

Print whole section

Energy and Resources Working Group

Access information from meetings of the Energy and Resources Working Group.

Energy and Resources Working Group key messages 11 November 2022

Key topics discussed at the Energy and Resources Working Group meeting 11 November 2022.

Energy and Resources Working Group key messages 20 November 2024

Key topics discussed at the Energy and Resources Working Group meeting 20 November 2024.

QC 47858

Energy and Resources Working Group key messages 11 November 2022

Key topics discussed at the Energy and Resources Working Group meeting 11 November 2022.

Last updated 28 February 2023

On this page

Welcome and ATO Updates

Industry

Division 31 Deduction for entering into a conservation covenant

Decommissioning

Application of PRRT to a tolling arrangement

Other public guidance

Future ERWG

Attendees

Apology

Welcome and ATO Updates

Findings report Top 100 income tax and GST programs

- The report explains the key findings and observations from the Top 100 income tax and GST assurance programs for the income year ended 30 June 2022.
- Our results to date demonstrate that most large businesses do, and want to do, the right thing. We have a high level of willing participation in the large corporate groups. This is shown by 4 out of 5 Top 100 taxpayers having obtained either a high or medium overall assurance rating.

Findings report – Top 1,000 income tax and GST assurance programs

- The report presents key findings on our income tax and GST assurance reviews completed to 30 June 2022.
- We have seen a positive shift in the market's perception of justified trust and the 'currency' associated with our assurance ratings is becoming highly regarded.

Reportable tax position schedule

• The reportable tax position schedule gathers information on uncertain tax positions from the largest public and multinational

- companies and includes disclosures of arrangements considered to pose a systemic risk to the corporate tax base.
- The report shows a high level of lodgment compliance and increase in disclosures over the past 3 years due to improvements in processes, increase in questions and changes made to the schedule over the period.

Public Groups and International Advice and Guidance program

- This report includes insights drawn from the work completed through the program over the 2019–20 to 2021–22 financial years.
- This report outlines
 - insights on how taxpayers and their advisers can most effectively engage with us when applying for rulings or otherwise seeking advice and guidance
 - our key observations and findings about the nature of the advice sought by public and multinational business taxpayers and which advisers are involved.

Industry

Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration (APPEA)

Prices

- Brent \$93.47 down from \$100 per barrel
- European winter expected to increase demand
- Pre Covid-19, \$60 to \$80 per barrel
- During Covid-19, you could get less than \$20 for a period of time
- Estimated that 85 to 90% of east coast gas is subject to long term contracts
- Spot market, that is Wallumbilla is shallow and can be highly volatile
- Asian market driving the price down
- 2022 quarter 3 data indicate average domestic \$8 to \$13 per KJ

• Liquefied natural gas between \$20 and \$30 per gigajoule in quarter 3.

Supply

- Gas shortfall not expected until 2023
- Solar down and coal outages cause shock to the energy system early in 2022
- Significant spending of \$9 trillion on broader infrastructure is needed
- Shifting to electric vehicle (EV) network raises housing infrastructure and the ability to manage extra energy infrastructure questions.

Low emission technology

- \$20 billion invested on low emission technology including Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), solar farms and hydrogen
- Sixty projects in conception phase
- Sixty-one CCS being commissioned around the world but none in Australia
- Investment uncertain because of carbon price.

Minerals Council of Australia (MCA)

Contribution by Australian Mining

- \$2.4 trillion of export revenue from 2013–22, source Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Trade.
- 21% Gross Domestic Product growth from 2012–21, ABS National Accounts.
- \$143 billion of company tax from 2011–12 to 2020–21, EY Tax and Royalties paid report.
- \$112 billion of royalties paid from 2011–12 to 2020–21, EY report.
- \$24 billion of exploration expenditure from 2012–21, ABS.
- \$254 billion of capex from 2012-21, ABS.
- 54,000 new jobs created from 2011–20, ABS.

• 35% increase in females employed from 2013–22, ABS.

