



Botala Energy_{Ltd}

Corporate Governance Statement

Botala Energy Ltd
(ACN 655 732 246)



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Botala Energy Ltd (**Company**)

The Board of Directors of the Company (**Board**) are committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of performance and corporate governance.

The Company supports the 4th Edition of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Recommendations**).

The Company's practices are largely consistent with the Recommendations. The Board considers that the implementation of a small number of Recommendations is not appropriate, for the reasons set out below in relation to the items concerned. The Board uses its best endeavours to ensure that exceptions to the Recommendations do not have a negative impact on the Company and the best interests of shareholders as a whole.

The directors of the Company (**Directors**, being either the Executive Chairman, Executive Director or the Non-Executive Director) are responsible to the shareholders for the performance of the Company in both the short and the longer term and seek to balance sometimes competing objectives in the best interests of the Company as a whole. Their focus is to enhance the interests of shareholders and other key stakeholders and to ensure the Company is properly managed.

As required by the ASX Listing Rules, the Company's main corporate governance policies and practices are summarised below, having regard to the Recommendations. Details of the Company's corporate governance plan and related documents are available online at www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.

This corporate governance statement is current as at 30 June 2022 and has been approved by the Board.

ASX Corporate Governance Principle/Recommendation	Comply	Particulars of Compliance and If Not Why Not
Principle 1 - Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
<p>Recommendation 1.1</p> <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Board has adopted a formal charter that details the functions and responsibilities of the Board and management (Board Charter).</p> <p>As provided for in the Board Charter, the Board is responsible for all matters relating to the running of the Company, and more specifically, all matters relating to the policies, practices, management and operations of the Company. In addition to decisions requiring approval pursuant to the respective Committee Charters, the following decisions must be approved by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Directors acquiring or selling shares of the Company (b) issuing shares of the Company; (c) acquiring, selling or otherwise disposing of property in excess of the amount set out in the Company's approval matrix; (d) founding, acquiring or selling subsidiaries of or any company within the Company, participating in other companies, or dissolving or selling the Company's participation in other companies (including project joint ventures); (e) acquiring or selling patent rights, rights in registered trademarks, licences or other intellectual property rights of the Company; (f) founding, dissolving or relocating branch offices or other offices, plants and facilities; (g) starting new business activities, terminating existing business activities or initiating major changes to the field of the Company's business activities; (h) approving and/or altering the annual business plan (including financial planning) for the Company or any part of the Company;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) taking or granting loans which exceed the amount set out in the Company's approval matrix; (j) granting securities of any type; (k) granting loans to Company officers or employees and taking over guarantees for the Company's officers and employees; (l) entering into agreements for recurring, voluntary or additional social benefits, superannuation agreements or agreements for general wage and salary increases; (m) determining the total amount of bonuses and gratuities for Company officers and employees; (n) determining the appointment, termination, prolongation of employment or amendment to conditions of employment of members of the Board; and (o) granting or revoking a power of attorney or limited authority to sign and/or act on behalf of the Company. <p>The detail of some board functions will be handled through Board Committees as and when the size and scale of operations requires such Committees. However, the Board as a whole is responsible for determining the extent of the powers residing in each Committee and is ultimately responsible for accepting, modifying or rejecting Committee recommendations.</p> <p>The CEO (as appointed by the Board) is responsible for the effective leadership and day-to-day operations and administration of the Company.</p> <p>The responsibilities of the Board as a whole, the Chair, individual Directors and the functions delegated to Senior Management are set out in more detail in Part A of the Company's Board Charter, which is available on the Corporate Governance page of the Company's website www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 1.2</p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Board will consider nominations for appointment or election of Directors that may arise from time to time, having regard to the skills and experience required by the Company and procedures outlined in the Company's constitution and the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth).</p> <p>The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to shareholders a candidate for election, as a Director. Candidates are assessed through interviews, meetings and background and reference checks (which may be conducted both by external consultants and by Directors) as appropriate.</p> <p>The Company gives shareholders all material information in its possession relevant to the decision whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director, either in the notice of meeting and explanatory statement for the relevant meeting of shareholders which addresses the election or re-election of the Director, or by including in the notice a clear reference to the location on the Company's website, Annual Report or other document lodged with ASX where the information can be found.</p>
<p>Recommendation 1.3</p> <p>A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Under Part A clause 2.4 of the Board Charter, the Company must have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p> <p>Each Non-Executive Director receives a letter formalising their appointment and outlining the material terms of their appointment. The Non-Executive Director of the Company have not been appointed for a fixed term. The Non-Executive Director has signed a letter of appointment.</p> <p>The Executive Chairman has entered into a consultancy agreement and letter of appointment with the Company, setting out his role, responsibilities and remuneration.</p> <p>The Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary has entered into a consultancy agreement (through an entity he</p>

