

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Austin Exploration Limited

ABN/ARBN

98 114 198 471

Financial year ended

30 June 2015

Our corporate governance statement² for the above period above can be found at:³

- these pages of our annual report: ___13 to 27_____
- this URL on our website: _____

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at [*insert effective date of statement*] and has been approved by the board.

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

Date here: ___30 September 2015_____



Sign here: _____
Company Secretary

Print name: Robert Lees_____

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.

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.

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.

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 <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
<u>PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</u>			
1.1	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</p> <p>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... 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):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>www.austinexploration.com _____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.2	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate 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>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.3	<p>A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<p>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.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<p>1.5 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: www.austinexploration.com</p> <p>... 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:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<p>1.6 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<p>1.7 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE		
<p>2.1 The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; OR</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: www.austinexploration.com</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... 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:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<p>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.</p>	<p>... our board skills matrix:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<p>2.3 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, 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</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director.</p>	<p>... the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... the length of service of each director:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
<p>2.4 A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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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>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
PRINCIPLE 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.	<p>... our code of conduct or a summary of it:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: www.austinexploration.com	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPLE 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	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: www.austinexploration.com _____ <i>Insert location here</i> </p>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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<p>attendances of the members at those meetings; OR</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>	<p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	
<p>4.2 The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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<u>PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE</u>			
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	... our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
<u>PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS</u>			
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	... information about us and our governance on our website: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	... our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

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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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIPLE 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): <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i> ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i> ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i> [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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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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 we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
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: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i> [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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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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.	<p>... 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:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
8.1 The board of a listed entity should: <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; OR</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_www.austinexploration.com_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... 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</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

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Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES			
-	<p><i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;</p> <p>(b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.</p>	<p>... the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
-	<p><i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.</p>	<p>... the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

The Board of Austin Exploration Limited ('Austin') seeks to practice the highest ethical and commercial standards while executing its responsibilities in directing the business and affairs of the Company on behalf of its shareholders by whom they are elected and to whom they are accountable.

This Corporate Governance Statement sets out Austin Exploration Limited's current compliance with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 3rd Edition (**the ASX Principles and Recommendations**). The ASX Principles and Recommendations require the Company to provide a statement in its annual report disclosing the extent to which the Company has followed the ASX Principles and Recommendations.

ASX Principles and Recommendations	Comply (Yes/No)	Explanation
1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
<p>1.1. A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</p> <p>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</p>	Yes	<p>Austin's board of directors (the Board) is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the company, including its ethical behaviour, strategic direction, establishing goals for management and monitoring the achievement of those goals with a view to optimising Group performance and maximising shareholder value.</p> <p>Management is responsible for implementing the strategic and management plan and operating within the risk appetite set by the Board and for all other aspects of the day to day running of the company. Management is also responsible for providing the Board with accurate, timely and clear information to enable the Board to perform its duties.</p> <p>Full details of the matters reserved to the Board and to senior management are available on the Group's web site at www.austinexploration.com.</p>
<p>1.2. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate 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>	Yes	<p>The Board undertakes appropriate background checks through ASIC and various other websites as well as reference checks and discussion with prior employers before making any appointment.</p> <p>A summary of the director's experience and qualifications is included in the Notice of Meeting's Explanatory Statement for each director standing for re-election.</p>
<p>1.3. A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	Yes	<p>There is a letter of appointment for each director and an employment contract for each senior executive which sets out the terms of their appointment.</p>

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1.4. The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	Yes	<p>The Company Secretary is accountable to the Board and performs all the tasks related to corporate governance.</p> <p>All the directors are able to communicate directly with the Company Secretary.</p>
<p>1.5. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	No	<p>The Company is committed to diversity and recognises the benefits arising from employee and board diversity. A copy of the Company's diversity policy is available at the Company's website at www.austinexploration.com</p> <p>The Company will annually monitor the progress and effectiveness of objectives developed in the policy. Given the size and nature of the Company's workforce the Company has chosen not to implement measurable objectives on which the Company will report.</p>

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1.6. A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	Yes	The Board undertakes a self-evaluation covering the directors, the chairman and the committees once a year. The recommendations for improvement are discussed and implemented by the Board. This performance evaluation was undertaken in the current year.
1.7. A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	Yes	The Company performs a performance evaluation of all senior management once a year and develops an annual plan for the following year as part of the process. This performance evaluation was undertaken in the current year.
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.	Yes	The Company has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprising Stuart Middleton, who is Chairman Phillip McCarthy and Guy Goudy. The charter of the committee is available from the Company's web site at www.austinexploration.com and it has responsibility for nominating new directors to the Board. The committee did not formally meet during this financial year.
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.	Yes	Skills matrix developed and current directors assessed themselves against the matrix. A summary of this information has been included in the Directors' Report.

