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# Chair's message Chanin Vongkusolkit

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Banpu Australia Co Pty Ltd (Banpu Australia) comprises a group of subsidiaries — predominantly in the energy industry — that are proud to support and sustain our local communities, many of them located in regional and rural centres, by playing a critical part in delivering energy to the people of New South Wales as a fuel supplier and operating solar farms.

Demonstrating respect for human rights and proactively addressing the issue of modern slavery within our business's sphere of influence are fundamental elements of our commitment to being a responsible corporate entity.

Modern slavery poses a significant worldwide issue that brings about detrimental consequences for affected individuals and communities. Being an active member of the global community, we acknowledge our duty to foster cooperation among suppliers, customers, our workforce (including direct employees and contractors), and other stakeholders. Our objective is to increase awareness regarding prevalent and emerging modern slavery risks. It is expected that all employees adhere to Banpu's Beliefs and Values, Code of Conduct, as well as Corporate Governance Principles and Policies.

This publication is the joint Modern Slavery Statement for the calendar year ending 31 December 2023. This Statement is made pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) and has been approved by the Board of Banpu Australia on Friday 28 June 2024 on behalf of the reporting entities listed on Page 6 of this Statement.

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## **Our Structure, Operations and Supply Chains**

#### Banpu Australia — Who we are

Banpu Australia is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Banpu Public Company Limited, an energy company founded in 1983 and listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

While Banpu Australia has no direct employees, its subsidiaries have significant local operations, comprising Centennial Coal Company Pty Ltd and its subsidiary reporting entities (together Centennial) and Banpu Energy Australia Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries (together Banpu Energy Australia). For a full list of reporting entities, please see Page 6.

#### **About Centennial**

Established in 1989, Centennial owns and operates five coal mines in the Lower Hunter and Lithgow regions of New South Wales, alongside a number of former mining sites that are either in rehabilitation or under care and maintenance. Furthermore, Centennial has several other potential projects in various stages of development. Centennial's five operating mines, Mandalong, Myuna, Springvale, Clarence and Airly, produce coal for local energy production and for export markets. Centennial has corporate offices in Sydney and Fassifern.

Centennial was listed on the Australian Securities Exchange between 1994 and 2010, after which it was acquired by Banpu Public Company Limited and delisted.

Where possible and practical, Centennial chooses to support and strengthen its regional economies by engaging with local suppliers. Centennial currently employs around 1700 employees, predominately from the communities adjacent to our operations.

#### **About Banpu Energy Australia**

Banpu Energy Australia owns two key operating assets: Beryl and Manildra solar farms, in the Central Tablelands region of New South Wales. Banpu Energy Australia does not have day-to-day management of these solar farms, instead utilising contractors to conduct operations, manage commercial arrangements and perform maintenance. Banpu Energy Australia has corporate office in Sydney.

Centennial and Banpu Energy Australia collaborate on renewable energy projects, such as a solar farm at Centennial's Airly mine site and a gas power station at Centennial's Mandalong mine. Banpu Energy Australia currently has twelve employees.

#### Banpu Australia's commitment

Banpu Australia recognises the risk of modern slavery occurring in its supply chain and it is taking active steps to counter it. While Banpu Australia's operations and supply chains are complex, its aim is to ensure that human rights are understood, respected and upheld and that no employee or contractor is exploited.





### Full list of reporting entities

Banpu Australia Co. Pty Ltd
Centennial Coal Company Pty Limited
Centennial Airly Pty Limited
Centennial Mandalong Pty Limited
Centennial Springvale Holdings Pty Limited
Centennial Springvale Pty Limited
Centennial Myuna Pty Ltd
Boulder Mining Pty Ltd
Coalex Pty Ltd

# **Risks of Modern Slavery**

Banpu Australia is not aware of any actual instances of modern slavery in our supply chains or operations during the reporting period.

The Board, the Health, Safety, Environment and Community (HSEC) and Audit and Risk Board subcommittees review policies and are kept informed of risk factors, strategies, activities and progress from a team of Executives, with input as required from a Sustainability Committee.

Banpu Australia has conducted ongoing assessments and determined that the risk of human rights infringements in its operations is low. This is mostly due to the requirement for direct employees within the Banpu Australia group of companies to comply with Australian law, which helps mitigate potential risks.

However, Banpu Australia recognises that contracted labour or third-party labour hire providers present a slightly higher risk, albeit still at the lower end of the spectrum. The reason for this is the reduced visibility and control over these workers and their employment terms. Banpu Australia intends to continue to closely monitor this area.

Banpu Australia acknowledges the potential for modern slavery risks to emerge in its supply chain. In 2023, the company spent over \$900 million with almost 1,300 suppliers. While Banpu Australia prioritises sourcing goods and services from organisations near its operational sites in New South Wales regional centres, its supplier list also includes international vendors, including from Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the Netherlands, China, Taiwan, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Additionally, Banpu Australia works with both Australian and international suppliers that rely on global manufacturing chains for assembling goods.

