

Corporate Governance Statement

Approach to Corporate Governance

The Board of Genesis Energy Limited (**Genesis** or the **Company**) considers "best practice" corporate governance to be essential to the achievement of strong and sustainable Company performance and to maintaining the trust and confidence of shareholders. Integrity and high standards of behaviour and accountability are expected from all the Company's directors, officers and employees.

The Company's governance framework is recorded in various policies, charters and processes, many of which are discussed below. These are reviewed and approved at regular intervals by the Board and standing Committees to ensure they continue to meet the high standards required by the Board and reflect regulatory changes and developments in corporate governance practices. The Company has integrated the governance policies into employee induction and training, and monitors compliance with the policies.

The Board endorses the corporate governance principles embodied in the NZX Corporate Governance Code dated 1 April 2023 (**NZX Code**) and believes the Company's corporate governance principles, policies and practices are consistent with the NZX Code.

The NZX Listing Rules require the Company to report against the NZX Code. This Corporate Governance Statement follows the structure of the NZX Code.

The Company's standing Committee Charters and certain policies referred to in this document are available to view on the governance section of Company's website - <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/governance</u> (the **Company's Website**).

Board-approved policies are generally reviewed in the third year after the most recent review, unless required earlier.

NZX Code

Principle 1: Ethical Standards

"Directors should set high standards of ethical behaviour, model this behaviour and hold management accountable for these standards being followed throughout the organisation."

Genesis' reputation as a trusted and respected company is one of its most valuable assets. The Company expects its directors, officers, employees and contractors to maintain high standards of ethical conduct and to act legally, ethically and with integrity and in a manner that is consistent with the Company's policies. These policies include the following:

Code of Conduct

The Board has adopted a Code of Conduct, which is a formal statement designed to help guide and support employees in their day-to-day work at Genesis, to ensure they "do the right thing". Four fundamental principles form the foundation of the Code of Conduct and are aligned to Genesis' behaviours:

- Playing your part for workers to keep themselves and others safe;
- Being accountable understanding, accepting and owning the consequences of decisions, actions and behaviours at work;
- Acting with integrity always doing the right thing, through our words, actions and beliefs even when no
 one is watching; and
- Empowered to speak up willingness to have a voice, even when its hard, and owning and learning from mistakes, giving and receiving feedback and navigating conflict respectfully.



The Code of Conduct is reinforced by Genesis' core policies which guide employees' decisions, including policies relating to:

- (a) honesty and ethics;
- (b) conflicts of interest;
- (c) respect and inclusion for work colleagues;
- (d) respect for customers, consumers, creditors and suppliers;
- (e) use of assets and resources, including sensitive expenditure;
- (f) receipt of gifts, rewards or benefits from third parties;
- (g) protection of the Company's confidential information;
- (h) the making of public statements and representations;
- (i) the Company's reputation and brand;
- (j) compliance with the law; and
- (k) maintenance of the Company's records and documentation.

The Company has an ongoing programme to maintain employee awareness and understanding of these policies.

There are procedures for the reporting of breaches of the Code of Conduct or other Company policies or laws. The Company will support any person who reports any legal or policy breach in good faith.

The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's Website.

Trading in Company Securities Policy

The Company's Trading in Company Securities Policy provides guidance and sets out the rules for all trading by Directors, officers, employees and contractors in Genesis securities on the NZX and ASX and trading in New Zealand electricity futures on the ASX. In addition to the prohibition on insider trading, certain individuals within Genesis, including all Directors and senior executives ("restricted persons" under the policy), must not trade in Company securities during specified "blackout" periods, which occur twice per year, before the release of the half and full year results (and can occur in other special circumstances). Such persons must obtain the written consent of the Company before trading in Company securities (which must occur outside of the blackout periods).

Company-wide internal training is also provided to employees on the key themes of the policy and its application. The communication to staff of the commencement and conclusion of the blackout periods also provides a further reminder of the policy.

The Trading in Company Securities Policy is available on the Company's Website.

Conflicts of Interest

The principles that govern the management of conflicts of interest are addressed in several governance documents, including the Company's constitution (**Constitution**), the Board Charter and Code of Conduct (all of which are available on the Company's Website) and the Conflicts of Interest Policy. Collectively these policies provide guidance to both Directors and employees as to when a conflict of interest may arise and set out the procedures for managing a conflict of interest.