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		<p>controls) with the Company, setting out his role, responsibilities and remuneration.</p> <p>The CEO has entered into a consultancy agreement (through an entity he controls) with the Company, setting out his role, responsibilities and remuneration.</p> <p>The General Manager Operations has entered into a consultancy agreement (through an entity he controls) with the Company, setting out his role, responsibilities and remuneration.</p> <p>The Botswana Country Manager has entered into a consultancy agreement (through an entity he controls) with the Company, setting out his role, responsibilities and remuneration.</p>
<p>Recommendation 1.4</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>As set out in Part A clause 5 of the Board Charter, the Company Secretary is accountable to the Board, through the Chair, on all governance matters and reports directly to the Chair as the representative of the Board. The Company Secretary has primary responsibility for ensuring that the Board processes and procedures run efficiently and effectively. The Company Secretary is Craig Basson (appointed 18 June 2020), whose qualifications and experience are stated in Section 6.2(b) of the Company's Prospectus dated 16 May 2022.</p>
<p>Recommendation 1.5</p> <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>Partially</p>	<p>The Company has implemented a diversity policy which will be made available at www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p> <p>The Company's diversity strategies include:</p> <p>(a) recruiting from a diverse pool of candidates for all positions, including senior management and the Board;</p> <p>(b) reviewing succession plans to ensure an appropriate focus on diversity;</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; (ii) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and (iii) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 the Act. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) identifying specific factors to take account of in recruitment and selection processes to encourage diversity; (d) provide opportunities for employees on extended parental leave to maintain their connection to the entity; (e) developing a culture which takes account of domestic responsibilities of employees; and (f) any other strategies the Board develops from time to time. <p>Due to the size of the Board and small number of employees, the Company has not set measurable objectives.</p>
<p>Recommendation 1.6</p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (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. 	Yes	<p>The Charters of the Company's Board and Remuneration and Nomination Committee, outlines the processes to be used for evaluating the performance of, and the development and improvement of, the Board, its committees, and its individual Directors.</p> <p>These reviews will be carried out in accordance with the Company's Performance Evaluation Policy, which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p> <p>The Board has assessed the current and future needs of the Company, and has set expectations for itself, its committees and its Directors.</p> <p>The Remuneration and Nomination Committee (as a function of the Board) will conduct the Board and Committee performance reviews against these expectations. Based upon the reviews, individuals and groups will be provided with feedback on their performance and the</p>