Banpu Australia maintains reasonable confidence in the low modern slavery risks associated with its local Australian suppliers, as these organisations are required to comply with Australian laws and regulations. However, there is a higher potential for modern slavery risk with international suppliers and manufacturers due to Banpu Australia's limited visibility of their operations and the varying legal and regulatory environments in which these companies operate.

Factors such as labour shortages, reduced oversight and increased demand for cheaper goods and services have created a conducive environment for modern slavery practices to thrive. In response to this evolving landscape, we are committed to conducting further risk assessments in 2024. These assessments will enable us to identify and address any emerging modern slavery risks within our supply chain, ensuring that we maintain a responsible and ethical approach to our operations.

# **Banpu Australia's Supply Chain**

#### **Exploration and Discovery**



- Analytical laboratories
- Drilling contractors
- Earthmoving contractors
- Environmental and water consultants
- Geology and geophysical contractors
- Health and safety specialists
- Surveying

#### **Support Services**



- Insurance and Financial services
- Labour supply
- Legal and specialist support
- Medical, health and safety services
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) and personal protective clothing (PPC)
- Power, communication and IT services
- Water and waste management

#### **Coal Mining**



- Mining and haulage contractors, plant and equipment
- Cement and ground support supply
- Explosives supply and blasting services
- Fleet, maintenance, parts and equipment
- Fuel, oil and tyre supply
- Ventilation software and consultants
- Mining communications
- Geotechnical services and consultants

#### **Coal Processing**



- Operations and maintenance contractors
- Chemicals supply
- Laboratory services
- Civil contractors
- Fuel and gas supply
- Tailings and water consultants



#### **Solar Farms**

- Electrical supplies and services
- Operations and maintenance

#### **Transportation**



- Freight services
- Haulage services
- Port services
- Stevedoring
- Shipping bus services
- Air charter services
- Travel services

Our contractors and suppliers play integral roles in our business, and we strive to collaborate with them to ensure that our operations are conducted responsibly and ethically. We recognise the importance of working with contractors and suppliers that share our commitment to human rights, including the prevention of modern slavery.



### **Actions to Assess and Address Risks**

Our assessment and mitigation process has been led by our Modern Slavery Working Group, with oversight from the Sustainability Committee.

In 2020, a risk assessment was completed to identify which elements of the business and supply chain could be susceptible to modern slavery risk. In 2021, Centennial mapped its supply chain across the top tiers, ensuring transparency and visibility. Communication has been maintained with these major suppliers to emphasise their obligations under the Supplier Code of Conduct, including mitigation of modern slavery risks.

As Centennial's operations are wholly located in Australia, a country which has world-leading human and workplace rights legal protections, the risk of slavery amongst our operations is assessed as low. A new desktop review of Centennial's suppliers was completed in 2023. It focussed on the top 20 suppliers by expenditure in 2022, all of which are Australian-based suppliers.

Our top 20 suppliers were asked to provide information about relevant policies, systems, mechanisms, practices and processes in place to minimise or prevent the occurrence of modern slavery and indicators to measure the effectiveness of these systems. Suppliers were also asked to disclose any investigations into actual, suspected and alleged human rights breaches involving their workforce or supply chain, as well as their own key suppliers of goods and services and their primary countries of operation, and steps taken to mitigate the risk of modern slavery amongst the key suppliers.

Responses from the top 20 suppliers were reviewed against an assessment framework, concluding that no supplier was assessed as having a high risk of modern slavery practices.

Building on its initial modern slavery assessment, Centennial will perform a periodic review of its suppliers (similar to that outlined above), with any failure to participate or any supplier which is determined to be a high risk of modern slavery practices reported to senior management and appropriate further actions taken.

Transparency is a fundamental principle embedded in the modern slavery roadmap. Both Centennial and Banpu Energy Australia have Codes of Conduct that encompass descriptions of modern slavery and obligations regarding human rights. These codes are readily accessible to employees, ensuring clear guidelines and expectations. Additionally, Centennial has implemented a Suppliers Code of Conduct, further emphasising the importance of responsible practices throughout the supply chain.

Banpu Australia's journey highlights its determination to create a responsible and ethical business environment that upholds human rights and mitigates against the risks of modern slavery.



## **Measuring Effectiveness**

During its 2023 review of the top 20 suppliers, Centennial discovered that these suppliers sourced their products from manufacturers based internationally, including countries such as China, Malaysia, Italy, South Africa, Indonesia and India. Recognising the importance of the international element, Centennial incorporated this into its risk-based approach to supplier due diligence.

Since 2021, Centennial has utilised a customised modern slavery questionnaire for suppliers. This questionnaire ensures that appropriate risk factors are considered internally by the suppliers and reported back to Centennial in their responses.

