



VIVA ENERGY REIT - APPENDIX 4E FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Viva Energy REIT is Australia's largest listed REIT owning solely service station properties with a high quality portfolio across all Australian states and mainland territories. Viva Energy REIT's objective is to maximise the long-term income and capital returns from its portfolio.

Viva Energy REIT is a stapled entity comprising Viva Energy REIT Limited ABN 35 612 986 517 and Viva Energy REIT Trust ARSN 613 146 464 and their controlled entities ('Group').

REPORTING PERIOD

This report details the consolidated results of Viva Energy REIT for the year ended 31 December 2019. The comparative period shown is for the year ended 31 December 2018.

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

Statutory net profit was \$197.6 million, compared to \$167.1 million in the prior year.

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018	Change
Revenue from ordinary activities	\$173.3 million	\$163.4 million	6.1%
Net profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to Group investors	\$124.9 million	\$123.5 million	1.1%
Net profit after tax attributable to Group investors (statutory net profit)	\$197.6 million	\$167.1 million	18.2%
Net operating profit (distributable income)	\$111.7 million	\$101.7 million	9.8%
Distributable income per security	14.54 ¹ cents per security	14.02 ¹ cents per security	3.7%
Total assets	\$2,718.1 million	\$2,511.0 million	8.2%
Net assets	\$1,782.9 million	\$1,594.7 million	11.8%
Net tangible assets per security	\$2.29 per security	\$2.20 per security	4.1%

¹ Calculated on a weighted average basis.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Statutory net profit was \$197.6 million, compared to \$167.1 million in the prior year. The statutory net profit is higher than the prior year primarily due to higher rental income flowing from acquisitions and contracted rental increases and gains from investment property revaluations.
- Distributable income² of \$111.7 million compared to the prior year of \$101.7 million is higher due to contracted rental increases and rental income from property acquisitions.
- Hadyn Stephens commenced as Chief Executive Officer of VER Manager Pty Limited, the manager of the Group.
- Net tangible assets per security at 31 December 2019 increased by 4.1% to \$2.29 (31 December 2018: \$2.20).
- \$110m of equity raised (before costs) at \$2.32 per security from an institutional placement and security purchase plan, which have been used in part to fund 15 property acquisitions for \$60.2 million settled during the year with a WACR of 6.8% before acquisition costs and a further \$32.1 million invested in redevelopment fund-through projects with a maximum additional \$14.3m committed for these projects.
- Gearing was 30.4%³ at 31 December 2019, at the lower end of the target gearing range of 30% to 45%.
- The Group was assigned a Baa1 corporate rating by Moody's Investors Services which should increase funding optionality.
- \$368m interest rate swap restructure implementing forward start interest rate swaps in February 2019 resulted in a ~65 bps improvement in interest rate.
- Weighted average maturity of debt facilities of \$846.7 million was 2.9 years, and \$796.3 million of fixed interest rate swaps were in place with a weighted average maturity of 2.8 years.

DISTRIBUTIONS

	Cents per security	Franked amount per security	Date paid or payable
Interim for the year ended 31 December 2019	7.18	-	29 August 2019
Final for the year ended 31 December 2019 (record date 31 December 2019)	7.19	-	27 February 2020

These distributions are 100% from Australian sourced income.

The Group's Distribution Reinvestment Plan remains active and security holders who submitted a valid election notice prior to 5pm on 3 January 2020 will receive the final distribution for the year ended 31 December 2019 as new stapled securities (to be issued at \$2.6841 per security).

The issue price for the Distribution Reinvestment Plan at 29 August 2019 was \$2.6057 per security.

This information should be read in conjunction with the 2019 Financial Report of Viva Energy REIT and any public announcements made during the period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and ASX Listing Rules. The 2019 Financial Report of Viva Energy REIT includes additional Appendix 4E disclosure requirements and commentary on the results for the year ended 31 December 2019.

² This non-AIFRS measure represents the underlying cash-based profit of the Group for the relevant period excluding fair value changes from asset and derivative revaluations and items of income or expense not considered by the directors to be representative of the Group's underlying operating earnings or cash flow.

³ Gearing is calculated as net debt/total assets minus cash. This is different to the Debt Covenant Gearing calculation which is detailed in note 14(d) of the Financial Report.

This report is based on the Viva Energy REIT 31 December 2019 Financial Report which has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers. The Independent Auditor's Report provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers is included in the 31 December 2019 Financial Report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Viva Energy REIT Limited advises that its Annual General Meeting will be held on 14 May 2020. The time and other details relating to the meeting will be advised in the Notice of Meeting to be sent to all Security holders and released to ASX immediately after dispatch.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Brindle".

Laurence Brindle
Chairman
20 February 2020



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of Viva Energy REIT Limited ('Company') and VER Limited ('Responsible Entity'), the responsible entity of Viva Energy REIT Trust ('Trust'), present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 for Viva Energy REIT.

