

# **2025 Corporate Governance Statement**

The Board of Directors (**Board**) of Paragon Care Limited (**Company**) is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Company and its subsidiaries (**Group**). The Board believes that good corporate governance helps ensure the future success of the Company, the Group and adds value to stakeholders and enhances investor confidence.

The ASX Listing Rules require listed companies to prepare a statement disclosing the extent to which they have complied with the recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations (4<sup>th</sup> edition) (**Recommendations**) during the reporting period. The Recommendations are not prescriptive, such that if a company considers a recommendation to be inappropriate having regard to its own circumstances, it has the flexibility not to follow it. Where a company has not followed all the Recommendations, it must identify which Recommendations have not been followed and provide reasons for not following them.

This Corporate Governance Statement (**Statement**) discloses the extent to which the Company has followed the Recommendations, or where appropriate, indicates a departure from the Recommendations with an explanation. This Statement should be read in conjunction with the material on our website <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a> including the 2025 Annual Report.

This Statement is current as at 30 September 2025 and has been approved by the Board.

### PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

## Recommendation 1.1 - Role of the Board and Management

The role of the Board is to approve the strategic direction of the Group, guide and monitor the management of the Company and its businesses and oversee the implementation of appropriate corporate governance with respect to the Group's affairs. The Board aims to protect and enhance the interests of its shareholders, while considering the interests of other stakeholders, including employees, customers, suppliers, and the wider community.

The Board has a formal Board Charter which is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a> that clearly sets out those matters expressly reserved for the Board's determination and those matters delegated to management.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Company and its business to the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (**CEO/MD**). The CEO/MD is supported by the senior executive team and delegates authority to appropriate senior executives for specific activities. The Board maintains ultimate responsibility for strategy, control, and risk profile of the Group.

## **Recommendation 1.2: Appointment of Directors**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee assists the Board to facilitate the selection and appointment of directors. Before the Board appoints a new director or puts forward a candidate for election, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (or its delegate) will ensure that appropriate background checks are undertaken.

We provide our shareholders with all material information in our possession that is relevant to their decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director in the notice of annual general meeting. The notice of annual general meeting includes a statement from the Board as to whether it supports an election or re-election.



### **Recommendation 1.3: Appointment Terms**

Each director and senior executive are party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that persons appointment, including the remuneration entitlement, declaration of any conflicts of interest as and when they arise, and performance requirements. Directors also receive a deed of indemnity, insurance, and access.

Details of executive contracts in place are detailed in the Company's Remuneration Report in the 2025 Annual Report.

## **Recommendation 1.4: Company Secretary**

The Board is supported by the Company Secretary, whose role includes supporting the Board on governance matters, assisting the Board with meetings and directors' duties, and acting as an interface between the Board and senior executives across the Group. The Board and individual directors have access to the Company Secretary.

Under the Company's governance framework, the Company Secretary is accountable to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters regarding the proper functioning of the Board. The Board is responsible for the appointment of the Company Secretary.

Details regarding our Company Secretary, including experience and qualifications, is set out in the Directors' Report in our 2025 Annual Report.

## **Recommendation 1.5: Diversity Policy**

The workforce of the Company comprises individuals with diverse skills, backgrounds, perspectives and experiences and this diversity is valued and respected. To demonstrate the Company's commitment to developing measurable objectives to achieve diversity and inclusion in its workplace, the Company has implemented a Diversity & Inclusion Policy which can be viewed at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

The Company values diversity and recognises the benefits it can bring to the Group's ability to achieve its goals. The Board sets out measurable objectives for diversity and inclusion – see below. The directors periodically review the Company's policies in the context of the principles of a Diversity Policy as outlined in Recommendation 1.5.

The Company has reported against a set of standardised gender equality indicators (GEI) provided by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency 2012 (Cth). The latest WGEA Report will be published later in the year and will be found at <a href="https://www.wgea.gov.au/">https://www.wgea.gov.au/</a>.



