



Media release

MCA's AEC annual returns

Statement from Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer

The Minerals Council of Australia advocates openly, energetically and proudly on behalf of the Australian minerals industry, its 240,000-strong workforce and the regional communities in which it operates.

We work to make mining safer, more sustainable and accountable.

The MCA places a high value on transparency and the integrity of the Australian electoral system.

As today's disclosures by the Australian Electoral Commission show, the MCA's total electoral expenditure in 2018-19 was \$0 and it made donations totalling \$146,730 to political parties.

In accordance with the Commonwealth Electoral Act, the MCA has also disclosed the amounts received above the disclosure threshold of \$13,800.

These receipts are gross sums inclusive of GST and include, but are not limited to conference fees, sponsorship income, tax refunds, bank interest and membership fees. The income supports MCA activities including running mine safety competitions, grants to universities to support mining-related tertiary education, community partnerships, national leadership on the issue of tailings management, development and the dissemination of best-practise guidance in environmental management, Indigenous procurement and workplace and health and safety, export development guidance for the Australian Mining Technology and Services (METS) sector, industry information and awareness campaigns and public policy advocacy.

Australian mining's investment in wages, tax and royalty payments generated government revenue of \$31 billion and export revenue of \$273 billion in 2018-19 funding the teachers, nurses, police and infrastructure projects on which all Australians rely.

The MCA will continue to work cooperatively with all member companies, governments, officials such as those at the AEC and community groups to promote transparency and the sustainability of Australia's minerals industry.

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