



## WA RESOURCE SECTOR SUPPORTS SCIENCE EDUCATION

### WA's resource sector supports and actively encourages the advancement of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Western Australia.

Central to this endeavour is Scitech, a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to increase our state's awareness, interest, capability and participation in STEM through the delivery of engaging exhibitions, curriculum aligned STEM programs and community science festivals. Scitech aims to reach all WA schools to support teachers in the teaching and learning of science and maths for our children's future.

Scitech's West Perth base attracts more than 300,000 visitors annually and has a plethora of activities on offer including the year-round planetarium, theatre and puppet shows, feature exhibitions, the Discoverland zone for younger visitors and the only in-house CSIRO Lab in Australia.

Perth's outer metro and regional communities need not miss out as Scitech operates an extensive state-wide program of tours, workshops, festivals and professional learning for primary and secondary teachers. In the last financial year Scitech's fleet of iconic red trucks visited 154 communities to engage with 222,406 Western Australians.

Standing by Scitech to support these valuable initiatives are members of the resource sector, including Alcoa, BHP Billiton, Chevron Australia, Mitsui Iron Ore Development, Rio Tinto and Woodside, who collectively support Scitech's core focus on community STEM engagement across Western Australia.

These businesses recognise that our state's health, security, economic prosperity and environment are all reliant on the application and understanding of STEM and are proud to be partnering with Scitech to provide students, teachers and families with an opportunity to learn and explore the world around us through science.



## The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia (CME) has asked its members 'What does industry spend and where?' The data provided by forty-six resources companies for the financial year 2015-2016, shows how industry's spending flows through to every part of Western Australia, by means of wages and salaries, business purchases or community contributions.

From this information we can also see the number of businesses which provide goods and services to the Western Australian resources sector, the number of employees who work in the sector and where those people live within the state.

This fact sheet provides a unique picture of Western Australia's largest export industry, noting this is not modelling, but actual spend.

The contribution of the resources sector to Western Australia is not only an economic one. As demonstrated above, companies are also active members of the community and in the environment.

Additional fact sheets can be accessed from the CME website at: [cmewa.com/economic-contribution](http://cmewa.com/economic-contribution)