Key tax messages

- Australia has third highest company tax rate in Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), well above the OECD average of 26.3% (includes the United Kingdom at 25%).
- Australia's Marginal Effective Tax Rate (METR) is 28.1% compared to the gross domestic product weighted OECD average of 23.8% (Mintz + Bazel report).
- An internationally competitive business tax system is important to attract new investment. Private sector capital investment is an essential component of Australia's opportunity for productive growth.
- Stability and certainty are important when evaluating investment risk.

State and Territory taxes are important

- NT royalty regime is complex, high rates and poorly administered
- · Qld royalty rates on coal highest in the world
- Payroll tax increases to fund special programs
- Moves to replace stamp duty with land tax
- EV taxes at State level Fuel tax at Federal level
- Goods and services tax allocation formula and WA floor compromises outcomes
- Meaningful tax reform will require agreement from States.

Other key policy matters for mining

- Climate and energy reforms. Massive investment in renewable projects, new technology solutions, safeguard mechanism.
- Environmental assessments and approvals. Review of *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Federal/State interplay.
- Indigenous partnerships and native title. Improve Indigenous Land Use Agreements process and agreements through native title regime.

• Talent and skills shortage. Modernise apprenticeships. Allocate university places. Promote modern mining/innovation/opportunities

Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC)

Mineral exploration companies

- Between 2 to 10 employees
- No revenue or earnings, only expenditure
- Invest their own money and raise private capital (\$5 to10 million) from speculative investors
- Targeted exploration, hoping to make a discovery.

Project developers

- Will need to raise significant private capital and take on massive debt equity to build the project.
- Large, growing, temporary construction workforce, and also recruiting permanent operations workforce.
- No revenue, only expenditure.

Mining companies

- Operating an already developed project
- Focused on achieving cost efficiencies and greater productivity, as well as maintenance
- Exploring for extensions to the deposit to secure, expand or extend life of mine
- Hopefully strong revenue streams, paying down debt, paying royalties and tax, and dividends.

Non-tax issues

- Jobs, growth, and a lack of employees
- Inflation
- Post-covid policy catch up
- Environmental, Social and Governance expectations of financiers

- The Joint Ore Reserve Committee update 2023
- Industrial Relations and Work Health Safety reforms
- Land access framework reform, Diversification, and co-existence
- Environmental regulatory reform
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage reforms, Juukan, Kelaray decision, Timber Creek
- Climate Change responses (National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting, Australian carbon credit units, Environment Protection Authority responses and Sectoral Emissions Reduction Strategies)
- Increased tenure uncertainty in Western Australia via Forrest and Forrest.

Taxes and royalties

- Royalty rates and regimes in Qld, NT, and WA
- Junior mineral exploration incentive
- Changes to the WA stamp duty concession
- Research and development tax incentive.

Division 31 Deduction for entering into a conservation covenant

The consultation commenced on 15 Feb 2022 and concluded on 29 April 2022

The Commissioner's view, as expressed in the consultation paper, will be published on ato.gov.au in early 2023.

The Energy and Resources Working Group (ERWG) secretariat will circulate link to the web-guidance to the ERWG members.

Decommissioning

A decommissioning sub-committee to be established in early 2023.

The sub-committee will focus on exploring the decommissioning tax related issues, including income and petroleum resource rent tax

issues arising from complying with the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) decommissioning framework.

It is anticipated that the sub-committee will comprise of members from Treasury, DISR and the working group members with the right skills who are committed to active participation and co-design of guidance.

Application of PRRT to a tolling arrangement

Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Regulation 2015 (PRRT Regulation) website guidance entitled Tolling Arrangement and the PRRT Regulation published in August 2022, following a short consultation with The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) members.

Consultation with the APPEA members continues.

Other public guidance

Capital labour

Draft Taxation Ruling TR 2019/D6 Income tax: application of paragraph 8-1(2)(a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to labour costs related to the construction or creation of capital asset is expected to be issued in early 2023.

Delays in finalising the ruling have been associated with ongoing ATO consultation on a proposed compliance approach.

Earnout and deferred consideration arrangements

Website guidance on when earnout and deferred consideration arrangements may be subject to the Taxation of Financial Arrangements provisions in Division 230 of the *Income Tax*Assessment Act 1997 is expected to be published in early 2023.

