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## Chair's message Chanin Vongkusolkit

*"We acknowledge our duty to foster cooperation among suppliers, customers, our workforce (including direct employees and contractors), and other stakeholders."* 

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 delivering energy 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 2022. This Statement is made pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth) and has been approved by the Board of Banpu Australia on Thursday 29 June 2023 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 (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 offices 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 eight 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.



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## 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 Clarence Coal Investments 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.

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 closely monitor this area in future years.

Banpu Australia acknowledges the potential for modern slavery risks to emerge in its supply chain. In 2022, the company spent \$930 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.

The COVID-19 pandemic introduced new challenges and risks to supply chains worldwide, which continued to be present during the reporting period, potentially increasing the risk of modern slavery. The disruption caused by the pandemic, including lockdowns, travel restrictions and economic downturns, has created vulnerabilities that could be exploited by unscrupulous individuals.

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 2023. 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**

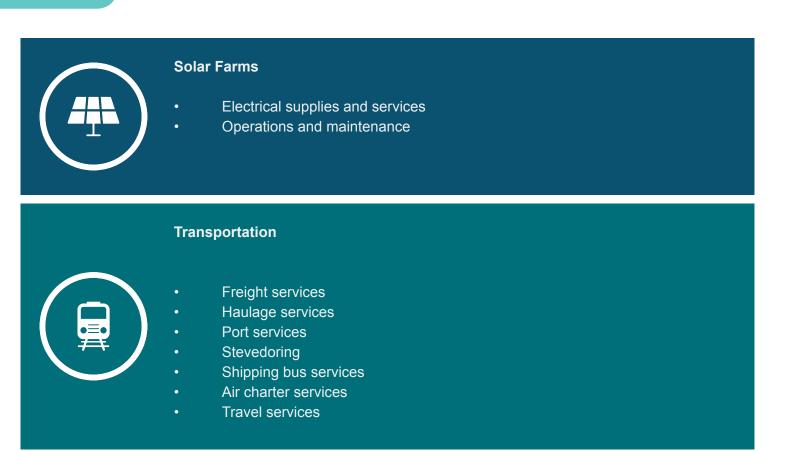
- Insurance and Financial services
- Labour supply
- Legal and specialist support
- Medical, health and safety services
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) and personal protective clothing (PPC)
- Power, communication and IT services
- Water and waste management

### **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



These contractors and suppliers play integral roles in various aspects of 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**

Centennial has taken proactive steps to address modern slavery in its supply chain. As part of its nowcompleted 3-year roadmap, 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 our Supplier Code of Conduct, including mitigation of modern slavery risk.

Centennial has defined its major suppliers as those within the Top 20 based on annual gross spend, plus three further suppliers identified as being at a higher risk due to factors such as geography, known modern slavery hot spots and product category.

These suppliers span various industries, including:

- Mining products and equipment
- Electrical and general hardware
- IT products
- Clothing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Building equipment

In cases where these suppliers are not Australian-owned, Centennial endeavours to ensure compliance and responsible practices throughout the supply chain. By taking these measures, Centennial demonstrates its commitment to addressing modern slavery risks and promoting ethical standards within its supply chain. Over the past three years, Banpu Australia has achieved a number of significant milestones on its road map for combating modern slavery. This accomplishment showcases the company's dedication to addressing this critical issue within its operations and supply chain.

As part of its ongoing commitment, Banpu Australia is currently in the process of developing a new 5-year roadmap. This will further strengthen the group's efforts and commitment to addressing modern slavery risks and outline a comprehensive strategy for the years to come. The company takes great pride in the progress made thus far and remains optimistic about the positive impact it can continue to make in the future.

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 review of the 23 suppliers, Centennial discovered that these vendors 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 it into its risk-based approach to supplier due diligence.

To assess modern slavery practices, as part of the 3-year roadmap, Centennial developed a customised modern slavery questionnaire. This questionnaire ensured that appropriate risk factors were 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 Centennial'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**

Banpu Australia has recognised the importance of assessing and mitigating modern slavery risks, leading the company to develop and implement a comprehensive 3-year modern slavery roadmap. This roadmap ensures that risks are continuously monitored and addressed, covering the period up to and including 2022.

In addition to the controls and actions already outlined in this Modern Slavery Statement, Banpu Australia has been actively engaging in various other initiatives. These initiatives encompass a range of activities aimed at further enhancing the Banpu Australia group's approach to combatting modern slavery and promoting responsible practices throughout its operations and supply chain. By proactively pursuing these initiatives, Banpu Australia demonstrates its ongoing commitment to tackling modern slavery and continuously improving its efforts in this critical area.

The next step in Banpu Australia's journey to mitigate modern slavery is the development of a new 5-year roadmap, which is aimed at strengthening efforts and improving integration with strategies employed within the Banpu global family.

The company takes immense pride in the progress it has achieved thus far and maintains a positive outlook regarding the continued impact it can make in the future. Banpu Australia's journey exemplifies its resolute determination to foster a responsible and ethical business environment that upholds human rights and actively combats modern slavery.

# **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.

A key strategic element of Banpu Australia's now-completed 3-year modern slavery roadmap was to raise awareness among all reporting entities about the risks associated with modern slavery.

Departments that have direct or indirect exposure to supply chains now have a cohesive anti-modern slavery strategy in place. To facilitate this, a working group comprising key individuals from across the organisation has been established to promote coordination and consultation between reporting entities and those entities owned or controlled by reporting entities. This group convenes to assess modern slavery mitigation efforts, address emerging threats, and plan future actions.

# Conclusion

This is Banpu Australia's third 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 takes great pride in successfully executing multiple actions outlined in its 3-year roadmap and is dedicated to accomplishing the next set of objectives. 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. These efforts align with the goals laid out in the new 5-year roadmap.

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.