Principle 2: Board Composition and Performance

"To ensure an effective board, there should be a balance of independence, skills, knowledge, experience and perspectives."

Role of the Board

The Genesis Board is elected by the Company's shareholders and is responsible for the oversight, supervision and direction of the business. The Board's primary role is to act in a manner that Directors believe is in the best interests of the Company, thereby enhancing the long-term value of the Company, while having appropriate regard to the interests of its shareholders, employees, customers and other stakeholders.

The Chief Executive has responsibility for implementing the strategic objectives of the Board and for otherwise managing the day-to-day affairs of the Company in accordance with formal delegations of authority from the Board.

The Board Charter (available on the Company's Website) records the key functions and responsibilities of the Board and its commitment to operating in a manner consistent with corporate governance best practice. The Board regularly reviews the Board Charter and the delegations from the Board to the Chief Executive.

Board Structure and Composition

The NZX Listing Rules, the Company's Constitution and the Board Charter set out the Board's composition requirements, which are as follows:

- (a) the Board must comprise the minimum number of Directors specified in the NZX Listing Rules (currently three); and
- (b) the Board must comprise a majority of independent non-executive Directors, with a minimum of two Directors who will be ordinarily resident in New Zealand.

Director and Chairman Independence

At any one time, at least a majority of the Board must be 'independent' under the NZX Listing Rules and the NZX Code. In summary 'independence' means that the Director is not (and is not associated in any way with) any existing or former suppliers, customers or substantial shareholders or recent former executives of Genesis and they are free of any direct or indirect interests or relationships or length of tenure (under the NZX Code, a period of 12 years or more is a factor that may affect independence) with Genesis that could reasonably interfere, or reasonably be seen to interfere, in a material way, with the independent exercise of their judgement on issues before the Board and their acting in the best interests of Genesis and representing the interests of the holders of the Company's financial products generally.

In considering whether a Director is independent the Board has regard to the factors described in the NZX Code that may impact Director independence (if applicable) and considers all the circumstances including the history of the relationship between the Director and the Company and the Director's tenure on the Board. Directors must immediately disclose to the Company a change in the status of a Director's independence.

The roles of Chairman and Chief Executive are exercised by different persons. The Chairman is appointed by the Board from amongst the independent Directors. Under the Company's Constitution the Chairman's appointment is approved (due to the Company's status as a Mixed Ownership Model Company as defined by the Public Finance Act 1989) by the Minister of Finance.

In discharging their respective duties, individual Directors may, with the prior approval of the Chairman, seek advice from external professional advisors from time to time, with any costs being met by the Company.



Board Appraisal

Directors regularly review and evaluate the performance of the Board, Committees and the Chairman, with Directors' views sought and discussed on issues relating to Board and Committee processes, efficiency and effectiveness.

Directors' Skills and Experience

The Board is structured, and Director succession is managed, to ensure that its composition continues to:

- (a) include Directors who, collectively, have a mix of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity to meet and discharge the Board's responsibilities; and
- (b) retain a balance between long-serving Directors with experience and knowledge of the energy sector and the Company's business and history, and new Directors who bring fresh perspectives and insights.

Collectively, the Board has an extensive range of commercial skills, knowledge, experience and diversity to meet and discharge the Board's responsibilities. Directors regularly review and evaluate the skills and competencies required for the Board to appropriately function and meet its responsibilities.

A Board Skills Matrix and the Board's evaluation of the skills held by Directors is included in the Company's Annual Report, which is available on the Company's Website.

Board Diversity

The Board currently meets the objective specified in the NZX Code to have not less than 30% of its directors being male and not less than 30% of its directors being female.

Professional Development for Directors

The Board is committed to the continued professional development of Directors to enable them to maintain the knowledge and skill set required for the office of director of a public issuer and to provide Directors with industry specific knowledge and knowledge of regulatory and governance practices relevant to the Company's operations.

Director development is provided through regular management presentations on key business functions and updates on legislation and governance, access to relevant industry conferences and educational visits to relevant third-party overseas locations. Directors are also offered access to external education and professional development training, the costs of which are met by the Company.

Director Appointments and Induction

A Director is appointed by ordinary resolution of the shareholders. In addition, under the Company's Constitution the Board may fill a casual vacancy, and a Director appointed in this manner must retire at the next Annual Shareholders Meeting to enable shareholders to vote on the Director's election to the Board.