Viva Energy REIT ('Group') is a stapled group consisting of the Company and the Trust and controlled entities. The Trust owns the portfolio of service station properties, either directly or through its 100% controlled entities. The Company owns all of the shares in VER Limited (the Responsible Entity).

The manager of the Group is VER Manager Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited.

Directors of Viva Energy REIT Limited

The following persons were directors of Viva Energy REIT Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Laurence Brindle	Independent Non-executive Chairman
Georgina Lynch	Independent Non-executive Director
Stephen Newton	Independent Non-executive Director
Lachlan Pfeiffer	Non-independent Non-executive Director

Jevan Bouzo was appointed a director (Non-independent Non-executive Director) on 14 May 2019 and continues in office at the date of this report.

Scott Wyatt was appointed a director on 14 June 2016 and resigned effective 14 May 2019.

Tina Mitas was appointed as Company Secretary on 15 May 2018 and continues in office at the date of this report.

Directors of VER Limited

The following persons were directors of VER Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Laurence Brindle	Independent Non-executive Chairman
Georgina Lynch	Independent Non-executive Director
Stephen Newton	Independent Non-executive Director
Lachlan Pfeiffer	Non-independent Non-executive Director.

Tina Mitas was appointed as Company Secretary on 15 May 2018 and continues in office at the date of this report.

Principal activities

During the period, the principal activity of Viva Energy REIT was investment in service station property.

Viva Energy REIT owns a portfolio of 469 service station properties located in all Australian states and mainland territories. The properties in the portfolio are leased on a long-term basis to Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited, other service station operators and various convenience and fast food store operators.

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Distribution to security holders

Distributions paid to security holders during the financial year were as follows:

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Final distribution for the period ended 31 December 2018		
– 7.03 cents per security	51,020	-
Interim distribution for the half year ended 30 June 2019		
– 7.18 cents per security	55,694	-
Final distribution for year ended 31 December 2017		
– 6.60 cents per security	-	47,899
Interim distribution for the half year ended 30 June 2018		
– 6.99 cents per security	-	50,731
Total distributions paid	106,714	98,630

On 19 December 2019 the directors announced the payment of an estimated final distribution of \$56.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2019. This represents 7.19 cents per stapled security and is expected to be paid on 27 February 2020.

Operating and financial review

Key highlights

Viva Energy REIT's investment objective is to own a portfolio of high quality and strategically located service station properties located throughout Australia, subject to long-term leases to tenants with strong financial credit profiles.

Statutory net profit was \$197.6 million, compared to \$167.1 million in the prior year. The statutory net profit is higher than the prior year primarily due to gains from investment property revaluations in the 2019 year and higher rental income flowing from acquisitions and contracted rental increases.

Distributable income of \$111.7 million compared to the prior year of \$101.7 million is higher due to rental increases and rental income from property acquisitions.

Gearing was 30.4% at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: 32.6%), at the lower end of the target gearing range of 30% to 45% following on from increases in investment property valuations and an equity raising in February 2019.

Net Asset Value ('NAV') per security at 31 December 2019 was \$2.29 (31 December 2018: \$2.20) with the increase attributable to increases from investment property valuations.

During September 2019, Hadyn Stephens commenced as Chief Executive Officer of VER Manager Pty Limited, the manager of the Group.

The management expense ratio was 0.22% (2018: 0.20%) for the financial year, being the ratio of operating expenses incurred (excluding finance costs) over average total assets (excluding derivative financial assets) excluding non-recurring items associated with senior management changes. The increase flows predominantly from increases in insurance and statutory costs.

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Key financial metrics

	2019	2018
Net profit (statutory)	\$197.6 million	\$167.1 million
Net operating profit (distributable income)	\$111.7 million	\$101.7 million
Distributable income per security	14.54 cents	14.02 cents
Total assets	\$2,718.1 million	\$2,511.0 million
Investment properties	\$2,652.1 million	\$2,496.1 million
Borrowings	\$846.7 million	\$852.7 million
Net assets	\$1,782.9 million	\$1,594.7 million
NAV per security	\$2.29	\$2.20
Gearing ⁽¹⁾	30.4%	32.6%
Debt Covenant Gearing ⁽²⁾	33.5%	36.2%
Management expense ratio (MER) ⁽³⁾	0.22%	0.20%

⁽¹⁾ Gearing is calculated as net debt divided by total assets excluding cash.

⁽²⁾ Debt Covenant Gearing is calculated as total liabilities/total assets but excluding any mark-to-market valuations of derivative assets/liabilities. This is the measure used to determine compliance with the Group's gearing covenants.

