

2021 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

This corporate governance statement sets out Western Mines Group Ltd's (**Company**) current compliance with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (Fourth Edition) (**ASX Principles and Recommendations**). The ASX Principles and Recommendations are not mandatory. However, this corporate governance statement discloses the extent to which the Company has followed the ASX Principles and Recommendations. This corporate governance statement is current as 24 September 2021 and has been approved by the board of the Company (**Board**).

ASX Principles and Recommendations	Comply (Yes/No)	Explanation
1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
1.1. A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and Management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to Management.	Yes	The Company's Board Charter sets out (amongst other things): (a) the roles and responsibilities of the Board and of management; and (b) the matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. A copy of the Board Charter is available on the Company Website.
1.2. A listed entity should: (c) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a Director or senior executive or putting forward someone forward for election as a Director; and (d) provide security holders with all material information in the Company's possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director.	Yes	Prior to the appointment of a person as a Director, or putting forward to Shareholders a candidate for election as a Director, the Company undertakes checks which it believes are appropriate to verify a Director's character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history (including for new Directors). The Company will ensure that all material information in its possession relevant to a Shareholder's decision whether to elect or re-elect a Director, including the information referred to in Recommendation 1.2, is provided to shareholders in any Notice of Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
1.3. A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Yes	Each Director and senior executive of the Company has an agreement in writing with the Company which sets out the key terms and conditions of their appointment including their duties, rights and responsibilities and (to the extent applicable) the matters referred to in the commentary to Recommendation 1.3.
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	The responsibilities of the Company Secretary are set out in the Board Charter. The Company Secretary has a direct line of reporting to the Chairperson and is responsible for: (a) advising and supporting the Chairperson and the Board and its committees to manage the day to day governance framework of the Company; (b) assisting with Board effectiveness by monitoring whether applicable Board and committee policies, procedures and charters are followed and coordinating timely completion and despatch of Board agendas and papers; and (c) assisting with all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board including advising on governance matters and assisting with induction and professional development of Directors.

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<p>1.5. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a diversity policy;</p> <p>(b) through its Board or a committee of the Board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its Board, senior executives and workforce generally; and</p> <p>(c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:</p> <p>(1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;</p> <p>(2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and</p> <p>(3) either : (i) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes) or, (ii) if the Company is a relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (Cth), the Company's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company seeks to treat everyone with fairness and respect which includes valuing diversity and difference and acting without prejudice. The Company believes that decision making is enhanced through diversity and supports and encourages diversity at all levels of the organisation in accordance with the Company's Diversity Policy.</p> <p>A copy of the Diversity Policy is available on the Company Website. The Board assesses any measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and annually reviews any such objectives and the Company's progress towards achieving them. The Board reports at least annually on the relative proportion of women and men appointed or employed within the Company group. A Senior Executive is defined as an executive that reports directly to the Managing Director or Board.</p> <p>The Diversity Policy outlines requirements for the Board to develop measurable objectives for achieving diversity, and annually assess both the objectives and the progress in achieving those objectives.</p> <p>Disclosure of measurable objectives, progress and respective proportions will be disclosed in the Annual Report.</p>
<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 for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</p>	No	<p>The Board Charter details the Company's commitment, responsibility and process to evaluate the performance of the Board, individual Directors, the Chairperson and Committees of the Board. The Board Charter is available on the Company Website.</p> <p>The Board is responsible for the evaluation of its performance and the performance of individual Directors. This evaluation shall involve evaluating the performance of each Director against appropriate measures (including if warranted by considering the use of external advisers to conduct this performance review). The Board is also responsible for evaluating the performance of the Non-Executive Directors, including the Chairperson, against the requirements of the Board Charter. The Board must also set out its future goals and objectives, and review and recommend any changes to the Board Charter deemed necessary or desirable. The performance evaluation shall be conducted in such manner as the Board deems appropriate.</p> <p>The review of the Board's performance also addresses the ability for Directors to access continuing education to update and enhance their skills and knowledge as they relate to the Company's strategy and objectives.</p> <p>Since the incorporation of the Company on 6 May 2020, the Company has not undertaken an evaluation of the performance of the Board, individual Directors and Committees of the Board.</p>

