

External Auditor Policy Statement



The Macquarie Board Audit and Compliance Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the appointment and removal of the auditor. In making those recommendations, the Committee is authorised to conduct periodic reviews of the auditor and to conduct tenders to assist in selecting an auditor to recommend to the Board.

The Board Audit and Compliance Committee also monitors the effectiveness, objectivity and independence of the auditor. In respect of the independence of the auditor, the Committee has adopted a policy which includes the following:

- The external auditor must remain independent of the Group at all times and comply with Professional Statement F.1 pertaining to financial independence and business relationships and with the Ramsay Report recommendations pertaining to employment relationships.
- The external auditor must monitor its independence and report to the Board that it has remained independent every six months.
- The external auditor is not to provide non-audit services under which the auditor assumes the role of management, becomes an advocate for the Group, or audits its own professional expertise.
- Significant permissible non-audit assignments awarded to external auditors must be approved in advance by the Committee or, between Committee meetings, the Committee Chair.
- All non-audit assignments are to be reported to the Committee every six months.

This policy on auditor independence applies to services supplied by the external auditors and their related firms to the Group, its related entities and the trusts and entities managed by the Group.

The Board Audit and Compliance Committee has also determined, and the Board has endorsed, that the external audit engagement partner and review partner must be rotated every five years.