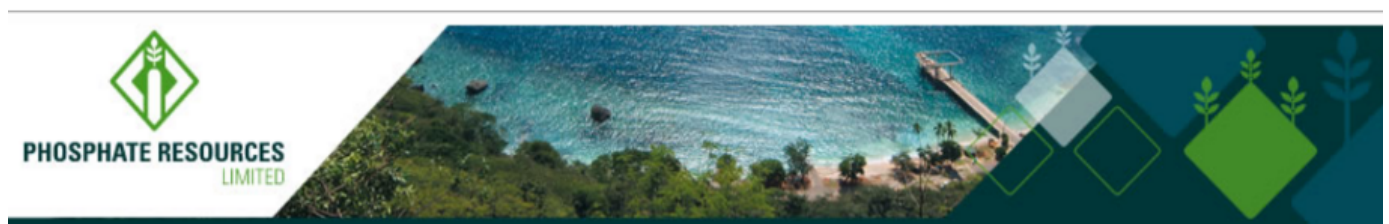


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Description

PhosphateResources Limited (PRL) operates a phosphate mine on Christmas Island with associated processing and export operations trading as Christmas IslandPhosphate (CIP). The operation is fundamental to Christmas Island's past and ongoing economic and social development and is home to the majority of PRL employees.

ChristmasIsland is predominantly national park (63%) in recognition of its unique and sensitive environment with major seabird colonies, special land crab populations, marine habitats and many endemic species. The areas operated under lease (14%) have all been previously cleared and under the lease conditions no primary rainforest can be cleared for mining operations.

CIP's vision is to contribute positively to the ongoing economic and social development of the Island whilst minimising impacts to the unique marine and terrestrial environment. This will be achieved through commitments to;

- be compliant with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and reporting requirements;
- implement the company's *Environmental Management Plan* and associated management systems;
- contribute funds through the conservation levy[1] to enable the government to rehabilitate affected areas;
- efficient use of energy resources and waste minimisation;
- maintain high employee awareness and commitment to the environmental policy, plans and procedures;
- and
- consult with the community on environmental matters.

In addition, CIP will, subject to capacity and resources;

- seek continual improvement in environmental management through improvements in company infrastructure, management and day-to-day operations; and
- work with island partners to assist in the implementation of island-wide conservation and environmental management programs where these are likely to result in tangible environmental benefits.

Clive Brown

Chairman

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[1] Under agreement with the Australian Government the responsibility for rehabilitation and conservation of mined areas lies with the Government with PRL paying an agreed conservation levy for this purpose, as well as rehabilitation and conservation purposes beyond the existing mining leases.