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Comet Ridge

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About

Comet Ridge Limited (ASX: COI) (Comet Ridge or Company) is an ASX listed Australian energy company focused on the development of natural gas for the east coast Australian market. The Company has tenement interests and a suite of projects in Queensland.

The Company's flagship Mahalo Gas Hub area consists of high-quality natural gas resources with low CO_2, shallow coals and very competitive production costs. The Mahalo Gas Hub contains gross 2P (Reserves) and 2C (Contingent Resources) totalling 676 PJ (Petajoules) close to the Gladstone LNG export and domestic market precinct as well as gas transport infrastructure.

There is an ever-increasing domestic and international demand for natural gas as a source for cleaner energy and as a key manufacturing feedstock that makes thousands of products, used daily. The Federal Government's Future Gas Strategy reinforces the important role natural gas will play alongside renewables, batteries and pumped hydro in securing Australia's energy future.

Comet Ridge plans to transition its Mahalo Gas Hub assets, including the Mahalo Gas Project, into meaningful gas supply for Australia's east coast gas market. The Mahalo Gas Project was a joint venture with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (Santos or Operator) at 30 June 2026. It is now wholly owned by Comet Ridge after completion of the acquisition of Santos's 42.86% interest in late August this year. Comet Ridge is currently reviewing and optimising the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) of the Mahalo Gas Project by integrating Comet Ridge's 100% owned Mahalo North and Mahalo East assets towards a Final Investment Decision (FID).

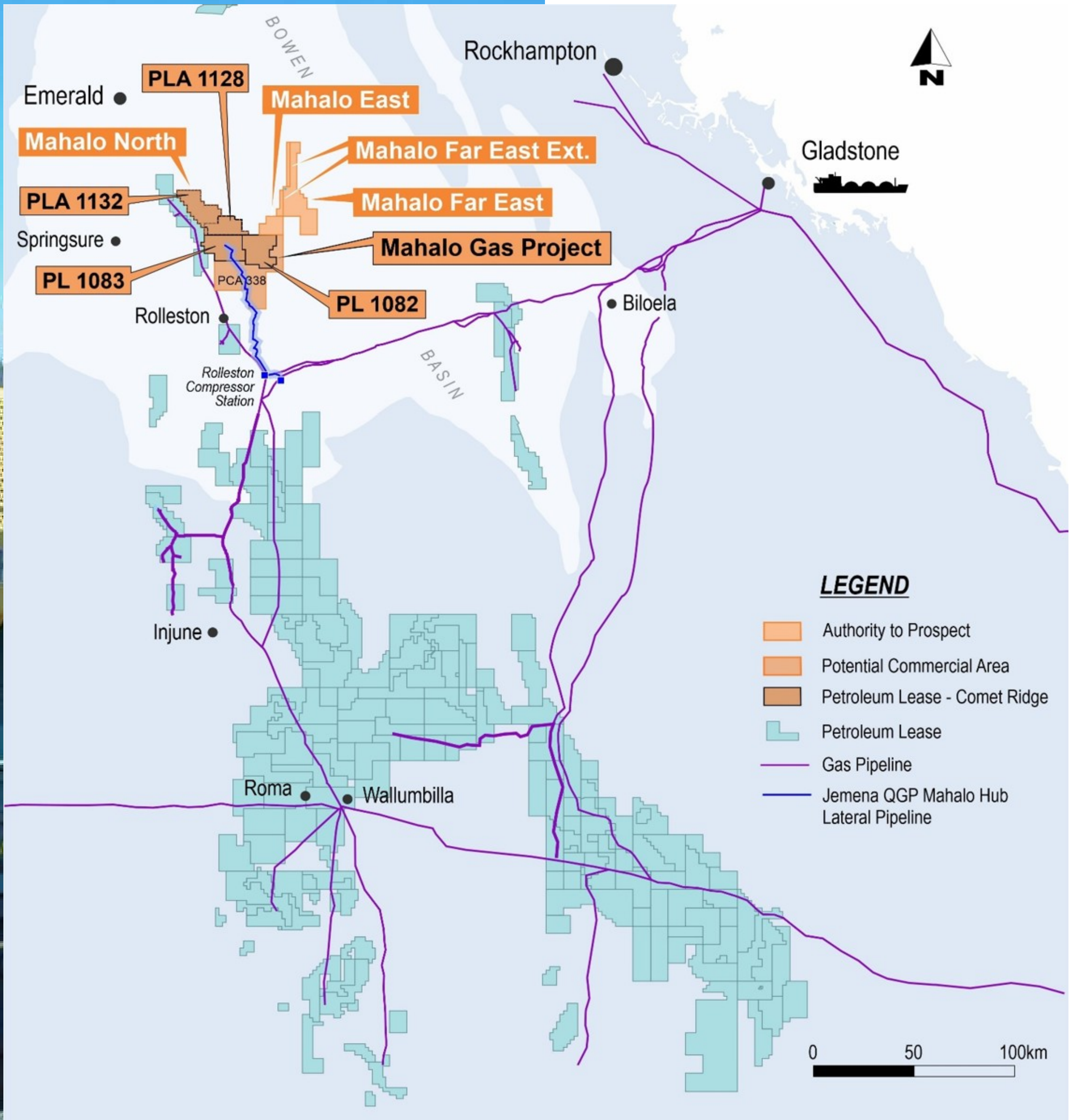


Figure 1 – *Comet Ridge's Mahalo Gas Hub permits, west of Gladstone.*

Snapshot

Queensland Permits	Petroleum Leases (2), Petroleum Lease applications (2), Potential Commercial Areas (7), Authorities to Prospect (9)
Basins	Southern Bowen Basin (CSG) Galilee Basin (conventional and CSG)
Queensland Acreage Area	6,592 km^2
Mahalo Gas Hub Development Activities	Upstream FEED: Santos until 21 August 2026, Comet Ridge now optimising towards FID Pipeline FEED: Jemena completed
Mahalo Gas Hub Reserves and Resources	676 PJ - 2P + 2C (gross)^
Market Focus	East coast domestic gas and power generation, plus export LNG
Gas Regulation	Domestic Gas Reservation Scheme - draft Design Framework announced May 2026 and Exposure Draft in September 2026 Government's intent is for legislation to commence in 2027, with domestic supply obligations applying from 1 January 2028

^ 2P Gas Reserves and 2C Contingent Gas Resources have been independently certified (see Page 20).

FY2026 Highlights

Permit Activity

- **Mahalo East achieved independent gas reserves certification** of **51.8 PJ** (2P) and **118.5 PJ** (3P).
- **Mahalo North federal environmental approval** under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) for the Mahalo North (PLA 1128) natural gas development received in December 2025.

Development Activity

- **Mahalo Gas Project:** Santos completed input into Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the gas field, gathering system, gas compression and water handling facilities (Upstream FEED) and handed over these workstreams to Comet Ridge. Comet Ridge is currently reviewing and optimising the FEED for the Mahalo Gas Project by integrating Comet Ridge's 100% owned Mahalo North and Mahalo East assets towards a Final Investment Decision (FID).
- **Mahalo Gas Hub Pipeline (MGHP) FEED:** Jemena completed the technical work for FEED for construction of a new 10-inch diameter high pressure natural gas pipeline and the Queensland Government formally awarded to Jemena a Point-to-Point Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) for the transport of natural gas from the Mahalo Gas Hub in Central Queensland, to connect into two major natural gas transmission pipelines to the south (into both the domestic market and LNG market).
- **Gas Sales Agreement (GSA)** with CleanCo Queensland Limited amended in June 2026 to extend the date for first gas supply and apply a flat profile at full contract rate; extend the satisfaction dates of the financing and gas transportation conditions precedent which are now for the benefit of both parties; and to add two new conditions precedent requiring demonstration of gas production prior to gas supply commencement and providing for no adverse change to CleanCo's requirement for gas to be supplied under this Agreement, as determined by CleanCo at its discretion by 31 March 2027.
- **Memorandum of Understanding** (non-binding) executed with Highview Power Pty Ltd (Highview) in July 2026 for a GSA to supply Highview's large scale electricity project located at the Aldoga State Development area at East End, near Gladstone, Queensland, targeting 3.6 PJ/a (10 TJ/d) for a minimum of five years.

Funding Activity

- **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)** application for funding for Mahalo Gas Hub development has successfully completed Strategic Assessment Phase and received NAIF Board formal approval to proceed to Due Diligence stage.
- **$40.9 million equity placement and SPP:** Equity placement Tranche 1 of $30.6 million completed on 24 June 2026 and Tranche 2 of $9.4 million subject of shareholder approval completed in August 2026. Share Purchase Plan (SPP) raised an additional $875,750. Placement and SPP included one unlisted free attaching option for every two securities allotted with a strike price of 15.0c per option expiring on 30 June 2028.

Corporate Activity

- **Acquisition** of Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project executed in December 2025, to take Comet Ridge ownership to 100%. Key terms revised in May 2026, and acquisition completed in August 2026.
- **Cash balance of $27.7 million** at 30 June 2026.
- **FY2026 loss after tax of $4.37 million** (2025: $2.47 million), including non-cash items of $0.92 million.
- **Directors:** Ms Gillian Swaby retired at the November 2025 AGM and Mr Shaun Scott retired to focus on other business commitments. Mr Mark McCabe was appointed in July 2026.
- **CFO** Mr Phil Hicks resigned to pursue an external opportunity and Mr Robin Polson was appointed in November 2025.

Portfolio Overview

Comet Ridge has highly prospective, large footprint gas assets in two Queensland basins with **near-term developments in the Mahalo Gas Hub area** (see permit summary in Table 1).

Comet Ridge Queensland Permits

	State	CSG Interest	Conventional Interest	Area (km^2)
Mahalo Gas Hub, southern Bowen Basin				
Mahalo Gas Project (PL 1082, PL 1083, PCA 338)	QLD	57.14%[3]	n/a[1]	989
Mahalo North (ATP 2048 - PLA 1128, PLA 1132)[2]	QLD	100%	100%	360
Mahalo East (ATP 2061)	QLD	100%	100%	97
Mahalo Far East (ATP 2063)	QLD	100%	100%	338
Mahalo Far East Extension (ATP 2072)	QLD	100%	100%	66
Galilee Basin				
ATP 743, PCA 319	QLD	100%	70%	750
ATP 744, PCA 320, 321, and 322	QLD	100%	70%	2,182
ATP 1015, PCA 323 and 324	QLD	100%	70%	1,810

Table 1 *– Summary of Comet Ridge Queensland Permits at 30 June 2026*

1 Comet Ridge has rights for gas down to the level of the lower Mantuan coals.

2 Until both PLs are awarded formally the original ATP 2048 remains in place concurrent with both applications.

3 On 21 August 2026, Comet Ridge's ownership increased to 100% on completion of the acquisition of Santos's interest in the Mahalo Gas Project.

1. Mahalo Gas Hub, Bowen Basin, QLD

Mahalo Gas Project - (PL 1082, PL 1083, PCA 338)

Overview - Comet Ridge's Mahalo Gas Project, encompassing the joint venture with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (42.86%) (Santos or Operator) which ended with the completion of the acquisition of Santos's interest in late August this year, is located approximately 240 km west of Gladstone in the southern Bowen Basin, covering an area of approximately 989 km^2. The project area is approximately 80 km to the north of pipeline infrastructure connecting to the east coast gas market (Figure 2) for both domestic gas and LNG export. The initial focus for development of the project under Santos's operatorship had been in the two existing Petroleum Leases PL 1082 and PL 1083 (Figure 2 and Figure 3) which have been heavily appraised to date, with strong flow rates achieved and reserves independently certified.

Comet Ridge is currently reviewing and optimising the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the Mahalo Gas Project by integrating Comet Ridge's 100% owned Mahalo North and Mahalo East assets towards a Final investment Decision (FID).

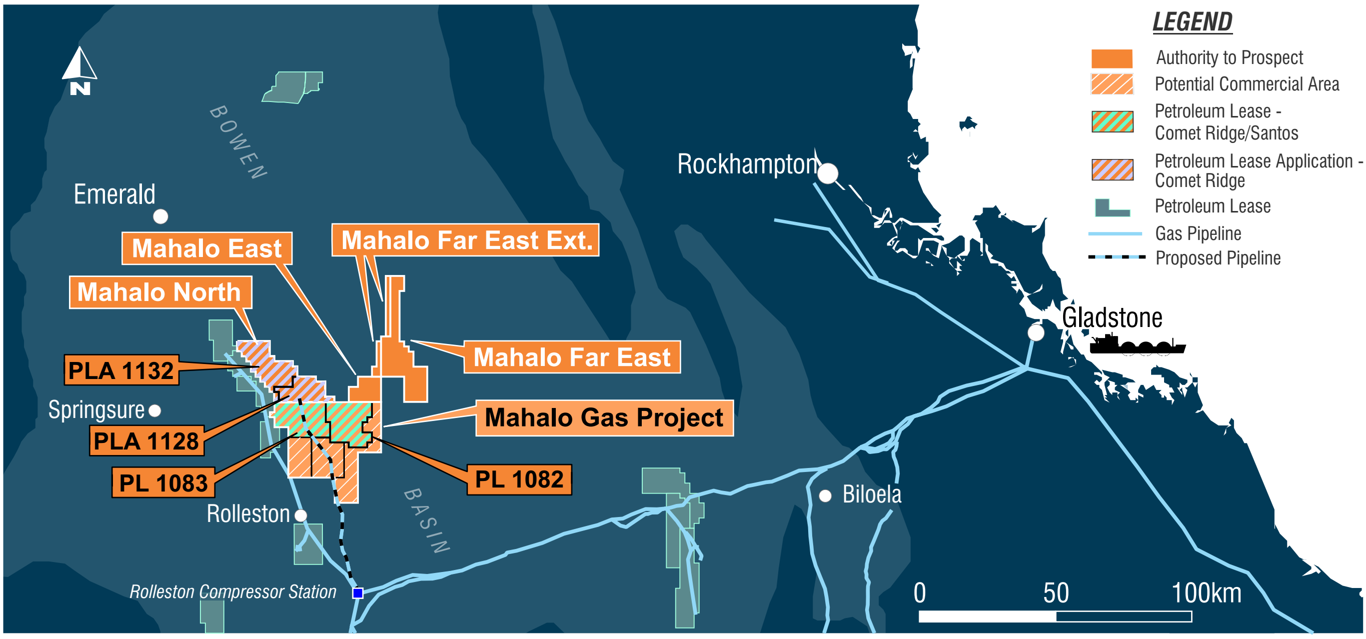


Figure 2 *– Regional location of the Mahalo Gas Hub area showing proximity to pipeline infrastructure*

Gas Reserves and Resources - Comet Ridge's net 57.14% interest in Mahalo Gas Project Gas Reserves and Contingent Gas Resources at 30 June 2026 is shown in Table 2 below.

	Gas Reserves (PJ)			Contingent Gas Resources (PJ)		
Mahalo Gas Project	**1P**	**2P**	**3P**	**1C**	**2C**	**3C**
COI 57.14% interest	0	152	262	109	180	294

Table 2 *– Comet Ridge's share of Mahalo Gas Project Gas Reserves and Contingent Resources at 30 June 2026 (rounded to nearest whole number)*

Development activities – During the second half of FY2026 Santos (Development Operator) completed input into Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the gas field, gathering system, gas compression and water handling facilities (Upstream FEED) and, as a result of the completion of the acquisition of Santos's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project, has now handed over these workstreams to Comet Ridge after the end of the financial year. Comet Ridge has engaged Equinox Engineering Limited (Equinox) to carry out preliminary value improvement and optimisation work to review the FEED outputs for both gas and water processing, and to provide independent high level cost estimates.

Jemena Queensland Gas Pipeline (1) Pty Ltd and Jemena Queensland Gas Pipeline (2) Pty Ltd (collectively, Jemena) has completed the technical work for the FEED for construction of a new 10-inch diameter high pressure natural gas pipeline and the Queensland Government has formally awarded Jemena a Point-to-Point Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) for the transport of natural gas from the Mahalo Gas Hub in Central Queensland, to connect into two major natural gas transmission pipelines to the south (see Figure 3). These supply to both domestic and international LNG markets.

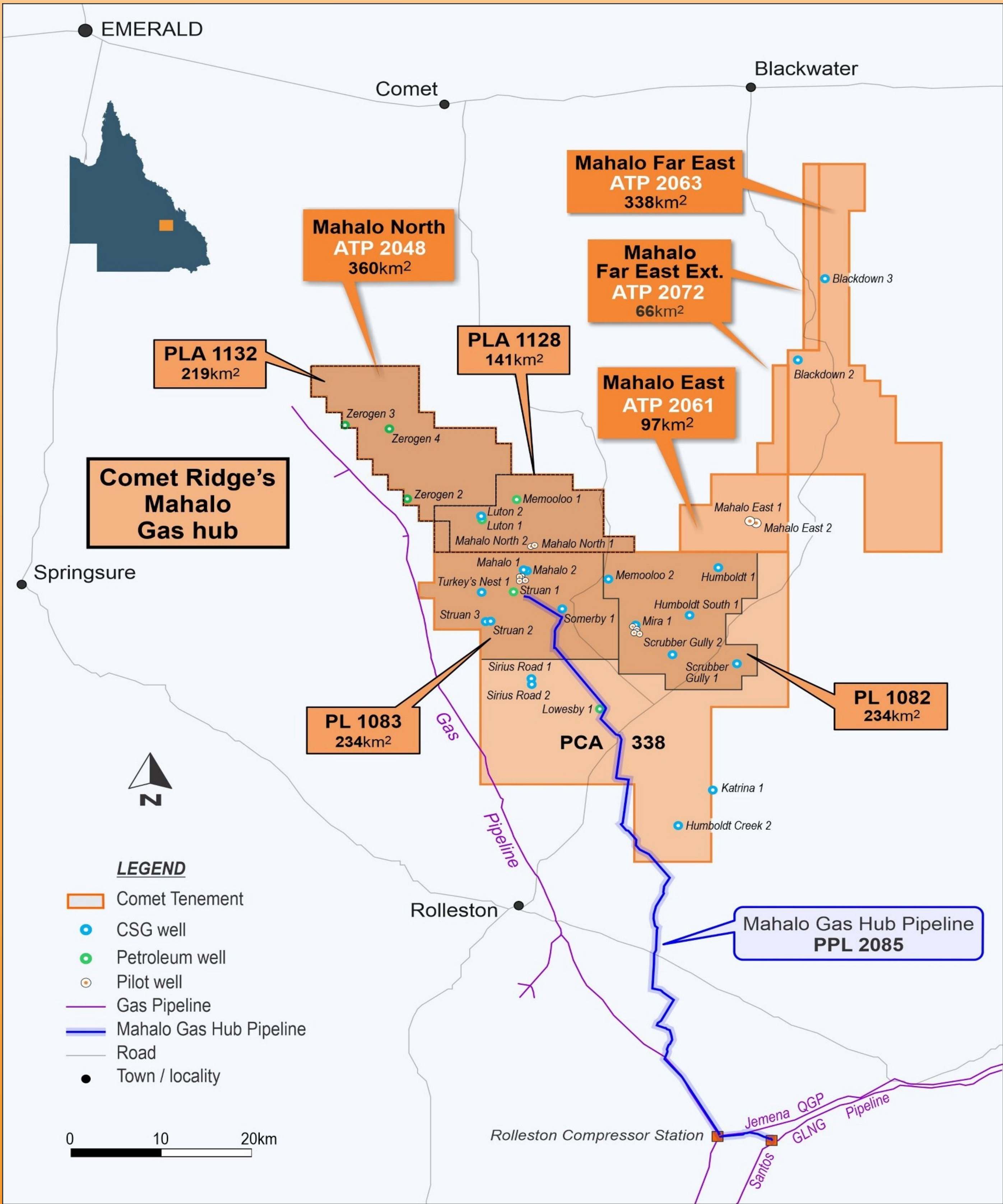


Figure 3 *– Map of Mahalo Gas Project PL areas (PL 1082 and PL 1083) within the Mahalo Gas Hub showing the proposed MGHP corridor*

Mahalo North – (ATP 2048 including PLA 1128 & PLA 1132)

Overview – Within Mahalo North, Comet Ridge has two Petroleum Lease (PL) application areas covering 360 km^2 that are directly northwest of, and contiguous with, the Mahalo Gas Project. The initial exploration block (ATP 2048) was awarded to Comet Ridge as 100% equity holder by the Queensland Government on 29 April 2020, following a competitive bidding process and subsequent approval of an Environmental Authority (EA) for appraisal and execution of a Native Title agreement over the block. Gas produced from both PLs at Mahalo North will be subject to domestic supply conditions. How those Queensland Government conditions relate to, and interact with, the proposed reservation for domestic gas by the Federal Government is uncertain at this stage.

Gas Reserves and Resources – Comet Ridge completed the successful Mahalo North 1 production test, resulting in certification of initial 2P and 3P Gas Reserves for Mahalo North in November 2022 and then a subsequent upgrade of 3P Reserves in December 2023 as shown in Table 3 below. The 3P Reserves upgrade was underpinned by five new geologic sectors being added to the Mahalo North Project 3P areas as a result of optimisation undertaken on project design during pre-FEED studies and additional open file data becoming available, giving further information on coal architecture and properties.