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		results will provide a key input into the future expectations set by the Board.
<p>Recommendation 1.7</p> <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>	Yes	<p>The Board reviews the performance of its senior executives on an annual basis. A senior executive, for these purposes, means key management personnel (as defined in the Corporations Act), other than non-executive Directors.</p> <p>The applicable processes for these evaluations can be found in the Company's Performance Evaluation Policy, which is available on the Company's website.</p> <p>The performance evaluation policy has been newly adopted and therefore no performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with those processes contained within the policy.</p>
Principle 2 – Structure the board to be effective and add value		
<p>Recommendation 2.1</p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(iii) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(iv) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p>	Partially	<p>The Board has a nomination committee which is chaired by Peter Grant, an independent director of the Company.</p> <p>As a consequence of the size and composition of the Board (comprising the Executive Chairman, Executive Director and Non-Executive Director) the majority of the members of the nomination committee are not considered to be independent.</p> <p>The duties of the nomination committee are set out in the Company's Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p> <p>The Board has adopted a Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of a Nomination Committee.</p> <p>The Board as a whole reviews the size, structure and composition of the Board including competencies and diversity, in addition to reviewing Board succession plans and continuing development.</p>

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(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>Recommendation 2.2</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Board has identified that the appropriate mix of skills and diversity required of its members on the Board to operate effectively and efficiently is achieved by directors having substantial skills and experience industry, operational experience, financial acumen, experience as a non-executive director of other ASX-listed entities, leadership and governance, risk management experience, capital markets, human resources and strategy.</p> <p>The board skills matrix for the current Board is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1187 804 2029 1316"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1187 804 1397 887">Skill and experience</th> <th data-bbox="1397 804 1608 887">Wolf Martinick</th> <th data-bbox="1608 804 1818 887">Craig Basson</th> <th data-bbox="1818 804 2029 887">Peter Grant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1187 887 1397 943">Industry</td> <td data-bbox="1397 887 1608 943">x</td> <td data-bbox="1608 887 1818 943">x</td> <td data-bbox="1818 887 2029 943">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1187 943 1397 1026">Operational experience</td> <td data-bbox="1397 943 1608 1026">x</td> <td data-bbox="1608 943 1818 1026">x</td> <td data-bbox="1818 943 2029 1026">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1187 1026 1397 1109">Financial acumen</td> <td data-bbox="1397 1026 1608 1109">x</td> <td data-bbox="1608 1026 1818 1109">x</td> <td data-bbox="1818 1026 2029 1109">x</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1187 1109 1397 1316">Experience as a non-executive Director of other ASX-listed entities</td> <td data-bbox="1397 1109 1608 1316">x</td> <td data-bbox="1608 1109 1818 1316"></td> <td data-bbox="1818 1109 2029 1316">x</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Skill and experience	Wolf Martinick	Craig Basson	Peter Grant	Industry	x	x	x	Operational experience	x	x	x	Financial acumen	x	x	x	Experience as a non-executive Director of other ASX-listed entities	x		x
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<p>Recommendation 2.3</p> <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 or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 (Factors relevant to assessing the independence of a director) 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>	Yes	<p>As at 2 June 2022, the Board consisted of:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1189 815 2011 1174"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Role</th> <th>Independent?</th> <th>Date appointed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wolf Martinick</td> <td>Executive Chairman</td> <td>No</td> <td>18 June 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craig Basson</td> <td>Executive Director</td> <td>No</td> <td>18 June 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Grant</td> <td>Non-Executive Director</td> <td>Yes</td> <td>30 November 2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Peter Grant is regarded as an independent Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>Wolf Martinick and Craig Basson are not considered independent on the basis that they are employed in an executive capacity as Executive Chairman and Executive Director (respectively).</p>				Name	Role	Independent?	Date appointed	Wolf Martinick	Executive Chairman	No	18 June 2018	Craig Basson	Executive Director	No	18 June 2018	Peter Grant	Non-Executive Director	Yes	30 November 2021
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		<p>The Board assesses the independence of Directors annually, or more frequently if circumstances require.</p> <p>A copy of the definition of independence adopted by the Company is annexed to the Board Charter at Annexure A, available on the Company's "Corporate Governance" page of the Company's website at www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2.4 A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Board is comprised of three Directors. Two of the Directors are not considered to be independent as they are employed in an executive capacity.</p> <p>The Board will consider the composition of the Board and its independence in due course, as the Company continues to grow.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Board Charter provides that, to the extent possible, the Chair of the Board is to be an independent Director and should not be an Executive Director.</p> <p>While the Chair of the Company is Wolf Martinick who is not an independent Director, he is not the CEO of the Company.</p>
<p>Recommendation 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.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>It is the policy of the Board to ensure that the Directors and Senior Management of the Company are equipped with the knowledge and information they need to discharge their responsibilities effectively and that individual and collective performance is regularly and fairly reviewed.</p> <p>As referred to in Part D of the Board Charter, new directors go through an induction process which includes meeting with key executives, tours of the premises, an induction package and presentations. The Company also expects all Directors, including the Executive Director, to commit to at least 2 days of professional development each year and allocates an annual budget to encourage Directors to participate in training and development programs.</p>
<p>Principle 3 – Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly</p>		

