

Advocacy Committee Charter

Australian Shareholders' Association - Advocacy Committee Charter

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1. Purpose

This Charter outlines the authority and role of the Advocacy Committee, as delegated by the Board of the Australian Shareholders' Association (ASA). The Committee supports ASA in advancing its vision to be the leading independent voice and community for all Australian shareholders and investors. It provides strategic input into ASA's advocacy and company monitoring efforts, ensuring alignment with the organisation's strategic priorities and policy objectives.

2. Scope and Responsibilities

The Advocacy Committee will:

- Provide input into ASA's advocacy strategy, annual policy priorities, and policy and company monitoring positions.
- Identify and assess governance, market, and regulatory issues affecting retail shareholders.
- Input into the annual review of ASA's Focus Issues and regular updates to the Voting and Engagement Guidelines to reflect leading governance practices.
- Contribute to ASA's positioning on major company controversies and significant market developments, either as a group or via subject-matter experts.
- Review and contribute to ASA submissions to government and regulatory bodies.
- Recommend improvements to the clarity, consistency, and transparency of ASA's monitoring outputs.
- Establish ad hoc working groups to address specific advocacy matters as required.

3. Authority and Reporting

The Advocacy Committee is an advisory body that provides recommendations to the ASA Board and CEO. It does not hold delegated decision-making authority. The

Committee may be convened urgently in response to time-sensitive governance or policy issues to support timely, coordinated public commentary.

4. Composition and Membership

The Advocacy Committee will comprise:

- ASA CEO
- Head of Policy and Advocacy
- All Company Monitoring Committee (CMC) Chairs
- Two to three ASA Board Directors
- Invited subject-matter experts, as required.

Members, including the Committee Chair, are appointed by the Board. Non-permanent Members serve renewable one-year terms.

Committee members are expected to:

- Review meeting materials in advance and
- Actively participate in discussions.

5. Meetings and Administration

- The Committee will meet quarterly.
- Additional ad hoc meetings may be scheduled as needed.
- Meetings may be held virtually or in person.
- ASA will assign a support person to coordinate logistics and take minutes.
- Agendas and materials will be circulated at least one week in advance.
- Minutes will be reviewed by the Committee Chair and distributed promptly.

Operational meetings for CMC Chairs (e.g. training, documentation, monitoring assignments) may be convened separately by the Head of Policy and Advocacy.

6. Conduct and Confidentiality

Committee members must act in the best interests of ASA and maintain confidentiality at all times. Conflicts of interest must be declared and managed appropriately.

7. Review and Evaluation

This Charter will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if required. Any updates must be approved by the ASA Board. The Committee will conduct a biennial self-evaluation of its performance and alignment with ASA's strategic priorities.