	Gas Reserves (PJ)			Contingent Gas Resources (PJ)		
Mahalo North	**1P**	**2P**	**3P**	**1C**	**2C**	**3C**
COI 100% interest	12	43	149	-	-	-

Table 3 – *Mahalo North Gas Reserves at 30 June 2026 (rounded to the nearest whole number)*

Development approvals – The initial gas development area will be in the south of ATP 2048 where Comet Ridge completed the Mahalo North 1 production test and where 1P and 2P Reserves are certified. PLA 1128 (see Figure 4 below), which was submitted by Comet Ridge in October 2023 for the initial development area, has been fully environmentally approved at state and federal levels and is awaiting approval by the Queensland Department of Resources after local council rating issues are clarified.

In December 2025, Comet Ridge received formal approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act or EPBC) for the PLA 1128 natural gas development in Queensland's Bowen Basin which clears the way for the award of the petroleum licence. This block sits to the northwest of, and directly adjacent to, the Mahalo Gas Project. The EPBC approval allows Comet Ridge to construct and operate up to 68 coal seam gas wells, associated gas facilities and gathering lines. In conjunction with the existing development approval for the Mahalo Gas Project, this is a key approval step for a larger development area and this area is being considered as part of the initial Mahalo Gas Hub development now that Comet Ridge is the 100% owner of the Mahalo Gas Project.

A second Petroleum Lease application (PLA 1132) was submitted by Comet Ridge in April 2024 and is in the early stages of assessment (see Figure 4 below).

During the 2024 financial year, Comet Ridge executed a Conduct and Compensation Agreement (CCA) with the landholder that occupies the main Mahalo North development area within PLA 1128. This development CCA covers the initial production wells, roads and tracks, compression facilities (if required), water treatment and storage facilities as well as a small site office and accommodation. The total land area impact on this property is expected to be approximately 1% and the relationship with the landholder remains very positive. Comet Ridge will be able to supply valuable, produced water for stock watering and agricultural use.

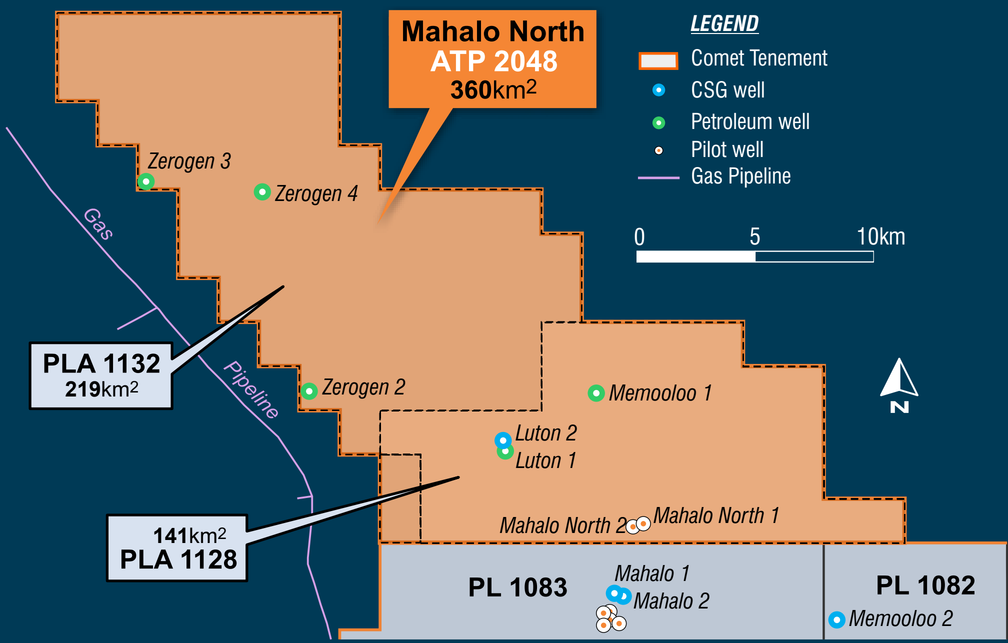


Figure 4 *– Map of PLA 1128 (initial development area) and PLA 1132 within Mahalo North (both part of the original ATP 2048)*

FEED activities – The proposed development scope within PLA 1128 will now be integrated with the broader Mahalo Gas Hub development considering Comet Ridge is 100% owner and operator of all the Mahalo Gas Hub assets from August 2026.

Mahalo East – (ATP 2061)

Overview - This 97 km^2 block is also highly prospective given its location directly north-east of, and contiguous with, the Mahalo Gas Project. The block was awarded to Comet Ridge as 100% equity holder by the Queensland Government on 25 September 2020, after a competitive tender process. Gas produced from Mahalo East is also subject to domestic supply conditions. How those Queensland Government conditions relate to, and interact with, the proposed reservation for domestic gas by the Federal Government is uncertain at this stage.

Appraisal activities - Comet Ridge undertook a pilot drilling and production program at Mahalo East in the first half of FY2025, with drilling and testing costs largely funded from a $5 million grant under the Queensland Government's Frontier Gas Exploration Grants Program. The pilot comprised a vertical production well (Mahalo East 1) and a lateral (horizontal) well (Mahalo East 2), similar in design to Comet Ridge's successful Mahalo North pilot. The objective of the pilot production test was to convert previously certified 2C (31 PJ) and 3C (122 PJ) Contingent Resources into Gas Reserves and to also position the project for development.

Gas Reserves and Resources – Following the successful pilot production test, Comet Ridge certified initial 2P and 3P Gas Reserves for Mahalo East as announced on 25 July 2025 shown in Table 4 below.

	Gas Reserves (PJ)			Contingent Gas Resources (PJ)		
Mahalo East	**1P**	**2P**	**3P**	**1C**	**2C**	**3C**
COI 100% interest	-	52	118	-	-	-

Table 4 *– Mahalo East Gas Reserves at 30 June 2026 (rounded to the nearest whole number)*

Mahalo Far East - (ATP 2063) and Mahalo Far East Extension - (ATP 2072)

Overview – ATP 2063, a large 338 km^2 block, was awarded to Comet Ridge on a 100% equity basis on 10 May 2021. Mahalo Far East contains coals that are generally deeper and have notably higher natural gas content than the main Mahalo high productivity fairway, adding significant additional gas-in-place volume to Comet Ridge's portfolio in the Mahalo Gas Hub area. This block also contains conventional (sandstone) gas potential underneath the coals, for which Comet Ridge also holds 100% equity.

Comet Ridge has also identified a large CSG opportunity on the eastern flank of the permit, known as the Blackdown play, which is deeper than the high-quality CSG fairway within the main Mahalo Gas Hub area. The Blackdown play is deeper, has elevated coal maturity and higher gas content which is likely to require longer lateral wells for commerciality, but could ultimately produce excellent gas volumes.

In FY2025 Comet Ridge was awarded a new block in the Mahalo Gas Hub area (ATP 2072), called Mahalo Far East Extension. ATP 2072 covers an area of 66 km^2 and is located immediately north of Mahalo East and west of Mahalo Far East (see Figure 3), approximately 85 km south-east of Emerald. The southern portion of the new block sits over the Mahalo Gas Hub high-quality fairway and is expected to be a location for future production wells for the Mahalo Gas Hub development.

2. Galilee Basin Permits

Comet Ridge holds a large acreage position of 4,742 km^2 in the eastern part of the Galilee Basin. This acreage contains substantial 3C Contingent Resources, shown in Table 5 below, which have been independently certified at two stratigraphic levels. These comprise the sandstones or “Deeps” (from a depth of approximately 2,500 metres) in the Albany structure and also CSG or “Shallows” in the Gunn Project Area (from a depth down to approximately 1,000 metres).

	Contingent Gas Resources (PJ)		
Galilee Basin Permits (COI net interests)	**1C**	**2C**	**3C**
CSG, Gunn Project Area (COI 100%)	0	67	1,870
Conventional, Albany Structure (COI 70%)	39	107	292
Total	**39**	**174**	**2,162**

Table 5 *– Comet Ridge's share of Galilee Basin Contingent Gas Resources at 30 June 2026 (rounded to nearest whole number)*

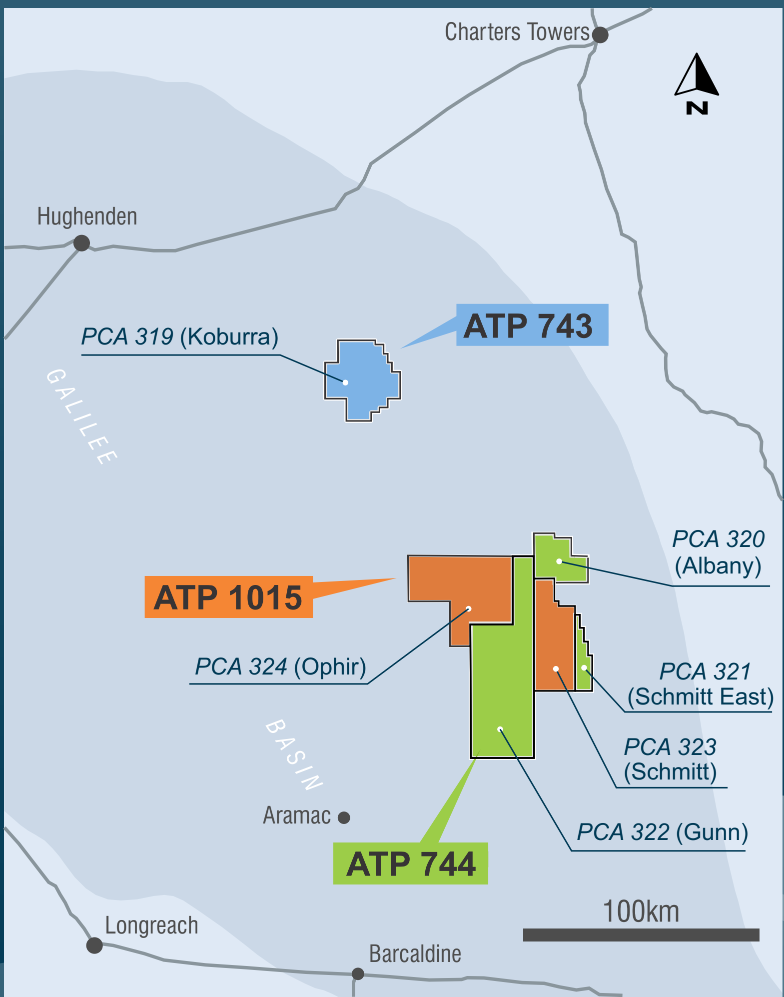


Figure 7 *– Galilee permits showing the PCAs within the three ATPs*

In 2017, Comet Ridge and Vintage Energy (ASX: VEN) created the Galilee Deeps Joint Venture (GDJV), with Vintage Energy earning a 30% interest by funding the Albany 1 well and additional 2D seismic aimed at the deeper sandstone reservoir sections. The Albany 1 did not quite reach its full total depth objective and yet the well flowed 230,000 standard cubic feet of gas per day and confirmed these deeper sandstones could indeed be productive. The GDJV participants have identified up to 20 sandstone leads and prospects in this deeper section of the basin for future consideration and appraisal.

PCAs numbered 319 to 324 (Figure 7) have been awarded to Comet Ridge and Vintage Energy for a term of 15 years ending in September 2037. All three of the underlying permits, ATPs 743, 744 and 1015, have also been renewed for a further term of 12 years, ending in September 2033, October 2033 and November 2034 respectively.

Comet Ridge continues to work through the next phase of appraisal with Vintage Energy and is focused on several studies to extend technical knowledge on charge (source & migration), reservoir quality, seal and trap.

3. New South Wales Permits

Comet Ridge has one remaining NSW exploration licence (PEL 427), which was renewed by the NSW Government on 12 May 2022 for a period of six years. The approved area was reduced to 12 blocks by the NSW Government over an area of 891 km^2 located in the northern Gunnedah Basin, immediately north of Santos's Narrabri CSG Project in the Bohena Trough.

Comet Ridge holds a 59.1% CSG equity interest and 100% conventional equity interest in PEL 427. Comet Ridge is the Conventional Operator whilst Santos operates the CSG interest.

Given the uncertainty and significant risk related to investment for natural gas in NSW, the Company is planning to be 100% focused on its Queensland operations for the foreseeable future.

Other Activities

Health, Safety and Environment

Following completion of the production testing at Mahalo East in the 2025 financial year, appraisal field activity decreased significantly across the business during FY2026 as the Company prepared for development. Field visits continued in order to inspect assets and undertake environmental monitoring at Mahalo North in accordance with water monitoring requirements. This also allowed positive interaction with a number of landholders.

Total operational hours worked across the business in FY2026 was 18,200 down from 40,192 in the previous year. Consistent with prior years, no safety or environmental incidents were recorded during the 2026 financial year.

As the Company moves forward to development of the Mahalo Gas Project, and indeed the entire Mahalo Gas Hub, the business will focus on ensuring that its Safety and Environmental Management System remains fit for purpose and robust, so that operations comply with all applicable regulatory requirements and approvals.

Community

Comet Ridge takes its corporate social responsibility seriously. This is reflected in a strong commitment across the Company to working constructively with community stakeholders in the regions where it operates. This approach has helped maintain positive external and stakeholder relationships.

Throughout FY2026 Comet Ridge has undertaken the following activities:

- Attended and contributed to a number of government and industry organised workshops;
- Sponsored local community events in Rolleston, Queensland; and
- Continued engagement with Central Highlands Regional Council.

Community engagement and respect for the communities where the Company operates are core values for Comet Ridge and are also supported by legislation and regulation. The Queensland 'Land Access Code', developed in concert with relevant legislation and enshrined in regulation, is the industry reference for landholder and community relations and for interaction between landholders and the gas industry. Comet Ridge has always acted consistently with the principles and guidelines set out in this Code of Practice.

Comet Ridge believes that co-existence and mutual respect are the cornerstones of community relations. The Company has built on the strong relationships developed over previous years and continues to enjoy excellent relationships with landholders, local government, the wider community, and relevant stakeholders.

In its engagement with local government, the Company continues to maintain contact with relevant officials and elected representatives in the local government areas where Comet Ridge operates. This contact provides an opportunity to communicate with local communities at a broad level, listen to the views of local residents and businesses, and align those priorities with the Company's plans. The Company also prioritises the use and support of local contractors and businesses in its operations.

Through membership of the Australian Energy Producers (AEP – formerly APPEA), the Company interacts with government representatives (at multiple levels) and directly with other key agencies such as Coexistence Queensland which has grown out of the Queensland Gas Fields Commission. Comet Ridge maintains strong relationships with the relevant Queensland Government departments, including the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development and the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation and also with the Co-ordinator General's Department and State Development.

Cultural Heritage

Comet Ridge values its relationships with Traditional Owners and respects their heritage and culture. The Company acts to protect and secure Indigenous Cultural Heritage when conducting field activities by working with the local Cultural Heritage claimant group and briefing that group prior to any field activities. The Company also engages the local Cultural Heritage group to conduct field surveys before any field work or land disturbance and ensures compliance with all relevant legislation. Protecting, preserving and respecting Indigenous culture, Indigenous peoples' deep connection to the land and ensuring artefacts and areas of cultural significance are secured are extremely important to Comet Ridge. The Company has a number of Native Title agreements in place.

Environment and Sustainability

As part of Australia's community of oil and gas operators, Comet Ridge acknowledges the important role that the industry will play in the future energy mix. In delivering this essential component of the prosperity and wellbeing of all Australians, the Company recognises the need to minimise the impact of its activities and remediate areas affected by operations so that the environment it touches, or is connected to, experiences the lowest possible impact.

Natural gas will provide long-term energy and manufacturing security for Queensland and Australia, and indeed for our Asian partners via LNG, which is fundamental to society's wellbeing. The approach to environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues across the natural gas industry is an evolving and critical component of a company's social licence to operate. Companies with strong ESG programs and performance benefit directly through stakeholder engagement and investor participation. Comet Ridge is actively engaging, independently and through AEP, to develop its own ESG program. The environmental aspects of its operations are governed by strict state and federal laws and regulations which are integrated into operational procedures, including the assessment of potential environmental impacts before any project commences. Comet Ridge also engages with relevant stakeholders, including landholders, native title claimants and local governments to minimise impact.

Comet Ridge also understands that the world must use its resources wisely and that society is transitioning to produce fewer greenhouse emissions. Apart from domestic uses such as cooking and heating, gas remains an essential input for industries as diverse as glass, bricks, plasterboard, aluminium and other metals, plastics, pharmaceuticals, synthetic fibres and fertilisers. Natural gas can also support firming power because it burns more cleanly than other hydrocarbon fuels and can generate electricity at short notice with significantly fewer emissions.

Natural gas is a critical input in the manufacture of thousands of products used every day. It is a key input for ammonia-based fertilisers, which help maximise crop yields and support food production for a growing global population. Synthetic fibres such as nylon are hydrocarbon (natural gas and oil) based, and many plastics used in cars, houses, phones, keyboards and computers are also made from natural gas. Natural gas is also used to build many components needed for solar panels and wind turbines, and to refine ore for metals used in renewable energy infrastructure. It is difficult to contemplate a world without the products that natural gas provides, and Australian manufacturing would be significantly constrained without it.

Our goal is to operate efficiently and responsibly, with the support of our stakeholders. We want our communities, employees and shareholders to all enjoy the benefits of Comet Ridge developing Queensland’s natural gas resources.

Chairman and Managing Director
letter to shareholders

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

The past financial year for Comet Ridge was transformational, with the agreement to take full control of the Mahalo Gas Project from Santos and setting the building blocks in place to be able to work towards FID for the large Mahalo Gas Hub.

Prior to the December agreement to consolidate the entire Mahalo area to Comet Ridge, Santos (Mahalo Gas Project operator) and Jemena (our Build Own Operate proponent for the Mahalo Gas Hub Pipeline) progressed their respective Front End Engineering Design (FEED) processes towards completion.

A few weeks into the financial year we received an independent reserves certification for 51.8 PJ of 2P Reserves and 118.5 PJ of 3P Reserves, confirming our confidence in the Mahalo East (ATP 2061) block which we had won in a competitive tender a few years earlier. This gives us material additional developable area (100% equity position) to Mahalo North and the Mahalo Gas Project just to the south.

Our CFO Phil Hicks resigned in July 2025 to pursue an external opportunity and was replaced by Robin Polson in November 2025, who brings deep experience in the ASX listed natural gas space and, in particular, in asset valuations, project funding and debt markets.

The pivotal event for the financial year (and for perhaps the last several years) came in mid-December when we executed an agreement to acquire Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project, taking Comet Ridge ownership to 100% on completion, which occurred on 21 August 2026. By moving to hold 100% equity across all gas blocks in the Mahalo Gas Hub area, and by boosting our 2P + 2C Reserve and Resource base to over 670 PJ, we are now able to optimise the development of the whole of the Mahalo gas resource and ensure Mahalo does make a significant contribution to the east coast gas market at a critical time. This transaction marks the culmination of a long and, at times, challenging journey for Comet Ridge and our shareholders. Securing control of the entire Mahalo Gas Hub represents a significant milestone for the Company, giving us the ability to shape its future on our own terms. We believe this places Comet Ridge in an enviable and unique position as we unlock the full value potential of the Mahalo Gas Hub.

Funding this acquisition was achieved against the significant finance market headwinds of the Federal Government's proposals regarding gas reservation on LNG producers (discussed below) and a temporarily weakened spot gas price. This was due mainly to temporary domestic oversupply as a result of maintenance outages at Gladstone LNG operations, a warmer than average southern winter compounded with full Victorian underground gas storage. $40.9 million (before costs) was raised through a two-tranche share placement and a share purchase plan. We are grateful for the support we received from shareholders. The board and management team also contributed to over $300,000 in this placement. A further $8.6 million of the purchase price was settled by the issue of 83.78 million ordinary securities to Santos at the placement price of 10.25 cents per share and three $10 million production milestone payments will be made to Santos when the project is up and moving sales gas into market. We were, of course, pleased to see Santos' continued confidence in the Mahalo development by taking Comet Ridge scrip and also production linked payments for this transaction.

In May 2026, the Federal Government announced its intentions with regard to domestic gas reservation from LNG exporters, which was due to commence 1 July 2027 but, on the latest draft of information, is now set to commence on 1 January 2028. This has no direct policy impact on Comet Ridge but may influence markets in which we operate. It has created great uncertainty in the gas industry and a reluctance to progress any gas developments until certainty returns. The stated intent of the Federal Government policy is to provide downward pressure on natural gas prices in the domestic market, and this is to be achieved by mandating that LNG exporters provide a fixed proportion of their gas production to the domestic market. Whilst this was initially set at 20% of total production, the latest information has somewhat softened this to "up to" 20%. The final details of the scheme have not yet been released, and we have made strong recommendations and suggestions through the formal and informal channels made available to us. There is ongoing consultation between gas producers and the relevant Federal Government departments and the three involved Federal Ministers – Bowen, King and Ayers.

The Federal Government is wanting more gas supply into the market, and we believe it will introduce a scheme that should incentivise new production from projects like Mahalo. We hold a considerable proportion of our current total natural gas reserves and resources in the Mahalo Gas Project Petroleum Leases (PLs 1082 & 1083) and the Potential Commercial Area (PCA 338) in the heart of the Mahalo Gas Hub. These tenures have no domestic market requirement and consequently the most logical outcome for the Company to balance its average market gas pricing would be to allocate a significant volume of this gas into the export market via LNG. This could be achieved through simple gas sales into the owners of LNG schemes or via a tolling arrangement (yet to be agreed) where Comet Ridge is exposed directly to international, US dollar, oil linked LNG prices. Given ongoing events in the Middle East with a loss of LNG capacity, many forecasters predict higher LNG prices to continue well into the future.