Intellectual property migration

We have decided to make further changes to **Draft Practical Compliance Guideline PCG 2021/D4** *Intangible Arrangements* based on the feedback received through the consultation process and

internal review. We anticipate undertaking targeted consultation with stakeholders who provided submissions.

Shell decision impact statement

Decision Impact Statement Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Limited was published on 31 January 2023.

The Commissioner's view expressed in Taxation Ruling TR 2014/9
Petroleum resource rent tax: what does 'involved in or in connection with exploration for petroleum' mean? remains in place.

Action item	Shell decision impact statement
Due date	TBA
Responsibility	Jonathan Chamarette
Action item details	Consider the working group members' request for further information on the PRRT update Impact of Shell decision.

Future ERWG

The members' views on the composition and structure of the working group will be sought. Their views on diversifying the membership by introducing a presence of the tax profession and co-chairs.

We anticipate the changes will provide a more effective forum for gaining insights into current and emerging tax technical and administrative matters, and enable more collaboration, consultation, and co-design of industry specific advice.

Attendees

Attendees List

Organisation	Attendee
ATO	Bradley Wheatland, Public Groups and International

ATO	John Churchill, Office of the Chief Tax Counsel
ATO	Jonathan Charmarette, Public Groups and International
ATO	Nat Chirathamjaree, Public Groups and International
ATO	Stan Spasojevic, Public Groups and International
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	David Ocello
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	Neil van Drunen
Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association	Janelle O'Hare
Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association	Simon Staples
Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association	Therese Stephenson
Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand	Mark Crossman
Energy and Resources Law	Nick Heggart
Law Council of Australia	Craig Bowie
Minerals Council of Australia	Anthony Portas
Minerals Council of Australia	Dominic Smith
Minerals Council of Australia	Premila Roe
Minerals Council of Australia	Ross Lyons

The Tax Institute	Catherine Dean

Apology

Apologies list

Organisation	Apologies
ATO	Rebecca Saint (Chair), Public Groups and International
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	Warren Pearce
Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association	Marc Lewis
Department of Industry, Science and Resources	Joshua Reakes
Institute of Public Accountants	Basil Mistilis
Institute of Public Accountants	Lance Cunningham
Treasury	Simon Winckler

QC 71437

Energy and Resources Working Group key messages 20 November 2024

Key topics discussed at the Energy and Resources Working Group meeting 20 November 2024.

On this page

Findings reports

Thin capitalisation

Reportable tax position schedule Category C disclosures

Corporate tax transparency report 2022–23

Industry updates

Compensation payments for coal seam gas

Pillar Two

Petroleum resource rent tax

Decommissioning

Future made in Australia

Integrity declarations

Attendees

Guest attendees

Apologies

Findings reports

Top 100 income tax and GST assurance programs

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has published the findings report for the Top 100 income tax and GST assurance programs for income tax for the sixth year. This is the fourth year the ATO has included insights from the Top 100 GST assurance program. The findings report highlights that the assurance ratings for taxpayers in the Mining, Energy and Water (MEW) segment are consistent with those of the broader Top 100 population.

This year the Top 100 program has been enhanced to focus on working in real time with taxpayers, providing greater certainty for both the ATO and taxpayers. Taxpayers are encouraged to make prelodgment disclosures to enable early engagement on significant matters in real time.

Top 1,000 income tax and GST assurance programs

The Top 1,000 income tax and GST assurance programs findings report highlights that the assurance ratings for taxpayers in the MEW segment over the past 12 months are consistent with those of the broader Top 1,000 population.

As of 30 June 2024, the ATO undertook around 250 second time reviews, providing insights into the ongoing behaviours of the population with respect to both improvements to governance and overall assurance ratings. The work in bringing together last year's findings report revealed the increase in the number of taxpayers in the Top 1,000 population.

Based on these observations, the ATO designed and implemented program improvements which were announced earlier this year.

