

BP Australia

Tax Transparency Report

Year ended 31 December 2022



1. Introduction

Through our scale, reach and range of activities we deliver energy products and services to customers around the world, and we are doing so increasingly in ways that we believe will help the transition to a lower carbon future.

In 2022 bp continued to make progress on our strategy to become an integrated energy company focused on delivering solutions for customers, within each strategic focus areas:

- Low carbon energy
- Convenience and mobility; and
- Resilient hydrocarbons.

We believe creating value for our stakeholders – for society, our employees and our shareholders – is key to the long-term resilience and value of our business.

Sustainability is part of our strategy. Our sustainability frame connects the business opportunity of the energy transition with the needs of society, and the environment. We believe the taxes we pay and collect can assist in the broader push to get to net zero.

In Australia, bp collected and paid \$6.5 billion in taxes in 2022. Further details are provided in this report.

2. Our business activities

bp in Australia is focused on advancing the role of Australian resources in meeting the region's demand for significantly more energy with fewer emissions. Being part of the bp group enables bp in Australia to share its global expertise, research and development with Australian business partners, customers and community stakeholders.

We have around 5,274 employees and long-term contractors across Australia. bp operates in every state and territory in Australia, including main offices in Perth and Melbourne.

We are engaged in the exploration and production of oil, natural gas, and liquefied natural gas and the marketing of petroleum and lubricant products.

In 2022, we became the operator of the Australian Renewable Energy Hub joint venture, which has the potential to be one of the largest solar, wind and renewable hydrogen hubs in the world. We are also progressing with a renewable and hydrogen project near Geraldton and a renewable fuels and hydrogen project at Kwinana in WA.

We have continued to engage in conversations with our stakeholders, including communities, investors, civil society organizations, policymakers and global tax experts. This dialogue helps build understanding about our contribution to economic development and our role in society, as well as the rigour of our tax practices.








3. Taxes paid by bp in Australia

Our business activities generate a substantial amount and variety of taxes in Australia. We collect and/or pay corporate income tax (CIT), fuel excise, royalties and excise in respect of North West Shelf production, fringe benefits tax, payroll tax, stamp duties, land taxes, and withholding taxes. In addition, we collect and pay employee taxes as well as GST.

Please refer to section six of this report for further information on CIT and reconciliation of accounting profit to tax expense to tax paid.

4. Our responsible tax principles

bp's responsible tax principles offer a clear framework for responsible tax practice. We aim to demonstrate how we are applying our tax principles and we provide an update on our progress in the [bp tax report 2022](#). To help bp become an industry leader for the transparency of our reporting, we want to align with emerging best practice in tax transparency and support its continuing development.

 Accountability and governance	 Relationships with authorities	 Transparency
<p>Tax is a core part of corporate responsibility and governance and is overseen by our board of directors.</p>	<p>We seek, wherever possible, to develop co-operative relationships with tax authorities, based on mutual respect, transparency and trust.</p>	<p>We provide regular information to our stakeholders, including investors, policymakers, employees, civil society and the general public, about our approach to tax and taxes paid.</p>
 Compliance	 Seeking and accepting tax incentives	
<p>We comply with the tax legislation of the countries in which we operate and pay the right amount of tax at the right time, in the countries where we create value.</p>	<p>Where we claim tax incentives offered by government authorities, we seek to ensure that they are transparent and consistent with statutory or regulatory frameworks.</p>	
 Business structure	 Supporting effective tax systems	
<p>We will only use business structures that are driven by commercial considerations, are aligned with business activity and which have genuine substance. We do not seek abusive tax results.</p>	<p>We engage constructively in national and international dialogue with governments, business groups and civil society to support the development of effective tax systems, legislation and administration.</p>	

Source: [Our responsible tax principles \(bp.com\)](#)

In Australia, bp has an Annual Compliance Arrangement with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) covering indirect taxes and we are engaged with the ATO on current business under a Pre-Compliance Review (PCR) arrangement for income tax. We also participate in initiatives to simplify and improve tax regimes to encourage investment and economic growth.

bp actively contributes to tax policy development reviews via direct submissions (e.g., the Henry Review, the Tax White Paper and the review of Petroleum Resource Rent Tax). We also contribute to industry association submissions (for example through our participation in the following associations: APPEA, BCA and CTA). We support efforts to increase public trust in tax systems and work closely with the ATO to support the 'justified trust' agenda.