In terms of development of the Mahalo Gas Project, Santos (Development Operator up to August 2026) completed input into FEED for the gas field, gathering system, gas compression and water handling facilities during the March quarter and handed over these workstreams to Comet Ridge on completion of the acquisition of the Santos share in the Mahalo Gas Project in August 2026. We have engaged Equinox Engineering Limited to conduct preliminary value improvement work to review the FEED outputs for both gas and water processing, and to provide independent high level cost estimates. Jemena has completed the technical work for the FEED for construction of a new 10-inch diameter high pressure natural gas pipeline. In June 2026, the Queensland Government formally awarded Jemena a Point-to-Point Petroleum Pipeline Licence for the transport of natural gas from the Mahalo Gas Hub in Central Queensland, to connect into two major natural gas transmission pipelines to the south, one owned by Jemena and one by the GLNG Joint Venture, participants of which are Santos, TOTAL, Petronas and Kogas.

At Mahalo North we received approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) for the Mahalo North (PLA 1128) natural gas development in Queensland's Bowen Basin after a reasonably long process in December 2025. This block sits to the northwest of, and directly adjacent to, the Mahalo Gas Project. The EPBC approval will allow us to construct and operate coal seam gas wells, associated gas facilities and gathering lines over the application area which covers 141 km^2. In conjunction with the existing development approval for the Mahalo Gas Project, this is a key approval step for a larger development area.

CleanCo Queensland Limited (CleanCo) reconfirmed its commitment to purchase 21 PJ to 25 PJ of natural gas from the Mahalo Gas Hub in June 2026 by agreeing to extend the date of first gas supply and apply a flat profile at full contract rate, to extend the satisfaction dates of the financing and gas transportation conditions precedent, and to extend the date of remaining conditions. Two new conditions precedent were added requiring demonstration of successful gas production prior to gas supply commencement and providing for no adverse change to CleanCo's requirement for gas to be supplied under this Agreement, as determined by CleanCo at its discretion by 31 March 2027. We continue to engage with a range of other potential gas buyers, and a Memorandum of Understanding (non-binding) was executed with Highview Power Pty Ltd in July 2026 for a GSA to supply Highview's large scale electricity project located at the Aldoga State Development area at East End, near Gladstone, Queensland. This targets 3.6 PJ/a (10 TJ/d) for a minimum of five years. Gas marketing is now being ramped up with our full control of the Mahalo Gas Project and as we look towards a final investment decision (FID).

Our funding data room remained open during the year and, whilst we undertook some productive discussions with several parties to fund Mahalo or otherwise generate value for Comet shareholders, we did not reach a conclusion on any of these that we thought was sufficiently compelling at this stage. The gas market continues to tighten, and we see a complete lack of greenfield onshore natural gas (in a safe jurisdiction) to bring into the east coast gas market, such as the Mahalo Gas Hub provides. Our 100% control of the entire Mahalo Gas Hub gives us both a strong reserves position and commercial room to manoeuvre.

We applied for debt financing from the Australian Government's Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) for the Mahalo Gas Project and, in November 2025, NAIF advised that, following a review of the Strategic Assessment Phase by the NAIF Board, the Mahalo Gas Project has now been approved to proceed to NAIF's Due Diligence Phase for the debt financing. Recent discussions with NAIF have confirmed that NAIF remains interested in progressing this potential debt facility now that we have 100% control of the Mahalo Gas Project.

For the current financial year, now that we have 100% control of the Mahalo Gas Project, the focus is on optimising the FEED by integrating Comet Ridge's 100% owned Mahalo North and Mahalo East assets towards FID, gas sales agreements, and funding.

We thank our shareholders for their continued support and Comet Ridge personnel for their hard work and dedication throughout the 2026 financial year.

James McKay
Chairman

Tor McCaul
Managing Director

2026 Annual Reserves Statement

Comet Ridge is pleased to present its Annual Reserves Statement in Table 6 below for the year ending 30 June 2026.

Comet Ridge Limited – Net Recoverable Reserves and Resources [1]														
Basin	Project/Permit	COI Interest	Reserves (PJ)[1]						Contingent Resources (PJ)[1]					
			1P	1P	2P	*2P	3P	3P	1C	1C	**2C	**2C	3C	3C
			30-6-25	30-6-26	30-6-25	30-6-26	30-6-25	30-6-26	30-6-25	30-6-26	30-6-25	30-6-26	30-6-25	30-6-26
Southern Bowen Basin, QLD	Mahalo JV (ATP 1191)[2]	57.14%	*-	*-	*152	*152	262	262	109	109	**180	**180	294	294
Southern Bowen Basin, QLD	Mahalo North (ATP 2048)	100%	*12[3]	*12[3]	*43	*43	149	149	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Bowen Basin, QLD	Mahalo East (ATP 2061)[4]	100%	-	-	*52	*52	118	118	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galilee Basin, QLD	Gunn (ATP 744)	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**67	**67	1,870	1,870
Galilee Basin, QLD	Albany (ATP 744)	70%	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	39	**107	**107	292	292
Gunnedah Basin, NSW	PEL 427	59.09%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281	281
Total			*12	*12	*247	*247	529	529	148	148	**354	**354	2,737	2,737

***Table 6** – Comet Ridge Limited – Reserves and Resources Annual Statement*

1. Movements in Net Recoverable Reserves and Resources are explained in responses to Listing Rule 5.39.3 and 5.40.2 below. References to Petroleum Reserves in this Statement relate to the Company's independently certified Gas Reserves.
2. Subsequent to the booking of the Reserves and Resources for ATP 1191, the Authority to Prospect and the area that it covered has been converted on application to PL 1082 and PL 1083 along with PCAs 302, 303, and 304. PCA 338 replaces the individual PCAs under an amalgamation application. With effect from 21 August 2026, the 100% ownership of these permits were transferred to Comet Ridge and the joint venture that had existed between Santos QNT Pty Ltd and Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd formally ended.
3. 1P Petroleum Reserves for the Mahalo North Project have been included in this Reserves certification on the basis that a development decision by Comet Ridge (as 100% owner and operator of the project) is planned as soon as transport arrangements and PL application are concluded. Similarly, with Comet Ridge now focused on development plans for the Mahalo Gas Project to the south, the re-instatement of 1P Reserves for the Mahalo Gas Project will be reviewed and actioned as development plans are finalised.
4. Initial Petroleum Reserves (2P and 3P) were certified by the Company for the Mahalo East Project (ATP2061) as at 30 June 2025, as announced on 25 July 2025. These Petroleum Reserves replace the previous certified Contingent Gas Resources (1C, 2C and 3C) for Mahalo East (ATP 2061).

ASX Listing Rules Annual Report Requirements

* Listing Rule 5.39.1:

- All 2P Petroleum Reserves recorded in Table 6 at 30 June 2026 are undeveloped and are attributable to unconventional gas.
- 100% of the 2P Petroleum Reserves are located in the southern Bowen Basin.
- No 1P Petroleum Reserves were recorded for the period ending 30 June 2026 for the Mahalo Gas Project or Mahalo East Project. Refer to ASX Announcement “Mahalo Reserves and Resources Revision” 30 October 2019 for details of the reason for the removal of the 1P Petroleum Reserves and the ASX Announcement "Mahalo East 2P Reserves Certification of 51.8 PJ" for explanation (in Notes to Table 1) of nil 1P Reserves.

* Listing Rule 5.39.2:

- The proportion of 1P and 2P Petroleum Reserves that are unconventional is 100%. The 1P and 2P Reserves recorded for the Company are located in the Company's southern Bowen Basin Mahalo Gas Project area (PL 1082, PL 1083 and PCA 338) and its Mahalo North project area (ATP 2048) and Mahalo East Project area (ATP 2061) both of which are also in the southern Bowen Basin.

Listing Rule 5.39.3:

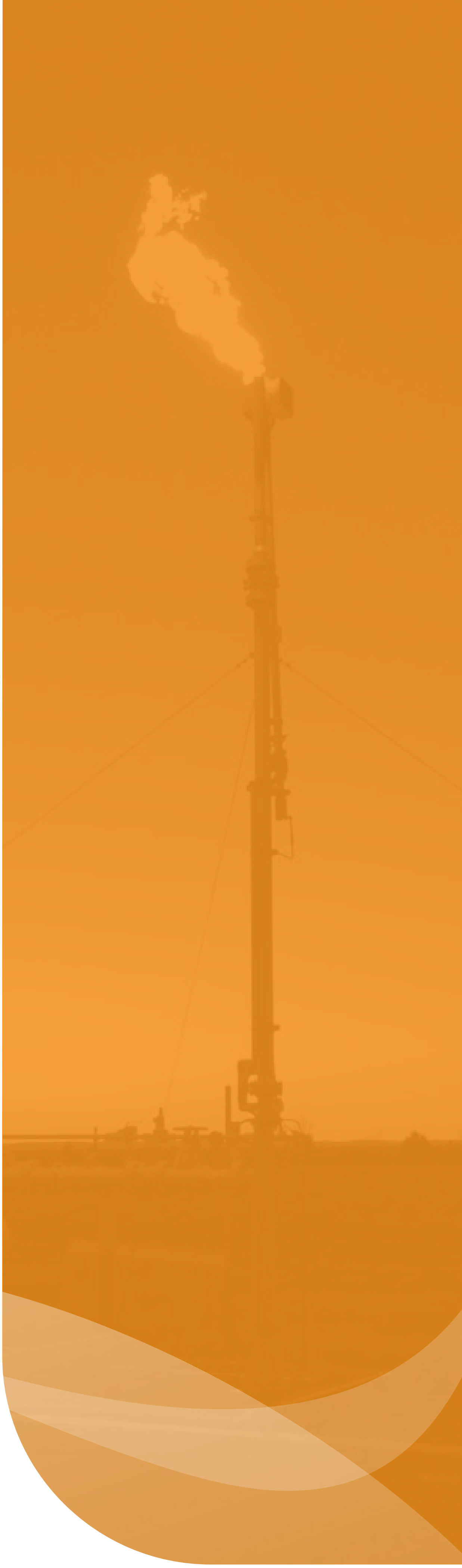
- Table 6 records a comparison of Contingent Resources and Petroleum Reserves at 30 June 2026 as against the previous year and discloses that the Petroleum Reserves (2P and 3P) and Contingent Resources (2C and 3C) have changed as a result of the initial certification of Petroleum Reserves for the Mahalo East project (ATP 2061).

Listing Rule 5.39.4:

- Comet Ridge first reported certified Petroleum Reserves for the Mahalo Gas Project on 27 August 2014 and these Reserves have remained undeveloped for greater than 5 years since the date initially reported.
- The Mahalo Joint Venture has yet to reach a FID on the Mahalo Gas Project, which until 21 August 2026 had required the approval of both Joint Venture participants. From 21 August 2026 this project is 100% owned and operated by Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Comet Ridge Ltd. Comet Ridge is now optimising the project economics based on 100% ownership and in combination with its adjacent assets as it progresses a FID.
- On 28 June 2022 Comet Ridge completed the acquisition of APLNG's 30% interest in the Mahalo Joint Venture to provide a pathway to project development with a streamlined joint venture comprising Comet Ridge and Santos with material equity positions and Santos continuing as Operator.
- Concurrent with this holding in the Mahalo Gas Project, Comet Ridge holds a large 100% operated acreage position immediately adjacent to the Mahalo Gas Project area to the northwest and northeast and has, since the award of these permits, certified additional Petroleum Reserves and Resources in these areas. Comet Ridge plans to make use of common infrastructure that will be available to the Mahalo Gas Project following final investment decision, as well as Comet Ridge's 100% held projects.
- Following an appraisal program Comet Ridge announced (ASX: 2 November 2022) the initial independent certification of 1P, 2P & 3P Reserves for its 100% held Mahalo North (ATP 2048) tenure, which has subsequently been updated with an upgrade in the 3P Reserves announced 20 December 2023.
- Following an appraisal program by Comet Ridge in FY2025, the independent certification of 2P and 3P Reserves for its 100% Mahalo East (ATP 2061) tenure was announced (ASX: 25 July 2025).

Governance Arrangements and Internal Controls Listing Rule 5.39.5:

- Comet Ridge has obtained all of its Petroleum Reserves and Contingent Gas Resources estimates reported at 30 June 2026 from external independent consultants who are qualified petroleum Reserves and Resources evaluators as prescribed by the ASX Listing Rules.
- Comet Ridge estimates and reports its Petroleum Reserves and Resources for its southern Bowen Basin tenures in accordance with the definitions and guidelines of the Petroleum Resources Management System 2018 and Guidelines for Application of PRMS 2011 as published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE PRMS). In respect to the Galilee Basin (Gunn Project Area) and Gunnedah Basin Resources estimates, these were made in accordance with the definitions and guidelines of the Petroleum Resources Management System 2007, published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE PRMS). In respect to the Galilee Basin (Albany Structure) Resources estimates, these were made in accordance with definitions and guidelines of the Petroleum Resources Management System 2007



Guidelines for Application of PRMS 2011 as published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE PRMS).

- To ensure the integrity and reliability of data used in the Reserves estimation process, the raw data is reviewed by senior reservoir engineering and geological staff at Comet Ridge before being provided to the independent reserve certifiers. Comet Ridge has not and does not currently intend to conduct internal certification of Petroleum Reserves preferring to appoint independent external experts prior to reporting any updated estimates of Reserves or Resources so as to ensure an independent and rigorous review of its data.
- Comet Ridge reviews and updates its Petroleum Reserves and Resources position on a regular basis to ensure that if there is any new data that might affect the Reserves or Resources estimates of the Company, steps can be taken to ensure that the estimates are adjusted accordingly.

**Listing Rule 5.40.1:

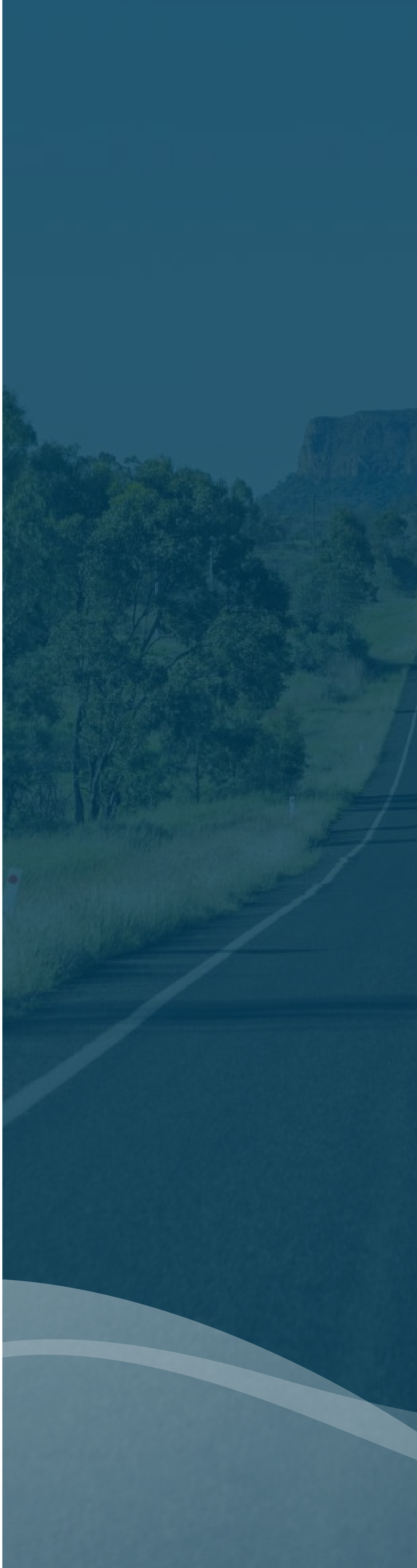
- All 2C Contingent Resources at 30 June 2026 are undeveloped. Approximately 70% of the reported 2C Contingent Resource is attributable to unconventional gas with the remainder attributable to a sandstone reservoir referred to in Table 6 as the Albany Structure.
- The geographical areas where the 2C Contingent Resources are located appear in the far-left column of Table 6.

Listing Rule 5.40.2:

- Table 6 records a comparison of the 2P and 3P Petroleum Reserves at 30 June 2026 against the previous year and discloses that the Petroleum Reserves (2P and 3P) remain unchanged since the initial independent certification of Petroleum Reserves for the Mahalo East project (ATP 2061) as at 30 June 2025, announced 25 July 2025.

Listing Rule 5.44:

- The estimates of Reserves and Contingent Resources appearing in the 2026 Annual Reserves Statement for Comet Ridge Limited and its subsidiaries are based on, and fairly represent, information and supporting documentation determined by the various qualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluators listed below.
- The estimate of the unconventional (CSG) Contingent Resources for the Gunn Project Area in ATP 744 were determined by Mr John Hattner, a full-time employee of Netherland, Sewell and Associates Inc. (NSAI), an independent petroleum reserve and resource evaluation company. Mr Hattner is a qualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluator as defined under the ASX Listing Rule 5.42. and is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Mr Hattner has previously consented to the publication of the Contingent Resources estimate for the Gunn Project Area in the form and context in which they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement for 2026.



- The estimate of Contingent Resources for the Albany Structure in ATP 744 is taken from an independent report by Dr Bruce McConachie, an Associate Principal Consultant with SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd, an independent petroleum reserve and resource evaluation company. Dr McConachie is a qualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluator as defined under the ASX Listing Rule 5.42 and is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Petroleum Engineers and Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr McConachie has previously consented to the publication of the Contingent Resources figures for the Albany Structure in ATP 744 in the form and context in which they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement for 2026.
- The estimate of the Reserves and Contingent Resources for the Mahalo Gas Project, as part of ATP 1191^{+} (PL 1082 and PL 1083 along with PCA 338) was determined by and under the supervision of Mr Timothy L. Hower MHA Petroleum Consultants LLC (now part of the Sproule Group). Mr Hower is a full-time employee of Sproule and is a qualified petroleum reserves and resource evaluator as defined under the ASX Listing Rule 5.42. Mr Hower is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Colorado, USA as well as being a member of The Society of Petroleum Engineers. Mr Hower has previously consented to the publication of the Reserve and Contingent Resource estimates for the Mahalo Gas Project in the form and context in which they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement for 2026.
- The estimate of the unconventional (CSG) Contingent Resources for PEL 427 were also determined by Mr Timothy L. Hower of Sproule. Mr Hower consented to the publication of the resource figures which appeared in the announcement of 7 March 2011 made by Eastern Star Gas Limited (ASX:ESG). Any reference and reliance on the Resource figures for PEL 427 as they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement is only a restatement of the information contained in the ASX:ESG announcement.
- The estimate of the unconventional (CSG) Reserves for the Mahalo North area (ATP 2048) were also determined by Mr Timothy L. Hower of Sproule. Mr Hower has previously consented to the publication of Reserve figures in the form and context in which they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement for 2026.
- The estimate of the unconventional (CSG) Reserves for the Mahalo East area (ATP 2061) was determined by Mr Timothy L. Hower of Sproule. Mr Hower has previously consented to the publication of Reserve figures in the form and context in which they appear in this Annual Reserves Statement for 2026.

Notes to Net Recoverable Reserves and Resources Table:

1) Gas Reserve and Resource numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
2) Comet Ridge's net Reserves, with the exception of Mahalo East, have not been adjusted for fuel or shrinkage (estimated at approximately 3%) and have been calculated at the wellhead (which is the reference point for the purposes of Listing Rule 5.26.5). Mahalo East Reserves assume 3% fuel and shrinkage losses as production activities such as wellsite compression and water treatment are planned to be powered using electricity from onsite gas fuelled generation (which is the reference point for the purposes of Listing Rule 5.26.5).

> "Securing control of the entire Mahalo Gas Hub represents a significant milestone for the Company, giving us the ability to shape its future on our own terms."

Corporate Governance Overview Statement

The Directors and management of Comet Ridge are committed to the creation of shareholder value and recognise the need for high standards of corporate governance as integral to that objective.

The Board is pleased to report that during the year ending 30 June 2026 the Company's corporate governance practices and policies have substantially accorded with those outlined in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations* (4th Edition) (ASX Recommendations or ASX Guidelines) except as outlined in the Company's annual Corporate Governance Statement. Even where there is a deviation from the recommendations the Company continues to review and update its policies and practices in order that these keep abreast of the growth of the Company, the broadening of its activities, current legislation and good practice.

The ASX Corporate Governance Council's (the Council) recommendations are not prescriptive but rather they are guidelines. If certain recommendations are not appropriate for the Company given its circumstances, it may elect not to adopt that particular practice in limited circumstances.

Where the Company's Corporate Governance practices do not correlate with the practices recommended by the Council, the Company does not consider that the recommended practices are appropriate due to either the size of the Board or the management team or due to the current activities and operations being carried on by and within the Company.

A copy of Comet Ridge's 2026 Corporate Governance Statement, which provides detailed information about governance and a copy of Comet Ridge's Appendix 4G which sets out the Company's compliance with the ASX Recommendations, is available on the corporate governance section of the Company's website at: http://www.cometridge.com.au/corporate-governance/.

Directors' Report

Your Directors present their report on Comet Ridge Limited (Comet Ridge or the Company) and the consolidated entity (the Group) for the financial year ended 30 June 2026. The Company was incorporated on 23 August 2003 and listed on the Australian Securities Exchange on 19 April 2004.

1. Information on Directors

The following persons were the Directors of Comet Ridge who held office for the whole or part of the year and up to the date of this Report.