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<p>1.7. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and</p> <p>(b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</p>	No	<p>The Managing Director reviews the performance of the senior executives on an informal basis. These evaluations take into account criteria such as the achievement and performance towards the Company's objectives and (where appropriate) performance benchmarks and the achievement of individual performance objectives. However, the Board also recognises the need for flexibility in defining performance objectives which must reflect the current status of the company and the development of its projects.</p> <p>The Board did not conduct a performance evaluation of senior executives during the last 12 months and has not adopted a performance evaluation policy.</p> <p>The Company believes that the small size of the executive team and the current scale of the Company's activities make the establishment of a formal performance evaluation procedure unnecessary. Performance evaluation is a discretionary matter for consideration by the entire Board. In the normal course of events the Board reviews performance of the Management, Directors and the Board as a whole. Achievement of goals and business development and compliance issues are evaluated regularly on an informal basis.</p>
<p>2. Structure the Board to be effective and add value</p>		
<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;</p> <p>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>	No	<p>The Board has no formal nomination committee. Acting in its ordinary capacity from time to time as required, the Board carries out the process of determining the need for, screening and appointing new Directors. In view of the size and resources available to the Company, it is not considered that a separate nomination committee would add any substance to this process.</p> <p>The Board Charter sets out the processes the Company employs as regard appointments to the Board and matters regarding successions. The Board Charter is available on the Company Website.</p>
<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>	No	<p>The Board regularly evaluates the mix of skills, experience and diversity at Board level. The Board believes that a highly credentialed Board, with a diversity of background, skills and perspectives, will be effective in supporting and enabling delivery of good governance for the Company and value for the Company's shareholders.</p>

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		<p>The Board comprises four Directors from diverse backgrounds with a range of business experience, skills and attributes. Biographical information on each Director is contained in the Annual Report and on the company's website.</p> <p>Details of the current Directors, their skills, experience and qualifications are set out in the Annual Report. These details, plus a record of attendance at meetings, will be included in the Directors' Report within the Annual Report. No specific skills matrix is currently prepared and disclosed as the Company does not believe its current size and scale warrants that level of detail.</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 or relationship that might cause doubts about the independence of a Director but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the Director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each Director.</p>	Yes	<p>The Board comprises the following Directors:</p> <p>(a) Mr Rex Turkington (Independent Non-Executive Chairman) - appointed as Chairman on 28 October 2020.</p> <p>(b) Mr Paul Burton (independent Non-Executive Director) - appointed on 28 October 2020.</p> <p>(c) Mr Caedmon Marriott (appointed on 26 March 2021) is not considered an independent Director due to his appointment as Managing Director.</p> <p>(d) Mr Francesco Cannavo (appointed on 6 November 2020) is not considered an independent Director due to his status as a substantial shareholder.</p>
<p>2.4. The majority of the Board should be independent Directors.</p>	No	<p>The Company considers that half of the Board is comprised of independent Directors (2 out of the 4 Directors are independent).</p> <p>As the business develops, changes to and/ or further appointments to the Board may be warranted and the Board will consider the need to appoint independent Directors.</p>
<p>2.5. The chair of the Board should be an independent Director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.</p>	Yes	<p>The Chairperson of the Board is an independent Director as described in Recommendation 2.3 and is not the current Managing Director or previous CEO of the Company.</p>
<p>2.6. A listed entity should have a program for inducting new Directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing Directors to undertake professional development opportunities for Directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as Directors effectively.</p>	Partially	<p>Under the Company's Board Charter, all new Directors are given a thorough briefing by the Chairperson and/or Secretary on key Board issues and provided with appropriate background documentation, including the Company's financial, strategic, operational and risk management position, their rights, duties and responsibilities, and the role of the Board the Board committees.</p> <p>The Board will periodically review whether there is a need for existing Directors undertake professional development to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their roles as Directors effectively.</p>
<p>3. Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly</p>		
<p>3.1. A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company is committed to conducting all of its business activities fairly, honestly with a high level of integrity, and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Board, management and employees are dedicated to high ethical standards and recognise and support the Company's commitment to compliance with these standards.</p> <p>The Company's Code of Conduct is available on the Company Website.</p>