Of note, over a third of the Top 1,000 taxpayers exceed \$1 billion in turnover and are now classed as 'significant taxpayers' for the purpose of the Top 1,000 program. The remainder are classified as 'general taxpayers'. The approach to assurance for these entities will differ based on whether the taxpayer is in the 'significant' or 'general' pool, and the assurance level previously obtained.

Public and multinational business advice and quidance program

The Public and multinational business advice and guidance program findings report highlights key findings about the nature of advice sought and offers insights into how taxpayers and their advisers can most effectively engage with the ATO when seeking advice. In the 2023–24 financial year, the proportion of favourable rulings issued remained consistent at around 80%.

Public and multinational business disputes and settlements 2023–24

This is the second year the ATO has published insights on settlements with public and multinational businesses. See, Public and multinational business disputes and settlements 2023–24.

The information in this report has been broadened to include information on disputes and expand on the information included in the ATO annual report. It outlines key findings and observations on income

tax and GST disputes completed or undertaken in 2023–24 in relation to the:

- audit program (audit data reflects compliance activity conducted by Public Groups)
- independent reviews
- objections
- mutual agreement procedures
- litigation
- · settlements.

The ATO continues to see a consistent number of audits each year. Around 65 to 70% of current income tax audits involve global profit shifting issues. Throughout the year, income tax assessments were issued to 124 public and multinational businesses raising \$2.76 billion in liabilities. Of this, \$2.5 billion was raised in respect of 24 different taxpayers following intensive audit and review activities. Separately, total liabilities for GST raised were approximately \$363 million.

Transfer mispricing, mischaracterisation of business activities and capital flows and withholding tax avoidance issues are among some of the key profit shifting risks currently being investigated.

Thin capitalisation

The draft Practical Compliance Guideline PCG2024/D3 Restructures and the new thin capitalisation and debt deduction creation rules – ATO compliance approach generally focuses on risks with restructuring in response to the new thin capitalisation rules including the debt deduction creation rules. It responds to feedback provided during the consultation process that taxpayers need guidance on what restructuring is acceptable the ATO to facilitate the transition of taxpayers into the new rules.

PCG 2024/D3 includes a risk assessment framework for taxpayers to assess the overall level of risk associated with their restructuring. It is intended to be practical and to assist taxpayers who restructure to get into the low-risk zone. It also includes examples provided during consultation.

Reportable tax position schedule Category C disclosures

The reportable tax position (RTP) schedule gathers information on uncertain tax positions and arrangements of concern from the largest public and multinational companies. See, Findings report RTP – Public and multinational businesses.

Public and multinational business entities made over 4,200 disclosures in 2023. This has more than doubled over the 4 years from 1,940 disclosures in 2020. Lodgments with a Category C disclosure increased by 35% over the 4 years from 2020 to 2023.

Corporate tax transparency report 2022–23

Following a change in tax law in 2022, this is the first year that data on Australian-owned private companies with a total income between \$100 million and \$200 million is being published. See, Corporate tax transparency report 2022–23.

From the 2022–23 financial year, due to changes in legislation, the income thresholds and reporting requirements are now:

- any corporate tax entity that has total income equal to or exceeding \$100 million
- entities reporting petroleum resource rent tax payable.

MEW outperformed other segments of the economy. This industry segment makes up only 8.6% of the corporate tax transparency (CTT) population and has:

- highest taxable income, with 52.7% of the total and has had the highest taxable income reported for all industry segments for the last 5 years
- highest tax payable, with 55.9% of the total and has been the highest tax payable industry, with consistent growth yearly.

This year reported the highest recorded tax payable since CTT began reporting. The increase was primarily driven by the MEW segment with growth of \$12.5 billion. In addition:

- this growth was driven by the strong growth in some commodity prices and earlier interventions in the oil and gas sector resulting in additional collections flowing through the system
- MEW has the highest reported tax payable of all industry segments, \$54.7 billion, making up 56% of tax payable.

Looking at zero tax payable, over the last 3 years, MEW has had the highest proportion of entities with zero tax payable. However, this is declining, moving from 55% in 2021 to 46% in 2023.

