



SACOME OVERVIEW

The **South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy** (SACOME) is the leading industry association representing the resource and energy sector. We have a diverse membership ranging from industry operators to service companies.

Since 2018 we have been proudly independent of government financial support which enables us to advocate on behalf of our member companies with true independence.

In 2019 SACOME launched a [2024 Vision](#): a five-year strategic vision for the sector. Responding to community polling on the vision, SACOME launched [Resourceful South Australia](#), a 32-page magazine lift out in The Advertiser with an online digital edition designed to increase the public's general knowledge of the industry and champion the South Australian resources sector. This general awareness campaign increased overall support for our sector with a particular improvement in youth support and will be reinvigorated in 2023.

Building on the success of the first campaign, in 2021 we launched our youth campaign: [Resources. But not as you know it](#). The purpose of this campaign is to educate youth on the ecosystem of jobs available in the resources sector, targeting school leavers, apprentices and university graduates at the start of their career journey. This campaign continued through 2022 with over 9 million impressions and 410,000 video views and will be a feature of our campaigning again in 2023.

SACOME hosts a number of exclusive members-only events throughout the year, providing opportunity to network and engage with other members and key stakeholders. Our events schedule for 2023 includes our annual Networking Event in February, an exclusive CEO breakfast with the Premier, the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, and our Annual Resources Sector Dinner opened by the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP in March. We recently held an SA Forecast Breakfast with presentations from Paul Heithersay (DEM), Jon Whelan (DIT) and Jeremy Conway (Infrastructure SA) and an intimate industry leaders' lunch with the Deputy Premier.

SACOME also hosts a series of Thought Leadership events throughout the year. Recent topics include *ESG with OZ Minerals and SEC Newgate*, and an overview of *Trade Relations with China*, hosted with the University of Adelaide and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Most recently, the Attorney General spoke at the *Voice to Parliament* Thought Leadership event hosted by MinterEllison. An overview of *Critical Minerals opportunities for South Australia* is scheduled for later in the year.

In between events and Committee meetings, SACOME is in constant liaison with all levels of Government and relevant stakeholders for the continued development of the resources sector and the economic, social, and environmental benefit of the State. This includes advocating for our [2023 Priorities](#), which are informed by close consultation with members and set out the actions and bipartisan policy commitments sought by the sector. Our priorities align with the sectors *2024 Vision* and maintain a focus on impactful, strategic and long-term outcomes that require cohesive leadership, a continued focus on supporting economic growth, improving regulatory outcomes and addressing skill shortages.

[Committees](#) are another way that members derive value from membership. We host eight committees which meet every 2 months and can be attended virtually. The Committees are: Mining & Extractives, Petroleum, Energy, Infrastructure, Exploration, Legislation & Regulation, External Affairs, and Economics & Tax. A recent survey concluded that 98% of participants find the meetings effective.

Drawing on feedback and engagement with members, SACOME regularly makes [submissions](#) to the government on behalf of the sector and they are available to view on our website. Ahead of the 2023 State Budget, SACOME issued a [Pre-Budget Submission](#) calling for funding for nine policy priorities.

Our [South Australian Economic Contribution](#) study which analysed the expenditure patterns of 15 major operating member companies throughout 2021/22, found that these companies contributed \$10.7 billion in direct & indirect spending to SA the equivalent of \$1 in every \$12. Additionally, these companies support the full-time employment of 42,832 South Australians, 1 in every 14 full-time jobs in South Australia.

SACOME communicates regularly with our members, through monthly newsletters and emails, and we regularly generate media coverage on priority issues that matter to the sector.