⁽³⁾ The management expense ratio is shown on an annualised basis; and is calculated as the ratio of operating expenses incurred (excluding finance costs and initial transaction costs) over average total assets (excluding derivative financial assets), excludes non-recurring items associated with senior management changes. MER including non-recurring items was 0.28%

Financial results

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Rental income	148,547	136,834
Finance income	1,351	710
Total operating income	149,898	137,544
Management and administration expenses	(8,289)	(5,290)
Interest paid or payable	(29,901)	(30,401)
Income tax expense	-	(106)
Net operating profit (distributable income)⁽¹⁾	111,708	101,747
Non-distributable items		
Net revaluation gain on investment properties	72,773	43,557
Straight-line rental income	23,375	25,863
Amortisation of borrowing costs	(1,033)	(4,091)
Interest rate swap restructure expense	(9,189)	-
Statutory net profit	197,634	167,076

⁽¹⁾ Net operating profit (distributable income) is not a statutory measure of profit. Distributable income is calculated as net profit adjusted to remove transaction costs, specific non-recurring items and non-cash items, including straight-lining of rental income, the amortisation of debt establishment fees and any fair value adjustment to investment properties and derivatives.

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Investment property portfolio

	2019	2018
Total value of investment properties	\$2,652.1 million	\$2,496.1 million
Total properties in portfolio	469	454
Portfolio occupancy	100%	100%
Weighted average lease expiry	11.7 years	12.6 years

Capital management

On 22 February 2019 the Group completed an institutional placement raising \$100.0 million (before costs). In addition, the Group raised \$10.0 million via a Security Purchase Plan that was completed on 22 March 2019. For these equity raisings, new securities were issued at \$2.32.

In December 2019, the Group was assigned a Baa1 corporate rating by Moody's Investors Services which should increase funding optionality.

The Group paid a distribution of \$51.0 million on 28 February 2019 for the year ended 31 December 2018 and a distribution of \$55.7 million on 29 August 2019 for the half year ended 30 June 2019.

The Group announced an estimated final distribution for the year ended 31 December 2019 on 19 December 2019 of \$56.0 million.

At 31 December 2019 Gearing was 30.4% which is at the lower end of the target range of 30% to 45%.

Interest rate management

During the period, the Group managed its interest rate risk in accordance with its interest rate risk management policy.

During February 2019, the Group restructured \$368m of forward start interest rate swaps at a cost of \$9.2m that resulted in a ~65 bps improvement in interest rate.

At 31 December 2019, 94.1% of the Group's borrowings were hedged with a weighted average term of 2.8 years. The average fixed interest rate at 31 December 2019 was 2.1% per annum, excluding the margin (refer to note 9 to the consolidated financial statements) and the amortisation of debt establishment costs.

2020 outlook

The Group is Australia's largest ASX listed REIT owning solely service station properties with a high quality portfolio across all Australian states and mainland territories. Its objective is to maximise the long-term income and capital returns from its portfolio.

As at 31 December 2019, the Group owned 469 service station properties and had entered into contracts for the purchase of four further investment properties for \$25.4 million, of which \$21.1 million remains unpaid at 31 December 2019. Settlement of three of these properties occurred during January and February 2020 with the fourth expected to settle by mid-year.

Further, the Group committed to contracts for the construction of service stations on ten properties for an aggregate of \$46.4 million, of which \$14.3 million remains unpaid at 31 December 2019 and is expected to be paid as construction is completed during the next 12 months.

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The Group expects rental income from the existing service station portfolio to grow in line with contracted annual rental increases and will consider opportunities to acquire investment properties that satisfy its investment objectives and guidelines. Further, the Group will continue to review its capital strategy and opportunities for enhancement to the sources and tenor of funding.

Significant changes in state of affairs

Other than disclosed above in the Operating and Financial Review, there was no significant change in the state of affairs of the Group that occurred during the year ended 31 December 2019.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

Subsequent to the end of the financial year:

- The directors have confirmed the payment of a final distribution for the year ended 31 December 2019 of \$56.0 million which is expected to be paid on 27 February 2020;
- On 8 January 2020 funds have been drawn down from one of the syndicated facilities for \$56.0 million to fund this distribution; and
- Three investment properties with a purchase price of \$20.0 million which were contracted before 31 December 2019 were settled during January and February 2020.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2019 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- the operations of the Group in future financial years;
- the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Group will continue to be managed in accordance with its existing investment objectives and guidelines.

The results of the Group's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the performance of the property investment market. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Material business risks

The Responsible Entity has adopted a Compliance Plan which sets out the key processes, systems and measures that the Responsible Entity will apply in operating the Trust. The Compliance Plan also includes a compliance management and reporting structure. The material business risks that could adversely affect the achievement of the Group's financial prospects include the following:

Tenant concentration risk, financial standing and sector concentration risk

97% of the Group's rental income is received from Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited ('Viva Energy Australia'). If Viva Energy Australia's financial standing materially deteriorates Viva Energy Australia's ability to make rental payments to Viva Energy REIT may be adversely impacted, which may have a materially adverse impact on the Group's results of operations, financial position and ability to service and/or obtain financing.

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Furthermore, a material decline in the profitability of Viva Energy Australia's business could affect the perceived stability of the rental income of Viva Energy REIT and may affect Viva Energy REIT's ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms, and lead to lesser capacity to pay market rents when renewal options are exercised and a decline in the values of Viva Energy REIT's investment properties.

