

SACOME Economic Study shows Member Companies are the Powerhouse of the South Australian economy

An Economic Contribution Study undertaken by the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) has found that 12 of its member companies contributed \$5.9 billion in direct and indirect spending to the South Australian economy in 2019/20.

This is the equivalent of 5.3% of Gross State Product, with one dollar in every twenty created by the South Australian resources sector.

Headline findings from the study also show these 12 companies:

- Directly employed 5,489 people; and supports the employment of 24,895 workers.
- Paid \$747.3 million in wages and salaries to 5,489 direct full-time residing employees, representing an average salary of \$136,152 per annum.
- Made \$1.7 billion in purchases of goods and services from over 1,950 South Australian businesses;
- Paid \$435.8 million in State Government payments, incorporating royalties, stamp duty, payroll tax and land tax;
- Made \$3.2 million in contributions to 133 community groups; and
- Paid \$2 million to local governments rates, fees and charges.

The study provides a unique snapshot of South Australia's largest export industry and clearly demonstrates the significant contribution that is made to the South Australian economy by a dozen companies.

Rebecca Knol, SACOME CEO said "The \$5.9 billion contribution to the South Australian economy by 12 SACOME member companies is the equivalent to 5.3% of South Australia's Gross State Product (GSP), or \$1 in every \$20 in the South Australia economy.

As the data was collected on a postcode basis, this total economic contribution can be quantified by State Electorate, Federal Electorate, Local Government Area and Statistical Area Region, showing economic impact right down to the local level.

Importantly, the data showed the size of the resources sector's contribution to metropolitan

Adelaide. When considering the highest total economic contribution sorted by State electorate, eight of the top ten electorates benefiting from the resources sector are in metropolitan Adelaide.

Additionally, the top three Local Government Areas in terms of highest spend from the resources sector are metropolitan.

The perception of the resources sector only contributing to regions where operations are located is inaccurate. Our operations may be regionally located but have a whole of state impact.

We also see the resources sector continuing to offer highly paid employment with the average annual salary of \$136,152 more than double that of the average South Australian salary of \$67,000.

This data demonstrates the opportunities available to graduates, school-leavers and apprentices for meaningful, well-paid employment in both metropolitan and regional areas.

Continued growth of the sector will translate directly to growth in the number of highly paid jobs available to South Australians.

With the 2022 State Election looming, policies that facilitate the growth of the South Australian resources sector are SACOME's key concern. Our sector has continued to support the State throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and stands ready to assist with both economic recovery and economic growth.

Given the scale of the sector's contribution, bipartisan support for policies that continue to grow the resources sector must be a priority for politicians and policy makers alike."

SACOME encourages every South Australian to discover how the resources sector contributes to their community by viewing the factsheets at:

<https://www.sacome.org.au/economiccontribution.html>."

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About SACOME

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy is the peak industry association representing companies with interests and connections to the South Australian resources and energy sector.

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