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## 2017/18 Western Australian Resource Sector Operations



### Total direct contribution to economy



Wages &  
Salaries



Payments to  
Government



Business  
Purchases



Community  
Contributions



**772**

Community  
Organisations  
Supported

\$1.2 Billion total direct contribution to the State electorate of: Pilbara

DIRECT  
EMPLOYEES

**5,312**

Living in the electorate



WAGES &  
SALARIES

**\$805**

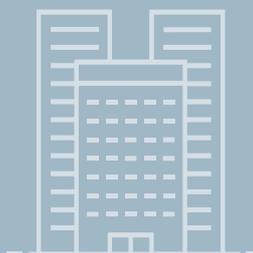
Million



BUSINESSES

**306**

Directly Supported



BUSINESS  
PURCHASES

+



COMMUNITY  
CONTRIBUTIONS

+



LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
PAYMENTS

=



**\$398**

Million





## BHP helps provide the right tools for a tough job

The St John Ambulance team is busy 24/7 supporting the 14,000 resident community of Port Hedland in Western Australia, and covering an area almost as big as Tasmania.

There are six full time career paramedics in Port Hedland, supported by 56 community volunteers.

Recently BHP helped fund an Emergency Support Vehicle, to cater for mass casualty situations and contributed half of the funds needed for a \$5 million new Port Hedland Ambulance Sub-centre.

“We used to have space for only three ambulances but now we can house eight,” said Janelle Cockayne, a Volunteer Ambulance Officer and Volunteer Development Officer.

“The service plays a very important role in our community, and when people see BHP putting money into essential services like ambulances and a new headquarters, it’s a really big thing.”

While many people fly in and fly out of Port Hedland on shift work, Janelle, the Paramedics and her volunteering friends are in town for the long haul.

Janelle says part of the town’s attraction is the strong sense of community, and that’s due to Port Hedland’s isolated location.

“Giving back to the community is one of the main reasons why I volunteer and it’s a big motivator for most people. So when you can see local businesses putting back into the community too, it means a lot to people because it directly benefits people when they need help most.”

## 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 41 resources operations for the financial year 2017-2018, shows how industry’s spending flows through to every part of Western Australia, by means of wages and salaries, business purchases, government payments 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.

The data on the reverse side of this fact sheet provides a unique picture of Western Australia’s largest export industry, noting this is not modelling, but actual spend.

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