Director appointments are preceded by a rigorous search and appointment process that is overseen by the Nominations Committee, which then recommends the candidate to the Board for appointment (in the case of a casual vacancy) or to the shareholders for election.

Director rotation requirements are laid down in the Company's Constitution and the NZX Listing Rules which provide that each Director must not hold office (without re-election) past the third Annual Shareholders Meeting following that Director's appointment or three years, whichever is the longer, but will be eligible for re-election.

There are formal letters of appointment in place with all non-executive Directors, setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointments. New Directors are provided with an induction pack containing a Directors' Duties Guide, governance information, key policies and all relevant information necessary to prepare new



Directors for their roles. New Directors also participate in an induction programme led by the Chief Executive, designed to provide an overview of Genesis, its operations and the environment and markets in which the Company operates.

For details on the current Board of Directors, including Directors' biographies, skills, qualifications, independence status, details of relevant interests in securities of the Company and attendances at Board and Committee meetings, see the Annual Report available at <u>http://www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u> and <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/board-of-directors</u>.

Indemnity and Insurance

In accordance with section 162 of the Companies Act and the Company's Constitution, and to the extent permitted by law, Genesis has indemnified and arranged insurance for all current and former Directors and executive officers of the Company and its subsidiary companies. The indemnity and insurance protect the Directors and executive officers against liabilities that arise when they carry out their normal duties. The indemnity and insurance do not apply to liabilities which cannot be insured or indemnified by law, or that relate to conduct involving a lack of good faith.

Principle 3: Board Committees

"The Board should use committees where this will enhance its effectiveness in key areas, while still retaining Board responsibility."

Board Committee Governance

The Board has established three standing Committees to assist in the efficient performance of the Board's functions and the achievement of appropriate governance outcomes, being the Audit and Risk Committee, the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee and the Nominations Committee. Each Committee operates under a Board-approved charter that sets out its delegations and responsibilities. These Committees play a crucial part in the governance framework and review matters on behalf of the Board, subject to the terms of each Committee's charter. The Board appoints the members of the Committees, and members are selected on the basis of relevant skills and experience.

The Board establishes other committees from time to time to deal with projects relating to the Company's various activities.

To ensure Directors are informed of all material matters impacting the business, copies of all Committee reports, and any other relevant resource materials are made available to all Directors. Directors who are non-Committee members may attend meetings of any Board Committee. The Board has access to Committee minutes and receives updates from the Chairman of each Committee on an ongoing basis.



Composition and responsibilities of Board Committees

Details of the responsibilities of each Board Committee as at the date of this document are set out below, with each Committee having at least three members, all of whom are non-executive and independent Directors:



The Committee Charters are available on the Company's Website.

The Audit and Risk Committee

The principal purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Board in relation to the proper and efficient discharge of its responsibilities and to exercise due care, diligence and skill in relation to the oversight of the:

- (a) appointment and performance of the internal and, in consultation with the Office of the Auditor General, external auditors (and the climate-related assurance practitioner (if different from the external auditor);
- (b) integrity of external financial reporting;
- (c) integrity of external climate-related disclosure statements;
- (d) financial management and internal control systems;
- (e) accounting policy and practice;
- (f) risk management framework and the monitoring of compliance within that framework; and
- (g) compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards, codes of practice, the NZX Listing Rules and the ASX Listing Rules.

Consistent with best practice, the Audit and Risk Committee consists of only non-executive directors, all of whom are independent, with at least one Director being a qualified accountant and who does not have a long-standing relationship with the external auditor of the Company. The Committee is Chaired by an independent director, who is not the Chairman of the Board. Employees may only attend meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee at the invitation of the Committee.

Human Resources and Remuneration Committee

The purpose of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee is to assist the Board in the discharge of the Board's responsibilities and oversight relative to the Company's Human Resource's strategy and policy, the Company's Diversity and Inclusion Policy and the remuneration and performance of the Company's Chief Executive and senior executives.

All the Directors who are members of the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee are non-executive, independent Directors. Employees may only attend meetings of this Committee at the invitation of the Committee.



Nominations Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in discharging its obligations in relation to Board succession planning, monitoring the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge on the Board to enable it to effectively discharge its duties and responsibilities, and the remuneration of Directors.

The Chairman of the Committee is the Chairman of the Board and is required to be an independent director. All the Directors who are members of the Nominations Committee are non-executive, independent Directors. Employees may only attend meetings of this Committee at the invitation of the Committee.