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<p>Recommendation 3.1 A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Board has approved a statement of values and charges the Directors with the responsibility of inculcating those values across the Company.</p> <p>A copy of the Company's statement of values is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3.2 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Company seeks to encourage and develop a culture which will maintain and enhance its reputation as a valued corporate citizen of the countries where it operates and an employer which personnel enjoy working for.</p> <p>The Company has established a Code of Conduct that sets out the principles covering appropriate conduct in a variety of contexts and outlines the minimum standards of behaviour expected from its Directors and employees. The Code of Conduct sets out policies in relation to various corporate and personal behaviour including safety, discrimination, respecting the law, anti-corruption, interpersonal conduct and conflict of interest.</p> <p>While the Code of Conduct seeks to prescribe standards of behaviour for all Company personnel to observe, it does not, and understandably cannot, identify every ethical issue that an individual might face. The Code of Conduct's objective is to provide a framework for decisions and actions in relation to ethical conduct in employment, to safeguard the Company's reputation and to make clear the consequences of breaching the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>A copy of the Company's Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3.3 A listed entity should:</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Board has adopted a whistleblower protection policy to ensure concerns regarding unacceptable conduct including breaches of the Company's code of conduct can be raised on a confidential basis,</p>

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(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.		without fear of reprisal, dismissal or discriminatory treatment. The purpose of this policy is to promote responsible whistle blowing about issues where the interests of others, including the public, or of the organisation itself are at risk. A copy of the Company's whistleblower policy is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance .
Recommendation 3.4 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	Yes	The Board has a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and is committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings. The Board has adopted an anti-bribery and anti-corruption policy for the purpose of setting out the responsibilities in observing and upholding the Company's position on bribery and corruption provide information and guidance to those working for the Company on how to recognise and deal with bribery and corruption issues. A copy of the Company's anti-bribery and corruption policy is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance .
Principle 4 – Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports		
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:	Partially	The Board has an audit committee which is chaired by Peter Grant, an independent director of the Company. As a consequence of the size and composition of the Board (comprising the Executive Chairman, Executive Director and Non-Executive Director) the majority of the members of the audit committee are not considered to be independent. The duties of the audit committee are set out in the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance .

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <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>Recommendation 4.2</p> <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>Yes</p>	<p>Under the Company's Risk Management Policy, which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance, the CEO and CFO (if there is one at the given time) will provide a written declaration of assurance that in their opinion, the financial records of the Company for any financial period have been properly maintained, comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4.3</p> <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>Yes</p>	<p>When preparing reports for release to the market including the quarterly activity and cash flow reports, these reports shall be prepared by the accountant and reviewed by the CEO and CFO before being presented to the Board for review and approval. Such reports shall not be</p>

