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## WOODSIDE PAID A\$583 MILLION IN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATE TAX FOR 2018-19

Woodside's Australian corporate income tax is paid by three entities: our 90%-owned Burrup Facilities Company Pty Ltd and Burrup Train 1 Pty Ltd, which reflect the joint ventures we operate; and Woodside Petroleum Ltd.

The data reported in the Australian Tax Office (ATO) 2018-19 Report of entity tax information shows that in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2019, the three Woodside corporate entities had combined taxable income of A\$3.9 billion and income tax payable of A\$583 million.

In addition to the ATO data, Woodside reports its Australian tax contributions for the previous calendar year on a cash paid basis.

In 2019, Woodside paid A\$447 million in Australian corporate income tax and a further A\$290 million in other taxes and royalties (see attached Fact Sheet).

Woodside has paid more than A\$10 billion in Australian taxes and royalties over the decade to 2020.

Woodside CEO Peter Coleman said the company had made a significant contribution over many years.

"We are a proud Australian company and we do the right thing when it comes to paying our taxes in Australia.

"As one of the country's largest taxpayers, Woodside is subject to the ATO's Justified Trust program, where we have obtained the highest assurance rating. This achievement – attained by only 30% of the top 100 taxpayers - means that the ATO is assured that Woodside is paying the right amount of income tax.

"We value the trust of our employees, contractors, suppliers and customers, and we know that transparency and accountability are core to maintaining that trust," he said.

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# WE PAY OUR TAXES

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**We are a proud Australian company and a significant taxpayer. In 2019, Woodside paid A\$447 million in Australian corporate income tax, and a further A\$290 million in other taxes and royalties.**

## Woodside pays corporate income tax in Australia

Our Australian taxes are paid by a number of entities, including Burrup Facilities Company Pty Ltd and Burrup Train 1 Pty Ltd (both 90% owned by Woodside), which reflect the different joint ventures we operate.

Through these entities, Woodside paid A\$447 million in Australian corporate income tax in 2019.

Our tax payments are sometimes misreported as zero because people only search for 'Woodside' in the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) annual Report of entity tax information data release (ATO Data Release).

One of the Woodside entities noted in the December 2020 ATO Data Release, Woodside Petroleum Ltd (WPL), has a nil income tax liability because:

- + WPL's tax profit includes revenue from the 'Burrup' entities that has already been taxed in Australia, so a tax offset is available to ensure there is no double tax on the same revenue; and
- + WPL is the explorer and producer of our Australian petroleum projects and includes the allowable tax deductions and offsets relating to these activities.

## Why our numbers are different to the ATO Data Release

The ATO Data Release each December reports Woodside's income tax and Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) liabilities as opposed to payments. In the December 2020 ATO Data Release these liabilities were A\$583 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 (the 2018-19 income year).

We report our Australian tax contributions for the previous calendar year on a cash paid basis (A\$447 million paid in Australian corporate income tax in 2019). Through Australia's corporate pay-as-you-go instalment system, corporate income tax is commonly paid before the end of the financial year to which the liability relates.

## Our PRRT payments

PRRT applies in addition to corporate income tax and only becomes payable when owners of petroleum projects earn above a specified rate of return. In the years Woodside does not pay PRRT we continue to pay many other types of taxes. Since 2001, Woodside has paid approximately A\$2 billion in PRRT.

## Our approach to tax

We voluntarily participate in the Australian Board of Taxation's Tax Transparency Code and operate under an Annual Compliance Arrangement (ACA) with the ATO. The ACA is only available to taxpayers that are trusted, transparent, compliant and have a robust tax governance framework.

As one of Australia's largest taxpayers, Woodside is also subject to the ATO's Justified Trust program. Under this program Woodside has obtained the highest assurance rating from the ATO, an achievement that only 30% of the top 100 taxpayers have accomplished. Achieving this rating means the ATO is assured that Woodside is paying the right amount of income tax.

Woodside continues to be recognised as a leader for our approach in the Corporate Sustainability Assessment's (CSA) tax category. The CSA is a global sustainability benchmark that tracks the performance of leading companies across a range of criteria for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, including tax transparency.