Principle 4: Reporting and Disclosure

"The Board should demand integrity in financial and non-financial reporting, and in the timeliness and balance of corporate disclosures".

The Board is committed to the promotion of investor confidence by timely, balanced, accurate and meaningful reporting of financial and non-financial information, including both positive and negative news. As a listed company there is an imperative to ensure the market is informed and that the Company's listed securities are being fairly valued by the market.

The integrity of the Company's financial reporting and disclosures is supported through a number of mechanisms, including:

The Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee assists the Board in providing oversight of all matters relating to risk management, financial management and controls, financial accounting and the audit and external reporting requirements of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Continuous Disclosure

The Company has a Board-approved Market Disclosure Policy (available on the Company's Website) and established disclosure procedures, which aim to ensure Directors and senior executives are aware of and fulfil the Company's disclosure obligations in accordance with best practice and the NZX and ASX Listing Rules.

The Board has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day oversight of the Company's continuous disclosure obligations to a Disclosure Committee comprising the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Corporate Affairs Officer. In addition, the Market Disclosure Policy requires Directors and management to regularly consider if there is any information that may require disclosure, and there is a standing agenda item at Board meetings regarding continuous disclosure. All market disclosures are made to the NZX and ASX and are available on the Company's website - www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/market-announcements.

The Company operates an Investor Centre website which is designed to provide relevant public information to all Investors. For further details on how the Company engages with its shareholders and investors, refer to the Investor Communication Policy available on the Company's Website.

Financial Reporting

The Company's financial results are reported in the Annual Report in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The Annual Report includes detailed financial commentary and notes to the financial statements which also explain any changes to financial reporting.

The Company ensures that financial information reported in investor materials for road shows, Company overviews and other documents is portrayed in an accurate, fair, and understandable format.



The Board receives formal assurances from the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer that the annual financial statements for the group present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Genesis Group at 30 June and the financial performance and cash flows for the financial year, and that they comply with IFRS.

Climate Reporting

The Company's climate-related disclosure statement is prepared annually and from FY24 it has been prepared in accordance with the Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards NZCS-1 to NZ CS-3. The climate-related disclosure statement includes commentary around the areas of climate governance, strategy, risk management, metrics and targets. The climate-related disclosure statement also provides key metrics such as greenhouse gas emissions for the Company.

The Company seeks to ensure that its climate information is presented in a manner that achieves fair presentation and contains relevant and unobscured information.

The Board is ultimately accountable for the oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities and approving the Company's climate-related disclosure statement.

The most recent climate-related disclosure statement is available at http://www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations.

Non-financial Reporting

Genesis is committed to delivering to its purpose of "empowering New Zealand's sustainable future" in all aspects of our business, from the way we generate and supply energy, care for the environments in which we operate and the way we interact with our customers, our people and wider communities. It guides the Company's vision of the future and the way we build it. Genesis has aligned its sustainability approach with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Company's environmental management system aligns with core Company values and behaviours, and ensures that environmental risks from its operations are identified, documented, audited and managed effectively through the Company's risk management procedures and the Company seeks collaborative solutions to avoid, remedy or mitigate these risks while achieving its business commitments.

More information on Genesis' sustainability approach and performance is available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/about/sustainability.

The Company provides non-financial disclosures at least annually, including on environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices and performance, in its annual report and supporting ESG reports. Our ESG Reports are prepared using global sustainability frameworks and standards such as the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

Key sustainability information about the Company's operations is contained in the Company's Annual Report and its supporting ESG Reports which are available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u>.

Balanced Disclosures

The Company's aim is that its reporting is balanced, clear and objective and includes consideration of material environmental, economic and social factors and explains how operational and non-financial objectives are measured.

The Company discloses its Code of Conduct, its Board and Committee Charters and certain key governance documents and policies on its website at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/governance-documents</u>.

Principle 5: Remuneration



"The remuneration of Directors and executives should be transparent, fair and reasonable."

Approach to Remuneration

The Company's remuneration strategy aims to attract, motivate and retain talented employees at all levels of the Company and seeks to align the interests of its shareholders and employees, whilst driving performance and growth in shareholder value and return. This strategy is supported by a performance-based remuneration system that, among other things, seeks to align individual employee objectives with the Company's strategic and business goals.

