CALIMA ENERGY LTD ACN 117 227 086 (Company)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

This Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 30 March 2023 and has been approved by the Board of the Company.

This Corporate Governance Statement discloses the extent to which the Company will follow the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 4th Edition* (Recommendations). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however the Recommendations that will not be followed have been identified and reasons for not following them, along with what (if any) alternative governance practices have been adopted in lieu of the Recommendation.

The Company has adopted Corporate Governance Policies which provide written terms of reference for the Company's corporate governance practices. The Board of the Company has not yet formed an audit committee, nomination committee, risk management committee or remuneration committee.

The Company's Corporate Governance Policies are available on the Company's website at <u>www.calimaenergy.com</u>

RECOMMENDATIONS (4th EDITION)	COMPLY	EXPLANATION
Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
 Recommendation 1.1 A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management. 	Yes	The Company has adopted a Board Charter that sets out the specific roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. The Board Charter is available on the Company's website. (www.calimaenergy.com/corporate-governance)
 Recommendation 1.2 A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a director. 	Yes	The Company has a Procedures for Selection and Appointment of Directors policy to ensure that appropriate checks are undertaken before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election as a Director, including providing all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director. The Procedures for Selection and Appointment of Directors policy is available on the Company's website. (www.calimaenergy.com/corporate- governance)
Recommendation 1.3 A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Yes	The Company has in place written agreements with each Director and senior executive, which sets out the terms and conditions of their appointment.
Recommendation 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 Board Charter provides that the Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The Board Charter is available on the Company's website.

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 Recommendation 1.5 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a diversity policy; (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 (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period: (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and (3) either: (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act. If the entity was in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period. 	No	The Company has not formally established measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity given the current stage of operations and number of employees. The Board has however adopted a Diversity policy which provides a framework for the Company to establish and achieve measurable diversity objectives, including in respect to age, ethnicity, cultural background, and gender. The Diversity Policy allows the Board to set measurable gender diversity objectives (if considered appropriate) and to assess annually both the objectives (if any have been set) and the Company's progress towards achieving them. The Board considers that, due to the size, nature, and stage of development of the Company, setting measurable objectives for the Diversity Policy at this time is not appropriate. The Board will consider setting measurable objectives as the Company's website. www.calimaenergy.com/corporate-governance
 Recommendation 1.6 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period. 	No	The Board has adopted a Performance Evaluation Practices policy that sets out, amongst other things, the process for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees (if any) and individual Directors. The Performance Evaluation Practices policy is available on the Company's website (<u>www.calimaenergy.com/corporate- governance</u>). Formal performance evaluations have not been undertaken. Given the size and the resources available to the Company, it is proposed that the performance evaluations will take place as the Company's operations and employee numbers grow. At that point in time, the Board will reassess the Company's practices in relation to performance reviews.
 Recommendation 1.7 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period. 	No	As above.

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Principle 2: Structure the board to be effective and add value					
 Recommendation 2.1 The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively. 	No	Given the size and level of the Company's operations, it is not proposed that the Board wil have a nomination committee. As the Company's operations and employee numbers grow the Board will reassess the need for a nomination committee.			
Recommendation 2.2 A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	Yes	The Board has established a Board Skills Matrix. The Board Skills Matrix includes the following areas of knowledge and expertise:			