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<p>2.3 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, 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</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has three non-executive directors – Dominic Pellicano, Phillip McCarthy and Stuart Middleton. Phillip McCarthy and Stuart Middleton are independent as defined under the Guidelines of the ASX Corporate Governance Council but Dominic Pellicano is not considered independent because of his financial interest in Newtak Pty Ltd which has a joint venture with Ausco Petroleum Inc. (wholly owned subsidiary of Austin Exploration Limited).</p> <p>Their length of service is shown in the Remuneration Report contained in the Directors' Report.</p>
<p>2.4 A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.</p>	No	<p>The Company presently has five directors, two of whom are considered independent. The Board believes that it has the right numbers and skills within its board members for the current size of the Company and is confident that each non-executive director brings independent judgement to bear on board decisions.</p>
<p>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>	Yes	<p>The Chairman up to his retirement on 22 April 2015 was Richard Cottee, an independent non-executive director. From then to 30 June 2015 Mark Hart, the CEO took the role of Chairman because of his knowledge and experience.</p> <p>From 1 July 2015 COO, Guy Goudy has taken over as CEO. Mark Hart has become a non-executive director and continued as Chairman.</p> <p>The Board felt that having Mark Hart as Chairman and CEO was the most appropriate option for the Company during the management transition.</p>
<p>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.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company provides an induction for all new directors including a one on one sessions with members of the senior management team. Relevant courses offered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors are brought to the attention of the Board throughout the year to assist them to maintain their skills.</p>

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3 Act ethically and responsibly		
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<p>3.3 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that code or a summary of it</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity, its legal obligations and the expectations of its stakeholders. The Company is committed to being a socially responsible corporate citizen, using honest and fair business practices to achieve the best outcomes for shareholders.</p> <p>A copy of the code is available from the Company's web site – www.austinexploration.com.</p>
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4 Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
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<p>4.1 The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have an audit committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has established an Audit Committee comprising Dominic Pellicano as Chairman, Phillip McCarthy and Mark Hart. Dominic Pellicano is not the chairman of the Company.</p> <p>The Charter of the Committee is available from the Company's web site – www.austinexploration.com.</p> <p>The qualifications of members of the committee together with their attendance at committee meetings, is disclosed in the Directors' Report in the Annual Report.</p>
<p>4.2 The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply</p>	Yes	<p>Before they approve the annual financial statements, the Board receives a declaration each year from the CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained and the financial statements of the Company comply with appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial</p>

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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		position and performance of the Company and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.
4.3 A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	Yes	The Company's auditor attends each AGM and is available to answer questions from shareholders relevant to the audit.
5 Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1 A listed entity should: <p>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it</p>	Yes	The Company has a Continuous Disclosure Policy which is available from the Company's web site – www.austinexploration.com . At each meeting of the Board, consideration is given as to whether any item covered during the meeting impacts on its continuous disclosure requirements and ensures that all material information concerning the Company relating to its financial position, performance, ownership and governance has been made available to all investors.

6 Respect the rights of shareholders		
6.1 A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	The Company's web site provides all the relevant information on the Company and its operations that an investor would require. It includes all the policies adopted by the Company as well as copies of all the ASX market releases and the financial reports.
6.2 A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors	Yes	Investors can communicate with the Company through the web site, email or by calling the phone numbers listed on the Company's web site. The Company also distributes information which is available to investors such as the Annual Report and the announcements to the ASX. Investors are encouraged to attend the Company's Annual General Meeting where they will receive an update on the Company's operations and be able to discuss these with the Directors and Senior Management.

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6.3 A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	All shareholders receive the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement for the Company's Annual General Meeting. They are able to send in questions they would like addressed at the Meeting and also by attending the meeting will have the ability to talk to any of the resolutions and have their questions answered. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions of management once the formal part of the meeting has been completed.
6.4 A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Yes	Shareholders can send communications to the Company via email and all emails will be responded to. Discussions are continuing with the Share Registry to enable the shareholders to maintain their communications with the Share Registry electronically.
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.	No	The Board is responsible for the oversight and management of all material business risks. The Board's collective experience will enable accurate identification of the principal risks that may affect the Company's business. Key operational risks and their management will be recurring items for deliberation at Board meetings. The risk profile can be expected to change and procedures adapted as the Company develops and it grows in size and complexity. The Board believes that the following operational risks are inherent in the industry in which we operate: Changed operating, market or regulatory environments; Fluctuations in demand volumes; Fluctuations in commodity prices; Fluctuations in exchange rates; and Increasing costs of operations.
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	Yes	Management is accountable to the CEO and through him to the Board, to ensure that operating efficiency, effectiveness of the risk management procedures, internal compliance control systems and policies and that they are all being monitored. Management have designed and implemented a risk management and internal

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(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.		control system to manage the Company's material business risks and reports to the Board annually on the effective management of those risks.
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.	No	Due to the size of the Company there is no internal audit function. The Board receives an annual report from Management reviewing the risk management procedures of the Company and is able to provide commentary on the report as well as identify any new risks that have emerged and not previously been recorded by the system.
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.	Yes	All the Company's operating activities are conducted in America and are subject to the environmental and social sustainability risks related to operating there. The annual report from management covering risk management identifies these risks and how they are being managed and is subject to critical review by the Board.

8 Remunerate fairly and responsibly	9	
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	Yes	The Company has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprising Stuart Middleton Chair of the Committee, Phillip McCarthy and Guy Goudy The Charter of the Committee is available from the Company's web site www.austinexploration.com . The Committee did not meet formally during the year.

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senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.		
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.	Yes	The policies and practices regarding remuneration of non-executive directors, executive directors and senior management is set out in the Remuneration Report contained in the Directors' Report.
8.3 A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Yes	The Company requires Directors and Executives who participate in the Company's Performance Rights Plan to ensure they do not enter into any transaction which limits the economic risk of participating in the Plan.