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		released to market without this review and approval process by executive management and the Board.
Principle 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure		
<p>Recommendation 5.1</p> <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under ASX Listing Rule 3.1.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has established a Continuous Disclosure Policy which is designed to guide compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements, and to ensure that all Directors, senior executives and employees of the Company understand their responsibilities under the policy. The Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p> <p>The Continuous Disclosure Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) raises awareness of the Company's obligations under the continuous disclosure regime; (b) establishes a process to ensure that information about the Company which may be market sensitive and which may require disclosure is brought to the attention of the Company Secretary or Non-Executive Chair, being the person/s primarily responsible for ensuring the Company complies with its continuous disclosure obligations, in a timely manner and is kept confidential; and (c) sets out the obligation of Directors, officers and employees of the Company to ensure that the Company complies with its continuous disclosure obligations. <p>The Board has designated the Company Secretary as the person primarily responsible for ensuring that the Continuous Disclosure Policy is implemented and that all relevant information is disclosed as required.</p>

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		In accordance with the Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy, all information provided to ASX for release to the market is also posted to the Company's website.
<p>Recommendation 5.2</p> <p>A listed entity should ensure that its Board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.</p>	Yes	<p>The Board has appointed the Company Secretary as the person responsible for communicating with ASX and overseeing and coordinating the timely disclosure of information to ASX, subject to prior review and approval of all announcements by the Directors. The Company Secretary ensures that the Board are aware of when any announcement is due to go out and when the confirmation of release is received by the ASX, the Company Secretary promptly forwards this to the Board.</p> <p>The Continuous Disclosure Policy of the Company is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 5.3</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Board has appointed the Company Secretary as the person responsible for communicating with ASX and overseeing and coordinating the timely disclosure of information to ASX, subject to prior review and approval of all announcements by the Directors. The Company Secretary ensures any substantive presentations are released to the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation and in accordance with the Continuous Disclosure Policy of the Company, a copy of which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders		
<p>Recommendation 6.1</p> <p>A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.</p>	Yes	<p>Information about the Company and its governance is available in the Corporate Governance Plan which can be found on the Company's website at www.botalaenergy.com/site/investor-centre/investor-welcome.</p> <p>The Company keeps investors informed through its website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/investor-centre/investor-welcome, which</p>

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		contains information on the Company, the Board and the corporate governance policies and procedures of the Company.
<p>Recommendation 6.2</p> <p>A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communications with investors.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has a Shareholder Communication Policy which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance. The Shareholder Communication Policy encourages shareholder participation and engagement with the Company. This Policy also facilitates communication directly between shareholders and the Company, with any shareholder queries coordinated through the Company Secretary.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6.3</p> <p>A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.</p>	Yes	<p>The Shareholder Communications Policy encourages shareholder participation at shareholders' meetings. Shareholders are provided with all notices of meeting prior to meetings.</p> <p>Shareholders are given ample opportunity to participate and to ask questions of the Directors and management -- both during and after meetings. Shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM or a general meeting may submit questions and comments before the meeting to the Company or to the auditor (in the case of the AGM).</p>
<p>Recommendation 6.4</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company conducts a poll at meetings of security holders to decide each resolution.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6.5</p> <p>A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company provides information through its website, enabling security holders to email the Company and to receive Company announcements by email. The share registry also provides (through its website, links to which can be found on the Company's website) the ability to email the share registry and to receive documents by email from the share registry.</p>

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Principle 7 – Recognise and manage risk		
<p>Recommendation 7.1</p> <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy paragraph (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	Partially	<p>The Board has a risk committee which is chaired by Peter Grant, an independent director of the Company.</p> <p>As a consequence of the size and composition of the Board (comprising the Executive Chairman, Executive Director and Non-Executive Director) the majority of the members of the risk committee are not considered to be independent.</p> <p>The duties of the risk committee are set out in the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7.2</p> <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>	Yes	<p>The Company is committed to the identification, monitoring and management of risks associated with its business activities and has established policies in relation to the implementation of practical and effective control systems. The Company has established a Risk Management Policy, which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p> <p>Under the Company's Risk Management Policy, the Board reviews all major strategies and purchases for their impact on the risks facing the</p>