The GEI indicators as at 31 March 2025 are provided here for information:

GEI 1 & 2 - Workforce and Governing Body Gender Composition (Source: WGEA Reporting as at 31/03/2025)

	Male	Female	Grand Total
Board*(actuals)	4	1	5
CEO	1	0	1
Managers	48	27	75
Employee	457	439	896
Grand Total	510 (52%)	467 (48%)	977

GEI 3 - Equal Remuneration between Men and Women (Source: WGEA Reporting as at 31/3/2025)

	Headcount	Headcount		Female Salary as % of Male
Average FTE Salary	- Female	- Male	% Female	Salary
Manager	28	51	35%	155%
Professionals	36	23	61%	94%
Technicians and Trades Workers	7	53	12%	93%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	114	23	83%	98%
Sales Workers	51	28	65%	93%
Machinery Operators and Drivers	209	294	42%	95%
Labourers	22	36	38%	94%
Grand Total	467	508	48%	100%

### GEI 4

The Group uses employment terms, conditions and practices which support flexible working arrangements and support employees with family and caring responsibilities. A remote working policy and procedure was developed and deployed across the Group in May 2021 to offer greater flexibility of where work is to be carried out, for those roles eligible.

The workforce is well balanced in terms of gender representation at the employee level.

### GEI 5

Management is rolling out a program of greater consultation with staff on a range of matters including Gender Equality in the workplace.

The Company has set up the following measurable objectives to ensure we leverage the diverse contributions of our people:

Objective	Description	Status as at 30 June 2025
Gender Diversity	<ul> <li>Implement female representation at Board level.</li> </ul>	Completed.
	<ul> <li>Conduct a Group wide review of talent management processes and procedures by end FY25 to enable greater future female representation at the managerial levels going forward.</li> </ul>	Ongoing



## Recommendation 1.6: Board, Committees, and Individual Directors Performance Assessment

The Board is committed to evaluating its own performance, the performance of its Committees, and individual Directors, as well as the governance processes supporting the Board. While a formal assessment process has been established and is reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, with subsequent approval by the Board, an informal performance review process was conducted throughout the year.

During the reporting period, Directors provided ongoing feedback on the performance and effectiveness of the Board and its Committees. This feedback was gathered and discussed by the Board to identify areas for improvement and to guide governance practices. The Board intends to undertake a more comprehensive and formal performance evaluation during the 2026 financial year.

### **Recommendation 1.7: Senior Executive Performance Assessment**

Senior Executives are appointed by the CEO/MD and their Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) contain specific financial and non-financial objectives. These KPIs are reviewed annually by the CEO/MD. The performance of each Senior Executive against these objectives is evaluated annually.

In the case of the CEO/MD, this review is conducted by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the results are reported to the Board.

Performance evaluations were undertaken during the reporting period by the Company in accordance with the process.

### PRINCIPLE 2 - BOARD STRUCTURE

### **Recommendation 2.1: Nomination Committee**

The Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter provides for the creation of a Committee, with at least two members. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on our website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee to assist the Board in ensuring it is equipped to discharge its responsibilities. The Committee has guidelines for the nomination and selection of directors and for the operation of the Board.

The current members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are set out below:

- Peter Lacaze Chair of Committee
- Peter Egglestone Member of Committee

The Chair of the Committee was deemed a non-independent director. The current composition of the Board does not allow the Committee to meet Recommendation 2.1.

Details of meetings held by the Committee during the year and member attendance are set out in the 2025 Directors' Report.

In accordance with the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter the primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board to carry out the following:

- review director competence standards;
- review Board succession plans;
- evaluate the Board's performance;
- make recommendations for the appointment and removal of directors to the Board; and
- make recommendations to the Board on recruitment, retention, and termination policies for the CEO/MD.



### **Recommendation 2.2: Board Skills Matrix**

Our objective is to have an appropriate mix of expertise and experience on our Board so that it can effectively discharge its corporate governance and oversight responsibilities. It is the Board's view that the current directors possess an appropriate mix of relevant skills, experience, expertise, and diversity to enable the Board to discharge its responsibilities and deliver the Company's strategic objectives. This mix is subject to review on a regular basis as part of the Board's performance review process.

