

Policy and advocacy

About Governance Institute of Australia

With a membership of over 7,300 company secretaries, governance professionals, risk managers and directors from some of Australia's largest organisations, Governance Institute of Australia is the only fully independent professional association with a sole focus on governance excellence.

For 110 years, our education, research, advocacy, and support networks have provided cutting edge governance and risk management advice to Australian business leaders from all walks of life. We celebrate Australia's successes, and challenge it to be even better.

Governance Institute operates as a fully independent not-for-profit organisation and an ACNC registered charity. Governance Institute is also a division of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA).

We are a registered higher education provider with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and our postgraduate courses are fully accredited by TEQSA.

Our expertise

As an independent voice on governance, Governance Institute of Australia is an active participant in the reform process.

We engage with governments and regulators on proposed legislative and regulatory reform and also with the media, to ensure that our members' views are widely disseminated.

As part of Governance Institute's commitment to the ongoing improvement of governance practice across all sectors, we conduct research on issues relating to governance practices and trends, and issues arising in governance, risk and compliance. We also develop content and thought leadership on current and emerging governance issues.

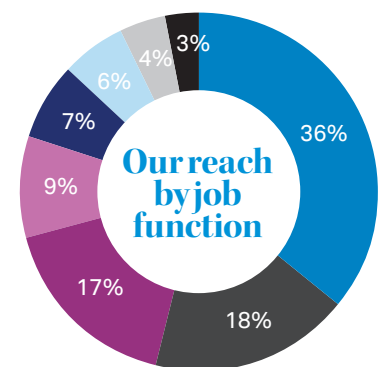


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Six policy priorities to improve the standards of governance and risk management in Australia

1 Promoting governance as the foundation of civil society

- Raising awareness of the importance of the role of the governance and risk management professional
- Advocating policy positions with government and regulators
- Working partnerships with key national and international stakeholder groups — including ABA, AICD, ASA
- Promoting excellence in governance and risk management
- Educating Australia on good governance and risk management practices

2 Leading the debate on governance and risk management issues

- Member of the ASX Corporate Governance Council
- Membership of the ICSA Thought Leadership Committee
- Membership of the International Corporate Governance Network
- Research and analysis of current and emerging governance issues.
- Providing in-depth analysis research leadership on governance issues
- Speaking at relevant industry events to promote good governance and risk management practices

3 Advocating for fit-for-purpose business infrastructure

- Adequately funded, accountable regulators
- Modernising business registers project
- ASX Listing rules
- ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*
- ASX CHES replacement project
- Submissions and recommendations on the financial services royal commission

4 Improving the regulatory environment to drive greater efficiency

- Reducing regulatory complexity and red tape
- Advising on the practical impacts of legislative reform — director identification numbers, anti-phoenixing, modern slavery
- #fixfundraising campaign to support charitable fundraising law reform
- Modernising and reforming the *Corporations Act 2001* for the digital world
- Ensure member representation and liaison with relevant regulatory and standard setting bodies – AASB, ACCC, ACNC, AHRC, ASIC, ASX and Standards Australia

5 Promoting ethics, integrity and accountability through good governance and risk management frameworks

- Advocacy about the importance of governance and risk management in the private, not-for-profit (including aged care) and public sectors
- Supporting Griffith University's whistleblowing research project — *Whistling while they work 2*
- Promoting the importance of an ethical framework to underpin the use of AI in Australia
- Advocating for independent directors on superannuation boards

6 Empowering governance professionals with skills and knowledge

- Thought leadership — research and analysis of current and emerging governance issues, such as disclosure of social and environmental risks, strategies for dealing with regulators, shareholder resolutions and minutes
- Supporting the activities of our four policy committees
- Provision of member resources — for example, Good Governance Guides and the climate change resources library.
- Creating and disseminating publications including *Risk management for directors*, *Ethics index*, *Adding value to governance in aged care*, *Guidelines: Whole-of-organisation governance*