James McKay B.Com, LLB, Non-executive Chairman (Director since 16 April 2009)

Special Responsibilities
Chairman
Member of the Audit Committee
Member of the Remuneration Committee

Experience
James McKay is Executive Chairman and co-founder of Walcot Capital, a venture capital business specialising in early stage commodity investments. Walcot Capital has established a number of large and successful resource projects including Tlou Energy Limited, an ASX and AIM listed southern Africa focused coal seam gas company, and ERPM a South African based gold company that purchased the historic East Rand Proprietary Mine with a 51M oz reserve.

James is the former Chairman of successful coal seam gas company Sunshine Gas Limited, having overseen that company's growth to join the ranks of Australia's Top 150 and a top ten Queensland company with a market capitalisation over $1 billion, prior to its merger with Queensland Gas Company.

Mr McKay is also a director and shareholder of Centenary Memorial Gardens Pty Ltd, a major Brisbane cemetery and crematorium. He is a past president of the Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association, having served on its board for over eight years.

James McKay has a strong commercial background, with sound finance, investment markets, business management and legal expertise. He holds degrees in commerce and law.

Interest in Shares and Options
38,076,275 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Nil.

Tor McCaul B.E (Hons/Petroleum), B.Econ, MBA, Managing Director (Director since 16 April 2009)

Special Responsibilities
Managing Director
Member of the Risk Committee

Experience
Tor McCaul was appointed Managing Director of Comet Ridge in April 2009 when the Company merged with Chartwell Energy Limited (Chartwell). He previously held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Chartwell having commenced with that company in 2008. Tor has over 30 years' experience in the oil and gas industry. He graduated in Petroleum Engineering from UNSW in 1987 and spent the next nine years based in Brisbane working with operating companies in technical roles on projects in Queensland, New Zealand and PNG, which included a secondment to Chevron Niugini.

He spent the following 11 years in Asia (Karachi, Jakarta, Chennai and Delhi) in technical, finance, commercial and management roles. At VICO Indonesia (a BP-ENI JV) he was their LNG Contract Manager on the 23 million-tonne-per-annum Bontang LNG project. In India, he was Cairn plc's Head of Commercial for the Indian business. Mr McCaul is currently a Director of the Australian Energy Producers (AEP) and has previously been the Chairman for the Queensland Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and was the 2013 Queensland Petroleum Exploration Association (QUPEX) President.

Interest in Shares and Options
10,802,333 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Nil.

Chris Pieters B.Sc (Hons), B.Bus, Executive Director (Director since 16 April 2009)

Appointed Executive Director 17 June 2015.

Special Responsibilities
Nil.

Experience
Chris Pieters is the Managing Director and co-founder of Walcot Capital, a private venture capital business specialising in early-stage commodity investments, and the former Managing Director of Tlou Energy Limited, when it was a private unlisted public company with CSG exploration interests in southern Africa.

Previously he was Chief Commercial Officer at Sunshine Gas Limited prior to its merger with the Queensland Gas Company in 2008. Mr Pieters also held other technical and business development roles at Sunshine Gas Limited.

He is a member of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia.

Interest in Shares and Options
1,576,178 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Nil.

Gillian Swaby B.Bus, FAICD, FCIS, MAusIMM, Non-executive Director (Director since 9 January 2004 – did not stand for re-election at the AGM held on 14 November 2025)

Special Responsibilities
Chairperson of the Audit Committee

Experience
Gillian Swaby has been involved in financial and corporate administration for listed companies for over 35 years, as both Director and Company Secretary covering a broad range of industry sectors. Ms Swaby has extensive experience in the area of corporate governance, corporate and financial management and board practice.

Gillian is a past Chair of the Western Australian Council of Chartered Secretaries of Australia and State Councillor of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Interest in Shares and Options
295,372 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Deep Yellow Limited, joined 10 October 2005, resigned 2 February 2026
Panoramic Resources Ltd, joined 8 October 2019, resigned 27 March 2024

Martin Riley B.E (Hons 1/Chem), Non-executive Director (Director since 13 March 2019)

Special Responsibilities
Chairperson of the Risk Committee
Chairperson of the Remuneration Committee (upon Shaun Scott's resignation)
Member of the Audit Committee

Experience
Martin Riley holds a first-class honours degree from Sydney University in Chemical Engineering and has 35 years' experience in the upstream oil and gas industry in a variety of roles. Martin was influential in the commercial inception and development of the Coal Seam Gas (CSG) industry in Queensland in the 1990s with Origin Energy. Martin has held a number of sub-surface technical roles, and senior executive positions within the industry, across both CSG and conventional assets, through exploration, development and production.

Interest in Shares and Options
850,895 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Nil.

Shaun Scott B.A (Rec Admin), B.Bus (Acc), ACA, Non-executive Director (Director since 16 October 2019 – resigned 3 June 2026)

Special Responsibilities
Chairperson of the Remuneration Committee
Member of the Audit Committee

Experience
Shaun Scott is an experienced independent non-executive director on both public and private boards. As an executive, Mr Scott was CEO of Arrow Energy Limited and was instrumental in taking this business from a $20 million coal seam gas explorer to a significant gas and energy producer and leader in the development of the Queensland LNG industry, until Arrow's $3.5 billion acquisition by Shell and Petro-China in 2010. At the Board level, Shaun has operated as Chairman and non-executive director of a number of publicly listed companies and chaired numerous Board sub-committees. Mr Scott has specific expertise and experience in business strategy, negotiations, financial and risk management, executive remuneration, governance and safety leadership.

He is a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

Interest in Shares and Options
1,038,074 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Noble Helium Limited (Executive Chairman), joined 25 January 2022, resigned 7 March 2024
Noble Helium Limited (Managing Director), appointed 7 March 2024, resigned 17 January 2025

Mark McCabe BCom, CA, MAppFin, GAICD, Non-executive Director (Director since 13 July 2026)

Special Responsibilities
Chairperson of the Audit Committee
Member of the Remuneration Committee

Experience
Mark McCabe is a Chartered Accountant who holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Adelaide University and a Masters in Applied Finance and Investment. He started his energy career with Origin Energy in Adelaide in the retail and energy markets business, working in business development and strategy for electricity and gas acquisitions.

Mark then moved through management positions in Sydney and Melbourne and later became the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO for Australia Pacific LNG, where he led the finance function through project inception, construction and commissioning. Prior to accepting his current role as Chief Financial Officer for MidOcean in Australia, Mark was the Chief Financial Officer and then Chief Commercial Officer for ASX-listed Senex Energy between 2019 and 2023.

He is also a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Interest in Shares and Options
500,000 ordinary shares

Directorships Held in Other Listed Entities in Last 3 Years
Nil

2. Company Secretary

Stephen Rodgers was appointed Company Secretary on 16 April 2009 and continues in office at the date of this report. He is a lawyer with over 30 years' experience and holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Queensland University of Technology.

After practising law with several firms in Brisbane over a 12-year period he then operated his own specialist commercial and property law practice for seven years. Mr Rodgers then joined the successful team at Sunshine Gas Limited, where he was the in-house Legal and Commercial Counsel; a broad role which also included assisting the Company Secretary with many of the facets of that position. During this period, Mr Rodgers gained invaluable experience in the operation and running of an ASX200 coal seam gas company as well as being an instrumental member of the team which led the takeover negotiations and implementation of QGC's friendly acquisition of that Company.

He also holds the position of Company Secretary of Blue Energy Limited, an ASX listed CSG exploration company operating in Australia, as well as ASX listed Mastermyne Group Limited, an underground mining solutions company. Mr Rodgers brings to Comet Ridge strong legal and commercial experience with a particular emphasis on the coal seam gas industry.

3. Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were to carry out oil and gas exploration, appraisal and development activities. The Group has tenement interests and a number of prospective projects in eastern Australia.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the financial year.

4. Operating and Financial Review

The loss after tax of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2026 amounted to $4,368,000 (2025: loss after tax of $2,470,000), including non-cash items of $920,000 (2025: $1,229,000).

During the financial year, the Group capitalised exploration expenditure of $6,795,000 (2025: $3,748,000) on the Mahalo Gas Project, $938,000 (2025: $1,192,000) on Mahalo North, $486,000 (2025: $3,524,000) on Mahalo East, $27,000 (2025: $63,000) combined on Mahalo Far East and Far East Extension and $149,000 (2025: $153,000) on the Galilee Deeps Joint Venture.

At 30 June 2026, the Group had $27,730,000 in cash on hand and net current liabilities of $11,009,000 (which includes the CleanCo financial liability, PURE loan and PURE warrant share financial liability disclosed as current obligations).

Comet Ridge has future commitments for the Mahalo Gas Project, 100% owned Mahalo northern projects and Galilee Basin permits which will be funded from existing cash and other funding sources as required when they fall due.

The Company executed a GSA with CleanCo on 18 September 2023 which contains a number of conditions prior to commencement of gas delivery under the GSA. If these conditions are not satisfied in the future, a cash payment would arise, which is not presently funded. Note 2 (d) Going Concern, and the independent auditor's report both acknowledge the existence of these matters and the material uncertainty that exists as a consequence. If Comet Ridge was not able to secure funding to meet this payment (if it was required to do so), that may cast significant doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Comet Ridge is actively pursuing a number of potential funding transactions to progress the appraisal and development of the Company's projects including project sell-down, project finance, farm-out and gas prepay arrangements. The Board is confident of being able to source funding at the necessary time.

Further information on the operations of the Group and likely developments is set out in the Overview of Activities and Significant Affairs outlined below.

5. Significant Affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

6. Dividends Paid or Recommended

The Directors recommend that no dividend be paid or declared. No amounts have been paid or declared by way of dividend during the financial year.

7. Post Balance Date Events

a) Completion of Share Purchase Plan and Tranche 2 placement

Comet Ridge announced on 30 July 2026 the completion of its Share Purchase Plan (SPP) resulting in applications received totalling $875,750. This SPP comprised the issue of 8,543,902 shares at an issue price of $0.1025 per share and the SPP shares were allotted on 31 July 2026.

As announced on 6 August 2026, shareholders approved the issue of Tranche 2 Placement Shares to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise $9.4 million (before costs). This placement comprised the issue of 91,824,387 shares at an issue price of $0.1025 per share. The placement shares were allotted to investors on 14 August 2026.

Both the SPP and Tranche 2 Placement included one unlisted free attaching option for every two securities allotted with a strike price of $0.15 per option expiring on 30 June 2028.

b) Santos Mahalo JV acquisition completion

As announced on 24 August 2026, Comet Ridge completed the acquisition of Santos QNT Pty Ltd's (Santos) 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project, increasing Comet Ridge's ownership to 100%. As part of the completion consideration, Santos accepted 83,782,550 new fully paid ordinary shares in Comet Ridge (consideration shares) at an issue price of $0.1025 per share. The consideration shares were allotted to Santos on 24 August 2026.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

8. Principal Risks

Risk Management Framework

Comet Ridge has an established Risk Committee to provide advice and assistance to the Board in developing policy and assessing risks of the business. The Comet Ridge risk management procedure is based on the Australian Standard AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 as having prominence in guiding the facilitation and management of risk within the Company. Comet Ridge recognises that effective risk management is a fundamental consideration in the decision-making process within the Company. The process of identifying, assessing and managing material business risks is designed to manage risks, mitigate risks to an acceptable level and, where appropriate, accept risk to generate returns. The Comet Ridge risk management framework is reviewed annually, in which an analytical review is undertaken of all the Company's operational, corporate, legal, regulatory and financial risk exposures.

The Comet Ridge risk management procedure incorporates an enterprise level view of risk, an understanding of risk management options and the use of consistently developed risk information. This is a continuous process and provides the foundation for the execution of business management activities. The use of common language around risk identification, management and reporting across field and office-based teams enables management, the employees and contractors who work for the company to focus on the key risks to achieve organisational goals.

The Comet Ridge risk management procedure defines oversight responsibilities for the Board to enable effective risk identification, assessment and management across the business.

Material Risks as at 30 June 2026

The material business risks for Comet Ridge as at 30 June 2026 are outlined in this section. These risks may materialise independently, concurrently or in combination. The active management of these risks through our risk management framework is imperative to Comet Ridge meeting strategic objectives and delivering shareholder value. This summary is neither an exhaustive list of risks that may affect Comet Ridge, nor are the risks listed in order of importance.

Operational Risks	
Risk	**Joint Venture arrangements** – Comet Ridge is in several joint ventures for some of the assets it owns and, as such, is dependent on technical and commercial alignment with our Joint Venture partners.
Cause	Misalignment between Joint Venture partners can lead to inefficient utilisation of available capital and may impact approaches to prioritisation of exploration or development opportunities.
Impact	Delayed approvals of development plans may impact on the timing of Comet Ridge's growth.
Mitigations	We ensure that our team works closely with our Joint Venture partners and are actively involved to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.
Risk	**Exploration and development** – Our growth is dependent on our ability to successfully discover, develop and deliver new resources and reserves.
Cause	Exploration is a speculative activity with an associated risk of discovery to find oil and gas in commercial quantities and a risk of development. If Comet Ridge is unsuccessful in locating and developing or acquiring existing or new reserves and resources that are commercially viable, this may have a material adverse effect on the Company's future business, results of operations, financial position and prospects.
Impact	Comet Ridge's ability to deliver our strategy may be impacted by the success of our exploration and development efforts.
Mitigations	To ensure the highest possibility of success and therefore confidence of investors, we seek to employ the most technically capable staff, who analyse our existing acreage for drilling prospects by applying best-in-class technologies and processes for exploration and development. Comet Ridge seeks partnering and farm-in opportunities to diversify risk.
Risk	**Access to infrastructure** – Comet Ridge's growth strategy is largely dependent on access to infrastructure owned by third parties.
Cause	We rely on third parties to process, transport and market the product Comet Ridge is seeking to produce.
Impact	Comet Ridge's growth may be impacted by the failure to obtain access to appropriate supporting facilities or access on favourable commercial terms.
Mitigations	We seek to work closely with suppliers of infrastructure to mitigate the risk of not obtaining access and we continue to explore alternative routes to market to diversify risk where possible.

Risk	**Development Risk –** Development and production of oil and gas projects may be exposed to low side reserve outcomes, cost overruns, production decrease or stoppage.
Cause	These outcomes may result from facility shutdowns, mechanical or technical failure and other unforeseen events.
Impact	The future development of the Company's projects is dependent on the outcome of feasibility studies for those projects and will require the Company to undertake ongoing environmental, resource, production, geotechnical, plant and non-plant infrastructure, operational and capital costs studies. There is a risk where the outcomes or results of such studies are not as expected or are unfavourable, that the Company will not proceed with the development of its projects or that the capital expenditure, operating costs or proposed timing of the Company's projects are less favourable than anticipated or otherwise determined in the relevant studies.
Mitigations	Comet Ridge will undertake technical, financial, business, and other analysis in order to determine a project's readiness to proceed from an operational, commercial and economic perspective. Even if Comet Ridge recovers commercial quantities of oil and gas, there is no guarantee that a commercial return can be generated. Any development investment decision will be subjected to assurance reviews which include external experts and contractors where appropriate.
Risk	**Operations** – Oil and gas drilling activities, including well abandonment activities, are subject to numerous risks, many of which are beyond the Company's direct control. Drilling activities may be curtailed, delayed or cancelled as a result of weather conditions, unexpected drilling conditions, mechanical difficulties, delays in Government or regulatory approvals, availability of the necessary technical equipment and appropriately skilled and experienced technicians.
Cause	There are a number of risks associated with operating in the oil and gas industry, including fire, explosions, blowouts, pipe failures, abnormally pressured formations, asset loss, production disruption, personnel safety and environmental hazards such as accidental spills or leakage of petroleum liquids, gas leaks, ruptures, or discharge of toxic gases.
Impact	The occurrence of any event associated with these risks could result in substantial losses to the Company due to injury or loss of life, damage to or destruction of property, natural resources, or equipment, pollution or other environmental damage, clean-up responsibilities, regulatory investigation and penalties or suspension of operations that may have a material adverse effect on Comet Ridge's business, results of operations, financial position and prospects.
Mitigations	Comet Ridge strives through its Risk Management framework to implement an integrated operational risk management system which includes preventative maintenance, predictive hazard analysis, regular emergency planning training and continual work force training.
Risk	**Renewal of Tenure** – All permits and tenure are subject to compliance with certain requirements, including but not limited to meeting minimum exploration work commitments, lodgement of reports, payment of fees and compliance with environmental conditions and legislation.
Cause	We rely on a number of external factors as well as internal to ensure that we are able to satisfy these conditions which might not be able to be met on time or at all due to various factors some of which may be out of the control of the Company.
Impact	Comet Ridge could risk losing title to or its interest in any of the permits or tenure to any of its assets if these requirements are not met.
Mitigation	We have a very experienced team who are familiar with the regulatory environment and continue to monitor the Company's progress against work commitments and reporting obligations. These commitments are continually reviewed throughout the year not only by the operations team level but also are overseen by the Risk Committee who reports directly to the Board who has the authority to secure further resources and funding to ensure commitments are not missed.
Risk	**Land Access** – Land access is critical for the success of Comet Ridge's exploration and development activities.
Cause	We rely on being able to negotiate with landholders and other stakeholders' access and entry agreements onto private and public lands over which Comet Ridge's exploration and production tenures overlay.
Impact	Comet Ridge's future exploration operations and profitability may be adversely impacted or delayed in the event of a dispute with a landholder or user that delays or prevents the Company carrying out its projects and this could materially adversely affect its financial position and performance.
Mitigations	We seek to work closely with landholders and other stakeholders and engage with them as early as possible to ensure that they are kept apprised of our proposed activities and seek to develop working partnerships with these parties where possible.

Strategic Financial Risks	
Risk	**Access to Funding** – The Company is likely to need capital in the future to progress the exploration and development of its assets. There can be no guarantee that future capital, debt or equity will be available, or available on suitable terms. It could adversely impact the Company's ability to fund operations and future growth.
Cause	The continued operations of the Company are dependent on its ability to obtain financing through sources of debt and equity or generating sufficient cash flows from future operations. There is a risk that the Company may not be able to access capital from debt or equity markets for future projects or developments, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business and financial condition.
Impact	Comet Ridge's growth aspirations require the investment of significant capital to generate returns. The Company's ability to borrow or raise money will be subject to the equity market and the availability of debt at the time the Company wishes to raise or borrow money and the cost of doing so.
Mitigations	We have prudent expenditure management and forecasting with an annual Board approved budget. We actively seek partnering opportunities to help fund key activities on a project-by-project basis such as farm-ins and pre-sale gas agreements.
Risk	**Commodity Price & Gas Market Volatility** – Changes in the gas price for uncontracted gas volumes, crude oil price and electricity demand and price will impact Comet Ridge's future revenue, cash flows, profitability and ability to service its debt levels.
Cause	Supply and demand for and pricing of oil and gas remain sensitive to energy prices, external economic and political factors, weather, climate conditions, natural disasters (including pandemics), timing of final investment decisions for new operations, construction and startup and operating costs for new oil and gas supply, buyer preferences for oil and gas, and the energy transition.
Impact	Future value, growth and financial conditions of Comet Ridge are dependent upon the prevailing prices for oil and gas. Prices for oil and gas are subject to fluctuations and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of Comet Ridge.
Mitigations	Comet Ridge monitors developments and changes in the international oil and domestic gas markets to enable the Company to be best placed to address changes in market conditions. This activity includes ongoing research and analysis of future demand for and supply of energy, most particularly gas, in the east coast of Australia.
Safety, Environmental and Sustainability Risks	
Risk	**Climate Change** – Management of carbon emissions and increased regulatory obligations may lead to increasing regulation and costs. Policies related to Climate Change and the energy transition that Australia is presently undergoing may adversely affect demand for natural gas, its pricing and gas industry investment. Climate change may also have a direct physical impact on our operations e.g. through changing climate patterns such as wet seasons and increased frequency of large storms.
Cause	There continues to be focus from governments, regulators, activism and investors in relation to how companies are managing the impacts of climate change policy and expectations.
Impact	Comet Ridge's growth and operating costs may be impacted by increasing regulation and financial imposts associated with climate change, compliance with increased regulatory obligations and the management of carbon emissions.
Mitigation	Comet Ridge actively monitors current and emerging areas of climate change risk and opportunities to ensure appropriate action can be taken. Comet Ridge continuously focuses on improving its energy efficiency and emissions management in delivering cost efficiencies and will adopt, when required, industry best practice to minimise the impact of the risk.
Risk	**Health, Safety and Environment** – There is a risk of harm to employees, contractors, the environment and communities near our operations, particularly in remote locations, from exploration and development activities.
Cause	Our activities are subject to operating hazards which could result in harm to our people, communities and the environment.
Impact	In addition to physical damage, injury or negative effects to the health or wellbeing of affected people and the environment, impacts may include reputational damage and fines.
Mitigations	The identification, effective control and overall management of health, safety and environmental risks are the highest priority for Comet Ridge. We have developed detailed HSE management plans and safeguards, as well as rigorous processes to ensure we operate at the highest standards of safety management. The risk management process is applied to all activities conducted by Comet Ridge in the field. This is aligned to the Corporate Risk Management Procedure.
Risk	**Cyber Security** – Comet Ridge's operations are and will continue to be reliant on various computer systems, data storage facilities and interfaces with networks and other systems.