Termination of Viva Energy Australia's right to use Shell branding could adversely affect Viva Energy Australia's ability to meet its rental obligations and therefore the value of Viva Energy REIT's portfolio of investment properties and its ability to service and/or obtain financing.

Investment property value

The value of the Group's portfolio of investment properties may be adversely affected by a number of other factors, including factors outside the control of the Group, such as supply and demand for service station properties, general property market conditions, the availability and cost of credit, the ability to attract and implement economically viable rental arrangements, Viva Energy Australia's financial condition deteriorating, occupiers not extending the term of leases, re-leasing of properties, capitalisation rates and general economic factors such as the level of inflation and interest rates. As changes in valuations are recorded on the statutory net profit statement, any decreases in value will have a negative impact on the statutory net profit statement and net tangible assets per security and in turn the market price of the Group's securities may fall.

Environmental and climate risk

The Group depends on its tenants to perform their obligations under various environmental arrangements in relation to properties they lease. If the tenants were to fail to meet their obligations under these arrangements (including due to their insolvency), the Group may incur significant costs to rectify contamination on its properties and also on other properties which may be consequently impacted.

The Group is subject to a range of regulatory regimes that cover the specific assets of the Group and how they are operated and the Group's Australian Financial Services Licence ('AFSL'). These regulatory regimes are subject to ongoing review and change which may increase the cost of compliance, reporting and maintenance of the Group's assets.

Extreme weather and other climate change related events have the potential to damage the Group's assets and disrupt the tenants' operations. Such events may increase costs for maintenance and insurance of the Group's assets, and may affect the ability to re-lease the Group's investment properties in the future and the rent levels for which they can be leased, thereby affecting future investment property valuations and rental cash flows. Insurance may not be able to be obtained at all.

The precise nature of these risks is uncertain as it depends on complex factors such as policy change, technology development, market forces, and the links between these factors and climatic conditions.

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's cash and cash equivalents, floating rate borrowings and interest rate swaps expose it to a risk of change in fair value or future cash flows due to changes in interest rates. The Group economically hedges some or all of its exposure to changes in interest rates on variable rate borrowings by using floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps. By hedging against changes in interest rates, the Group has limited its exposure to changes in interest rates on its outward cash flows so long as the counterparties to those interest rate swaps meet their obligations to the Group.

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Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous. The Group monitors its exposure to liquidity risk by ensuring that there is sufficient cash on hand as required or debt facility funding available to meet financial liabilities as they fall due.

Debt agreement and refinancing risk

The Group has outstanding debt facilities. General economic and business conditions that impact the debt or equity markets could impact the Group's ability to refinance its debt facilities when required. If the covenants in these facilities are breached by the Group this may result in the Group being subject to increased interest rate margins and covenants restricting its ability to engage in certain types of activities or to pay distributions to security holders. Debt may not be able to be obtained at all.

If debt facilities are not available or are not available in adequate volume the Group may need to sell assets to repay debt. There is no guarantee that there will be willing purchasers for the Group's assets or that purchasers will pay prices at or greater than book value of these investment properties.

If Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited ceases to beneficially own and control, either directly or indirectly, at least 20% of the securities of Viva Energy REIT by selling or transferring its interest, or an entity other than a member of the Viva Energy Group controls Viva Energy REIT, then this would constitute a review event under the terms of the Group's debt facility agreements, and (subject to specified negotiation and notification periods) a repayment of the Group's debt facilities may be required.

The directors regularly monitor the debt facility covenants to ensure compliance and consider the refinancing options and timing available to the Group.

AFSL compliance risk

VER Limited, a subsidiary of Viva Energy REIT Limited, holds an AFSL and acts as a responsible entity for the Group's managed investment scheme. The AFSL requires minimum levels of net tangible assets, liquid assets, cash reserves and liquidity, which may restrict the Group in paying distributions that would breach these requirements.

On a quarterly basis, the directors review and monitor VER Limited's balance sheet to ensure compliance with its AFSL requirements.

Personnel risk

Viva Energy REIT is managed by VER Manager Pty Limited ('Manager'), which is a subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited.

Viva Energy REIT does not have direct employees (other than non-executive directors) and consequently is reliant on the expertise and experience of the key executives of Viva Energy Group Limited made available to the Manager which provides the services to Viva Energy REIT under the Management Agreement. As a consequence, loss of such key personnel could potentially have an adverse impact on the management and the financial performance of Viva Energy REIT and in turn may affect the returns to security holders.

Environmental regulation

As a landlord, the operations of the Group are subject to a range of environmental laws and regulations under Commonwealth, state and territory law. However, the lease attaching to each investment property requires that the tenant manages the environmental conditions at each site and indemnifies the Group for any contamination caused by their operations.

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The Group did not receive any environmental infringements or notices from environmental regulators in the year ended 31 December 2019.

Information on Directors and Officers

Laurence Brindle

Independent Non-executive Chairman, Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Laurence has extensive experience in funds management, finance and investment and is currently independent Non-executive Chairman of National Storage REIT.