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(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.		Company and makes appropriate recommendations. The Company also undertakes an annual review of operations to update its risk profile, which normally occurs in conjunction with the strategic planning process. The Board also undertakes a review annually of the risk areas identified in the Risk Management Policy.
<p>Recommendation 7.3</p> <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company will not have an internal audit function until the Company's operations are of a sufficient number and magnitude to be of benefit to the Company. In the meantime, senior management with the involvement and oversight of the full Board will carry out the duties that would be ordinarily assigned to that function.</p> <p>With the assistance of the Audit and Risk Committee, the Board performs all key elements of an internal audit function, including:</p> <p>(a) evaluating, seeking and obtaining reasonable assurance that risk management, control and governance systems are functioning as intended and will enable the Company's objectives and goals to be met;</p> <p>(b) evaluating information security and associated risk exposures;</p> <p>(c) evaluating regulatory compliance programs with consultation from internal and external legal counsel;</p> <p>(d) evaluating the Company's preparedness in case of business interruption; and</p> <p>(e) providing oversight of the Company's anti-fraud programs.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7.4</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company identifies and manages material exposure to environmental and social risks in a manner consistent with its Risk Management Policy, which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance. The Company has, and continues to, undertake various organisation wide risk reviews to identify potential business risks. The effectiveness of the controls in place to address each risk is reviewed on a regular basis and, where the residual risk is considered outside of acceptable limits,</p>

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		<p>further controls and risk mitigation measures are developed and implemented.</p> <p>Environmental: The Company is subject to, and responsible for, ensuring compliance with various regulations, licenses, approvals and standards so that its activities do not cause unauthorised environmental harm. Through its ongoing management of environmental activities, the Company expects to operate in an environmentally sustainable and responsible manner.</p> <p>Social: The Company recognises that a failure to manage stakeholder expectations may lead to disruption to the Company's operations. The Company expects to be involved in and supportive of community groups, organisations and charities in the region in which it will operate.</p>
Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
<p>Recommendation 8.1</p> <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 	Partially	<p>The Board has a remuneration committee which is chaired by Peter Grant, an independent director of the Company.</p> <p>As a consequence of the size and composition of the Board (comprising the Executive Chairman, Executive Director and Non-Executive Director) the majority of the members of the remuneration committee are not considered to be independent.</p> <p>The duties of the remuneration committee are set out in the Company's Remuneration and Nomination Committee Charter which is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>

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<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>Recommendation 8.2 A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of Executive Directors and other senior executives.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Corporate Governance Plan and Board Charter sets out the policies and practices of the remuneration of Non-Executive Directors, Executive Directors and other senior executives.</p> <p>Non-Executive Directors are paid a fixed annual fee for their service to the Company, but are also able to participate in the Company's incentive schemes at the invitation of, and complete discretion of, and the Board.</p> <p>All Executive Directors of the Company typically receive remuneration comprising a base salary component and other fixed benefits based on the terms of their respective employment agreements with the Company and potentially the ability to participate in the Company's long term incentive plans.</p> <p>Details of the remuneration of the Directors and other executives are set out in the Company's Prospectus dated 16 May 2022.</p>
<p>Recommendation 8.3 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>Yes</p>	<p>The Company prohibits the use of Derivatives in relation to unvested equity instruments, including performance share rights, and vested Company Securities that are subject to disposal restrictions (such as a 'Holding Lock').</p> <p>This is in line with the requirements of the <i>Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Director and Executive Remuneration) Act 2011</i> (Cth), and is intended to prevent transactions which could have the effect of distorting the proper functioning of performance hurdles or reducing the intended alignment between management's and shareholders' interests.</p>

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		<p>For the purposes of this policy, hedging includes the entry into any derivative transaction within the meaning given in section 761D of the Corporations Act (such as options, forward contracts, swaps, futures, warrants, caps and collars) and any other transaction in financial products which operate to limit (in any way) the economic risk associated with holding the relevant securities.</p> <p>The Trading Policy is available on the Company's website, www.botalaenergy.com/site/about/corporate-governance.</p>