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 Recommendation 2.3 A listed entity should disclose: (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; (b) if a director has an interest, position, affiliation or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director. 	Yes	 (a) The Director considered to be independent by the Board is Lonny Tetley. (b) There are no independent Directors who fall within this category. (c) The Directors were appointed to the board as follows: Jordan Kevol was appointed as President & CEO on 30 April 2021. On 28 May 2021, Mr. Kevol was appointed as Managing Director. Lonny Tetley was appointed as a non-executive Director on 28 May 2021. Mark Freeman was appointed as Finance Director on 23 June 2021. Karl Demong was appointed as a non-executive Director on 1 April 2022. Brett Lawrence resigned from Calima's Board on 1 April 2022. Mr. Lawrence was previously appointed as a non-executive Director on 29 May 2019 and served on the Board until his resignation.
Recommendation 2.4 A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	No	 The Company has one independent Director as disclosed in 2.3 above. The Board does not currently consider an independent majority of the Board to be appropriate given the Board considers at least two Directors need to be executive Directors of the Company to be managed effectively. The Board has taken the following steps to structure the Board to add value despite not having an independent majority of Directors: a) Membership of the Board is focused on providing the Company with a broad base of industry skills and experiences considered necessary to fulfil the business objectives of the Company; and b) Membership of the Board is reviewed on an on-going basis to determine if additional core strengths are required to be added to the Board in light of the nature of the Company's business and Objectives
Recommendation 2.5 The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	No	The Chairman role is performed by Glenn Whiddon who is not considered to be an independent Director. However, the Chairman does not act as the CEO of the Company.
Recommendation 2.6 A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Yes	The Company has a program for inducting new Directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for Directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.
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Principle 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly		
Recommendation 3.1 A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	Yes	 The Company's five core values are follows: Engaging in the pursuit and development of high-quality oil and natural gas assets in order to provide valuable energy resources for the world. Engaging in business initiatives that seek to maximize value for our shareholders. Seeking to ensure that our business activities align with needs of all our stakeholders which also includes our environment, our communities, our service providers, our governments, our capital providers, our business partners and our employees. Operating safely at all times. Being a responsible operator. Acting ethically and always doing the right thing.
 Recommendation 3.2 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code. 	Yes	The Company has established a Code of Conduct for its directors, senior management, employees and contractors. The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.
 Recommendation 3.3 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy. 	Yes	The Company has established Whistleblower policy for its stakeholders to appropriately raise any concerns they may have about the Company. The Whistleblower policy is available on the Company's website.
Recommendation 3.4 A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy. 	No	The Company has not formally established an anti-bribery and corruption policy. However, the guiding principles outlined in our code of the conduct, our whistleblower policy, our risk management and internal control compliance and control and our Board Charter are considered sufficient for addressing the potential risks of anti-bribery or corruption in the Company. The Company's primary operations are also located in Canada, a jurisdiction where such risks are considered low.
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Principle 4: Safeguard the integrity in corporate reports		
 Recommendation 4.1 The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (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. 	No	The Board has not constituted an Audit Committee, given the Company's present size and level of complexity of its operations. Accordingly, the full Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by an Audit Committee under the Audit Committee Charter. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.
Recommendation 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.	Yes	The Board, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receives from its CEO and CFO (or, if none, the persons fulfilling those functions) 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.
Recommendation 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.	Yes	The Company has a process for verifying any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor. The Company's finance team engages in completeness and accuracy checks of the financial information. The Board is responsible for reviewing and approving all material releases that are presented to the market. Such activities are consistent with the principles outlined in the Risk Management and Internal Control Compliance and Control policy published on the Company's website.
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Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure			
Recommendation 5.1 A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	Yes	The Company has established a Continuous Disclosure Policy which is designed to guide compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and to ensure that all Directors, senior executives and employees of the Company understand their responsibilities under the policy. The Board has designated the Chairman, Managing Director and the Company Secretary as the persons responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented and enforced and that all required price sensitive information is disclosed to the ASX as required. The Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.	
Recommendation 5.2 A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Yes	The Board receives copies of all material market announcement promptly after they have been made. The materials are also given to the Board with sufficient time for them to appropriately review and approve the materials before they are released to the market.	
Recommendation 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	All material changes in disclosures are provided to investors through the ASX Market Announcements Platform in a timely manner.	
Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders			
Recommendation 6.1 A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	The Company's website forms a key part its communications platform to security holders and the broader investment community and contains information about the Company's current projects, Directors and management and corporate governance practices, policies and charters. Current and past ASX announcements, presentations and reports are available for review on the Company's website. These announcements, presentations and reports are posted on the Company's website immediately after they have been released to the market. The full text of all notices of meetings and explanatory material and the Company's Annual Report are available on the Company's website.	