Cause	Every business, regardless of its size, is a potential target of cyber-attack. That is because every business has key assets (financial or otherwise) that bad actors may seek to exploit. The occurrences of cyber-attacks have increased exponentially in recent times.
Impact	Failures or breaches of these systems (including by way of virus and hacking attacks) have the potential to materially and/or negatively impact the Company's operations and reputation. Examples of these would include the theft or loss of data and publication of materially sensitive information.
Mitigations	The Company has put in place barriers, continuity plans and risk management systems, as well as inhouse training, however there are inherent limits to such plans and systems. Further, Comet Ridge has no control over the cyber security plans and systems of third parties which may interface with our operations, or upon whose services the Company's operations are reliant.
Regulatory Risks	
Risk	**Significant regulatory change** – A change in government or policy and / or unexpected changes to legislation and regulation may significantly impact Comet Ridge financially and operationally.
Cause	Changes in legislation, regulations and / or policy can result from changes in Government or from changes by Government or external pressures.
Impact	Changes in legislation, regulation and / or policy may impact on exploration and development of our product. In turn, such changes would impact on sustainable returns for investors, through profit erosion and loss of company value. Retrospective or unexpected regulatory changes potentially impact the longer-term viability of projects.
Mitigations	We actively monitor regulatory and political developments and constructively engage with government, regulators and industry bodies.

9. Future Developments and Expected Results

The Group proposes to continue its exploration, appraisal and development programs and investment activities.

Further information on the operations of the Group and likely future developments is set out in the Overview of Activities.

10. Environmental Regulations

The Group's operations are subject to environmental regulation under the federal and state laws of Australia, where it undertakes its exploration and development activities. It is the Group's policy to engage appropriately experienced contractors and consultants to advise on, and ensure compliance with, its environmental performance obligations.

There have been no reports of breaches of any environmental regulations or obligations in the financial year and as at the date of this report.

11. Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2026 has been received and is attached to this report as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

12. Meetings of Directors

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and of each Board committee held during the financial year ended 30 June 2026 and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

	Board		Audit Committee		Remuneration Committee		Risk Committee	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
J McKay	8	8	1	1	0	0	*	*
T McCaul	8	8	*	*	*	*	3	2
G Swaby	3	3	2	2	*	*	*	*
C Pieters	8	8	*	*	*	*	*	*
S Scott	8	8	3	3	0	0	*	*
M Riley	8	8	3	3	0	0	3	3

* Not a member of the relevant committee

13. Remuneration Report – Audited

This report outlines the remuneration arrangements in place for the Non-executive Directors, Executive Directors and other Key Management Personnel of the Company.

Remuneration Committee

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee which provides advice and specific recommendations on the remuneration packages and other terms of employment for Non-executive Directors, Executive Directors and other senior executives, including:

- the level of Non-executive Director fees;
- the amount and nature of remuneration arrangements for Executive Directors and other executives; and
- the type and nature of incentive arrangements including key performance targets effecting the remuneration of the executive team.

The objective of the Remuneration Committee is to ensure that the remuneration policies and arrangements are fair and competitive and aligned with the long-term interest of the Company.

The level of remuneration and other terms and conditions of employment for Executive Directors and Company executives are reviewed annually having regard to performance and relevant comparative information and are approved by the Board after the Remuneration Committee has sought independent professional advice, as required. In this respect, consideration is given to normal commercial rates of remuneration for similar levels of responsibility.

At this stage of the Group's development, the Remuneration Committee is focused on long-term value generation for shareholders and therefore considers Long-Term Incentives (LTIs) based on achieving specific milestones, to be the preferred method of incentivising Executive Directors and Senior Executives. With the LTIs selected, the Committee has focused on ensuring Executive Directors and Senior Executives' long-term performance aligns with long-term value for shareholders.

The Corporate Governance Statement provides further information on the role of this Committee.

Key Management Personnel

For the 2026 financial year (FY), the Key Management Personnel (KMP) for Comet Ridge comprised:

James McKay	Non-executive Chairman
Tor McCaul	Managing Director
Christopher Pieters	Executive Director
Gillian Swaby	Non-executive Director (did not stand for re-election at the AGM held on 14 November 2025)
Martin Riley	Non-executive Director
Shaun Scott	Non-executive Director (resigned 3 June 2026)

Based on the Group's current activities, it is the view of the Committee that the Board remain as the KMPs for the organisation. As the Company moves closer to development and ultimately production, the Committee intends to review its position on those personnel who could be considered as KMPs.

Non-executive Director Remuneration

The Board's policy is to remunerate Non-executive Directors at market rates for time, commitment and responsibilities. The Remuneration Committee determines payments to the Non-executive Directors and reviews their remuneration annually, based on market practice, duties and accountability. Independent external advice is sought when required.

The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Non-executive Directors is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The latest determination was at the Annual General Meeting held on 22 November 2023 when shareholders approved an aggregate remuneration of $750,000 per year.

Fees for Non-executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the Group, however, to align Directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Company. There is no minimum holding prescribed in the Constitution.

No increases to Non-executive Directors' fees have been made in FY2026 apart from the increase in superannuation guarantee from 11.5% to 12% effective from 1 July 2025. The Non-executive Directors' remuneration shown below is reported on a gross basis.

Non-executive Directors' fees (inclusive of superannuation) have been paid on the following basis as at the end of each financial year:

Director fees	**2026**	**2025**
	$	**$**
Base Fees		
Chair	**159,561**	158,847
Other Non-executive Directors	**82,850**	82,480
Additional Fees		
Chair of Audit Committee	**10,229**	10,183
Chairs of Remuneration and Risk Committees	**5,114**	5,092
Members of committees	**3,069**	3,055

Executive Remuneration Framework

The objective of the executive remuneration policy is to ensure that the Group's remuneration arrangements are competitive and reasonable, enabling it to attract and retain the right calibre of staff and to align the remuneration of Executive Directors and other executives with shareholder and business objectives. Executive remuneration arrangements comprise a fixed remuneration component and may also include specific incentives based on key performance areas affecting the Group's financial and/or operational results as follows:

(a) a base salary (which is based on factors such as length of service, qualifications and experience), superannuation, fringe benefits and performance incentives;
(b) short-term performance incentives in the form of cash bonuses which are paid only when predetermined key performance indicators have been met;
(c) executives engaged through professional service entities are paid fees based on an agreed market based hourly and/or daily rate for the services provided and may also be entitled to short term performance-based incentives; and
(d) long-term performance-based incentives comprising performance rights which are designed to align the remuneration of executives with the business objectives of the Company and its shareholders.

The Remuneration Committee reviews executive remuneration arrangements annually by reference to the Group's performance, executive performance and comparable information from industry sectors.

Executive and Non-executive Directors and other employed executives receive the superannuation guarantee contribution required by the Commonwealth Government. For the financial year ended 30 June 2026 the rate was 12% up to a maximum contribution of $30,000. Executive and Non-executive Directors and other employed executives do not receive any other retirement benefits; however, some individuals may choose to sacrifice part of their salary to increase payments towards superannuation.

Details of Remuneration

Details of remuneration of each of the KMP of the Group during the financial year are set out in the following table:

Benefits and Payments Year Ended 30 June 2026	**Short-term Benefits & Fees**	**Post-Employment**	**Long-term Benefits**		**Share-based Payments**	
	Salary, Fees & Benefits	**Super-annuation**	**Long Service Leave**	**Total Fixed Remuneration**	**Performance Rights**	**Total**
Directors	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**
J McKay	**146,804**	**17,616**	-	**164,420**	-	**164,420**
T McCaul	**433,067**	**30,000**	**8,821**	**471,888**	-	**471,888**
G Swaby[1]	**30,886**	**3,706**	-	**34,592**	-	**34,592**
C Pieters	**73,973**	**8,877**	-	**82,850**	-	**82,850**
M Riley	**84,018**	**10,082**	-	**94,100**	-	**94,100**
S Scott[2]	**78,422**	**9,411**	-	**87,833**	-	**87,833**
Total KMP	**847,170**	**79,692**	**8,821**	**935,683**	-	**935,683**

[1] Did not stand for re-election at the AGM held on 14 November 2025
[2] Resigned 3 June 2026

Benefits and Payments Year Ended 30 June 2025	Short-term Benefits& Fees	Post-Employment	Long-term Benefits		Share-based Payments	
	Salary, Fees & Benefits	Super-annuation	Long Service Leave	Total Fixed Remuneration	Performance Rights	Total
Directors	$	$	$	$	$	$
J McKay	145,205	15,832	-	161,037	-	161,037
T McCaul	418,521	28,082	8,739	455,342	26,644	481,986
G Swaby	83,105	9,557	-	92,662	-	92,662
C Pieters	73,973	8,507	-	82,480	-	82,480
M Riley	84,018	9,662	-	93,680	-	93,680
S Scott	81,279	9,347	-	90,626	-	90,626
Total KMP	886,101	80,987	8,739	975,827	26,644	1,002,471

The relative proportions of actual remuneration recognised are as follows:

	Fixed Remuneration		At Risk Short-term Incentives		At Risk Long-term Incentives	
Executive Director	**2026**	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**	**2026**	**2025**
T McCaul	**100.0%**	94.5%	**0.0%**	0.0%	**0.0%**	5.5%
C Pieters	**100.0%**	100.0%	**0.0%**	0.0%	**0.0%**	0.0%

Long-term incentives are provided by way of performance rights and the percentages disclosed above are based on the value of the performance rights expensed during the year.

Comparison of KMP Remuneration to Company Performance

The table below shows the total remuneration cost of the KMP, loss per ordinary share (EPS), and the closing price of ordinary shares on the ASX at year end for the current year and previous four years.

Relation to performance	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total remuneration ($)	**935,683**	1,002,471	1,100,425	1,107,728	1,045,961
Loss per share (cents)	**(0.37)**	(0.21)	(0.69)	(0.67)	(1.02)
Share price at year end (cents)	**9.2**	14.0	20.0	16.5	17.0

Service Agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for the Managing Director and the Executive Director are formalised in employment contracts. The contracts provide for the provision of performance related bonuses and participation in the Comet Ridge Employee Performance Rights Plan. Other major provisions of the employment agreements are set out below.

Tor McCaul	Managing Director (appointed 16 April 2009)
Term of Agreement:	No fixed term
Base Salary:	$483,306 per annum (inclusive of superannuation)
Termination Benefit:	Three months' base salary is to be paid in lieu of notice of termination. Twelve months is payable if services are terminated due to change of control event. Subject to Board discretion, a further six months can be paid in addition.
Termination Notice:	The Company or Mr McCaul may terminate the Agreement at any time providing each other a minimum of three months' notice. No termination benefit is required if terminated for cause.
Chris Pieters	Executive Director (appointed 17 June 2015)
Term of Agreement:	Four months with options for parties to extend as needed
Remuneration:	Services provided as a consultant at $1,500 (excluding GST) per day
Termination Benefit:	No termination benefits payable
Termination Notice:	Either party may terminate the Agreement with a minimum of three months' notice

KPIs: A bonus of $50,000 for each KPI achieved listed below:

- Agreement for the commercial offtake of more than 50% of the gas from the Mahalo Gas Project;
- FID Mahalo Gas Project;
- Agreement for the commercial offtake of more than 50% of the gas from Galilee Basin;
- FID Galilee Basin; and
- Farmout of the Shallow Coals in the Galilee Basin.

In the event that the position was to become redundant or other factors prevented Mr Pieters from achieving those KPIs within the allowed time, which were outside of his control, they could be treated as having been satisfied and able to be paid.

Share-based Compensation

Long-term incentives are provided to certain employees through the Comet Ridge Employee Performance Rights Plan as approved by shareholders for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 9 most recently at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Share-based compensation is equity-settled.

Key Management Personnel Performance Rights

No performance rights affecting remuneration in the current or a future period with respect to KMP were granted during the year. When performance rights are granted, KMP must satisfy a service condition of continuous employment with the Company up to and including the date when the performance conditions are achieved, in addition to the performance conditions. Performance rights are issued for nil consideration, and no amount is payable on vesting.

Key Management Personnel Shareholdings

The number of ordinary shares in the Company held by each of the KMP of the Group is as follows:

30 June 2026	Balance at beginning of the year	Shares purchased	Number of Rights Vested	Balance on Resignation	Balance at end of the year
J McKay	38,076,275	-	-	-	38,076,275
T McCaul	10,802,333	-	-	-	10,802,333
G Swaby	295,372	-	-	295,372	-
C Pieters	1,576,178	-	-	-	1,576,178
M Riley	850,895	-	-	-	850,895
S Scott	1,038,074	-	-	1,038,074	-
Total	52,639,127	-	-	1,333,446	51,305,681

END OF AUDITED REMUNERATION REPORT

14. Performance Rights

No new performance rights were granted to Directors or the five most highly remunerated officers in the 2026 financial year.

Since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report no new performance rights have been issued.

15. Insurance of Directors and Officers

The Company has entered into agreements with Directors to indemnify them against any claims and related expenses that may arise in their capacity as Directors and Officers of the Company or a related body corporate, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith and subject to the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

During the financial year, the Company paid premiums for Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. The contract prohibits disclosure of the details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the premium paid.

The Company has not during or since the end of the financial period indemnified or agreed to indemnify an auditor of the Company.

16. Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings. The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

17. Rounding of Amounts to Nearest Thousand Dollars

Pursuant to Legislative Instrument 2026/183 issued by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, amounts in the Financial Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise indicated.

18. Non-Audit Services

The Company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Company and/or the Group are important. The Group did not pay the auditor for any non-audit services.

The Board of Directors will continuously consider the position and, in accordance with advice received from the Audit Committee, ensure that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services (where applicable) by the auditor does not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the C*orporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services will be reviewed to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services (where applicable) undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for audit services provided during the year are set out in Note 5 Auditors' Remuneration.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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Managing Director
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Auditor's Independence Declaration

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 30 June 2026, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

(i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

(ii) No contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.

This declaration is in respect of Comet Ridge Limited and the entities it controlled during the year.

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JASON EVANS
Partner

Brisbane, Queensland
24 September 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2026

		Consolidated	
		June 2026	June 2025
	Note	$000's	$000's
Other income			
Interest received		**57**	184
Net gain on fair value movement of financial liability at fair value	14 / 16	**688**	2,599
Foreign exchange gain realised		-	6
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	4	**(971)**	(1,250)
Contractors & consultancy costs		**(230)**	(508)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written-off		**(13)**	-
Professional fees		**(304)**	(117)
Corporate expenses		**(287)**	(315)
Information technology costs		**(313)**	(302)
Finance costs	4	**(2,612)**	(3,334)
Other expenses		**(237)**	(447)
Depreciation		**(146)**	(136)
LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**(4,368)**	(3,620)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	6	-	-
LOSS AFTER INCOME TAX FOR THE YEAR FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**(4,368)**	(3,620)
Profit/(loss) after income tax from discontinued operations		-	1,150
LOSS AFTER INCOME TAX FOR THE YEAR		**(4,368)**	(2,470)
Other comprehensive loss, net of income tax			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		-	(1,226)
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS, NET OF INCOME TAX		-	(1,226)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		**(4,368)**	(3,696)
Loss attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		**(4,368)**	(2,470)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		**(4,368)**	(3,696)
LOSS PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS		**Cents**	**Cents**
Basic loss per share	7	**(0.37)**	(0.31)
Diluted loss per share	7	**(0.37)**	(0.31)
EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE FOR/(FROM) DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Basic loss per share	7	-	0.10
Diluted loss per share	7	-	0.10
LOSS PER SHARE			
Basic loss per share	7	**(0.37)**	(0.21)
Diluted loss per share	7	**(0.37)**	(0.21)

The above Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2026

	Note	Consolidated June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	**27,730**	13,299
Trade and other receivables	9	**1,186**	166
Financial assets at fair value	10	**-**	809
Other assets	11	**2,801**	773
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**31,717**	15,047
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		**8**	14
Right-of-use assets		**148**	284
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	12	**118,046**	109,650
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		**118,202**	109,948
TOTAL ASSETS		**149,919**	124,995
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	13	**3,157**	1,431
Borrowings	14	**7,769**	-
Lease liabilities		**148**	127
Financial liability at fair value	16	**30,097**	32,530
Provisions	15	**1,555**	696
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		**42,726**	34,784
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	14	**-**	6,661
Lease liabilities		**14**	163
Provisions	15	**2,204**	3,068
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,218**	9,892
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**44,944**	44,676
NET ASSETS		**104,975**	80,319
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	17	**225,597**	196,573
Reserves		**-**	-
Accumulated losses		**(120,622)**	(116,254)
TOTAL EQUITY		**104,975**	80,319

The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Contributed Equity $000's	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve $000's	Share-based Payments' Reserve $000's	Accumulated Losses $000's	Total $000's
Balance at 1 July 2024	184,835	1,226	335	(113,890)	72,506
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,470)	(2,470)
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	(1,226)	-	-	(1,226)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	(1,226)	-	(2,470)	(3,696)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Contributions of equity net of transaction costs	11,382	-	-	-	11,382
Transfer of previous performance rights to accumulated losses	-	-	(106)	106	-
Shares issued on vesting of performance rights	356	-	(356)	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	127	-	127
	11,738	-	(335)	106	11,509
Balance at 30 June 2025	196,573	-	-	(116,254)	80,319
Balance at 1 July 2025	**196,573**	-	-	**(116,254)**	**80,319**
Loss for the period	-	-	-	**(4,368)**	**(4,368)**
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	**(4,368)**	**(4,368)**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners					
Contributions of equity net of transaction costs	**29,024**	-	-	-	**29,024**
Transfer of previous performance rights to accumulated losses	-	-	-	-	-
Shares issued on vesting of performance rights	-	-	-	-	-
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-
	29,024	-	-	-	**29,024**
Balance at 30 June 2026	**225,597**	-	-	**(120,622)**	**104,975**

The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Consolidated	
		June 2026	**June 2025**
		$000's	**$000's**
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		**57**	183
Payments to suppliers and employees		**(2,381)**	(3,186)
Interest paid		**(1,201)**	(1,116)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	18	**(3,525)**	(4,119)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for exploration and evaluation assets		**(6,920)**	(14,294)
Deposit paid on Mahalo acquisition transaction to Santos		**(2,000)**	-
Frontier Gas Exploration Grant received		-	5,000
Proceeds from sale of exploration interest to Santos		-	857
Payment for exploration interest purchased from APLNG		**(2,000)**	(2,000)
Movements in restricted cash		**(35)**	(162)
Payment for property, plant and equipment		**(4)**	(13)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**(10,959)**	(10,612)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issue of shares		**30,573**	12,028
Share issue costs		**(1,531)**	(646)
Principal elements of lease payments		**(127)**	(128)
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		**28,915**	11,254
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		**14,431**	(3,477)
Cash at the beginning of the year		**13,299**	16,776
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	8	**27,730**	13,299

The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 General information

These financial statements include the consolidated financial statements and notes of Comet Ridge Limited (the Company or Comet Ridge) and its controlled entities (the Group). Comet Ridge Limited is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements. Disclosures with respect to the parent entity are included in Note 26. The financial statements were approved for issue by the Directors on 24 September 2026.

Comet Ridge Limited is a public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Note 2 Summary of material accounting policies

Accounting policies applied in the preparation of this financial report, which are consistent with the previous financial period unless otherwise stated, are disclosed throughout the notes to the financial statements together with the associated transactions or balances.

a. Compliance with Accounting Standards

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

b. Compliance with IFRS

The consolidated financial statements of the Group also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB).

c. Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected financial assets and financial liabilities.

d. Going concern

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates that the Group will continue to meet its commitments and can therefore continue normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

At 30 June 2026, the Group had $27,730,000 in cash at bank. The Group had cash outflows from operating activities of $3,525,000 for the period ended 30 June 2026, and, as at that date, its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by $11,009,000. The current liabilities include the CleanCo Queensland Limited (CleanCo) financial liability of $28,667,000, PURE warrant shares financial liability of $1,430,000 and PURE loan liability of $7,769,000.

On 18 September 2023, Comet Ridge and CleanCo executed a long-term GSA for Comet Ridge to supply gas to CleanCo from its Mahalo Gas Hub permits. The GSA remains subject to conditions precedent, the main conditions being a transport and gas processing condition, a finance condition which requires Comet Ridge to obtain finance to satisfy the supply requirements under the GSA by 31 March 2027, evidence of gas production of an average of at least 9 TJ per day during the period 1 December 2028 to 28 February 2029, and no adverse change to CleanCo's requirement for Gas to be supplied under this Agreement, as determined by CleanCo at its discretion by 31 March 2027. If any of the financing, evidence of gas production, or no adverse change to CleanCo's requirement for Gas conditions are not met, extended or waived, the GSA may terminate and within 30 days (being 30 April 2027) a cash payment of approximately $28,667,000 ($20,000,000 financial liability indexed for CPI) would be due.

The Group has a number of commitments to continue to progress the Mahalo Gas Hub permits and Galilee permits. These commitments are made over various timeframes with exploration commitments required to be undertaken by 30 June 2027 amounting to $4,539,000 as disclosed in Note 21.

The ability of the Group to continue to adopt the going concern basis of preparation will depend upon a number of matters including the successful raising in the future of necessary funding through debt, GSA prepayment, equity, selldown or farm-out of assets, meeting the remaining condition precedent under the GSA with CleanCo, and/or the successful exploitation of the Group's tenements to meet these commitments as they arise.

The existence at 30 June 2026 of the CleanCo financial liability, and loan payable to PURE by 30 June 2027 as well as exploration expenditure commitments beyond the next 12 months, creates a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern in the absence of being successful in relation to one of the above financing strategies. In the absence of this the Group may have to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts different from those stated in the financial statements. No adjustments for such circumstances have been made in the financial statements.