Industry updates

Minerals Council of Australia

Cost escalations and immigration issues are affecting the industry. Mining is no longer as attractive to school leavers as it once was. The industry needs to focus on targeting school leavers.

Fuel tax credits remain vital to the industry. Often misrepresented in the media, the strong policy rationale that underpins the fuel tax credit scheme is also misunderstood by groups advocating for its abolition.

Australia's total mineral exports are at a record high. It is expected that they will decrease in 2025. However, volumes will still be significant even with the reduction in exports.

Mining capital stock has plateaued. Australia's capital stock is now growing at its lowest rate in 60 years, taking Australia from one of the best performing Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries for annual private sector capital investment to one of the poorest over the last decade.

The length of time to gain government approvals continues to be an issue. There is some concern that Trump 2.0 could facilitate faster approvals in the United States leading to Australia being less competitive.

Australian Energy Producers

Global gas markets have stabilised following the disruptions caused by ongoing conflict in Ukraine. However, they remain fragile given ongoing geopolitical events and concerns about the security of supply.

Liquified natural gas (LNG) prices are expected to decline in coming years as high levels of investment in new supply from the United States and Qatar come on stream and outpace the growth in demand.

Off the back of softening LNG prices, Australia's export earnings are forecast to fall to \$69 billion in 2023–24 (from \$92 billion in 2022–23) and to \$60 billion in 2025–26 (Bureau of Energy and Resource Economics).

Domestically, gas supply shortfalls will emerge from 2025 in southern Australia, with supply gaps from 2028 in the absence of investment in new gas supply (Australian Energy Market Operator). This is primarily driven by the depletion of east coast gas supplies with the supply of gas falling more rapidly than demand.

Compensation payments for coal seam gas

Members discussed the application of Taxation Ruling TR 93/35 Income tax: capital gains: treatment of compensation receipts to payments in the hands of recipients paid to landowners for coal seam gas (CSG) access.

The ATO is currently considering the correct tax treatment for payments to landowners from resource companies for accessing land and or conducting CSG activities and broader guidance to the market on the tax treatment of CSG compensation payments.

Post meeting update: The ATO continues to work with internal technical experts to progress consideration of the correct tax treatment for payments to landowners from resource companies for accessing land and/or conducting CSG activities and the approach for providing broader guidance to the market.

Pillar Two

The Global Anti-Base Erosion (GloBE) and Domestic Minimum Tax (DMT) measure was announced as part of the 2023–24 Budget. It is effective from 1 January 2024 for both the Income Inclusion Rule and the DMT, and from 1 January 2025 for the Undertaxed Profits Rule.

Multinationals with annual reviews, as per their consolidated financial statements, of greater than EUR 750 million are in-scope of the

measure.

Since the project commenced, implementation has focused on:

- developing systems and data analytics capabilities to onboard data from the GloBE Information Return
- · developing domestic forms for the measure
- establishing client engagement, verification, and assurance processes
- information and communications to support the measure
- consultation with the market
- supporting Treasury with law design and passage of legislation.

Primary legislation was introduced to the House of Representatives on 4 July 2024 and to the Senate on 22 August 2024. Royal assent is pending. Subordinate legislation will follow, after the enactment of the primary legislation.

Post-meeting update: On 10 December 2024, primary legislation implementing the framework of the GloBE rules in Australia received royal assent. The primary legislation also makes consequential amendments. These amendments include provisions necessary for the administration of top-up tax within the existing tax administration framework, consistent with the GloBE rules.

On 23 December 2024, subordinate legislation containing the detailed computational rules was registered as a legislative instrument. This means the subordinate legislation is now in force, noting it is subject to the standard parliamentary process for legislative instruments, including a disallowance period. For more information, see Global and domestic minimum tax.

Through consultation, the ATO understands that:

- taxpayers are at varying stages of readiness
- the main issues for taxpayers are penalties, joint ventures and operations, and the new decline to rule provision.

The ATO is consulting and collaborating with digital service providers on the development of external software solutions to ensure products offered can adequately support those in-scope with their obligations. A risk-based approach is anticipated in the early years, with a focus on

lodgments where Australia has taxing rights. Updates will be provided at key forums and events to encourage taxpayers' readiness for Pillar Two.