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

Skills and experience	Board Representation
Strategy and leadership	High
Policy development	High
Corporate governance	High
Financial analysis and capital markets expertise	High
Risk and compliance oversight	High
People management	High
Commercial experience	High
Legal and regulatory approval	High
Health, safety, social and environmental responsibility	High
Stakeholder communication and engagement	High
Operational leadership	High
Global experience	High
Critical and innovative thinking	High
Negotiation and influence	High
Enabling innovation and technology	High

Full details of each directors' relevant skills and experience are set out in the 2025 Directors' Report.

## **Recommendation 2.3: Independent Directors**

An independent director is a non-executive director who is not a member of management and free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with, the independent exercise of judgement.

The Board regularly assesses the independence of each Non-Executive Director in light of the information which each director is required to disclose in relation to any material contract or other relationship with the Company in accordance with the director's terms of appointment, the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), and the Board Charter.

When appointing an independent director or reviewing the independence of its directors, the Board will have regard to the definition of independent director and the factors set out in the Recommendations, in particular the factors relevant to assessing the independence of a director set out in Recommendation 2.3.



The Board's assessment of each current Director is set out below.

Name	Position	Appointment Date	Status
Peter Lacaze	Non-Executive Chair	3 June 2024	Non-Independent
David Collins	Managing Director & CEO	3 June 2024	Non-Independent
Carmen Riley	Chief Operating Officer & Executive Director	3 June 2024	Non-Independent
John Walstab	Non-Executive Director	16 February 2022	Non-Independent
Peter Egglestone	Non-Executive Director	20 March 2025	Independent

## Recommendation 2.4: Majority Independence

As at the date of this Statement the Board does not have a majority of independent directors. Although the composition of the Board does not comply with Recommendation 2.4, the current Board composition reflects an appropriate balance of skills, expertise and experience to fulfil its obligations to act in the best interests of the Company and all stakeholders. The Board also considers that there are appropriate safeguards in place including policies and protocols to ensure independent thought and decision making.

The Board recognises that it is desirable for a majority of the Board to be independent directors but the Company's current size, structure and operational requirements dictates that this is the most efficient mode of operations at the current time. The Board will continue to monitor and review its composition, and will consider the appointment of additional independent directors as the Company's circumstances change.

Further information regarding our directors, including their experience and qualifications, is set out in the Directors' Report of our 2025 Annual Report.

### Recommendation 2.5: Board Chair

Peter Lacaze is a non-independent director and is the most appropriate person for the position of Chair because of his expertise and his in-depth knowledge of the Company, the industry, and markets in which the Company operates.

The Chair provides leadership to the Board in relation to all Board matters and is responsible for ensuring that the Board meets its responsibilities under the Board Charter. His role is set out in more detail in the Board Charter.

The roles of Chair and CEO/MD are exercised by different individuals, being Peter Lacaze and David Collins respectively.

### **Recommendation 2.6: Induction, Education and Training**

In accordance with the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is responsible for establishing and reviewing induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities.

New directors are provided with copies of all relevant documents and policies governing the Company's business, operations, and management, at the time of joining the Board. The Company also provides appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to assist in their roles. In addition to encouraging directors to undertake external training and refresher courses, such as those offered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Company also facilitates company-specific training and deep dives into key areas of the business as required, to ensure directors remain well-informed and effective in their roles.

## PRINCIPLE 3 - ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY

### **Recommendation 3.1: Statement of Values**

The Company's values are the guiding principles and norms that define what type of organisation it aspires to be and what it requires from its directors. The Company's values and statement of values are outlined below and are also available on <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/about">https://paragoncare.com.au/about</a>.

• **Customer**: We want to be seen as a true business partner to all our customers both internal and external.