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Recommendation 6.2 A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	Yes	The Company monitors and continues to utilise a broad range of approaches to enable effective communications with investors, including direct communications with security holders, publication of all relevant Company information on the Company's website, access to market briefings and participation at general meetings. In addition to announcements made in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations the Company, from time to time, prepares and releases general investor updates about the Company and investors can subscribe to a mailing list available on the Company's website. Security holders can contact the Company via an email address or by phoning the Investor Relations team directly. All feedback received from security holders is considered and dealt with by the appropriate areas within the Company. Contact details are provided on the Company's website.
Recommendation 6.3 A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	The Company has established a Shareholder Communication policy which is designed to ensure that the Company provides current and relevant information to its security holders and recognises the value created through the facilitation of security holder access to market briefings and meetings with management. The Company also encourages participation of security holders at its Annual General Meeting each year. The Annual General Meeting represents a key opportunity for security holders to meet the Board and ask questions of the Directors. Security holders have an opportunity to address the Board and vote on resolutions before an Annual General Meeting on important matters such as election and re-election of Directors, any changes to the Company's Constitution and adoption of annual financial statements. Key members of senior management, including the CEO/Managing Director, are present and available. Security holders who are not able to attend the Annual General Meeting in person are encouraged to lodge a direct proxy vote or appoint proxies to represent them at the meeting. The full text of all notices of meetings and explanatory material are available on the Company's website. The Shareholder Communication policy is available on the Company's website.
Recommendation 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	Substantive resolutions at a meetings with security holders are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.
Recommendation 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's share register provides a facility whereby security holders can provide email addresses to receive correspondence from the Company electronically and security holders have the option to contact the share register via telephone, facsimile or email. On an ongoing basis, the Company works closely with its share registry to monitor and review the opportunities available to the Company to better utilise electronic means of communication with investors. Contact details are provided on the Company's website.
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Recommendation 7.1	No	Given the size of the Company and the resources available to it, it is not proposed
 The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework. 		that the Board will have a separate committee to oversee risk. Instead, the full Board will be responsible for overseeing risk. As the Company's operations and employee numbers grow, the Board will reassess the need for a separate committee to oversee risk
 Recommendation 7.2 The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place. 	Yes	The Board reviews the Company's Risk Management and Internal Compliance and Control policy at least annually to ensure that the Company's material risks are managed effectively.
 Recommendation 7.3 A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes. 	No	The Company does not have an internal audit function given its present size and level of complexity of its operations. The Board is responsible for the oversight of its risk management and internal compliance and control process. Responsibility for risk management and control is delegated to the appropriate level of management within the Company, with the Managing Director having overall responsibility for the risk management and control processes.
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Recommendation 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	As discussed above, the Company identifies exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks in a manner consistent with Risk Management and Internal Compliance and Control policy, which is available on the company's website. The Company has exposure to economic risks, including general economy wide economic risks and risks associated with the economic cycle. There will be a requirement in the future for the Company to raise additional funding to pursue its business objectives. The Company's ability to raise capital may be affected by these economic risks. The Company has in place risk management processes and procedures to identify, manage and minimise its exposure to these economic risks where appropriate. The Board Company has exposure to environmental risks through exploration and development risk. The Company has in place risk management processes and procedures to identify, manage and minimise its exposure to these environmental risks where appropriate. The Board currently considers that the Company does not have any material exposure to social sustainability risk. The Company's Code of Conduct outlines the Company's commitment to integrity and fair dealing in its business affairs. The Code of Conduct sets out the principles covering appropriate conduct in a variety of contexts and outlines the minimum standard of behavior expected from employees when dealing with stakeholders.
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Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

 Recommendation 8.1 The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive. 	No	Given the size of the Company and the resources available to it, it is not proposed that the Board will have a separate remuneration committee. Instead, the full Board will be responsible for performing the role of the remuneration committee. As the Company's operations and employee numbers grow, the Board will reassess the need for a separate remuneration committee. The Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website
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Recommendation 8.2 A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	Yes	The Company has a Remuneration Policy which separately discloses its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive Directors and the remuneration of executive Directors and other senior executives. The structure of Directors remuneration is disclosed in the remuneration report section of the annual report.
 Recommendation 8.3 A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it. 	No	The Securities Trading contains a hedging prohibition which states that members of key management personnel must not enter into an arrangement with anyone if that arrangement would have the effect of limiting exposure of the member to risk relating to an element of the member's remuneration that has not vested in the member or has vested in the member but remains subject to a holding lock. The Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website.