The Genesis Board is committed to a remuneration framework that:

- (a) links remuneration to performance. Remuneration outcomes are to appropriately reflect Company business, individual outcomes and behaviours and ensure fair and equitable outcomes;
- (b) includes remuneration expenditure delegations that are based on effective governance and best practice in compliance and reporting;
- (c) has a clear and transparent relationship between performance / behaviours and individual remuneration outcomes;
- (d) can adapt to Genesis Energy's evolving business and external market needs;
- (e) ensures total remuneration costs are appropriate at an aggregate Genesis Energy level and justifiable to all stakeholders;
- (f) supports the Company's short and long-term climate targets;
- (g) provides employee benefits that support the Company's Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy and related Standards; and
- (h) is not overly complex to communicate, administer and understand.

Further details of the Company's remuneration policies are set out in the most recent Annual Report, available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u>.

Directors' Fees

The Board has a Director Remuneration Policy which is available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/governancedocuments. Directors are remunerated in the form of Directors fees, including a higher level of fees for the Chairman of the Board and for the Chairs of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee to reflect the additional time and responsibilities that these positions involve. A small additional pool of fees for special allowances allows for Directors to be remunerated in respect their committees convened to take oversight of specific transactions). This pool is not drawn upon unless special committees are formed, and it is considered appropriate to remunerate Directors in respect of work undertaken in respect of those committees.

The Company generally reviews the level of Directors fees every two years, to ensure that fees remain aligned to the market. This has the benefit of ensuring that the Company can attract and retain Directors of the calibre and skill set that companies of the complexity of Genesis require and avoids large 'catch-up' adjustments if reviews are conducted at longer intervals. The Company engages independent third-party expert advisers to assist with the review process. The outcome of the review is then presented to shareholders for approval.



Genesis' Directors fees were last adjusted by shareholders at the Company's 2021 Annual Shareholder Meeting. Directors may not seek a fee increase in a particular case due to the lack of support from shareholders. However, the danger with this is that a larger adjustment may be required when a proposal for an increase in fees is ultimately put to shareholders, and the failure to pay a market level of remuneration may negatively impact on the Company's ability to attract and retain the calibre of Directors required by the business.

No Director is entitled to any remuneration from the Company other than by way of Directors fees and the reasonable reimbursement of travelling, accommodation and other expenses incurred in the course of performing duties or exercising their role as a Director. The Board has a Director Expenses Policy which provides for the Chairman of the Board to authorise reimbursement of Director expenditure on the recommendation of the General Counsel and Company Secretary, and for the expenses of the Chairman to be authorised by the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee or by two other Directors on the recommendation of the General Counsel and Company Secretary. All payments of Directors fees and expenses are submitted semi-annually to the Audit and Risk Committee for review.

Non-executive Directors do not participate in any Company share or option plan other than the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, which is open to all shareholders.

For more information on Directors' fees paid during the most recent financial year, refer to the most recent Annual Report, available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations.

Chief Executive's Remuneration

Details of the remuneration arrangements with the Company's Chief Executive are set out in the most recent Annual Report, available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u>.

Executive Remuneration Approach – General

The Company is committed to a fair and reasonable remuneration framework for its executives. The Company's remuneration policy for its senior executives provides the opportunity for them to be paid, where individual and Company performance merits, fixed remuneration in the third quartile for equivalent market-matched roles and in the upper quartile where performance has been outstanding. Incentives are set by reference to the third quartile. In determining an executive's total remuneration, external benchmarking is undertaken by globally recognised, locally based remuneration advisors to ensure comparability and competitiveness, along with consideration of the individual's performance, skills, expertise and experience.

The Board approves the remuneration of the Chief Executive, and the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee has responsibility for approving the remuneration of the executives reporting to the Chief Executive. The Committee uses external market information when considering remuneration arrangements. Performance evaluations of the Chief Executive and each member of the executive management team are undertaken each year.

Total executive remuneration is currently made up of three components: fixed remuneration, short-term performance incentives and an executive long-term incentive plan. Each component is explored in more detail in the Remuneration section of the most recent Annual Report, available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations.

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy

The Company is committed to an inclusive workplace that embraces and promotes diversity through initiatives that focus on equal opportunity. The Company considers that diversity encompasses differences that relate to gender and gender identity, marital status, religious belief, education, skills, perspectives, professional experience, intersectional identities, colour, race, ethnicity or national origin, disability, age, political opinion, socio economic status, employment status, family or parental status, physical and cognitive abilities, or sexual orientation. It recognises the importance of fostering a diverse workforce to drive sustainable commercial success and creating a high performing culture.



The Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy (available on the Company's Website) addresses the practical aspects of achieving a diverse and inclusive workplace and the Company's processes for annual review and measurement of both the objectives of the Diversity and Inclusion Policy and progress toward achieving them.

For information on key metrics, including the gender composition of the Board and the Company's Officers, for the most recent financial year, refer to the Annual Report, available at http://www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations.

For more information on remuneration policies and practices during the recent financial year, refer to the Remuneration section of the most recent Annual Report, available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations.

Principle 6: Risk Management

"Directors should have a sound understanding of the material risks faced by the issuer and how to manage them. The Board should regularly verify that the issuer has appropriate processes that identify and manage potential and material risks."

Approach to Risk Management

Genesis is a large and complex business that is exposed to a range of strategic, financial, operational and sustainability-related risks that are inherent in operating in the energy industry. Risk management is ingrained in Genesis' strategic and operational activities.

The Genesis Board is elected by the Company's shareholders and is responsible for the oversight, supervision and direction of the business. The Board operates under shareholder-approved constitution and a Board-approved charter which sets out its role and responsibilities.

The three standing Committees, being the Audit and Risk Committee, the Human Resources and Remuneration Committee and the Nominations Committee, assist in the efficient performance of the Board's functions and the achievement of appropriate governance outcomes.

Each Committee operates under a Board-approved charter that sets out its delegations and responsibilities. These Committees play a crucial part in the Risk Management Framework and review matters on behalf of the Board, subject to the terms of each Committee's charter.

The Board is responsible ensuring effective audit, risk management and compliance systems are in place. The Board undertakes regular site visits and inspections to better understand and monitor site-based risks. The Board receives appropriate information on material risks and the way these are being managed or mitigated.

The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for oversight of risk management and receives a quarterly report on key risks affecting the business and formally reviews and approves material changes to the Company's Risk Management Framework. The Committee reports to the Board after each Committee meeting, with risk matters reported to and/or escalated to the Board as required.

The Company's Risk Management Framework is comprised of a number of policies, standards and control documents. These documents are appropriate to the Company's business, and relate to strategy, operational and financial risk management, fraud, compliance, conduct, Information Technology, environment and climate, people safety, and other key risks . The Company's Risk Management Framework integrates risk management into the Company's operations, formalises risk management as part of the Company's internal control and corporate governance arrangements, and provides a consistent and structured way to manage risk across the Company.



In addition to applying the Risk Management Framework, risks are managed in a number of ways, including business area and project risk reviews, scenario analysis, financial risk mitigation and transfer tools (i.e., hedge contracts and insurance) and engaging in regulatory and policy development.

For further information about the Company's financial risk management programme refer to the most recent copy of the Company's Annual Report, available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u>.

For further information about the Company's climate-related risk management refer to the most recent climate-related disclosure statement, available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations</u>.

Safety and Wellness

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In FY24 Genesis' continued enhancing our Wellbeing Programme – Ahau, Mātou, Tātou (Me, We, Us), through the provision of easy access tools and services to support our people's mental health, via our intranet. In partnership with Glia (our workplace psychologists) we built six bite sized videos to raise awareness on a number of mental health topics. We also ran "ask me anything" sessions, sponsored by an executive member and facilited by Glia, with sessions held covering: the stigma about mental health, grief and loss, and addiction to modern devices.

In FY25 Genesis will be seeking ISO45001 accreditation for its Safety and Wellness Management Framework. During FY24 a business case approved was approved, a pre-audit completed, and evidence prepared for a desktop review with our external auditors in early FY25.

As part of our continuous improvement programme, Genesis commenced deep dives into our "Dangerous Dozen" critical risks to see if our critical controls could be enhanced or improved. The critical risk deep dives identified that our controls are aligned with best practice, however, a number of areas for improvement were identified that relate to all our critical risks, including: a need for clear and simple guidance, simplification and alignment of assurance practices, and a need for consolidated reporting.

During FY24 Genesis successfully transitioned its health services contract to a new provider, Habit Health. This contract provides for a comprehensive scope of health services, including: medical assessments and monitoring; functional capacity evaluations and workplace assessments; drug and alcohol testing; vaccinations; injury prevention and management; and return to work support.