Members are encouraged to direct any queries to the Pillar Two team at Pillar2Project@ato.gov.au

Petroleum resource rent tax

The Petroleum resource rent tax gap 2021–22 report provides the petroleum resource rent tax (PRRT) gap population and an overview of the latest estimates and trends. For 2021–22, there is an estimated PRRT gap of 2.1% or \$43 million. This means the ATO expects to collect around 98% of PRRT that should be paid for 2021–22.

The PRRT data in the Corporate tax transparency report 2022–23 shows 11 entities in the 2022–23 PRRT transparency population, with total PRRT payable of \$1,867.1 million. The decrease in PRRT payable reflects lower profitability with oil prices being the key driver.

PRRT deductions cap

The PRRT deductions cap is now law and applies from the later of 1 July 2023 or 7 years after the year of first production to PRRT projects that produce LNG, derive assessable petroleum receipts, or assessable tolling receipts and have no taxable profits. The calculation of PRRT payable can be complicated.

Taxpayers can apply to the ATO for a lodgment deferral for PRRT returns and instalment statements. Under the law, the ATO cannot defer due dates for payment. Where a PRRT lodgment is deferred, taxpayers still need to make payment by the due date.

PRRT anti-avoidance

Applicable from 1 July 2023, the government updated the PRRT general anti-avoidance rules to be in line with the income tax anti-avoidance rules, ensuring the anti-avoidance provisions operate consistently across PRRT and income tax.

Exploration for PRRT purposes

The government amended the PRRT legislation to clarify that 'exploration for petroleum' is limited to the 'discovery and identification

of the existence, extent and nature of the petroleum resource' and does not extend to 'activities and feasibility studies directed at evaluating whether the resource is commercially recoverable'. This amendment is effective from 21 August 2013.

The ATO's view is set out in Taxation Ruling TR 2014/9 Petroleum resource rent tax: what does 'involved in or in connection with exploration for petroleum' mean?

Regulations 2024

Applicable from 1 July 2024, the *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Regulations 2024* (the 2024 regulations) reform the methodology used in the 2015 regulation to calculate the price of sales gas that is processed into LNG, including the following:

- changes to advanced pricing arrangement rules
- changes to comparable uncontrolled price rules
- · insertion of provisions for backfilling
- · making asset life formula elections irrevocable
- equalising the upstream/downstream treatment in profit and loss situations
- ensuring that tolling arrangements are expressly captured in the regulations.

The ATO is considering what guidance may be required in relation to the changes to the regulations. Members were invited to share their thoughts on what guidance may be required including topics, priorities, and preferred products.

PRRT compliance activity

The ATO takes a risk-based approach to PRRT compliance, engaging the largest taxpayers and operators to understand potential areas of risk. Work done in prior years is leveraged to build understanding and increase confidence that taxpayers are complying with their PRRT obligations.

The PRRT population will increase following introduction of the deductions cap. The ATO will apply a tailored program going forward due to limited resources.

Members discussed whether there will be any additional guidance to anti avoidance rules. The ATO confirms it intends to update Practice Statement Law Administration PS LA 2005/24 Application of General Anti-Avoidance Rules.

Members discussed time for lodgment and payment. They noted that there are several unenacted measures relating to PRRT, one of which includes substituted accounting periods.

Decommissioning

The ATO provided an update on the decommissioning discussion consultation paper in development. The paper covers:

- the tax treatment of financial assurance fees
- · general deductibility of decommissioning costs
- trailing liability tax treatment.

It is anticipated that the paper, accompanied with a timeline and consultation plan, will be provided to subcommittee members for comment in the new year.

Members queried the ATO's focus on types of decommissioning costs and evidence taxpayers can provide to satisfy the deducibility criteria. The ATO noted it depends on the specific facts and circumstances and nature of the expenditure. Generally, the ATO wants to understand the costs incurred and the specific provisions under which costs have been deducted including an explanation and evidentiary support regarding why the activities conducted satisfy the legislative provisions. Supporting evidence requested may include:

- a list of any decommissioning works conducted to satisfy state or Commonwealth environmental legislation and the relevant legislative provision
- project reports or other source documentation, for example, project proposal or project plan, that will support how the decommissioning work fits into broader business activities
- consideration will be given to amendments to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 (OPGGS Act).