Until 2009, Laurence was an executive with Queensland Investment Corporation ('QIC'). During his 21 years with QIC, he served in various senior positions including Head of Global Real Estate, where he was responsible for a QIC's large global investment portfolio. Laurence was also a long-term member of QIC's Investment Strategy Committee.

Laurence provides advice to a number of investment institutions on real estate investment and funds management matters. He is a former chairman of the Shopping Centre Council of Australia and a former director of Westfield Retail Trust and Scentre Group.

Laurence holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland, and a Masters of Business Administration from Cass Business School, London, where he graduated with distinction.

Georgina Lynch

Independent Non-executive Director, Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Georgina has over 25 years' experience in the financial services and property industry. She is currently independent non-executive Chair of Cbus Property, non-executive Director of Investec Property Limited, and a non-executive Director of Tassal Group Limited and a member of their audit and risk management committee and remuneration committee.

Georgina has significant global experience in corporate transactions, capital raisings, initial public offerings (IPOs), funds management, corporate strategy and acquisitions and divestments.

Georgina holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws.

Stephen Newton

Independent Non-executive Director, Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Stephen has extensive industry experience spanning in excess of 40 years across real estate investment and funds management, development and property management, as well as in infrastructure investment and management. Stephen has been a Principal of Arcadia Funds Management for more than 15 years. Prior to that, Stephen held various senior executive positions at Lend Lease over 22 years.

Stephen is currently a non-executive director of Stockland Property Group, BAI Communications Group (formerly Broadcast Australia Group) and Sydney Catholic Schools Limited. Stephen was formerly a director of Gateway Lifestyle Group.

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Stephen is a member of both Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Accounting) degree from Macquarie University and a Masters of Commerce post graduate degree from The University of New South Wales.

Jevan Bouzo

Non-independent Non-executive Director

Jevan is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of ASX listed company Viva Energy Group Limited where he is responsible for finance, tax, treasury, procurement and investor relations and corporate strategy. Jevan has been with Viva Energy Group Limited since 2015 having taken the organisation through its IPO in 2018. Prior to becoming CFO of Viva Energy Group Limited, Jevan was responsible for corporate finance and played a lead role in the IPO of Viva Energy REIT.

Before joining Viva Energy Group Limited, Jevan worked at Ernst & Young in assurance and business services where he led assurance and business improvement projects for clients in the energy and retail sectors as well as a number of ASX-listed companies.

Until recently, Jevan was a director of VER Manager Pty Ltd (manager of Viva Energy REIT) and Liberty Oil Holdings Pty Ltd (and its wholly owned subsidiaries).

Jevan is a Chartered Accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce from Monash University.

Lachlan Pfeiffer

Non-independent Non-executive Director, Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Lachlan is the Executive General Manager of Legal and External Affairs of Viva Energy Group Limited. Lachlan has over 5 years' experience managing corporate affairs functions at Viva Energy Group, including legal, governance, external relations, sustainability and significant projects.

Prior to joining Viva Energy, Lachlan spent over 10 years' working in corporate law, specialising in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate finance and debt and equity capital markets in Australia, UK, USA and Europe. His previous position was with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom in London, and prior to this with Norton Rose Fulbright in Melbourne.

Lachlan holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Tina Mitas

Company Secretary

Tina has over 15 years' experience in corporate law including corporate governance, compliance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and information technology.

Tina's previous positions include senior legal counsel roles at Aconex Limited and SMS Management Limited and senior associate at Herbert Smith Freehills.

Tina holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Corporate Governance from the Governance Institute of Australia (GIA). Tina is a Chartered Secretary and Associate of the GIA and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA).

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Meetings of directors

The numbers of meetings of the Directors and of each Board Committee held during the year ended 31 December 2019, and the numbers of meetings attended by each Director were:

Name	Viva Energy REIT Limited		VER Limited		Audit and Risk Management Committee		Independent Board Committee	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Laurence Brindle	16	16	16	16	4	4	5	5
Georgina Lynch	16	16	16	16	4	4	5	5
Stephen Newton	16	16	16	16	4	4	5	5
Jevan Bouzo*	11	11	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lachlan Pfeiffer	16	16	16	16	4	4	-	-
Scott Wyatt**	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

A = Number of meetings attended.

B = Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the committee during the year ended 31 December 2019.

* = Appointed 14 May 2019.

** = Resigned 14 May 2019.

Remuneration report

This remuneration report presents Viva Energy REIT's remuneration arrangements for key management personnel for the year ended 31 December 2019. The report has been prepared and audited in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

(i) Remuneration governance

The directors have chosen not to establish a nomination and remuneration committee for the year ended 31 December 2019 on the basis that neither the Company nor the Trust has any employees (other than the directors), and the senior executives of the Manager are remunerated by Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited, the parent entity of the Manager. The directors will consider nomination and remuneration matters from time to time at their regularly scheduled board meetings. Any nomination and remuneration committee established will be comprised of independent non-executive directors.

