

AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINERIES

Australian oil refineries make a significant contribution to the economy and local communities, and support our key export industries and supply security. They play a major role in Australia's fuel supply chain, producing around half of the transport fuels needed every day.



These refineries combined produce around 50% of Australia's transport fuel needs (and around 65% for petrol).

Refineries which are no longer in operation are generally converted into import terminals, receiving and storing imports of fuel from a wide range of suppliers across the Asia-Pacific. The diversity of supply sources and import locations provides flexibility in the Australian fuel supply chain, ensuring the reliable supply of fuel locally.

For every barrel of crude oil, local refineries produce a range of petroleum products including:



Australian refineries invest hundreds of millions of dollars each year into ongoing maintenance to improve performance and remain competitive. Major maintenance events known as 'turnarounds' are conducted at refineries every 4-6 years to ensure continued safe and reliable operation.

Pipelines, ports, wharves and terminals provide a vital supply link to and from refineries.

To make local transport fuels, Australia's refineries process





As a high-tech industry, the refining sector has highly skilled workforces with an even mix between direct employees (2,000 workers) and contractors. Contractor numbers can more than double during major turnaround maintenance work.

Jobs at refineries are in operations, reliability and maintenance, engineering, laboratory, finance, procurement, HR, training, health, safety and environment. Refineries also employ apprentices across a range of trades.



Safety and a healthy environment are at the heart of refinery operations.

The safety of people and operations is the number one priority at refineries, underpinned by strong safety systems and innovative programs to ensure a safe workplace. Refineries also have a range of environmental management systems and implement improvement programs, particularly aimed at reducing waste and water use, improving energy efficiency, and reducing emissions. Refineries are licensed facilities monitored by regulators such as various Environmental Protection Authorities (EPAs) and State based safety regulators.

All refineries have long-standing relationships with their local community and invest in a range of health and wellbeing programs, and educational, environmental, sporting, cultural and community initiatives.

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