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<p>3.2. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its Directors, senior executives and employees; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has a Code of Conduct that sets out the standards of behaviour expected of all its employees, Directors, officers, contractors and consultants. The Code of Conduct is available on the Company Website.</p> <p>Any breach of compliance with the Code of Conduct is to be reported directly to the Managing Director or Chairperson.</p>
<p>3.3. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a Whistleblower Policy; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has a Whistleblower Policy available on the Company Website. Any material incidents reported under that policy are reported to the Board.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Whistleblower Policy, all reports are to be made to the Protected Disclosure Officer, who in respect of the Company, is the Chairperson.</p>
<p>3.4. A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has an Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy available on the Company Website. Any material incidents reported under that policy are reported to the Board.</p> <p>Under the Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy, all Company Personnel must report any actual or suspected improper conduct or other violation of this Policy to the relevant person identified in this Policy, being the Managing Director or the Company Secretary.</p>

4. Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports		
<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,</p> <p>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>	Partial	<p>The Company has established an Audit and Risk Committee which comprises three members, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors. The committee is chaired by a Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company Website.</p> <p>The Committee's members (who are also Directors of the company) and their relevant qualifications and experience, the number of times the Committee met throughout the reporting period and the attendance of the Committee's members at those meetings will be set out in each 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 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>	Yes	<p>The Board is to receive a declaration in the form set out in Recommendation 4.2 from its Managing Director and the person responsible for the finance function in relation to the financial statements. The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for discussing with management and the external auditor the process surrounding and the disclosures made by the Managing Director and the person responsible for the finance function in connection with their personal certification of the half yearly and annual financial statements.</p>
<p>4.3. A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company ensures that any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor undergoes review by the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing, assessing and recommending release to the Board for all financial statements and reports which are required to be publicly released. The review should include a discussion with management and the external auditors of accounting issues and board policies.</p>

5. Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1. A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under ASX Listing Rule 3.1.	Yes	The Company has a Communications and Disclosure Policy that outlines the processes to be followed by the Company to ensure compliance with its continuous disclosure obligations and the corporate governance standards applied by the Company in its communications to the market. The Communications and Disclosure Policy is available on the Company Website.
5.2. A listed entity should ensure that its Board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Yes	Under the Company's Board Charter, the Board is responsible for overseeing the continuous disclosure process to ensure timely and balanced disclosures and ensuring that the Company has an effective process for communicating with shareholders, other stakeholders and the public.
5.3. A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	Yes	Under the Company's Communications and Disclosure Policy, any materials distributed at analyst and media briefings will be lodged with ASX at the time of the briefing, and at investor meetings, the Company will not disclose any information that a reasonable person might regard as being price sensitive unless such information has previously been released to the market through the ASX or is otherwise already in the public domain.
6. Respect the rights of security holders		
6.1. A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	Information about the Company and its operations is available on the Company Website. Information about the Company's corporate governance (including links to the Company's corporate governance policies and charters) can be accessed from the Company Website.
6.2. A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	Yes	The Company has a Communications and Disclosure Policy that outlines the processes followed by the Company to ensure communication with shareholders and the investment community is effective, consistent and adheres to the principles of continuous disclosure. The Communications and Disclosure Policy is available on the Company Website.
6.3. A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	The Communications and Disclosure Policy sets out the policies and processes the Company has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of Shareholders.
6.4. A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	Yes	<p>The Company's Constitution states that a poll may be demanded, before any vote on a resolution is taken, or before the voting results on a show of hands is declared or immediately after the voting results on a show of hands are declared.</p> <p>The Company's Constitution also provides that the Chairperson has charge of the general conduct of a general meeting of Shareholders, and may require adoption of any procedure which is in the Chairman's opinion necessary or desirable, including the proper and orderly casting or recording of votes at the general meeting of Shareholders. However, the Company will ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders will be decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.</p> <p>The Company considers that these requirements adequately protect the interests of Shareholders.</p>
6.5. 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	The Company gives Shareholders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its Share Registry electronically.