(ii) Key management personnel disclosed in this report

Independent Non-executive Directors

Laurence Brindle

Georgina Lynch

Stephen Newton

Non-independent Non-executive Directors

Jevan Bouzo

Lachlan Pfeiffer

(iii) Remuneration policy

Under the Company Constitution, the Board may decide the remuneration to which each director is entitled for his or her services as a director. However, the total amount provided to all directors for their services as directors must not exceed in aggregate in any financial year the amount fixed by Viva Energy REIT. This amount has been fixed at \$750,000 per annum.

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Each Non-executive Director is currently entitled to receive \$100,000 per annum. The Chairman is entitled to receive \$200,000 per annum but no fee for membership of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is entitled to receive an additional \$20,000 per annum. Other Non-executive Directors who are members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee are entitled to receive an additional \$10,000 per annum.

Additionally, directors are entitled to reimbursement of travel and other out of pocket expenses which totalled \$24,574 in the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: \$15,170).

From time to time and in consideration of independent advice, the directors review the remuneration of directors of comparable listed entities to assess the appropriateness of the remuneration paid by Viva Energy REIT.

Directors who are representatives of Viva Energy Group Limited have waived their entitlement to fees.

(iv) Details of remuneration

Details of the remuneration of the key management personnel of the Group are set out in the following tables.

Remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Short-term employee benefits	Post-employment benefits	Total
	Salary & fees	Superannuation	
Independent Non-executive Directors			
Laurence Brindle	\$ 182,648	\$ 17,352	\$ 200,000
Georgina Lynch	100,457	9,543	110,000
Stephen Newton	109,589	10,411	120,000
Total	392,694	37,306	430,000

Remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Short-term employee benefits	Post-employment benefits	Total
	Salary & fees	Superannuation	
Independent Non-executive Directors			
Laurence Brindle	\$ 182,648	\$ 17,352	\$ 200,000
Georgina Lynch	100,457	9,543	110,000
Stephen Newton	109,589	10,411	120,000
Total	392,694	37,306	430,000

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(v) Service agreements

On appointment to the board, all Non-executive Directors sign a letter of appointment with the Group. The document details the term of appointment, the role, duties and obligations of the directors as well as the likely time commitment and performance expectations and review arrangements and circumstances relating to the vacation of office. In addition, it also summarises the major Board policies and terms, including compensation, relevant to the office of director.

(vi) Interests in securities

The number of securities held during the period by each Director and other key management personnel of the Group, including their personally related parties, are set out below:

2019	Balance 1 January 2019	On market purchases	On market disposals	Other	Balance 31 December 2019
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Laurence Brindle	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Georgina Lynch	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Stephen Newton	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Non-independent Non-executive Directors					
Jevan Bouzo	- ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-
Lachlan Pfeiffer	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Former Non-independent Non-executive Directors					
Scott Wyatt	50,000	-	-	-	50,000 ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Security holding as at date of appointment.

⁽²⁾ Security holding as at resignation date.

2018	Balance 1 January 2018	On market purchases	On market disposals	Other	Balance 31 December 2018
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Laurence Brindle	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Georgina Lynch	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Stephen Newton	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Non-independent Non-executive Directors					
Scott Wyatt	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Lachlan Pfeiffer	50,000	-	-	-	50,000

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

During the financial year, the Group has paid insurance premiums to insure each of the directors and officers of the Group against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in their capacities as directors of the Group, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Group.

The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability covered and the amount of the premium.

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The Group has not during or since the end of the financial year indemnified or agreed to indemnify an auditor of the Group or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred in their capacity as an auditor.

Audit and non-audit services

The Group may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the Group are important.

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are disclosed in note 19 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Directors have considered the position and, in accordance with advice received from the Company's Audit and Risk Management Committee ('ARMC'), are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the ARMC to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermines the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 16.

Transactions with Viva Energy Group Limited or its associates

The Group reimburses the Manager, which is a subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited, for costs incurred in the provision of staff and related services to the Group.

	2019	2018
Reimbursement of costs paid to VERA Manager Pty Limited (reported as part of Management and administrative expenses)	\$2.5 million	\$2.3 million
Management expense ratio	0.22%	0.20%

On an annual basis the directors review the costs incurred by the Manager, to ensure the costs are reasonable and at a level consistent with the complexity and operational requirements of the Group. During that review a budget is agreed for the forthcoming financial year.

On 24 September 2018, the Group received an assessment from the Victorian State Revenue Office ("SRO") for \$31.2 million. The assessment relates to the transfer of Victorian properties to Viva Energy REIT prior to its listing in August 2016. Pursuant to the arrangements between Viva Energy REIT and Viva Energy Group Limited at the time, any such costs are payable by Viva Energy Group Limited. Viva Energy Group has lodged an objection to the assessment on 2 November 2018 and has assumed conduct of this matter under a conduct and indemnity deed. The SRO advised in a letter dated 22 November 2018 that it will not take recovery action while the objection and any appeal process is continuing. There have been no additional updates from the SRO.