Genesis continues to examine ways to lower the number and severity manual handling injuries in its LPG business. Genesis has seen the rate injuries, based on number of injuries per bottles handled, decrease by over 31 percent since FY22, with severity, measured as the number of lost and restricted days, reducing by 63 percent over this same period. FY24 focused on: continuing to build our safety culture with our "safety before delivery" focus, as well as continuing our focus on designing out risk, improving delivery route planning, improving our operating procedures, and our proactive and preventative programmes for injury management.

Health and safety metrics are reported regularly to the Board, with any serious health and safety incidents escalated immediately. Assurance is provided through accreditation audits, as well as WorkSafe inspections. Directors also undertake regular Safety and Wellness due diligence through site visits, with 7 visits occurring in FY24.

Principle 7: Auditors



"The Board should ensure the quality and independence of the external audit process."

External Audit and Audit Independence Policy

The Audit and Risk Committee has oversight responsibility for the Company's external audit arrangements. Pursuant to the Public Audit Act 2001, the Auditor-General is the auditor of the Company. The Auditor-General appoints an audit firm and partner to carry out the annual audit on the Auditor General's behalf.

The NZX Listing Rules require rotation of the lead audit partner at least every five years and this requirement is reflected in the Company's Audit Independence Policy, available on the Company's Website. The lead audit partner was rotated in FY24.

The Audit Independence Policy establishes a framework for ensuring that audit independence is maintained, both in fact and appearance, so that Genesis' external financial reporting is both reliable and credible. The Policy also outlines the non-audit services which may not be performed by the external auditor in any circumstances, and states that other non-audit services may only be performed with the prior approval of the Committee.

For a copy of the Company's most recent audit report, relating to the last financial year, refer to the Annual Report available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/governance/documents</u>.

The Audit and Risk Committee also has oversight responsibility for the Company's climate-related assurance requirements.

Internal Audit

The Audit and Risk Committee has oversight of the appointment and performance of the internal auditor and reviews and recommends to the Board for approval, the appointment or termination of the internal auditor.

The Audit and Risk Committee also reviews and approves the internal audit plan annually, receives regular update reports against the plan and internal audit reports are made available to the external auditor.

The Company operates a co-sourced internal audit function, using both outsourced and dedicated internal resources. The outsourced partner provides oversight and input into the overall internal audit plan, the conduct of audits and assists with building the internal capability within Genesis. Internal audit reports its findings directly to the Audit and Risk Committee. The outsourced partner attends meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Principle 8: Shareholder Rights & Relations

"The Board should respect the rights of shareholders and foster constructive relationships with shareholders that encourage them to engage with the issuer."

Approach to Investor Relations and the Investor Communication Policy

The Company is committed to providing a high standard of communication to its shareholders and other stakeholders and believes effective communication is achieved by providing access to accurate and complete information on an equivalence basis. The Company maintains an ongoing programme aimed at tailoring investor communications in a way that is most useful to each investor.

The Company coordinates an active investor relations programme to maintain dialogue with institutional investors, retail investors and analysts through meetings, presentations and other events. The programme includes domestic and international investor roadshows and briefings.

Individual shareholders can call or email the Investor Relations Manager and email the Board to ask questions on a confidential basis.



The Investor Communication Policy (available on the Company's Website) details the steps that the Company takes to communicate with its shareholders and investors.

Company Website and Material

The Company's website is used actively to complement the official release of material information to the market, enabling broader access to Company information by investors and stakeholders. The Company's website has copies of all presentations, media releases and reports. Genesis encourages shareholders and investors to refer to the Investor Centre at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors.

Electronic Communications

The Company seeks to continually improve its online and electronic communications and improve the functionality of its website. The Company encourages shareholders to provide email addresses to enable the receipt of shareholder communications by electronic means, and the option to receive the Annual Report in electronic format. As at 30 June 2024, approximately 81% percent of Genesis' shareholders and investors had elected to receive communications electronically from the Company's registrar, Computershare Investor Services Limited.

Shareholder Voting Rights

In accordance with the Companies Act 1993, the Company's Constitution and the NZX Listing Rules, the Company refers major decisions that may change the nature of the Company to shareholders for approval. Voting at shareholder meetings is based on one share, one vote as voting will be conducted by poll. Voting outcomes are announced to the market in accordance with the NZX Listing Rules.

