

## PURPOSE

As a Queensland Government Owned Corporation (GOC) and in line with good governance practice SunWater has implemented and maintains a number of internal policies and procedures which align with the principles contained within Government's Corporate Governance Guidelines for GOCs. Principle 6 of these Guidelines requires all GOCs to design and disclose a communication policy to promote effective communication with shareholding Ministers.

## KEY PRINCIPLES

- SunWater recognises and respects the rights of shareholding Ministers to obtain information from SunWater about the company's operations in support of their reporting obligations to Government, Parliament and the public.
- SunWater is committed to effective communication and active consultation with shareholding Ministers by providing ready access to balanced and understandable information about SunWater and its corporate proposals.
- SunWater establishes and regularly updates governance policies for shareholder disclosure, compliance, risk management and reporting which align with good governance practice and ensures the confidence of shareholders is maintained.
- In general, formal and informal communications with shareholding Ministers will be from the SunWater Chair, with the Chief Executive and other officers and employees communicating with shareholder representatives in line with agreed schedules and as required.
- SunWater maintains and applies comprehensive media and government relations policies and guides in its efforts to work cooperatively with shareholding departments and to ensure shareholding Ministers are kept appropriately informed of SunWater's operations.

## APPLICATIONS

- SunWater is committed to providing balanced and comprehensive information to shareholding Ministers to ensure that the requirements of open and accountable Government are met.
- In line with this commitment SunWater will:
  - engage with stakeholders through a range of communication strategies to ensure effective and active consultation;
  - provide advice to shareholding Ministers in a timely manner on financial, operational, employee, community or environmental issues of significance;
  - comply with all shareholder reporting, notification and approval requirements including those documented within the Investment Guidelines for GOCs; and
  - actively engage with shareholding Ministers and their department heads to meet all legislative and regulatory requirements, promote integrity and confidence and promote awareness and understanding of emerging issues of significance to SunWater's commercial operations.

## REFERENCES

Corporate Governance Guidelines for Government Owned Corporations  
SunWater's Disclosure to Shareholders Policy  
Investment Guidelines for Government Owned Corporations

### Reason for issue:

Aligns with good governance practice

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