- **Integrity**: We believe that trust is a fundamental requisite of good business. That is why we regard integrity as a critical core value. It is about being open, honest, and respectful at all times with our colleagues, with our customers and with all our stakeholders.
- **Transparency**: We believe that by always operating with high levels of transparency that all stakeholders will always feel aligned and part of the business' strategic direction.
- **Teamwork**: To deliver on our objectives and aspirations it is critical that we always embrace a team approach to everything that we do.
- Accountability: To deliver outcomes that exceed all expectations we believe that you have to be prepared to do the hard work, nothing is done simply because it is easy. Taking ownership and accountability helps us continually progress and improve as a team.

The Company's Executive Team are responsible for instilling these values across the Group.

### **Recommendation 3.2: Code of Conduct**

The Board expects all directors, employees and contractors to act with the utmost integrity and objectivity, and in compliance with the letter and the spirit of the law and Company policies striving at all times to enhance the reputation and performance of the Company, in the following areas;

- Business ethics;
- Compliance with laws;
- Personal and professional conduct;
- Respect for others and improper behavior;
- Dealings with suppliers, customers, advisers and regulators;
- Dealing with the community; and
- Dealing with other employees.

The Company and its directors have always promoted ethical and responsible decision-making and the Company's Code of Conduct and this may be viewed on the Company's website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

Any material breach of the Company's policies, including a breach of the Code of Conduct, is raised, and reviewed at each Board meeting.

### **Recommendation 3.3: Whistleblower Policy**

The Whistleblower Policy demonstrates that the Company is committed to the highest standards of conduct and ethical behavior in all its business activities. The Company supports a culture of honest and ethical behavior in ensuring good corporate compliance and governance. The policy sets out, amongst other things, instances of suspected misconduct which can be reported to the internal and external parties and summarises the protections offered to whistleblowers.

Any material breach of the Company's policies, including any breach of the Whistleblower Policy, is raised, and reviewed at each Board Meeting.

The Whistleblower Policy is available on the Company's website <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

## **Recommendation 3.4: Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy**

The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy demonstrates that the Company is committed to maintain high standards of integrity and accountability in conducting its business. The policy provides a framework of guidelines and principles to encourage ethical behavior in the conduct of business.

Any material breach of the Company's policies, including any breach of the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, is raised at the Audit and Risk Committee level, with the latter reporting on them at the next Board meeting.

The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

### PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING

### **Recommendation 4.1: Audit Committee**

The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the establishment of an Audit and Risk Committee, with at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors, and which shall be chaired by an independent director who is not the Board Chair. The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on our website at https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.

The current members of the Audit and Risk Committee are set out below:

- Peter Egglestone Chair of Committee
- Peter Lacaze Member of Committee
- Carmen Riley Member of Committee

The Chair of the Committee was deemed an independent non-executive Director, and the other members were deemed non-independent directors. The current composition of the Board does not allow the Committee to fully comply with Recommendation 4.1.

In accordance with the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter the primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board to carry out the following:

- review and monitor the integrity of the Company's financial reports and statements;
- monitor the performance and independence of the external auditor; and
- reviewing the consolidated accounts of the Company.

It also has risk management and internal control functions as set out under Recommendation 7.1.

## **Recommendation 4.2: Assurances**

The CEO/MD and CFO provide an annual declaration to the Board prior to the Board's approval of the Company's full year financial results. This process was followed for the 2025 full year financial results, where the CEO/MD and CFO provided a declaration to the Board that, in their opinion, the financial records 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 Group, and their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively. On this basis, the 2025 full year financial results were approved by the Board.

## Recommendation 4.3: Verification of integrity of periodic corporate reports

Our external auditor, Ernst Young (EY), attends our annual general meeting and a representative is available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

EY's independence declaration is contained in the Directors' Report in our 2025 Annual Report.

Any periodic corporate report the Company releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor are subject to management review to ensure all content is materially correct, balanced and provides investors with appropriate information to make an informed investment decision. While such reports are typically reviewed and approved by the Board, in some instances, they may be approved by the CEO/MD under delegated

authority where appropriate. This process ensures timely disclosure whole maintaining accountability and oversight.

### PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE

### **Recommendation 5.1: Continuous Disclosure Policy**

We are committed to providing information to shareholders and to the market in a manner that is consistent with the meaning and intention of the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

To comply with these obligations, the Board has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy, which is available on our website at https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.