Note 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

Comet Ridge continues to actively pursue a number of potential funding transactions to progress the appraisal and development of the Group's projects including debt and equity funding, selldown, farm-out and GSA prepay arrangements. At the date of this financial report, given the high demand for natural gas on the east coast and the significant acreage, equity and 2P+2C Reserves and Resources position that the Group has established in the Mahalo Gas Hub area, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will be successful with its future funding initiatives and, as a result, will have adequate resources to fund its future operational requirements and for these reasons they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial report.

e. Rounding of amounts

The Group is of a kind referred to in Legislative Instrument 2026/183 issued by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off in accordance with the Legislative Instrument to the nearest one thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

f. Fair value measurement

For financial reporting purposes, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants (under current market conditions) at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

When estimating the fair value of an asset or liability, the Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

g. New accounting standards and interpretations for application in future periods

The new Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations either adopted or issued but not yet adopted for the 30 June 2026 annual reporting period are set out below.

New or amended accounting standards and Interpretations adopted
There are no new or amended accounting standards effective in the reporting period commencing 1 July 2025 that are relevant to the Group's operations.

Accounting standards issued but not yet adopted
The following Australian Accounting Standard has been issued but is not yet effective and has not been early adopted by the Group.

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements: This standard replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* effective for for-profit entities from annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. AASB 18 introduces new requirements for the categorisation of income and expenses into defined categories in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, mandates two new required subtotals, introduces rules for the disclosure of management-defined performance measures (MPMs), and enhances guidance on the aggregation and disaggregation of financial information.

The Group is currently assessing the detailed impact of AASB 18 on its financial statements. While the standard will change how financial performance is presented and grouped, it is not expected to change the recognition or measurement of amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Note 3 Material balances - critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement when applying the Group's accounting policies. These estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Group and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Management has identified the following critical estimates and judgements applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

- Going concern – Note 2
- Exploration and evaluation assets – Note 12
- Borrowings – Note 14
- Rehabilitation provisions – Note 15
- Financial liabilities at fair value – Note 16

Details of the nature of assumptions and conditions can be found in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Note 4 Other Income and Expenses

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Loss before income tax includes the following specific expenses:	$000's	$000's
(a) Employee benefits expense		
Employee benefits expense	**(774)**	(911)
Share-based payments expense	-	(127)
Defined contribution superannuation expense	**(197)**	(212)
	(971)	(1,250)
(b) Financing costs		
Interest expense on borrowings – coupon interest at 12%	**(1,140)**	(1,140)
Unwinding of discount on Pure loan – effective interest method	**(1,108)**	(1,685)
Amortisation of fair value adjustment on Santos deferred consideration receivable	**48**	94
Amortisation of fair value adjustment on APLNG deferred consideration payable	**(255)**	(479)
Unwinding of discount on rehabilitation and restoration provision	**(134)**	(111)
Lease liability expense	**(23)**	(13)
	(2,612)	(3,334)

Note 5 Auditors' remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the Group:

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
	$	$
Pitcher Partners		
Auditing or reviewing the financial statements	**105,500**	90,000
Tax related services	**19,470**	18,850
	124,970	108,850

Note 6 Income tax

Income Tax Expense	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
	$000's	$000's
(a) Recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income		
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax expense	-	-
Income tax expense	-	-
(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax on accounting loss		
Loss before income tax	**(4,368)**	(2,470)
Tax benefit at the Australian tax rate of 25%	**1,092**	618
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Share options expensed	-	-
Non-deductible accounting fair value	-	-
Other non-deductible items	**(39)**	(58)
Current year tax losses not recognised in deferred tax assets	**(1,053)**	(560)
Income tax expense	-	-

Note 6 Income tax (continued)

Deferred Tax Balances	**Consolidated**	
	June 2026	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
Deferred tax asset	-	-
The balance of deferred tax asset comprises:		
Deferred tax assets		
Tax losses	**40,634**	33,380
Capital costs deductible over 5 years	**628**	439
Exploration and evaluation purchase write-off over 15 years	**4,541**	5,010
Provisions	**3,464**	3,638
Leased liabilities	**41**	73
Accrued expenses	**96**	92
	49,404	42,632
Deferred tax liabilities		
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	**(29,511)**	(27,412)
Leased assets	**(37)**	(71)
Accrued interest	**(2)**	(2)
Temporary difference relating to PURE loan	**(433)**	(710)
	(29,983)	(28,195)
Net deferred tax asset	**19,421**	14,436
Deferred tax asset not recognised	**(19,421)**	(14,436)
Deferred tax asset recognised in accounts	-	-

Accounting Policies

Income tax expense

The income tax expense is the tax payable on the Group's taxable income for the financial year based on the applicable income tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Recoverability of unused tax losses

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the applicable tax rates that will apply when the assets are expected to be recovered or liabilities are expected to be settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses to the extent that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses can be utilised. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised with respect to the following items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits from the deferred tax assets:

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
Australian temporary differences and tax losses	**19,421**	14,436

Tax consolidation

Comet Ridge Limited and its wholly owned Australian subsidiaries have implemented the tax consolidation legislation and formed a tax consolidated group from 1 July 2009. The members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding agreement such that each member recognises the assets, liabilities, expenses and revenues in relation to its own transactions, events and balances only. This means:

i. the parent entity recognises all current and deferred tax amounts relating to its own transactions, events and balances;

ii. the subsidiaries recognise all current and deferred tax amounts relating to its own transactions, events and balances; and

iii. current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising with respect to losses in subsidiaries are transferred from the subsidiaries to the parent entity as inter-company payables or receivables.

Note 6 Income tax (continued)

The tax consolidated group also has a tax sharing agreement in place to limit the liability of subsidiaries in the tax consolidated group arising under the joint and several liability requirements of the tax consolidation system, in the event of default of the parent entity to meet its payment obligations.

Note 7 Earnings per share

The earnings and weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
(a) Reconciliation of earnings used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share:		
Loss for the year from continuing operations	**(4,368)**	(3,620)
Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations	-	1,150
Loss used in the calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share	**(4,368)**	(2,470)
(b) Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator	**Number**	**Number**
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	**1,196,438,720**	1,155,662,899
Adjustments for the calculation of diluted earnings per share:		
Options/Performance Rights	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	**1,196,438,720**	1,155,662,899
(c) Basic earnings per share:		
Basic loss per share from continuing operations (cents)	**(0.37)**	(0.31)
Basic earnings/(loss) per share from discontinued operations (cents)	-	0.10
Total basic loss per share	**(0.37)**	(0.21)
(d) Diluted earnings per share:		
Diluted loss per share from continuing operations (cents)	**(0.37)**	(0.31)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share from discontinued operations (cents)	-	0.10
Total diluted loss per share	**(0.37)**	(0.21)

(e) Options and performance rights are considered to "be potential ordinary shares" and have been included in the determination of diluted earnings per share to the extent to which they are dilutive.

Note 8 Cash and cash equivalents

	Consolidated	
	June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
Cash at bank and on hand	**27,730**	13,299

Interest earned on bank accounts ranges from 0.00% - 1.3%.

Note 9 Trade and Other Receivables

	Consolidated	
	June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
Trade debtors	**14**	11
Receivable from joint operations[1]	**908**	57
GST receivables	**256**	90
Other receivables	**8**	8
	1,186	166

Note 9 Trade and other receivables (continued)

[1] Includes $857,000 receivable from Santos QNT Pty Ltd for their share of the final deferred consideration payment to APLNG (refer Note 10)

Accounting Policy

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional. Subsequent to initial recognition, trade and other receivables are measured at amortised cost.

Note 10 Financial asset at fair value

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Current	**$000's**	**$000's**
Santos – deferred consideration receivable	-	809
	-	809

Accounting Policy

Financial assets are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transaction costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. The Group has classified the deferred consideration receivable from Santos as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Santos deferred consideration receivable

On 28 June 2022, Comet Ridge acquired Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd's (APLNG) 30% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project for a total consideration of $20,000,000 payable in staged payments. Comet Ridge paid a $1,000,000 deposit on 5 August 2021 and the upfront payment balance of $11,000,000 to APLNG on 28 June 2022. The remaining $8,000,000 of deferred consideration is payable in four annual instalments of $2,000,000 each commencing from June 2023, unless a post completion trigger event occurs requiring earlier payment.

At the same time as entering the agreement with APLNG, Comet Ridge executed funding and option agreements with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (Santos) to provide loan funding of $13,150,000 to fund the initial consideration payable to APLNG and stamp duty costs. In exchange, Santos was given an option to purchase 12.86% of the 30% APLNG interest acquired by Comet Ridge at proportional acquisition value of $8,573,000.

Comet Ridge received a notice from Santos to exercise their option on 23 September 2022, and the sale agreement was executed by both parties on 26 September 2022. At that date, the $13,150,000 loan owing to Santos was fully repaid via a reduction of $5,143,000 (being Santos' share of the $12,000,000 initial consideration paid to APLNG) and cash repayment of $8,007,000 by Comet Ridge. Santos also assumes liability for its pro-rata share of the $8,000,000 deferred consideration payable to APLNG, being $3,429,000. The upfront consideration of $5,143,000 and the present value of the deferred consideration receivable of $2,971,000 has been recognised against the Mahalo Gas Project exploration and evaluation asset to reflect a partial sale of the asset.

On 12 June 2026, Comet Ridge invoiced Santos for the fourth and final deferred consideration payment of $857,333, which is included in trade and other receivables at year end.

Interest income on the unwinding of the applied discount of $48,000 (2025: $94,000) was recognised for the year to 30 June 2026.

Note 11 Other assets

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
Prepayments	**2,282**	254
Restricted cash (term deposits held as security for bank guarantees)	**519**	519
	2,801	773

Prepayments for the current year include a $2,000,000 upfront payment to Santos QNT Pty Ltd for the acquisition of their 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project completed in August 2026.

Note 12 Exploration and evaluation assets

	Consolidated	
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	**June 2026**	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	**140,370**	131,961
Less provision for impairment	**(22,324)**	(22,311)
	118,046	109,650

Movements in exploration and evaluation phase	**June 2026**	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
Balance at the beginning of year	**109,650**	100,970
Exploration and evaluation expenditure during the year	**8,565**	13,327
Frontier Gas Exploration Grant offset	**-**	(5,000)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written-off/impaired	**(13)**	-
Restoration and rehabilitation asset	**(156)**	353
Balance at the end of year	**118,046**	109,650

Accounting Policy

Cost

Exploration and evaluation costs, including the costs of acquiring licences, are capitalised as exploration and evaluation assets on an area of interest basis. Costs incurred before the Group has obtained the legal rights to explore an area are expensed in the profit or loss.

The recoupment of costs carried forward in relation to areas of interest in the exploration and evaluation phase is dependent on successful development and commercial exploitation, or alternatively, sale of the respective areas of interest.

Government Grants

Government grants received by the Group are deducted from the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset to which they relate in accordance with the capital approach as defined in *AASB 120 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Grants*.

Recognition

Exploration and evaluation assets are only recognised if the rights to the area of interest are current and either:

i. the expenditures are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation of the area of interest or by its sale; or
ii. activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

Once the technical feasibility and commercial viability of the area of interest are demonstrable, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area of interest are first tested for impairment and then reclassified from exploration and evaluation assets to property and development assets within property, plant and equipment.

The timing and amount of restoration costs expected to be incurred are estimated, and the net present value is included as part of the cost of the exploration and evaluation activity that gives rise to the need for restoration. A corresponding provision for restoration and rehabilitation is also recognised. Finance charges arising from the unwinding of the liability are recognised as an expense in the profit or loss.

Note 12 Exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Exploration expenditure commitments
In order to maintain an interest in the exploration tenements in which it is involved, the Group is required to meet certain conditions imposed by the various statutory authorities granting the exploration tenements or that are imposed by the joint venture agreements entered into by the Group. These conditions include minimum expenditure commitments. The timing and amount of minimum exploration expenditure obligations of the Group may vary significantly from the forecast based on the results of the work performed, which will determine the prospectivity of the relevant area of interest.

The Group's minimum expenditure obligations, which are not provided for in the financial statements, are set out in Note 21.

Recoverability of exploration and evaluation expenditure
Exploration and evaluation assets are assessed for impairment if sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, and facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. For the purposes of impairment testing, exploration and evaluation assets are allocated to cash-generating units to which the exploration activity relates. The cash-generating unit shall not be larger than the area of interest.

The Group assesses the recoverability of the carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation assets at each reporting date (or during the year should the need arise). In completing this assessment, regard is given to the Group's intentions with respect to proposed future exploration and development plans for individual areas, to the success or otherwise of activities undertaken in individual areas, to the likely success of future planned exploration activities, and to any potential plans for divestment of individual areas. Any required impairment of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is completed based on the results of the assessment. Furthermore, for various areas of interest, exploration and evaluation activities may not have reached a stage to allow a reasonable assessment to be made regarding the existence of economically recoverable reserves. Accordingly, exploration and evaluation assets may be subject to further impairment in the future.

In the second half of the 2020 financial year, the Mahalo Gas Project received Commonwealth and Queensland environmental approvals and Petroleum Leases (PL 1082 and PL 1083) awarded for a term of 30 years. In addition, the remaining tenure of ATP 1191 has been secured with the award of three Potential Commercial Areas (PCA 302, PCA 303 and PCA 304) for a term of 5 years.

The joint venture partners, Comet Ridge and Santos, progressed the project into front-end engineering design during the 2026 financial year, as a precursor to FID. Comet Ridge is comfortable with the recoverability of the exploration and evaluation expenditure for the Mahalo Gas Project at 30 June 2026.

The Company was awarded ATP 2048 (Mahalo North project) in April 2020. The Mahalo North project contains a north-west extension of the same coal reservoirs as the Mahalo Gas Project. Comet Ridge has been successful in certifying 43 PJ of 2P Reserves and 3P Reserves of 149 PJ. Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure at 30 June 2026 totals $17,149,000 (2025: $16,211,000), relating to office-based geological and geophysical interpretation and analysis, work to support a Petroleum Lease (PL) application and environmental approvals, and the costs of the 2022 financial year appraisal drilling and production testing. There are no indicators of impairment to the carrying value at 30 June 2026.

The Company was awarded ATP 2061 (Mahalo East project) in September 2020, which contains a north-east extension of the same coal reservoirs as the Mahalo Gas Project. Comet Ridge was successful in certifying 51.8 PJ of 2P Reserves and 118.5 PJ of 3P Reserves as at 30 June 2025 (refer to ASX announcement dated 25 July 2025), based on a successful pilot production test. Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure at 30 June 2026 totals $4,914,000 (2025: $4,427,000), relating to the cost of appraisal drilling and production testing, office-based geological and geophysical interpretation and analysis. The Mahalo East appraisal drilling and production testing was supported by the Queensland Government's Frontier Gas Exploration Grants Program, under which Comet Ridge was allocated $5,000,000 of funding, which has been offset against the capitalised exploration and evaluation balance for this project.

ATP 2063 (Mahalo Far East project) was awarded to Comet Ridge in May 2021 while a new block ATP 2072 (Mahalo Far East Extension project) was awarded in July 2024. Both Mahalo Far East blocks contain coals that are generally deeper and have notably higher gas content than the main Mahalo high production fairway, adding a significant additional gas-in-place volume to Comet Ridge's portfolio. Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure at 30 June 2026 totals $626,000 (2025: $599,000), relating to native title negotiations and office-based geological and geophysical interpretation and analysis. Mahalo Far East and Mahalo Far East Extension have not yet reached a stage to allow a reasonable assessment to be made regarding the existence of economically recoverable reserves.

Note 12 Exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

ATP 743, ATP 744 and ATP 1015 are still under evaluation for both "Shallow" CSG and Conventional "Deeps" and have not yet reached a stage to allow a reasonable assessment to be made regarding the existence of economically recoverable reserves. The Company has secured the long-term tenure on these permits via the award of Potential Commercial Areas (PCAs) and renewal of ATP 743, ATP 744 and ATP 1015 by the Queensland Department of Resources. As part of the PCA award process within the Galilee permits, Comet Ridge relinquished acreage where Contingent Resources do not exist and in the 2022 financial year wrote off $0.24 million of capitalised seismic costs in the relinquished areas of ATP 743. Capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure at 30 June 2026 totals $34,569,000 (2025: $34,420,000). Comet Ridge has reviewed the carrying value of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure in the Galilee permits at 30 June 2026 and no impairment has been made during this financial year.

The remaining Gunnedah Basin permit (PEL 427) was renewed in May 2022 for only 12 of 57 blocks and has been fully impaired because of the current uncertainty around the CSG industry in NSW which has created significant limitations on the Company's ability to undertake any exploration or development activity. During the 2026 financial year an amount of $13,100 (2025: $nil) of exploration and evaluation expenditure was written-off.

	Consolidated	
Permit	**June 2026**	**June 2025**
	$000's	**$000's**
PEL 427	**(13)**	-
Total	**(13)**	-

Interest in joint operations

The Group's exploration activities are often conducted through joint arrangements. Joint arrangements are classified as joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations that each investor has, rather than the legal structure of the joint arrangement.

In accordance with AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*, all of the Group's interests in joint arrangements are classified as joint operations. A joint operation involves joint control of the assets contributed or acquired for the purpose of the joint operation. Each party may take their share of the output of the joint operation and each bears its share of the expenses incurred. The interests of the Group in joint operations are brought to account by recognising the Group's share of jointly controlled assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses.

No revenue has been received from joint operations and all expenses have been capitalised to Exploration and Evaluation assets.

The carrying amount of exploration and evaluation expenditure includes the Group's interest in the exploration and evaluation expenditure of a number of joint operations. Comet Ridge's share of the respective joint operations is as follows:

	GDJV	Mahalo Gas Project	PEL 427	Total
	70.0%	57.14%	59.1%	
30 June 2026	**$000's**	**$000's**	**$000's**	**$000's**
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	75	-	3	78
Trade and other receivables	50	857	1	908
Total current assets	125	857	4	986
Non-current assets				
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	19,367	47,544	821	67,732
Provision for impairment	-	-	(821)	(821)
Total non-current assets	19,367	47,544	-	66,911
Total assets	19,492	48,401	4	67,897
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	135	2,007	6	2,148
Total current liabilities	135	2,007	6	2,148
Share of joint operations net assets/(liabilities)	19,357	46,394	(2)	65,749

Note 12 Exploration and evaluation assets (continued)

30 June 2025	GDJV 70.0% $000's	Mahalo Gas Project 57.14% $000's	PEL 427 59.1% $000's	Total $000's
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	46	-	9	55
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-
Total current assets	46	-	9	55
Non-current assets				
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	19,286	43,691	816	63,793
Provision for impairment	-	-	(816)	(816)
Total non-current assets	19,286	43,691	-	62,977
Total assets	19,332	43,691	9	63,032
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	304	425	11	740
Total current liabilities	304	425	11	740
Share of joint operations net assets/(liabilities)	19,028	43,266	(2)	62,292

As at 30 June 2026, the principal place of business for PEL 427 is c/- Santos Limited, Level 5, 60 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000. For Mahalo Gas Project, the principal place of business is c/- Santos Limited, Level 5, 60 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000. For GDJV, the principal place of business is c/- Comet Ridge Ltd, Level 12, 410 Queen Street, Brisbane QLD 4000.

The Group has fully impaired its interest in the Gunnedah Basin Licences PEL 427.

The Group's minimum expenditure obligations with respect to its interests in joint operations are as follows:

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Minimum expenditure requirements	$000's	$000's
● not later than 12 months	**1,042**	5,983
● between 12 months and 5 years	**3,776**	4,507
	4,818	10,490

Note 13 Trade and other payables

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Current	$000's	$000's
Trade payables	**3,064**	1,195
Payroll tax and other statutory liabilities	**58**	162
Other payables	**35**	74
	3,157	1,431

Trade payables include $2,148,000 (2025: $740,000) for the Group's share of joint operation liabilities (refer Note 12).

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from reporting date. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

Note 14 Borrowings

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
	$000's	$000's
Current		
Loan payable to PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd	**7,769**	-
	7,769	-
Non-current		
Loan payable to PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd	**-**	6,661
	-	6,661
	7,769	**6,661**

PURE Asset Management loan

Comet Ridge entered into a binding facility agreement with PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd (PURE) on 9 September 2021 to provide the Company access to a term loan facility for $10,000,000 provided in two tranches of $6,500,000 and $3,500,000 respectively. The facility provides funding to progress appraisal activities for the Mahalo Gas Hub area and other corporate activities. Both tranches were drawn with a maturity date of 17 September 2025.

On drawdown of the respective tranches, Comet Ridge issued warrant shares that entitle PURE to acquire one Comet Ridge share per warrant share at the exercise prices outlined in the facility terms below. The warrant shares are exercisable by PURE at any point in time prior to the maturity date outlined in the Warrant Deeds. The fair value of the warrant shares and loan establishment costs have been deducted from the gross proceeds of the loan on the date of drawdown reflecting the fair value of the loan on that date as set out in the table below.

The warrant shares are separately recognised as a financial liability at fair value through the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as disclosed in Note 16. The difference between the face value of the loan (repayment amount) and determined fair value is recognised in the profit and loss over the loan period using the effective interest rate method.

On 26 March 2024, PURE exercised 3,787,879 Tranche 2 warrant shares at $0.132 per share for cash consideration received by the Company of $500,000. The funds received by Comet Ridge were used to make a partial prepayment on the loan, reducing the face value of the loan balance to $9,500,000.

On 21 May 2025, the $9,500,000 loan was refinanced and extended to 30 June 2027 at an interest rate of 12% per annum. At the same date, the existing 39,393,939 Tranche 1 warrant shares were cancelled, and 55,000,000 new warrant shares were issued. Tranche 2 warrant shares were unchanged. Coupon interest of $1,140,000 (2025: $1,140,000) was incurred during the year and recognised in profit or loss.