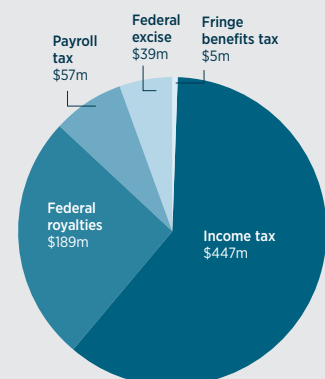
OVER  
**A\$10  
BILLION**

in Australian taxes and royalties paid over the past decade to 2020



**A\$737  
MILLION**

in Australian taxes and royalties paid in 2019



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# AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE 2018-19 REPORT OF ENTITY TAX INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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## This information sheet provides supplementary information to the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) 2018-19 Report of entity tax information, released in December 2020 (the ATO Data Release).<sup>1</sup>

Woodside had approximately **\$583 million** of income tax payable in respect of the 2018-19 income year through a number of entities that reflect the different joint ventures we operate, such as Burrup Facilities Company Pty Ltd and Burrup Train 1 Pty Ltd.

In addition to the ATO Data Release, approximately \$274 million of resource taxes were payable, meaning Woodside's total amount payable in respect of the 2018-19 income year was approximately \$857 million.

### ATO Data Release information

**Table 1 - Income tax summary for the 2018-19 income year**

Woodside Entity <sup>2,3</sup>	What this company does	Total income (Accounting income)	Taxable income (Tax profit)	Income Tax Payable (Tax profit x 30%, less allowable tax offsets)
Burrup Facilities Company Pty Ltd (ABN 28 122 234 539)	LNG processing	\$ 1,652,469,270	\$ 1,139,702,065	\$ 341,910,620
Burrup Train 1 Pty Ltd (ABN 77 122 234 306)	LNG processing	\$ 2,732,710,131	\$ 803,483,006	\$ 241,044,902
Woodside Petroleum Ltd (ABN 55 004 898 962)	Head company, explorer and producer of petroleum products	\$ 8,199,321,733	\$ 1,991,703,841	Nil
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 12,584,501,134</b>	<b>\$ 3,934,888,912</b>	<b>\$ 582,955,522</b>

**Table 2 - Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) summary for the 2018-19 income year**

Resource Tax	Application	Amount Payable
PRRT	A 40% profits-based resource tax applicable to oil and gas projects in Australia.	Nil

### To assist with interpreting the ATO Data Release:

- + Tax profit includes allowable operational expenses and deductions. Tax profit is calculated from accounting profit, which represents the entities' accounting income, less accounting expenses (e.g. cost of sales). From the accounting profit, adjustments are required to comply with tax law and regulations to arrive at tax profit. [Taxable income and accounting profit are different concepts | Corporate Tax Association \(corptax.com.au\)](#)
- + The amount of income tax payable is calculated by multiplying the tax profit by 30% (the applicable tax rate) and subtracting allowable tax offsets such as franking and R&D tax offsets. [Tax is not simply 30% of profit | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)
- + Woodside's tax liability for any year is impacted by a number of factors such as changes to production, operating fields and commodity prices impacting revenues, as well as cost of sales and capital investment impacting expenditures. It is also impacted by the fully franked dividends Woodside Petroleum Ltd receives from its controlled entities. Franking credits reflect the taxes already paid by these controlled entities and are allowed to ensure there is no double tax within the group.
- + Woodside's PRRT profile is dependent on various factors, including the impact of lower commodity prices on revenues, the life cycle of those PRRT projects, the amount of capital investment, ongoing operational costs and exploration activity. [PRRT liabilities are dependant on a range of factors | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#)

### Additional resource taxes payable information

The ATO Data Release is limited to income tax and PRRT, however Woodside also pays other resource taxes. In respect of the 2018-19 income year Woodside had \$274 million of resource tax payable.

**Table 3 - Additional Resources Taxes summary for the 2018-19 income year**

Resource Tax <sup>4</sup>	Application	Amount Payable
Federal royalties	10-12.5% is levied on the wellhead value of petroleum products produced by the North West Shelf Project (NWS Project). The royalties collected by the Federal Government are shared with the Western Australian Government (approximately 68%).	\$ 221,137,796
Federal excise	Up to 30% take per barrel of crude oil and condensate from the NWS Project.	\$ 52,402,619
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 273,540,415</b>

Woodside has been subject to the Federal royalties and excise regimes since the NWS Project commenced. This has not changed since the extension of PRRT to the NWS Project from 1 July 2012. The existing royalties and excise regimes continue to operate alongside PRRT.

- All amounts are denoted in Australian dollars and are referable to the amounts payable for the 2018-19 income year pursuant to the amounts contained in Woodside's tax returns (i.e. they are not stated on a cash basis, consistent with the ATO Data Release format).
- For a full list Woodside's subsidiaries, including members of the Woodside Petroleum Ltd Australian tax consolidated group, refer to note E.8(a) in Woodside's Annual Report 2019.
- The published figures reflect a 100% interest, aligning with the ATO Data Release. Woodside holds a 90% interest in the 'Burrup' entities shown in Table 1.
- The amounts relate to Woodside's share only.