From a PRRT perspective, Taxation Ruling TR 2018/1 Petroleum resource rent tax: character of expenditure incurred in relation to

abandonment, decommissioning and rehabilitation activities undertaken on a part of a petroleum project sets out the Commissioner of Taxation's view on the characterisation of abandonment, decommissioning and rehabilitation expenditure incurred on a part of a petroleum project being completely closed down.

Future made in Australia

The ATO referred to the consultation papers released by Treasury in summarising the key features of the Critical Minerals Production Tax Incentive PDF 389KB and Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive PDF 419KB ; both part of the Future Made in Australia (FMIA) Bill 2024. If passed by parliament, each measure will be subject to coadministration by the ATO and another agency.

Noting the legislation is subject to passage by parliament, the ATO will consider forming a FMIA sub-committee of the Energy and Resources Working Group (ERWG) to engage collaboratively with relevant members to gain industry insights in designing the administration of the proposed measures.

Integrity declarations

Membership on ATO stakeholder relationships groups, such as the ERWG, is voluntary, and members are appointed without a procurement process. Integrity declarations are intended to ensure appropriate due diligence by the ATO.

The integrity declarations ask that members declare that they have complied with their personal tax obligations, maintained their entity's obligations, and raise any conflicts of interest. The ATO advised that the integrity declarations will be circulated with the key messages and invited feedback from members.

Attendees

Attendees list

Organisation	Members
ATO	Rebecca Saint (Chair),

	Public Groups
ATO	David Stevenson, Public Groups
ATO	Stan Spasojevic, Public Groups
ATO	Suzie Emery, Public Groups
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	David Ocello
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	Neil van Drunen
Australian Energy Producers	Wayne Calder
Deloitte	Jonathan Schneider
DLA Piper	Jun Au
EY	Jaime Hayes
KPMG	Carlo Franchina
Law Council of Australia	Craig Bowie
Minerals Council of Australia	Dominic Smith
Minerals Council of Australia	Premila Roe
Minerals Council of Australia	Ross Lyons
PwC	Mark Crossman
The Tax Institute	Catherine Dean
Treasury	Simon Winckler

Guest attendees

Guest attendees list

Organisation	Attendee
ATO	Harjit Singh, Tax Counsel Network
ATO	Jane Snowden, Public Groups
ATO	Louise Andolfatto, International Support and Programs
ATO	Matthew Persse, Public Groups
ATO	Michael Ingersoll, Public Groups
Department of Industry Science and Resources	Jen Simpson
Santos	Robyn Murphy
Treasury	Craig Merry
Treasury	Pianca Mulcahy

Apologies

Apologies list

Organisation	Member
Association of Mining and Exploration Companies	Warren Pearce
Australian Energy Producers	Janelle O'Hare
Australian Energy Producers	Marc Lewis
Australian Energy Producers	Therese Stephenson

Department of Industry, Science and Resources	Joshua Reakes
Energy and Resources Law	Nick Heggart
Institute of Public Accountants	Lance Cunningham

QC 104012

Our commitment to you

We are committed to providing you with accurate, consistent and clear information to help you understand your rights and entitlements and meet your obligations.

If you follow our information and it turns out to be incorrect, or it is misleading and you make a mistake as a result, we will take that into account when determining what action, if any, we should take.

Some of the information on this website applies to a specific financial year. This is clearly marked. Make sure you have the information for the right year before making decisions based on that information.

If you feel that our information does not fully cover your circumstances, or you are unsure how it applies to you, contact us or seek professional advice.

Copyright notice

© Australian Taxation Office for the Commonwealth of Australia

You are free to copy, adapt, modify, transmit and distribute this material as you wish (but not in any way that suggests the ATO or the Commonwealth endorses you or any of your services or products).