Other transactions with Viva Energy Group Limited and its associates are disclosed in note 18 to the consolidated financial statements.

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Rounding of amounts to the nearest million dollars

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the “rounding off” of amounts in the Directors’ Report. Amounts in the Directors’ Report have been rounded off in accordance with that instrument to the nearest million dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

The report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.



Laurence Brindle
Chairman

20 February 2020

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Viva Energy REIT Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Viva Energy REIT Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Christie".

Charles Christie
Partner
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Melbourne
20 February 2020

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31 December 2019**

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This financial report is for Viva Energy REIT.

Viva Energy REIT comprises Viva Energy REIT Limited ACN 612 986 517 ('Company') and VER Limited ABN 43 609 868 000 AFSL 483795 as responsible entity of Viva Energy REIT Trust ARSN 613 146 464 ('Trust') and their controlled entities, together the Group.

The financial report is presented in Australian currency.

The manager of the Trust is VER Manager Pty Limited ('Manager').

The registered office of the Company, VER Limited ('Responsible Entity') and the Manager is:
Level 16, 720 Bourke Street
Docklands VIC 3008, Australia.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	NOTES	2019	2018
		\$'000	\$'000
Rental income from investment properties		148,547	136,834
Rental revenue from investment properties – non-cash straight-line lease adjustment		23,375	25,863
Finance income		1,351	710
Net revaluation of investment properties	7	72,773	43,557
Total income		246,046	206,964
Management and administration expenses		(8,289)	(5,290)
Finance costs	3	(40,123)	(34,492)
Total expenses		(48,412)	(39,782)
Profit before income tax		197,634	167,182
Income tax expense	4	-	(106)
Profit for the year		197,634	167,076
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Unrealised losses on cash flow hedges		(19,063)	(12,222)
Total comprehensive income for the year		178,571	154,854
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period attributable to Viva Energy REIT security holders, comprising:			
- shareholders of Viva Energy REIT Limited		107	(353)
- unitholders of Viva Energy REIT Trust (non-controlling interests)		178,464	155,207
		178,571	154,854

Earnings per security	Cents	cents
Basic earnings per security	5	23.24
Diluted earnings per security	5	23.24

The above consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	NOTES	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
		\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	27,505	12,330
Derivative financial instruments	9	-	882
Other current assets		914	817
Total current assets		28,419	14,029
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	7	2,652,143	2,496,128
Deposits and development costs		37,555	851
Total non-current assets		2,689,698	2,496,979
Total assets		2,718,117	2,511,008
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		4,856	2,143
Rent received in advance		2,314	2,260
Interest payable		3,007	3,866
Distribution payable	11	55,988	51,020
Total current liabilities		66,165	59,289
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	8	843,118	849,319
Derivative financial instruments	9	25,922	7,741
Total non-current liabilities		869,040	857,060
Total liabilities		935,205	916,349
Net assets		1,782,912	1,594,659
EQUITY			
Contributed equity – the Company		2,024	2,542
Accumulated losses		(1,283)	(1,390)
		741	1,152
Non-controlling interests – the Trust	12	1,782,171	1,593,507
Total equity		1,782,912	1,594,659

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Contributed equity NOTES	Accumulated losses \$'000	Non- controlling interests \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	2,542	(1,037)	1,587,950	1,589,455
(Loss)/Profit for the year	-	(353)	167,429	167,076
Other comprehensive income:				
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	-	(12,222)	(12,222)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(353)	155,207	154,854
 Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners				
Distributions paid	11	-	(149,650)	(149,650)
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	-	-	(149,650)	(149,650)
 Balance at 31 December 2018	2,542	(1,390)	1,593,507	1,594,659
 Balance at 1 January 2019	2,542	(1,390)	1,593,507	1,594,659
Profit for the year	-	107	197,527	197,634
Other comprehensive income:				
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	-	(19,063)	(19,063)
Total comprehensive profit for the year	-	107	178,464	178,571
 Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners				
Issue of securities under institutional placement	72	-	99,928	100,000
Issue of securities under Security Purchase Plan	7	-	9,990	9,997
Equity raising costs	(605)	-	(1,489)	(2,094)
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	8	-	13,453	13,461
Distributions paid or provided for	11	-	(111,682)	(111,682)
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	(518)	-	10,200	9,682
 Balance at 31 December 2019	2,024	(1,283)	1,782,171	1,782,912

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 NOTES	2018 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Rental income from investment properties (inclusive of goods and services tax)	164,131	150,668
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and services tax)	(18,295)	(21,163)
	145,836	129,505
Interest received	1,208	843
Interest paid	(30,760)	(37,528)
Income taxes refunded/(paid)	452	(558)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	13	116,736
	92,262	
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for acquisition of investment properties	(100,437)	(138,365)
Proceeds on sale and compulsory resumption (including reimbursement of legal fees and other costs)	383	-
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(100,054)	(138,365)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds of equity issue (net of costs)	107,805	-
Proceeds from borrowings	99,000	163,432
Repayments of borrowings	(105,000)	(50,000)
Payments for upfront borrowing costs	(871)	-
Payment for interest rate swap cancellation	(9,189)	-
Distributions paid to security holders	11	(93,252)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	(1,507)	14,802
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,175	(31,301)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	12,330	43,631
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	6	27,505
		12,330

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

These consolidated financial statements cover Viva Energy REIT ('Group'). Viva Energy REIT is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ('ASX') (code: VVR) and registered and domiciled in Australia.