The majority of Genesis' ordinary shares are owned by the Crown. The Public Finance Act 1989 includes restrictions on the ownership of shares issued by Mixed Ownership Model Companies as defined in the Act (including Genesis Energy Limited). The Constitution of Genesis incorporates these restrictions. Details can be found in the document "Information about Genesis Energy Ordinary Shares" and in the Company's Constitution which are both available on Genesis' Website.

Capital Raisings

If the Company seeks additional equity capital, the Board will ensure it considers the interests of existing shareholders and, where that is reasonable and in the best interests of the Company, permit shareholders to participate on a pro-rata basis.

Annual Shareholder Meetings

Details of the Company's Annual Shareholder Meetings are made available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/annual-shareholder-meeting</u>. The Company targets having its notices of the annual meeting available on the Company's website at least 20 working days prior to the meeting.

The Board encourages active participation by shareholders at the meetings and shareholders may present questions during the meeting. Consistent with best practice, the external auditor is available to answer questions from shareholders at the Annual Shareholder Meetings and in attendance are the Company's legal advisers and share registry provider.

The Annual Shareholder Meeting presentation materials are made available on the Company's website.

The materials provided to shareholders prior to the meeting describe the arrangements for the meeting, the timing for the return of voting and proxy forms and how shareholders can propose questions and vote at the meeting.



The Company's 2023 Annual Shareholder Meeting was held on a hybrid basis, with shareholders participating in the meeting either in person or via an online service through an internet connection using a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. The Company intends to continue to provide this online capability to shareholders in conjunction with physical meetings.

Differences in Practice to NZX Code

Under the NZX Listing Rules, the Company is required to disclose the extent to which its corporate governance practices materially differ from the above principles set out in the NZX Code. The Board-approved differences relating to the period up to the date of this Corporate Governance Statement are described below.

The Company does not comply with Recommendation 3.6 (takeover protocols) of the NZX Code because it has not established protocols that set out the procedure to be followed if there is a takeover offer for the Company, and it has not adopted any alternative governance practices in lieu of those protocols. The Company has made this decision because, due to the restrictions on the Company's ownership under Part 5A of the Public Finance Act 1989, no person other than the Crown may have a relevant interest in more than 10 per cent of Genesis' shares. Accordingly, it is not practically possible for a takeover offer to be made in respect of the Company for as long as the ownership restrictions under the Public Finance Act 1989 remain in place.

The Company does not publish a standalone remuneration policy for its executives because it publishes details of its remuneration policies for executives in this Corporate Governance Statements and in Genesis' Annual Reports, available at www.genesisenergy.co.nz/investors/reports-and-presentations. The disclosures outline the relative weightings of remuneration components and relevant performance criteria.

The Company's Director Remuneration Policy is available at <u>www.genesisenergy.co.nz/governance-documents.</u>

Relationships with other Stakeholders

Genesis recognises that in addition to its shareholders, the Company interacts with many other stakeholders, including the communities and rohe (land) on which it operates its generation assets and business activities, customers, suppliers and creditors and local and central government regulatory bodies and non-governmental organisations. The Company has adopted and promoted a range of policies and practices which reflect the respect it holds for its stakeholders and the value that good relationships with stakeholders deliver to the Company and its shareholders. These include:

- (a) the role of tangata whenua (the people of the land) as kaitiaki (guardians) of the natural resources and taonga (treasures) within their rohe (land) and the Treaty of Waitangi principles are respected, and the Company has developed pro-active and constructive long-term relationships with tangata whenua, communities and organisations where the Company operates;
- (b) the Company does not take its position as New Zealand's largest energy retailer for granted and is focused on creating products and propositions that afford customers greater transparency of their energy bills and control over managing their spending on energy. The Company aims to achieve this through obtaining a better understanding of customer needs and expectations and applying a customer-centric approach in all its activities, including in the design of the customer experience, including a key focus on digital innovation;
- (c) the Company seeks to engage with its suppliers fairly and transparently and regularly reviews its procurement practices and policies and encourages regular reviews with key suppliers to maintain key performance indicators. A copy of Genesis' Supplier Code of Conduct is available on the Company's Website; and
- (d) the Company recognises the value of maintaining good working relationships with local and central government and non-government agencies and maintains a corporate affairs team which is responsible for oversight of interactions at all levels of the Company with such agencies.



This Corporate Governance Statement was approved by the Board of Genesis on 21 August 2024.