On 30 March 2026 the 22,727,273 Tranche 2 warrant shares expired. Refer to Note 16 for further information regarding the warrant shares.

	Consolidated	
Measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:	June 2026	June 2025
	$000's	$000's
Opening balance	**6,661**	7,367
Fair value remeasurement on refinancing of loan	**-**	(2,392)
Loan establishment costs amortised	**-**	133
Unwinding discount on financial liability at amortised cost	**1,108**	1,553
Fair value of loan payable	**7,769**	6,661

Should PURE exercise all of their warrant shares on issue being 55,000,000 warrant shares (2025: 77,727,273 warrant shares), Comet Ridge would receive cash consideration of $6,700,000 (2025: $11,800,000) which can be used to partially repay the loan amount.

Note 14 Borrowings (continued)

Facility terms and security

Lender:	PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd
Structure:	Term loan with detached warrant shares
Coupon Interest:	12% per annum Interest-only payment in quarterly instalments
Term:	30 June 2027
Repayment:	Non-amortising bullet repayment Voluntary repayment(s) subject to cascading fees
Warrant shares:	55,000,000 warrant shares issued on 26 May 2025 with an adjusted exercise price of 12.2 cents per warrant share
Financial Covenant:	Minimum $2 million cash balance at all times
Security:	First ranking general security over all present and after-acquired property of the Company and subsidiaries

Accounting Policy

Borrowings are interest bearing and are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are removed from the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. When an existing borrowing is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss as other income or finance costs.

Note 15 Provisions

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Current	**$000's**	**$000's**
Employee benefits	**511**	489
Restoration & rehabilitation	**1,044**	207
	1,555	696
Non-current		
Employee benefits	**55**	59
Restoration & rehabilitation	**2,149**	3,009
	2,204	3,068
	3,759	3,764

	June 2026	June 2025
Movements in carrying amounts of restoration and rehabilitation	**$000's**	**$000's**
Balance at the beginning of the year	**3,216**	2,752
(Reductions)/Additions to exploration and evaluation expenditure		
Write-off of New Zealand provision	**(157)**	485
Unwind of discount - finance charges	-	(132)
Balance at the end of the year	**134**	111
	3,193	3,216

Note 15 Provisions (continued)

Accounting Policy

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Employee benefits

Short-term obligations
Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service, are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Rehabilitation provision
The Group records the present value of the estimated cost of legal and constructive obligations to restore disturbances in the period in which the obligation arises. The nature of rehabilitation activities includes the abandonment of wells, removal of facilities and restoration of affected areas. Typically, the obligation arises when the well is spudded (commences drilling) or the infrastructure is installed.

When the liability is initially recorded, the estimated cost is capitalised by increasing the carrying amount of the related asset. Over time, the liability is increased for the change in the present value based on a risk adjusted pre-tax discount rate appropriate to the risks inherent in the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recorded as an expense within finance costs.

The carrying amount capitalised will be amortised over the useful life of the related asset once production commences. The assets' useful lives are currently estimated at between one and fifteen years. Costs incurred which relate to an existing condition caused by past operations, and which do not give rise to a future economic benefit, are expensed.

Where the underlying cost to rehabilitate has increased, this is capitalised to the asset and amortised over the remaining life of the asset once in production.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group estimates the future rehabilitation costs of gas wells and associated infrastructure at the time of installation. In most instances, rehabilitation of assets occurs many years into the future. This requires assumptions to be made on the rehabilitation date, the extent of rehabilitation activities required, requirements of future environmental legislation, methodology and technologies used to determine the future rehabilitation cost.

The rehabilitation obligation is discounted to present value using a ten-year government bond discount rate as this is reflective of the risk-free rate over the period to rehabilitation of the assets. These estimates require significant management judgement, in particular to the estimated future timing and cost of well rehabilitation and are subject to risk and uncertainty that may be beyond the control of the Group; hence, there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will materially alter projections, which may impact the recoverable amount of assets and the value of rehabilitation obligations at each reporting date.

Note 16 Financial liabilities at fair value

	Consolidated	
	June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
Current		
CleanCo - financial liability	**28,667**	27,564
PURE Asset Management - warrant shares	**1,430**	3,221
APLNG - deferred consideration payable	**-**	1,745
	30,097	32,530

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

CleanCo liability

On 18 September 2023, Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd (CML) executed a seven-year Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) with CleanCo, subject to approval by CleanCo's shareholding Ministers within 90 days. Approval by the shareholding Ministers was subsequently confirmed by CleanCo on 15 December 2023.

Note 16 Financial liabilities at fair value (continued)

On 30 June 2026, an Amending Deed was executed by both parties amending the satisfaction dates for the financing and gas transportation conditions precedent to 31 March 2027, adding two new conditions precedent, changing the Commencement Date of the GSA to 1 January 2030 and adjusting the Daily Contract Quantity for gas supply.

A summary of the key GSA terms resulting from the Amending Deed dated 30 June 2026 are as follows:

Commencement Date	1 January 2030 The GSA also has provisions which provide for a Commencement Date after 1 January 2030.
Volume	8.219 TJ/day from the Commencement Date.
Delivery Point	Wallumbilla
Contract Period	The contract is for a seven-year period, with CleanCo having the option to reduce this to five years, and both parties having the option to agree to extend for up to a further five years.
Price	Pricing is market-based, with CPI escalation in Australian dollars from 1 January 2026.
Monthly Repayments	CML to make monthly loan repayments during the GSA term to account for previous investment made in CML and the Mahalo JV by Stanwell Limited, prior to the arrangement being assigned to CleanCo.
Remaining Conditions from original GSA	CML obtaining finance to satisfy the supply requirements under the GSA; and CML entering into gas transportation agreements to provide gas to the Delivery Point.
New Conditions	CML providing evidence to CleanCo it is producing from the Mahalo Fields an average of at least 9 TJ/day over the period 1 December 2028 to 28 February 2029; and CML receiving confirmation from CleanCo there has been no adverse change to the buyer's requirement for gas to be supplied under the GSA.

If CML is unable to secure finance on terms acceptable to CleanCo or have the condition extended (if required) or waived by 31 March 2027, then the GSA may be terminated, and a cash settlement would be triggered on or before 30 April 2027. As the gas transportation agreement condition will most likely form part of the Mahalo Gas Hub infrastructure process and can be waived by CML, CML's view is that this condition will not trigger an earlier possible cash settlement.

Similarly, if there is an adverse change to CleanCo's requirement for gas to be supplied under the GSA by 31 March 2027, then the GSA may be terminated, and a cash settlement would be triggered on or before 30 April 2027. Further, if CML is not able to provide evidence to CleanCo it is producing from the Mahalo Fields an average of at least 9 TJ/day over the period 1 December 2028 to 28 February 2029; by 15 March 2029 then the GSA may be terminated, and a cash settlement would be triggered. As there continues to be demand for gas for power generation, CML does not expect CleanCo's requirement for gas to change adversely in the medium term, and therefore that this condition will not trigger an earlier possible cash settlement. As CML is largely in control of the timing of gas production, CML's view is that this condition will not trigger an earlier possible cash settlement.

The amount owing to CleanCo has been recognised as a current liability as the Group does not have a right to defer settlement for at least twelve months due to the condition's satisfaction date of 31 March 2027.

Based on the longstanding relationship between the parties and the progress Comet Ridge has made with development of the Mahalo Gas Hub permits and its dataroom funding process, Comet Ridge believes it will be able to meet these timelines or agree extensions (if required), noting the window for gas supply under the GSA is 1 January 2030.

Fair value measurement

In considering the above, Comet Ridge has determined that a cash settlement continues to represent the maximum liability under the GSA and has therefore continued to recognise the liability as a "financial liability at fair value through profit or loss". An expense of $1,103,000 (2025: $822,000) has been recorded in the 2026 financial year.

Valuation techniques and process used to determine fair value at 30 June 2026

The fair value of the CleanCo liability is based on the anticipated financial liability arising from the GSA executed on 18 September 2023. The CleanCo liability is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the use of unobservable inputs.

Note 16 Financial liabilities at fair value (continued)

The inputs used in the calculation of the fair value of the financial liability at fair value are as follows:

1. The option with the greatest liability that a market participant would want to be compensated for is a cash settlement based on the remaining condition precedent contained within the executed GSA not being met or waived, representing the maximum liability under the GSA. As a result, the $20,000,000, indexed for CPI, is the basis for determining the liability.
2. The earliest date for the cash payment under point 1 is 30 April 2027 (2025: 30 April 2026), giving a period of indexation of 13.2 years (2025: 12.2 years) from March 2014.
3. The CPI rate used to index the $20,000,000 cash payment from March 2014 is based on actual quarterly CPI rates from March 2014 to 30 June 2026 and forecast at 1.43% (2025: 1.37%) per quarter for the remaining period to 30 April 2027 (2025: 30 April 2026).

The relationships between the unobservable inputs and the fair value of the financial liability at fair value are as follows:

Unobservable input	Relationship to fair value
Agreement term	If CML is unsuccessful in satisfying condition precedent (No. 4) specified in the GSA, or having it extended or waived by 31 March 2027 the cash payment would be payable no earlier than 30 April 2027 (2025: 30 April 2026).
CPI rate	If the forecast CPI escalation since March 2014 of 1.43% (2025: 1.37%) per quarter reduces/increases to a low of 0.93% per quarter or a high of 1.93% per quarter (2025: low of 0.87% and high of 1.87% per quarter), the indexed liability will reduce or increase by approximately 0.9% or $250,485 (2025: 0.9% or $246,580) respectively.

Parent Entity Guarantee

Comet Ridge Limited has provided a parent company financial guarantee to Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd (CML) in favour of Comet Ridge Mahalo's potential $20,000,000 liability (indexed at CPI from 2014) to CleanCo.

The guarantee represents a contingent liability of the parent should CML not be able to settle the obligation if and when it falls due.

Deferred consideration payable – APLNG

On 28 June 2022, Comet Ridge acquired Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd's (APLNG) 30% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project for a total consideration of $20,000,000 payable in staged payments. Comet Ridge paid a $1,000,000 deposit on 5 August 2021 and the upfront payment balance of $11,000,000 was paid to APLNG on 28 June 2022. The remaining $8,000,000 of deferred consideration was payable in four annual instalments of $2,000,000 each commencing from June 2023, unless a post completion trigger event occurred requiring earlier payment. The trigger events that would have required earlier repayment are any of the following:

a) a final investment decision is made for development of gas from the Mahalo Gas Project;
b) gas production from the Mahalo Gas Project equalling or exceeding 10 Terajoules per day,
c) a change in control of the Group;
d) Comet Ridge disposing of more than a 15% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project; or
e) Comet Ridge is subject to an insolvency event.

Comet Ridge paid the fourth and final post completion deferred consideration payment of $2,000,000 to APLNG on 30 June 2026.

Fair value measurement

The fair value of the deferred consideration payable was initially recognised as the present value of the $8,000,000 payable in 4 equal annual instalments and has been capitalised to the Mahalo Gas Project exploration and evaluation asset. For subsequent measurements, the present value was adjusted for yearly instalments paid and the unwinding of the discount applied expensed to profit and loss. An expense of $255,000 (2025: $479,000) has been recorded in the 2026 financial year.

The APLNG liability is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy due to the use of unobservable inputs. Given there is no remaining liability, the inputs used in the prior year calculation of the financial liability at fair value are as follows:

1. The remaining agreed cash settlement of $2,000,000 over one final instalment due in June 2026.
2. The pre-tax discount rate applied being 14.7%.

Note 16 Financial liabilities at fair value (continued)

Warrant shares – PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd

On 21 May 2025, Comet Ridge refinanced a $9,500,000 secured loan with PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd (PURE) to 30 June 2027.

The original PURE loan also contained two tranches of detached warrant shares. As part of the loan refinance, the original 39,393,939 Tranche 1 warrant shares were cancelled, and 55,000,000 new warrant shares (New Warrants) were issued on 26 May 2025. At the time of the loan refinance, the 22,727,273 Tranche 2 warrant shares remained unchanged however have subsequently expired on 30 March 2026.

The warrant shares currently on issue are 55,000,000 new warrant shares issued on 26 May 2025 exercisable at $0.122[1] per share and expiring on 30 June 2028.

[1] Following the share placement announced in June 2026, the exercise price of the new warrant shares was amended from $0.16 per share to $0.122 per share.

Movements in carrying amounts of warrant shares	June 2026 $000's	June 2025 $000's
Balance at the beginning of the year	**3,221**	4,250
Fair value movement	**(1,155)**	(3,145)
Derecognition of Tranche 2 warrant share liability on expiry	**(636)**	-
Adjustment to fair value on cancellation of existing 39.4 million Tranche 1 warrant shares and issue of 55,000,000 new warrant shares	-	2,116
Balance at the end of the year	**1,430**	3,221

Fair value measurement

The fair value of the warrant share financial liability is calculated using a Black-Scholes valuation methodology. The key inputs into the fair value calculation are:

a) Exercise price of new warrant shares $0.122 (2025: $0.16);

b) Expected volatility of the Company's share price calculated at 63.3% (2025: 51.8%), reflecting the assumption that historical volatility is indicative of future trends (which may not necessarily be the actual outcome);

c) Share price of the Company on each balance date being $0.092 (2025: $0.14) (noting that no allowance has been made for discounting the share price to reflect the issue price of an alternate equity raising if the warrant shares had not been issued); and

d) Expected remaining term of the new warrant shares being 2.0 years (2025: 3.0 years).

The warrant share financial liability has been classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy and is recognised as a "financial liability at fair value through profit or loss". A gain of $1,791,000 (2025: gain $1,029,000) has been recorded in the 2026 financial year to reflect the reduction in the fair value of the new warrant shares due to share price fluctuations since 30 June 2025 and expiration of the Tranche 2 warrant shares.

Unobservable input	Relationship to fair value
Expected volatility	The expected volatility used is based on historical data and reflects the assumption that the historical volatility over a period is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome. A change in volatility by 1,000 basis points would decrease/increase the fair value by $nil and $55,000 (2025: $612,819 and $566,181) respectively.

Note 17 Contributed equity

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
	$000's	$000's
Ordinary shares - fully paid	**225,597**	196,573

Movements in ordinary shares	**June 2026 Number of Shares**	**June 2025 Number of Shares**	**June 2026 $000's**	**June 2025 $000's**
Balance at the beginning of the period	**1,196,438,720**	1,107,801,434	**196,573**	184,835
Share placement @ 10.25 cents per share pending allotment of shares [1]	**-**	-	**30,573**	-
Share placement @ 14 cents per share [2]	**-**	85,914,286	**-**	12,028
Performance rights vested[3]	**-**	2,723,000	**-**	356
Share issue costs	**-**	-	**(1,549)[1]**	(646)[2]
Balance at the end of the year	**1,196,438,720**	1,196,438,720	**225,597**	196,573

1 On 24 June 2026, Comet Ridge announced a placement of new shares to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise $30,573,000 (before share issue costs). The placement comprised the issue of 298,419,512 new shares at an issue price of $0.1025 per share. The placement shares were allotted to investors on 1 July 2026. Share issue costs of $1,549,000 were payable by Comet Ridge in relation to the placement. As at 30 June 2026, the placement was considered substantively complete, with Comet Ridge having received the funds with no remaining substantive conditions preventing the allotment of shares. Accordingly, the proceeds were classified as equity at reporting date.

2 On 12 December 2024, Comet Ridge announced a placement of new shares to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise $12,028,000 (before share issue costs). The placement comprised the issue of 85,914,286 new shares at an issue price of $0.14 per share. The placement shares were allotted to investors on 18 December 2024. Share costs of $646,000 were payable by Comet Ridge in relation to the placement.

3 The fair value of vested performance rights at grant date is transferred from the Share-based Payments' Reserve.

Accounting Policy

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds. Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. In most situations, Comet Ridge will conduct voting procedures at General Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting, via a poll.

Note 18 Cash flow information

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations	$000's	$000's
Loss for the year	**(4,368)**	(2,470)
Depreciation and amortisation of borrowing costs	**146**	269
Exploration and evaluation assets written-off	**13**	-
Share-based payments	**-**	127
Discount unwinding on rehabilitation provision and fair value liabilities	**1,449**	2,048
Net exchange differences	**-**	(1,226)
Movement in financial liability at fair value	**(688)**	(2,599)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	**(251)**	71
Decrease in prepayments and deposits paid	**8**	167
Increase/(Decrease) in trade payables and accruals	**149**	(331)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	**17**	(175)
	(3,525)	(4,119)

Note 18 Cash flow information (continued)

(b) Non-cash financing and investing activities

Non-cash investing and financing activities disclosed in other notes are:

- $48,000 gain on unwinding of discount on deferred consideration receivable from Santos – Note 10.
- $255,000 expense on unwinding of discount on deferred consideration payable to APLNG – Note 16.

Note 19 Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision makers. The chief operating decision makers, who are responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, are the Board of Directors.

The principal operating activities of the Group are the exploration and evaluation of its tenements for gas reserves. The internal report used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and determining the allocations of resources is cash flow reporting of exploration and evaluation activities as one segment.

Note 20 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities of the Group as at 30 June 2026 (2025: $nil).

Note 21 Commitments

Exploration expenditure

In order to maintain an interest in the exploration tenements in which the parent is involved, the parent is committed to meet the conditions under the agreements. The timing and amount of exploration expenditure and obligations of the parent are subject to the minimum work or expenditure requirements of the permit conditions or farm-in agreements (where applicable) and may vary significantly from the forecast based on the results of the work performed which will determine the prospectivity of the relevant area of interest. The obligations are not provided for in the financial statements.

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	**June 2025**
Minimum expenditure requirements	**$000's**	**$000's**
● not later than 12 months	**4,539**	7,238
● between 12 months and 5 years	**7,016**	9,790
	11,555	17,028

Bank guarantees

Westpac Banking Corporation have provided bank guarantees totalling $519,380 (2025: $519,380) as follows:

- $398,700 (2025: $398,700) to the State of Queensland - Group's exploration permits and environmental guarantees; and
- $120,680 (2025: $120,680) to P.G.A. (Queen) Pty Ltd – office premises' rental bond

The bank guarantees are secured by term deposits as disclosed in Note 11.

Note 22 Risk management

Overview

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise receivables, payables, cash, term deposits and financial liabilities at fair value. The main risks arising from the Group's financial assets and liabilities are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk.

Key risks are monitored and reviewed as circumstances change (e.g. acquisition of new entity or project) and policies are created or revised as required. The overall objective of the Group's financial risk management policy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets whilst protecting future financial security.

Given the nature and size of the business and uncertainty as to the timing and amount of cash inflows and outflows, the Group does not enter into derivative transactions to mitigate the financial risks. In addition, the Group's policy is that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken for the purpose of making speculative gains. As the Group's operations change, the Directors will review this policy.

Note 22 Risk management (continued)

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing the Group's financial risks as summarised below.

The Group holds the following financial instruments which are carried at amortised cost unless otherwise stated:

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
Financial Assets	**$000's**	**$000's**
Cash and cash equivalents	**27,730**	13,299
Trade and other receivables	**1,186**	166
Restricted cash	**519**	519
Financial asset at fair value – Santos deferred consideration receivable	-	809
	29,435	14,793
Financial Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	**3,157**	1,431
Lease liabilities	**162**	290
Borrowings	**7,769**	6,661
Financial liability at fair value – PURE warrant shares	**1,430**	3,221
Financial liability at fair value – APLNG deferred consideration payable	-	1,745
Financial liability at fair value – CleanCo	**28,667**	27,564
	41,185	40,912

Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on cash and term deposits recognised at reporting date whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. Borrowings are fixed rate borrowings and not exposed to fluctuations in interest rates.

A forward business cash requirement estimate is made, identifying cash requirements for the following period (generally up to one year) and interest rate term deposit information is obtained from a variety of banks over a variety of periods (usually one month up to six-month term deposits) accordingly. The funds to invest are then scheduled in an optimised fashion to maximise interest returns whilst preserving liquidity.

Interest rate sensitivity

A sensitivity of 1% interest rate has been selected as this is considered reasonable given the current market conditions. A 1% movement in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant.

	Profit or Loss		Equity	
	1% increase	1% decrease	1% increase	1% decrease
2026 – Consolidated	**$000's**	**$000's**	**$000's**	**$000's**
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	**282**	**(282)**	**282**	**(282)**
2025 – Consolidated				
Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	138	(138)	138	(138)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Board's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that the Group will always have sufficient resources to meet its obligations when due.

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. This is based on the undiscounted cash flows of the financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which they are required to be paid. With respect to the liability to CleanCo, the Group is managing this liquidity risk via an executed Gas Supply Agreement (GSA) with CleanCo. In the event the financing condition precedent is not met, extended or waived, then a cash payment of $20 million escalated by CPI until the date of payment will be required and has been disclosed in the below table.

Note 22 Risk management (continued)

The following are the contractual maturity for non-derivative financial assets and liabilities.