The Board has overarching responsibility for compliance with continuous disclosure obligations and Board approval is required for certain key matters (as set out in the Continuous Disclosure Policy).

The Board is committed to the promotion of investor confidence by ensuring that trading in the Company's securities takes place in an efficient, competitive, and informed market and in compliance with our Securities Trading Policy (as applicable). In accordance with continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules, the Company has procedures in place to ensure that all price sensitive information is identified, reviewed by management, and disclosed to the ASX in a timely manner. The Company website includes a link to all information disclosed to the ASX.

## Recommendation 5.2: Provide Board with copies of all material market announcements

The Company ensures that its Board receives copies of all material market announcements prior to release to the ASX, where practicable. In addition, all directors are promptly notified of the lodgement of market announcements, including being provided with a copy of the final announcement immediately following its release to the market.

## **Recommendation 5.3: Investor Presentations**

In accordance with the Recommendation, the Company ensures that all new and substantive presentations are released to the market to enable security holders the opportunity to have timely access to the latest information released by the Company.

### PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS

### Recommendation 6.1: Information and Governance

Information about the Company and its corporate governance policies is available on our website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/about">https://paragoncare.com.au/about</a> and <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

The Company also maintains a separate investor page on our website (<a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/investor-centre">https://paragoncare.com.au/investor-centre</a>) to provide shareholders with links to annual and interim reports, ASX announcements, presentations, and other key information.

### **Recommendation 6.2: Investor Relations**

We endeavor to communicate with shareholders and other stakeholders in an open, regular, and timely manner so that the market has sufficient information to make informed investment decisions.

Through its shareholder communications, we aim to provide information that will allow existing shareholders, potential shareholders, and financial analysts to make informed decisions about the Group's intrinsic value and meet its obligations under the ASX's continuous disclosure regime.

Our investor relations program includes:

- issuing regular written shareholder communications such as half yearly financial reporting and an Annual Report to address the Company's strategy and performance;
- sending and receiving shareholder communications electronically;
- maintaining the Board and corporate governance and investor sections on our website including posting;
- all announcements after they have been disclosed to the market;
- promoting two-way interaction with shareholders, by supporting shareholder participation at general
  meetings including encouraging shareholders to send their questions to the Company prior to the
  annual general meeting and responding to their questions and feedback; and
- ensuring that continuous disclosure obligations are understood and complied with throughout the Group.

Shareholder queries should be referred to the MD/CEO and/or Company Secretary in the first instance.

Our Shareholder Communications Policy is available on our website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance</a>.

## **Recommendation 6.3: Shareholder Meeting Participation**

Shareholders are forwarded the Company's Annual Report, if requested (it is otherwise made available on the Company's website), and documents relating to each general meeting, being the notice of meeting, any explanatory memorandum and a proxy form and shareholders are invited to attend these meetings.

The Board regards each general meeting as an important opportunity to communicate with shareholders and it provides a key forum for shareholders to ask questions about the Company, its strategy and performance. At shareholder meetings, the Company will provide an opportunity for shareholders and other stakeholders to hear from and put questions to the Board, management and if applicable our external auditor.

## Recommendation 6.4: All substantive resolutions at a security holder meeting are decided by poll

To ascertain the true will of the Company's shareholders attending and voting at its meetings, whether they attend in person, or by proxy or other representative, all items of business will be decided on a poll.

## **Recommendation 6.5: Electronic Communication with Shareholders**

The website contains a facility for shareholders to direct inquiries to the Company at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/contact">https://paragoncare.com.au/contact</a>.

The Company's shareholders may also deal directly with its share registry, MUFG Corporate Markets, through its website at <a href="https://www.mpms.mufg.com/en/contact/contact-us/">https://www.mpms.mufg.com/en/contact/contact-us/</a> and may request to receive their shareholder correspondence electronically.

## PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK

### Recommendation 7.1: Risk Committee

The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the establishment of an Audit and Risk Committee, with at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors, and which shall be

chaired by an independent director who is not the Board Chair. The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on our website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.</a>

The current members of the Audit and Risk Committee are set out below:

- Peter Egglestone Chair of Committee
- Peter Lacaze Member of Committee
- Carmen Riley Member of Committee

The Chair of the Committee was deemed an independent non-executive Director, and the other members were deemed non-independent directors. The current composition of the Board does not allow the Committee to fully comply with Recommendation 7.1.

Details of meetings held by the Committee during the year and member attendance are set out in the 2025 Directors' Report.

In accordance with the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter the Committee also has delegated responsibilities in relation to risk management which includes assisting the Board to:

- review and make recommendations regarding the adequacy and integrity of the Company's risk management framework and system of internal controls; and
- reviewing compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

## Recommendation 7.2: Review of Risk Management Framework

The Group's risk management framework is supported by the Board, management team and the Audit and Risk Committee. The Board is responsible for approving and reviewing the Company's risk management strategy and policy. The management team is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that appropriate processes and controls are in place to manage risk effectively and efficiently.

A review of the Company's risk management framework is undertaken by the Board and management on a regular, ongoing basis.

The Board has reviewed its risk management framework during the period under review.

## **Recommendation 7.3: Internal Audit**

The internal audit function provides independent and objective assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's systems for risk management, internal control, and governance, along with recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of these systems and processes.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the Committee to monitor the need for an internal audit function.

The Company did not have an internal audit function for the past financial year. Having regard to the size, location and complexity of the Company's operations, the Audit and Risk Committee did not consider it necessary to have an internal audit function. The Audit and Risk Committee oversees financial and non-financial risk areas.

During this reporting period, the Company has employed the following process for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes:

- senior executives facilitated the periodic review of financial and non-financial systems and processes and presented to the Audit and Risk Committee objectives and scope, outcomes and any recommendations arising from the review; and
- the Audit and Risk Committee reviewed risk management and internal compliance procedures at each Audit and Risk Committee meeting and any risk matters raised for consideration by senior executives.

### Recommendation 7.4: Environmental and Social Risk

The Company is not subject to any particular or significant single environmental and social risk. The Company is subject to range of general economic risk, including macro-economic risks, government policy, general business conditions, changes in technology and many other factors. Details on those risks are available in the 2025 Annual Report.

The Board does not believe the Company has any material exposure to environmental and social risks at the present time.

### PRINCIPLE 8 - REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBILITY

### Recommendation 8.1: Remuneration Committee

The Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter provides for the creation of a Committee, with at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors, and which must be chaired by an independent director. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on our website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.</a>

The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee to assist the Board in ensuring it is equipped to discharge its responsibilities. The Committee has guidelines for the nomination and selection of directors and for the operation of the Board.

The current members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are set out below:

- Peter Lacaze Chair of Committee
- Peter Egglestone Member of Committee

The Chair of the Committee was deemed a non-independent director. The current composition of the Board does not allow the Committee to meet Recommendation 8.1.

In accordance with the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter, the Committee has delegated responsibilities in relation to remuneration matters which includes assisting the Board by recommending:

- executive remuneration and incentive policies;
- the remuneration package of the CEO/MD;
- incentive schemes;
- · superannuation arrangements; and
- the remuneration framework for directors.

## **Recommendation 8.2: Remuneration Policies and Practices**

The Board assisted by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is responsible for determining and reviewing remuneration policies for the directors and senior executives. If necessary, it obtains independent advice on the appropriateness of remuneration packages given trends in comparable companies and in accordance with the objectives of the Company.

Details of the Company's remuneration practices for its directors and key management personnel are disclosed in the Remuneration Report in the Company's Annual Report. The Remuneration Report highlights the balance between fixed pay, short-term incentive and long-term incentives, and includes details of the remuneration paid and the relationship to the Company's performance.

## **Recommendation 8.3: Equity Based Remuneration Scheme**

The Company has a Securities Trading Policy which includes a policy prohibiting participants of an equity-based remuneration scheme from entering into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme. A copy of the Company's Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.">https://paragoncare.com.au/corporate-governance.</a>