Refer to [our responsible tax principles](#) online for more information.

5. International operations

The main international related party transactions for bp Australia include crude and product purchases from bp Singapore, with financing principally provided by bp in the UK, support services predominantly provided by bp in the UK and license of brands (e.g., bp and Castrol) owned by BP in the UK. bp Australia also sells LNG and other liquid products to bp Singapore from the North West Shelf.

bp's policy is that all related party transactions occur on arm's length terms in a manner consistent with OECD principles and abiding by the laws of the countries in which the transactions occur.



6. Reconciliation of accounting profit to income tax expense to tax paid

6.1 Reconciliation of accounting profit to income tax expense – 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021

	2022 (A\$ million)	2021 (A\$ million)
Accounting profit before tax from continuing operations	2,538	1,150
At the statutory income tax rate of 30% (2020: 30%)	761	345
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	-	(2)
Non-taxable gain/loss on disposal	(11)	8
Non-assessable income	-	(9)
Research and development	21	4
Non-deductible expenditure	-	-
Unrealised exchange results	-	-
Other	10	8
Income tax expense reported in statement of comprehensive income	781	354

6.2 Reconciliation of income tax expense to income tax payable – 31 December 2022

	2022 (A\$ million)
Income tax expense (as per above)	781
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-
Tax risk provisions	(21)
Temporary differences recognised in deferred tax	66
Current income tax charge	827
Income Tax Payable (after offsets) per lodged tax return	700

6.3 Effective tax rate

Effective tax rate is equal to income tax expense as a percentage of accounting profit before tax.

	2022 (A\$ million)
Effective tax rate – Australia	31%
Effective tax rate – BP Global	44%*

*Source: bp 2022 Annual Report and Form 20-F 2022 (p.215).

The table below demonstrates the impacts to BP Australia's effective tax rate.

	2022
Corporate tax rate - Australia	30%
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	0%
Other	1%
Effective tax rate	31%



7. Tax payments and collections on behalf of governments

For statutory reporting purposes in Australia, bp prepared accounts for the following eligible tier one companies:

- BP Australia Investments Pty Ltd (and its controlled entities)
- Australia Resource Holdings Inc (previously Arco Coal Australia Inc)
- BP Regional Australasia Holdings Pty Ltd
- Castrol Holdings Australia Pty Ltd (and its controlled entities)

Under the tax consolidation regime in Australia, the eligible tier one companies have elected to form a Multiple Entry Consolidated (MEC) group.

BP Regional Australasia Holdings Pty Ltd, as provisional head company of the Australian MEC group, lodges one consolidated income tax return on behalf of all the wholly owned Australian subsidiaries in the MEC group.

7.1 Australian tax contribution summary - bp Australia MEC Group

	2022 (A\$ million)	2021 (A\$ million)
Taxable income	2,346	584
Income tax return – tax payable (after offsets)	700	169
Other taxes:		
Excise	3,789	4,783
GST	1,963	1,350
Fringe benefits tax	4	5
Payroll tax	28	28
Total of other taxes	5,784	6,166

8. Other information

For further enquiries, please call the bp Australia media centre on +61 410 479 002.

Additional information is also available at the following links:

- [Tax transparency](#)
- [Tax report 2022](#)
- [Our responsible tax principles](#)
- [Sustainability](#)
- [bp 2022 annual report](#)
- [Reimagining energy – our purpose, ambition and aims](#)