Consolidated - 30 June 2026	<1 year $000's	Between 1 to 3 years $000's	Between 3 to 5 years $000's	Total Contractual Cash Flows $000's	Carrying Amount $000's
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	**27,730**	**-**	**-**	**27,730**	**27,730**
Trade and other receivables	**1,186**	**-**	**-**	**1,186**	**1,186**
	28,916	**-**	**-**	**28,916**	**28,916**
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	**(3,157)**	**-**	**-**	**(3,157)**	**(3,157)**
Lease liabilities	**(159)**	**(14)**	**-**	**(173)**	**(162)**
Borrowings	**(10,640)**	**-**	**-**	**(10,640)**	**(7,769)**
Financial liability at fair value – CleanCo	**(28,667)**	**-**	**-**	**(28,667)**	**(28,667)**
	(42,623)	**(14)**	**-**	**(42,637)**	**(39,755)**
Consolidated - 30 June 2025					
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	13,299	-	-	13,299	13,299
Deferred consideration receivable - Santos	857	-	-	857	809
	14,156	-	-	14,156	14,108
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	(1,431)	-	-	(1,431)	(1,431)
Lease liabilities	(151)	(173)	-	(324)	(290)
Borrowings	(1,140)	(10,640)	-	(11,780)	(6,661)
Deferred consideration payable – APLNG	(2,000)	-	-	(2,000)	(1,745)
Financial liability at fair value – CleanCo	(27,564)	-	-	(27,564)	(27,564)
	(32,286)	(10,813)	-	(43,099)	(37,691)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. This arises principally from cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and trade and other receivables. The Group exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored by the Board of Directors. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets as summarised in the table above.

Credit risk exposures

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables comprise primarily of charges to joint operations. Where possible the Group trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties. The receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis. The Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant. At 30 June 2026 $nil (2025: $nil) of the Group's receivables were past due. The Group has no other significant concentration of credit risk.

Cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and term deposits

The Group has a significant concentration of credit risk with respect to cash deposits with banks. AAA rated banks are mostly used and non-AAA banks are utilised where commercially attractive returns are available.

Capital risk management

When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure the Group continues as a going concern and to maintain a structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available and to ensure adequate capital is available for exploration and evaluation of tenements. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may seek to issue new shares.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of forecast exploration and evaluation expenditure required to reach a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of an economically recoverable reserve. Total capital is calculated as 'equity' as shown in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year. The Group is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement and for disclosure purposes.

Note 22 Risk management (continued)

Fair value hierarchy

AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level as determined by the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

a) Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
b) Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices); and
c) Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The following table shows the fair value classification of the Group's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2026.

	Consolidated	
Financial Assets - Level 3 (Note 10)	**June 2026 $000's**	**June 2025 $000's**
Santos deferred consideration receivable	-	809
Balance at the beginning of the year	**809**	1,572
Unwinding of discount	**48**	94
Deferred consideration payment receivable	**(857)**	(857)
Balance at the end of the year	-	809

Financial Liabilities - Level 3 (Note 16)	**June 2026 $000's**	**June 2025 $000's**
CleanCo financial liability	**28,667**	27,564
APLNG deferred consideration payable	-	1,745
PURE warrant shares	**1,430**	3,221
	30,097	32,530
Balance at the beginning of the year	**32,530**	34,258
Unwinding of discount	**255**	479
Movement in financial liabilities at fair value	**(688)**	(207)
Deferred consideration payment made	**(2,000)**	(2,000)
Balance at the end of the year	**30,097**	32,530

Other fair value disclosures

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of trade receivables and payables recorded in the financial statements approximates their fair values due to their short-term nature.

Note 23 Group structure

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries:

Name of entity	**Country of Incorporation**	**Class of Shares**	**Equity Holding % 2026**	**Equity Holding % 2025**
Chartwell Energy Pty Ltd[1]	Australia	Ordinary	-	100
Comet Ridge NZ Pty Ltd[2]	Australia	Ordinary	-	100
Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100
Comet Ridge Gunnedah Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100
Comet Ridge Galilee Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100
Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100
Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100
Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd	Australia	Ordinary	**100**	100

[1] Chartwell Energy Pty Ltd was deregistered with ASIC on 7 December 2025.
[2] Comet Ridge NZ Pty Ltd was deregistered with ASIC on 13 August 2025.

Note 23 Group structure (continued)

Joint arrangements

The Group has interests in the following Joint Arrangements:

	2026	2025
ATP 1191 Mahalo Gas Project[1]	**57.14%**	57.14%
ATP 743 Galilee Deeps Joint Venture	**70.00%**	70.00%
ATP 744 Galilee Deeps Joint Venture	**70.00%**	70.00%
ATP 1015 Galilee Deeps Joint Venture	**70.00%**	70.00%
PEL 427 Gunnedah	**59.09%**	59.09%

[1] includes PLs 1082 and 1083, and PCA 338

In accordance with AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*, the accounting treatment adopted for these joint arrangements depends upon an assessment of the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement that are established in each of the joint operating agreements (JOAs) or the farm-in agreement as the case may be. The JOA or farm-in agreement sets out the voting rights of the parties to the agreement. The voting rights determine who has control i.e. the power to direct the operating activities of the joint arrangement.

Based on the analysis of each JOA and farm-in agreement, the Group has classified each of its joint arrangements as a "joint operation". As a result, the Group recognises in its financial statements its share of the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities of each of the joint operations in which it has an interest.

Note 24 Related party transactions

Parent entity

The legal parent entity is Comet Ridge Limited. Details of controlled entities are set out in Note 23.

Key Management Personnel

There were no transactions with KMP during the year, other than those disclosed in Note 25.

Transactions with controlled entities

Transactions between Comet Ridge Limited and its subsidiaries during the year included:

- loans advanced to/repayments from subsidiaries; and
- investments in subsidiaries.

The loans and investments have been impaired as shown in the parent entity disclosures section of this note. The loans to subsidiaries are interest free, repayable in cash at call and are unsecured.

Loans to subsidiaries and investments in subsidiaries

The parent entity has recorded investments in subsidiaries at cost of $nil (2025: $44,081,000) less provisions for impairment $nil (2025: $44,081,000) as a result of the deregistration of Chartwell Energy Pty Ltd on 7 December 2025.

The parent entity has also loaned funds to its subsidiaries of net $74,701,000 (2025: $63,609,000) primarily to undertake exploration expenditure. The parent entity has impaired the carrying amount of the loans by $21,130,000 (2025: $18,532,000). The impairment of the investments and loans has been based on the underlying net assets of the subsidiaries.

In future periods, as the underlying exploration and evaluation activities progress on various tenements, and with changes in other market conditions, the carrying amounts of the investments and loans may need to be reassessed in line with the net asset position of the subsidiaries or as otherwise appropriate.

Note 25 Key Management Personnel

Details of Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel comprise all of the Directors of the Company.

James McKay	Non-executive Chairman
Tor McCaul	Managing Director
Christopher Pieters	Executive Director
Gillian Swaby	Non-executive Director – Did not stand for re-election at the AGM held on 14 November 2025
Martin Riley	Non-executive Director
Shaun Scott	Non-executive Director – Resigned 3 June 2026

Note 25 Key management personnel (continued)

	Consolidated	
	June 2026	June 2025
	$	$
Short-term employee benefits	**847,170**	886,101
Post-employment benefits	**79,692**	80,987
Long-term employment benefits	**8,821**	8,739
Share-based payments	-	26,644
	935,683	1,002,471

Note 26 Parent entity disclosures

	June 2026	June 2025
	$000's	$000's
Current assets	**28,536**	12,941
Non-current assets	**105,278**	95,366
Total assets	**133,814**	108,307
Current liabilities	**27,726**	17,343
Non-current liabilities	**1,119**	10,645
Total liabilities	**28,845**	27,988
Net assets	**104,969**	80,319
Contributed equity	**240,205**	211,181
Share-based payments' reserve	-	-
Accumulated losses	**(135,236)**	(130,862)
Total equity	**104,969**	80,319
Loss for the period	**4,368**	3,697
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss	**4,368**	3,697

Bank guarantees

Bank guarantees are disclosed in Note 21.

Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in Note 20.

Parent Entity Guarantee

Comet Ridge Limited has provided a parent company financial guarantee for Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd (CML) in favour of Comet Ridge Mahalo's potential $20,000,000 liability (indexed at CPI from 2014) to CleanCo.

The guarantee represents a contingent liability of the parent should CML not be able to settle the obligation if and when it falls due.

Note 27 Post balance date events

a) Completion of Share Purchase Plan and Tranche 2 placement

Comet Ridge announced on 30 July 2026 the completion of its Share Purchase Plan (SPP) resulting in applications received totalling $875,750. This SPP comprised the issue of 8,543,902 shares at an issue price of $0.1025 per share and the SPP shares were allotted on 31 July 2026.

As announced on 6 August 2026, shareholders approved the issue of Tranche 2 Placement Shares to institutional and sophisticated investors to raise $9.4 million (before costs). This placement comprised the issue of 91,824,387 shares at an issue price of $0.1025 per share. The placement shares were allotted to investors on 14 August 2026.

Both the SPP and Tranche 2 Placement included one unlisted free attaching option for every two securities allotted with a strike price of $0.15 per option expiring on 30 June 2028.

b) Santos Mahalo JV acquisition completion

As announced on 24 August 2026, Comet Ridge completed the acquisition of Santos QNT Pty Ltd's (Santos) 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project, increasing Comet Ridge's ownership to 100%. As part of the completion consideration, Santos accepted 83,782,550 new fully paid ordinary shares in Comet Ridge (consideration shares) at an issue price of $0.1025 per share. The consideration shares were allotted to Santos on 24 August 2026.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement

As at 30 June 2026

Comet Ridge Limited is required by Australian Accounting Standards to prepare consolidated financial statements in relation to the company and its controlled entities (the consolidated entity).

In accordance with subsection 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001*, this consolidated entity disclosure statement provides information about each entity that was part of the consolidated entity at the end of the financial year.

Name of Entity	Type of entity	Place formed or incorporated	Percentage of share capital held (if applicable)	Australian tax resident or foreign tax resident	Foreign tax jurisdiction (if applicable)
Comet Ridge Limited	Body corporate	Australia	n/a	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Gunnedah Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Galilee Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a
Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	n/a

At the end of the financial year, no entity within the consolidated entity was a trustee of a trust within the consolidated entity, a partner in a partnership within the consolidated entity, or a participant in a joint venture within the consolidated entity.

Directors' Declaration

The directors declare that:

1) In the directors' opinion, the consolidated statements and notes thereto, as set out on pages 34 to 61, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

    (a) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and

    (b) as stated in Note 2, the consolidated financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards; and

    (c) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

2) In the directors' opinion, the consolidated entity disclosure statement required by subsection 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* is true and correct.

3) In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds, at the date of this declaration, to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors have been given the declarations by the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer required in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Tor McCaul

Managing Director
Brisbane, Queensland, 24 September 2026

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Comet Ridge Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Comet Ridge Limited ("the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board ("the Code") that are relevant to audits of the financial report of public interest entities in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 2(d) in the financial report, which describes that under an agreement with CleanCo Queensland Limited (CleanCo), contract terms exist whereby a cash payment of approximately $28.67 million may become payable. In addition, the Group will require additional funding for its ongoing commitments to continue its normal business operations, including the progression of its Mahalo Gas Hub permits and Galilee permits.

The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern depends upon a number of matters, including successfully raising necessary funding through debt, equity, selldown or farm-out of the Group's tenements to meet these commitments as they arise. These conditions, along with other matters set forth in Note 2(d), indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Carrying value of Exploration and Evaluation assets *Refer to note 12, $118.05 million*	
Exploration and Evaluation (E&E) assets represent the Mahalo and Galilee Deeps Joint Ventures (JVs), Mahalo North, Mahalo East, Mahalo Far East and the Gunnedah and Galilee Basin tenements. We considered the carrying value of the E&E assets to be a key audit matter given the significance of the E&E asset balance to the financial statements and judgements regarding future exploration plans in determining whether the exploration costs should continue to be capitalised as assets.	The following procedures, amongst others, were performed in relation to the carrying value of the E&E assets: • Understood and evaluated the design and implementation of controls over the E&E assets. • Evaluated the Group's accounting position paper on the ability to continue to capitalise E&E assets for each area of interest. • Agreed the licence expiry date of the respective tenements to the official tenement documentation provided by the State Government Department, to confirm currency of tenure and the Group's right to explore. • Assessed the Group's financial year 2027 budget to determine if exploration expenditure had been included for the respective tenements to demonstrate continue exploration activity. • Discussed likely developments and future plans for the respective tenements with Management. • Evaluated the reasonableness of disclosures included in the financial report against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Valuation of CleanCo financial liability *Refer to note 16, $28.67 million*	
The CleanCo arrangement originated in 2014 and reflects the Group's obligation to settle the acquisition of a 5% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project. On 18 September 2023, the Group executed a seven-year Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) with CleanCo, subject to various contract conditions being satisfied. On 30 June 2026, a deed of amendment was executed by both parties extending satisfaction dates for the financing and gas transportation conditions to 31 March 2027. In estimating the fair value of the financial liability under the arrangement, the Group have made judgements including the: • Timing of any cash payments under the arrangement • Discount rate to be applied • Forecast inflation rates Given the magnitude of the liability and judgements made in determining the fair value of the liability, the complexities of the CleanCo arrangement, and the significance of the arrangement to the financial report, we consider the accounting for the CleanCo arrangement to be a key audit matter.	The following procedures, amongst others, were performed in relation to the valuation and presentation of the CleanCo financial liability: • Understood and evaluated the design and implementation of controls over the CleanCo financial liability. • Read the relevant terms of the CleanCo agreements, to develop an understanding of the arrangement. • Agreed the extension of the GSA negotiating period to the Notification Notice agreed between CleanCo and the Group. • Evaluated the reasonableness of the timing of any potential cash outflow with reference to the conditions in the agreements. • Evaluated the reasonableness of the forecast inflation rates over the remaining timeframe of the arrangement. • Tested the mathematical accuracy of the calculations of the financial liability through recalculation. • Evaluated the reasonableness of disclosures included in the financial report against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
PURE Asset Management Financing Facility, including the valuation of warrants issued *Refer to note 14 and 16*	
The Group entered into a binding agreement with PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd ("PURE") on 9 September 2021 for a term loan facility of up to $10 million. The facility included warrants issued to PURE, some of which were exercised in prior periods. The remaining $9.5 million loan was refinanced in the previous year and extended to 30 June 2027. At 30 June 2026, 55,000,000 Tranche 1 warrants remained on issue and expire on 30 June 2028, while the Tranche 2 warrants expired during the year. We considered the accounting for the PURE loan and warrants to be a key audit matter given the judgement involved in: • determining whether the warrants are accounted for as a separate financial liability or equity instrument to the loan; and • determining the fair value of the warrants and the loan.	The following procedures, amongst others, were performed in relation to the PURE financing facility and the valuation of the PURE Warrants: • Understood and evaluated the design and implementation of controls over the PURE loan and PURE warrants. • Read the relevant terms of the PURE financing facility and warrant agreements to develop an understanding. • Assessed whether the PURE warrants should be accounted for as a financial liability or equity instrument and recognised separately to the loan in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. • Agreed the number of warrants, exercise price and relevant terms of the warrants issued to the PURE warrant agreements. • Agreed the face value of the loan and relevant terms of the loan to the PURE financing facility agreement. • Assessed the fair value of the warrants utilising a binomial option pricing valuation methodology. • Evaluated the reasonableness of disclosures included in the financial report against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

(a) the financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001;* and
(b) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
(c) for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

(i) the financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
(ii) the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on the Remuneration Report

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 26 to 29 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2026. In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Comet Ridge Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2026, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Pitcher Partners

PITCHER PARTNERS

J. Evans

JASON EVANS
Partner

Brisbane, Queensland
24 September 2026

Additional Information

The additional information set out below was applicable as at 1 September 2026:

1. Number of Equity Holders

Ordinary Share Capital

1,679,009,030 fully paid ordinary shares are held by 2,939 individual shareholders.

2. Voting Rights

In accordance with the Company's constitution, on a show of hands every shareholder present in person or by a proxy, attorney or representative of a shareholder has one vote and on a poll every shareholder present in person or by a proxy, attorney or representative has in respect of fully paid shares, one vote for every share held. No class of option holder has a right to vote, however the shares issued upon exercise of options will rank pari passu with the then existing issued fully paid ordinary shares.

3. Distribution of Shareholdings

Holdings	No. of Holders	Units	Percentage of Issued Capital*
1 - 1,000	192	8,480	0.001%
1,001 - 5,000	375	1,319,302	0.079%
5,001 - 10,000	370	2,954,356	0.176%
10,001 - 100,000	1,130	46,460,359	2.767%
100,001 - maximum	872	1,628,266,533	96.978%
	2,939	**1,679,009,030**	**100.000%**

* Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1/1000 decimal place.

The numbers of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel (being 5,435 units or less) were:

597 Holders (1,485,585 Shares)

4. Substantial Shareholders

The following information is extracted from the Company's Register of Substantial Shareholders:

Name	Number of Shares Held	Percentage of Issued Capital
Copia Investment Partners Ltd	272,593,837	16.24%

The above shareholding is disclosed pursuant to section 671B (3) of the *Corporations Act 2001* but the relevant interests shown do not necessarily represent the beneficial interest in the share capital of the Company or the parties concerned.

5. Unquoted Securities

Unlisted Performance Rights:

The Company has nil performance rights on issue, issued in accordance with the Comet Ridge Employee Performance Rights Plan last approved by shareholders at the Company's AGM on 24 November 2016.

Unlisted Warrant Shares:

The Company has 55,000,000 warrant shares on issue, exercisable at $0.122 per share. These have been issued to PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd in connection with refinance and extension of the $9.5 million loan on 21 May 2025. The warrant shares have a term of 37 months from the refinance date until expiry on 30 June 2028.

6. The 20 Largest Holders of Ordinary Shares

		Number of Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Held	Percentage of Issued Capital %
1.	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	439,535,744	26.18%
2.	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	116,077,099	6.91%
3.	SANTOS QNT PTY LTD	83,782,550	4.99%
4.	UBS NOMINEES PTY LTD	36,035,167	2.15%
5.	BUTTONWOOD NOMINEES PTY LTD	33,837,440	2.02%
6.	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED – A/C 2	26,025,000	1.55%
7.	WARBONT NOMINEES PTY LTD <UNPAID ENTREPOT A/C>	25,260,943	1.50%
8.	BRAZIL FARMING PTY LTD	23,757,487	1.41%
9.	BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	22,809,753	1.36%
10.	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	22,297,543	1.33%
11.	BRIXIA INVESTMENTS LTD	21,425,501	1.28%
12.	MCKAY SUPER PTY LTD	20,253,129	1.21%
13.	SIXTH ERRA PTY LTD	20,245,846	1.21%
14.	MR JOHN NAUGHTON	17,500,000	1.04%
15.	GILBY RESOURCES PTY LTD	15,000,000	0.89%
16.	BOND STREET CUSTODIANS LIMITED <LAMAN – D05019 A/C>	14,793,103	0.88%
17.	MICHAEL JOYCE PTY LTD	14,000,000	0.83%
18.	MRS KIRSTY ELLEN MCKAY	13,750,000	0.82%
19.	KABILA INVESTMENTS PTY LIMITED	12,380,775	0.74%
20.	ROOKHARP CAPITAL PTY LIMITED	11,617,700	0.69%
TOTAL		**990,384,780**	**58.99%**

7. Restricted Securities

There were no restricted securities issued or held during the reporting period.

8. Interest in Petroleum Tenements - Authority to Prospect (ATP), Petroleum Lease (PL), Petroleum Commercial Area (PCA), Petroleum Exploration Lease (PEL) Interests

ATP / PL / PCA / PEL	Location	Interest[1]	Operator
PL 1082 [2]	Bowen Basin	100% [6]	Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd
PL 1083 [2]	Bowen Basin	100% [6]	Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd
PCA 338 [2,3]	Bowen Basin	100% [6]	Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd
ATP 2048	Bowen Basin	100%	Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd
ATP 2061	Bowen Basin	100%	Comet Ridge Mahalo East Pty Ltd
ATP 2063	Bowen Basin	100%	Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd
ATP 2072	Bowen Basin	100%	Comet Ridge Mahalo Far East Pty Ltd
ATP 743 [4]	Galilee Basin	70% Conventional 100% CSG	Comet Ridge Limited
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ATP 1015 [4]	Galilee Basin	70% Conventional 100% CSG	Comet Ridge Limited
PEL 427 [5]	Gunnedah Basin	100% Conventional 59.09% CSG	Comet Ridge Limited (Conventional) Santos NSW (Betel) Pty Ltd (CSG)

[1] The interest is held either by Comet Ridge Limited or one of its wholly owned subsidiaries.

[2] Part of ATP 1191 Mahalo Gas Project Permit has been converted to Petroleum Leases (PLs) 1082 and 1083 with the remaining Mahalo Gas Project area covered by Potential Commercial Area (PCA) 338.

[3] PCA 338 is an amalgamation of the previously held PCAs 302, 303 and 304.

[4] The Authorities to Prospect (ATPs) located in the Galilee Basin have been divided by way of a farm-in to Vintage Energy Limited into the Conventional (Deeps) and Unconventional (Shallows) joint ventures. The percentages recorded show the interests that Comet Ridge (or a wholly owned subsidiary) holds in these respective ATPs. The Queensland Government has granted 6 PCAs numbered 319 to 324 totalling approximately 4,742 km^2 for 15 years as well as renewing the underlying ATPs for a further 12 years.

[5] PEL 427 located in the Gunnedah Basin is divided into Conventional oil and gas equity and CSG Joint Ventures. PEL 427 was renewed in May 2022. The approved area was reduced to 12 blocks over an area of 891 km^2.

[6] On 21 August 2026, Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd acquired Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in these PLs and PCAs taking Comet Ridge's holding to 100%.

Corporate Directory

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