

**JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Consistent with the *James Cook University Act 1997* and its function as the prime instrument of University governance, the Council of James Cook University has primary responsibility for:

- (a) appointing the vice-chancellor as the chief executive officer of the University, and monitoring his/her performance;
- (b) approving the mission and strategic direction of the University, as well as the annual budget and business plan;
- (c) overseeing and reviewing the management of the University and its performance;
- (d) establishing policy and procedural principles, consistent with legal requirements and community expectations;
- (e) approving and monitoring systems of control and accountability, including general overview of any Controlled Entities (as defined in sec. 50AA of the *Corporations Act*);
- (f) overseeing and monitoring the assessment and management of risk across the University, including commercial undertakings;
- (g) overseeing and monitoring the academic activities of the University;
- (h) approving significant commercial activities of the University.

*Adopted by the Council of James Cook University at its meeting (04/04) on 24 June 2004.*