risks against all relevant areas of material business risk. These may include strategic, operational, compliance, technological, product or service quality, reputation or brand, market-related risks, financial reporting, human capital, environmental, sustainability and ethical conduct.

The Company's risk profile and risk registers are reviewed at least annually and revised periodically for each business and functional unit through the business planning, budgeting, forecasting, reporting and performance management processes. Each Executive is required to review the effectiveness of the risk oversight and management processes relevant to the material risk issues affecting their business or functional unit on an ongoing basis.

The Company has a robust risk management framework that facilitates the management and mitigation of material exposure to economic, environmental or social sustainability risks such that there is no material residual exposure. The material risks which may impact the Company's ability to achieve its strategic objectives and secure its future financial prospects are managed through strategic planning over the short, medium and long term and through the processes set out above.

The Company is exposed to key financial risks arising from interest rate, liquidity and credit risk. These risks are managed in accordance with the Group's financial risk management policy. Different methods are used to measure and manage the different types of risks, including monitoring levels of exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk, assessing market forecasts for foreign exchange and interest rate. Liquidity risk is monitored through the development of rolling cash flow forecasts. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, including the setting of limits for trading in derivatives, hedging cover for foreign currency and interest rates, credit allowances, and cash flow forecast projections.



Principle 8 - Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly

The Board is assisted by the HRRNC to address the various issues in relation to remuneration (see Principle 2).

Arq Group's remuneration policy has been set to ensure that the remuneration of directors and all staff properly reflects each person's accountabilities, duties and their level of performance, and to ensure that remuneration is competitive in attracting, motivating and retaining staff of the highest quality. All remuneration packages are reviewed at least annually, taking into account individual and company performance, market movements and expert advice.

The Managing Director and CEO reviews the performance of the Executive Leadership Team and makes recommendations to the HRRNC for approval in relation to their remuneration and Key Performance Indicators ('**KPIs'**). The Managing Director and CEO's performance is reviewed by the Board, facilitated by the HRRNC and the Chairman.

Non-Executive Directors' and Executive Remuneration

The structure of non-executive directors and executive remuneration is separate and distinct.

The remuneration of non-executive directors in 2018 comprised of a fixed fee only. Non-executive directors are paid a fixed fee in accordance with the determination of the Board but with an aggregate limit fixed by the shareholders at a General Meeting. The current limit (\$1,000,000 per annum) was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting in 2008 and, since then, no increase in the aggregate limit has been sought. The Chairpersons of each committee receive an additional fee to reflect (at least to some extent) the additional time commitment and responsibility required of them to carry out that role.

Directors are not entitled as of right to any retirement or termination benefit (other than statutory superannuation benefits).

For 2018, the remuneration of the Managing Director and CEO, and Executive Leadership Team, comprises the following three elements:

- 1. Fixed Remuneration: Salary and Superannuation
- 2. Variable remuneration: Short-Term Incentive (STI); and
- 3. Variable remuneration: Long-Term Incentive (LTI)

The short-term incentive for each executive is an annual cash payment determined as a percentage of their Fixed Remuneration and subject to the achievement of agreed KPIs. The expected performance of the Managing Director and CEO and members of the Executive Leadership Team are specified each year using KPIs, which include financial and group targets for Arq Group overall, as well as personal objectives and targets, appropriate for each individual's role.



The long-term incentive consists of performance rights granted under the Arq Group LTI Plan. The vesting of performance rights is subject to the achievement of a performance condition, being relative total shareholder return ('TSR'). This performance condition is tested over a 3-year performance period. A copy of the LTI Plan is available in the Corporate Governance page of our website:

https://www.arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance

In accordance with the conditions of the LTI Plan, a participant must not enter into any scheme, arrangement or agreement (including options and derivative products) under which the Participant alters the economic benefit to be derived from any Rights granted that remain subject to the Rules of the LTI Plan, irrespective of future changes in the market price of Shares.

Details of the remuneration structure for 2018 is set out in the Remuneration Report contained in the 2018 Annual Financial Report.



Rules 4.7.3 and 4.10.31

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Introduced 01/07/14 Amended 02/11/15

Name of entity			
ARQ Group Limited			
ABN / ARBN	Financial year ended:		
21 073 716 793	31 December 2018		
Our corporate governance statement ² for the	ne above period above can be found at:3		
☐ These pages of our annual report:			
☐ This URL on our website:	https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance		
The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 16 April 2019 and has been approved by the board.			
The annexure includes a key to where our	corporate governance disclosures can be located.		
Date:	16 April 2019		
Name of Director or Secretary authorising lodgement:	Anne Jordan, Company Secretary		

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 rule 4.10.3.

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.

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¹ Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

² "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.

³ Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms

ANNEXURE - KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \dots^4
PRINC	PLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVI	ERSIGHT	
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management): ☐ at: https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, 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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ 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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ 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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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⁴ 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.

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Corpo	orate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \dots^4
1.5	A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either: (1) 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 (2) 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 fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it: ☐ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	 an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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PRINCIP	LE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE		
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] 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: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	our board skills matrix: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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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 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. 	the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and the length of service of each director: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ 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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCI	PLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
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.	our code of conduct or a summary of it: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☑ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING		
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraph (4)	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>
		at [insert location]	we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIP	LE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE		
5.1	A listed entity should:	our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it:	☐ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance
	(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and	☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>	Statement
	(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance	
PRINCIP	LE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its	information about us and our governance on our website:	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance
	governance to investors via its website.	at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance	Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	the fact that we follow this recommendation:	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance
		in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>	Statement
		at [insert location]	
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of	our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders:	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR
	security holders.	☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>	□ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold
		at [insert location]	periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation:	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance
		in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u>	Statement
		at [insert location]	

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PRINCIPI	LE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK		
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraph (4) https://arq.group/investor-centre/annual-reports and the information referred to in paragraph and (5): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] 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: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound: I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location] and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G: I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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Appendix 4G Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed \dots^4
7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs: ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] 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 OR ☐ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks: In our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY						
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: ☐ at https://arq.group/investor-centre/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] 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: ☐ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR ☐ at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 			
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 			
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	our policy on this issue or a summary of it: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	 □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable 			

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ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES							
-	Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities: 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; (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b): in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement				
-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities: An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity: in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement				

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