Through this analysis, Centennial identified any emerging risks and determined necessary actions to address them. The results indicated a low risk of modern slavery within the broader Banpu Australia supplier chain. This demonstrates Banpu Australia's commitment to thorough due diligence and its commitment to mitigating the risks of modern slavery throughout its supply chain.

#### **Sustainable Procurement**

At Banpu Australia, sustainable procurement is a vital component of our commitment to responsible business practices. The group holds itself, its contractors and its suppliers to high standards, expecting them to share common values, adhere to strict governance principles, comply with all relevant laws and policies, and actively contribute to our sustainability objectives.

We recognise that sustainable procurement has the power to drive positive sustainability performance and ethical business conduct among our suppliers. Our approach to sustainable procurement considers our operational risks, material issues identified in the Supply Chain Risk Assessment, and, where applicable, aligns with the ISO 20400 Sustainable Procurement Guidelines.

Each year, we prioritise specific focus areas that align with our company and sustainability goals. Through this approach, we aim to enhance our existing processes and foster closer collaboration with suppliers to identify, manage, and mitigate any actual or potential adverse impacts on human rights resulting from our procurement activities and decisions.

By embedding sustainable procurement practices into our operations, we strive to create a responsible and ethical supply chain that promotes sustainability, respects human rights and contributes to the achievement of our broader environmental and social objectives.



# **Looking Forward**

We currently assess our effectiveness in identifying and managing modern slavery and human rights risks by tracking our actions and outcomes, engaging with suppliers, undertaking internal governance and external assurance processes and reporting via our Sustainability Report.

Building on activities to date, throughout 2023 we have been working towards implementing a range of initiatives proportionate to the risk identified, as listed in the below table. In addition, we undertake ongoing engagement with stakeholders to continue to improve our approach to identifying and addressing modern slavery risks in our supply chain.

Activity	Status
Risk assessment and mapping exercise to identify which parts of the business could be susceptible to modern slavery risk	Complete
Conduct due diligence on suppliers; issue questionnaire and assess risks, with a focus on top 20 suppliers by spend	Complete
Conduct a Deep Dive into one of the top 20 suppliers	Planned for 2024
Incorporate relevant assessment criteria in new tender processes	Complete
Add appropriate clauses in all new supplier contracts	Complete
Prepare anti-modern slavery training materials	In Progress
Prepare and conduct anti-modern slavery training for key employees	Planned for 2024
Update website to capture Modern Slavery information when suppliers lodge expression of interest	In Progress
Add modern slavery assessment to on-boarding process for new suppliers	In Progress
Issue Modern Slavery questionnaire to new suppliers, assess risks	Planned for 2025
Develop human rights and ethical sourcing policies	Planned for 2025
Develop an intranet page on modern slavery and human rights for employees to access relevant information	Planned for 2025

# **Consultation Between Reporting Entities**

In carrying out the assessment of the supply chains and modern slavery risks and actions, all Banpu Australia owned and controlled reporting entities have been assessed. There has been consultation with Centennial and Banpu Energy Australia in preparing this Statement and representatives of Centennial and Banpu Energy have participated in the preparation of this Statement.

Centennial and Banpu Energy Australia, while distinct entities, share a common commitment to modern slavery principles and recognise the importance of continuously developing processes to address modern slavery issues as their businesses evolve. Both companies prioritise ethical practices not only within their own operations, including direct employees and asset managers, but also throughout their supply chains. All employees are expected to adhere to Banpu's global company values and code of conduct, ensuring a unified approach to ethical conduct.

## Conclusion

This is Banpu Australia's fourth Modern Slavery Statement, and it serves as a reaffirmation of the company's commitment to preventing the pervasive practice of modern slavery from infiltrating its business, both directly and indirectly.

Banpu Australia supports the objectives of the Modern Slavery Act and is dedicated to managing the risk associated modern slavery throughout our supply chain. As the company continues to develop its approach to modern slavery, it will assess the effectiveness of its existing initiatives and enhance them through stakeholder engagement, awareness-raising, training programs, supplier compliance ownership, ethical sourcing audits and grievance mechanisms.

The measures taken thus far enable Banpu Australia to mitigate the risk of modern slavery within its supply chain and improve its social performance. The Modern Slavery Working Group of Banpu Australia remains committed to fostering regular engagement and receiving feedback from key areas of the business.

Banpu Australia and its workforce acknowledge the significance of building capacity and deepening the understanding of modern slavery risks. The company aims to collaborate with its suppliers for mutual benefit, ensuring that no individual is subjected to exploitation.

To combat the risks of modern slavery, Banpu Australia continues to proactively identify areas of potential risk within its business and evaluate the effectiveness of the initiatives outlined.

Banpu Australia eagerly anticipates providing further updates on its progress in future Modern Slavery Statements, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to combat modern slavery and create a responsible and ethical business environment.

We welcome feedback on how we can continue to improve our approach in this area; feedback can be sent to info@centennialcoal.com.au.