7. Recognise and manage risk		
<p>7.1. The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) is chaired by an independent director,</p> <p>and disclose</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(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 risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	Yes	<p>The Company has established an Audit and Risk Committee which comprises three members - see 4.1 above.</p> <p>A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company website.</p> <p>The Committee's members (who are also Directors of the company), met throughout the reporting period and the attendance of the Committee's members at those meetings will be set out in each Annual Report.</p>
<p>7.2. The Board or a committee of the Board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the Board; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	No	<p>The Company's Risk Management Policy sets the framework for risk management and review of the risk management framework every year.</p> <p>The Company has also adopted a Risk Management Policy designed to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all major sources of potential opportunity for harm to the Company (both existing and potential) are identified, analysed and treated appropriately; • business decisions throughout the Company appropriately balance the risk and reward trade off; • regulatory compliance and integrity in reporting is achieved; and • the Company's good standing with its stakeholders continues. <p>Since incorporation, the Board has not completed a structured review of the Company's risk management framework and key corporate risk in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.</p> <p>The Board as a whole addresses individual risks as required on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>7.3. A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluation and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk</p>	No	<p>The Company is committed to understanding and managing risk and to establishing an organisational culture that ensures risk management is included in all activities, decision making and business processes.</p> <p>The company does not have a formal internal audit function due to its size and business needs.</p> <p>Under the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter, the Audit and Risk Committee is charged with the review of the Company's internal controls.</p>

management and internal control processes.		A copy of the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter and the Risk Management Policy is available on the Company Website.
7.4. A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	Yes	<p>The Company's Risk Management Policy acknowledges that it has an obligation to Shareholders, employees, contractors, and other stakeholders to oversee the establishment and implementation of a risk management strategy, and monitor, review and evaluate the risk management and internal control systems for the Company.</p> <p>The Company may be exposed to such environmental risks as disclosed in its Annual Report.</p> <p>The Company predominantly operates in Australia, which is a mature and well-regulated mining jurisdiction. As part of the Company's mining development approvals process, the Company must adhere to strict environmental and social regulations.</p>
8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
8.1. The Board of a listed entity should:	Yes	<p>Given the current size of the Board, the Company does not have a remuneration committee. The Board considers that it is able to deal efficiently and effectively with remuneration issues and will initially comprise the remuneration committee. In doing so, the Board will be guided by the Board Charter, which is available on the Company Website.</p> <p>The Board as a whole reviews remuneration levels on an individual basis. In doing so, the Board will balance a number of factors, including the Company's desire to attract and retain high quality directors and senior executives, incentive structures, and the implications for the Company's reputation and standing if it is seen to pay excessive remuneration.</p>
<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>		
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	<p>The Board is responsible for the Company's remuneration policy and has adopted a Nomination and Remuneration Policy which outlines the processes by which the Board shall review officer and management remuneration. The Company has provided disclosure of a summary of its remuneration policies for the Directors in its Annual Report.</p> <p>The Company is committed to remunerating its officers and executives fairly and to a level which is commensurate with their skills and experience and which is reflective of their performance. Further disclosure of officer and executive remuneration will be made in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act.</p>

<p>8.3. A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through 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. 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme.</p>
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