

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)'s Board and management place importance on high standards for ethical behaviour, governance and accountability in Aspect's day to day operations and business. The organisation is a company limited by guarantee, operating as a not-for-profit charity with public benevolent institution status, and is governed by its Constitution which is approved by Aspect's Members.

The Board's governance responsibilities are detailed in Aspect's Corporate Governance Statement. This statement is based on the requirements identified in Corporations law, Aspect's Constitution and Aspect's Regulations. The Statement also includes the processes and practices undertaken within Aspect that enable and support the governance of the organisation. The responsibilities of a number of key governance roles are also outlined.

The Corporate Governance Statement is regularly reviewed by the Board and is available to all stakeholders on the Aspect website along with Aspect's Constitution and Aspect's Regulations.

The Board which meets six times each year is supported by four committees: the Audit & Risk Committee (ten meetings each year); the Fundraising & Communications Committee (three meetings each year); the Governance Committee (four to five meetings each year); and the Strategy Committee (five meetings each year). The terms of reference for each committee are detailed in Aspect's Regulations.

The Governance Committee takes particular responsibility for all matters in relation to governance as well as reviewing and monitoring Aspect's policy framework.

### **External Framework**

The Governance Framework policy demonstrates Aspect's commitment to sound governance and management in all areas of service planning, development and provision in adherence with relevant legislative and regulatory frameworks, corporate business ethics and the National Standards for Disability Services Standard 6: Service Management. Aspect's governance commitments and responsibilities include employing a range of effective and efficient systems and processes to support quality service provision; and ensuring the best possible outcomes for individuals in alignment with the organisation's Constitution.

## Legislation References

Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth)  
Building Code of Australia  
Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW)  
Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013 (NSW)  
Children's Protection Act 1993 (SA)  
Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)  
Disability Act 2006 (VIC)  
Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)  
Disability Services Act 1991 (ACT)  
Disability Services Act 1993 (NSW)  
Disability Services Act 1993 (SA)  
Disability Standards for Education 2005  
Education Act 1972 (SA)  
Education Act 1990 (NSW)  
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)  
Explosives Act 2003 (NSW)  
Food Act 2003 (NSW)  
National Standards for Disability Services 2013  
Ombudsman Act 1974 (NSW)  
Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)  
Teacher Accreditation Act 2004 (NSW)  
Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)