Viva Energy REIT is a stapled group consisting of the Company and the Trust and their wholly owned entities. The Trust indirectly owns the investment property portfolio through its 100% ownership of the trusts which own the investment properties and receive rent under leases. The Company directly owns all of the shares in VER Limited ('Responsible Entity').

These consolidated financial statements contain the results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019. The comparative period shown is for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 20 February 2020. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The manager of the Group is VER Manager Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited, and as a consequence of this it is not consolidated into these financial statements.

(a) Basis of preparation

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*. Viva Energy REIT is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals and historical cost basis except for investment properties and derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value. Cost is based on the fair value of consideration given in exchange for assets.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are prepared and presented in Australian dollars (the presentation currency).

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial period, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Going concern

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had a net current asset deficiency of \$37.7 million. The Group uses cash at bank to pay for distribution and expenses (including property purchases), drawing down on revolving debt facilities when required. Revolving debt facilities are then repaid when there is excess cash available. The Group has \$250.0 million of unused debt facilities at 31 December 2019, which can be drawn upon to fund the Group's cashflow requirements.

After taking into account all available information, the directors have concluded that there are reasonable grounds to believe:

- The Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and
- The basis of preparation of the financial report on a going concern basis is appropriate.

(c) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

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

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(d) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for the reporting period commencing 1 January 2019:

- AASB 16 *Leases*.

AASB 16 establishes a comprehensive framework for the accounting policies and disclosures applicable to leases, both for lessees and lessors. The Group has applied this standard effective 1 January 2019, and, as a lessor, there is no impact on the operations or financial reporting of the Group. Lessors continue to classify leases as operating or finance, with AASB 16's approach to lessor accounting substantially unchanged from AASB 117 *Leases*.

The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as a lessor as a result of adopting the new leasing standard. The disclosure requirements of the above standards and amendments have been incorporated into this financial report.

(e) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group makes estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates and judgements which are material to the financial report are found in the following notes:

- Investment properties – note 7; and
- Derivative financial instruments – note 9

2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Viva Energy REIT has one business and geographic segment because it has only invested in service station properties within Australia.

3. FINANCE COSTS

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Interest paid or payable	29,901	30,401
Amortisation of borrowing costs	1,033	1,152
Interest rate swap cancellation expense	9,189	-
Write-off of loan establishment costs due to refinancing	-	2,939
Total finance costs	40,123	34,492

Accounting policy – Finance costs

Finance costs include interest expense on debt financing arrangements, settlements (including cancellation costs) of interest rate swaps and amortisation of upfront borrowing costs incurred in connection with the arrangement of borrowings available to the Group.

4. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Under current Australian income tax legislation, Viva Energy REIT Trust is not liable for Australian income tax, on the basis that the security holders are generally liable for tax on the net income of the Trust on an attribution basis.

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	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Numerical reconciliation of income tax (benefit) / expense to prima facie tax payable		
Profit from continuing operations before income tax (benefit) / expense	197,634	167,182
Tax expense at the Australian tax rate of 30% (2018: 30%)	(59,290)	(50,155)
Profit attributable to entities not subject to tax	59,258	50,229
Movement in deferred tax assets recognised	32	(74)
Adjustments to tax of prior period	-	(106)
Income tax expense	-	(106)

Accounting policy – Income tax expense

Trusts

The Trust is treated as a ‘flow-through’ entity for Australian income tax purposes such that the net income of the Trust is taxable in the hands of unitholders. Accordingly, no allowance for income tax in relation to the Trust has been made.

Companies

The income tax expense or credit for the period is the tax payable on the current period’s taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and to unused tax losses.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred income tax is also not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and when the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

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5. EARNINGS PER SECURITY

	2019 Cents	2018 Cents
Basic earnings per security	23.24	21.34
Diluted earnings per security	23.24	21.34
	2019 Number of securities '000	2018 Number of securities '000
Weighted average number of stapled securities used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per security	768,441	725,750
Weighted average number of stapled securities used as the denominator in calculating diluted earnings per security	768,441	725,750

Accounting policy – Earnings per security

(i) Basic earnings per security

Basic earnings per security is calculated by dividing:

- the profit for the period attributable to the security holders, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary securities; by
- the weighted average number of ordinary securities outstanding during the financial period.

(ii) Diluted earnings per security

Diluted earnings per security adjust the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per security to take into account:

- the effect of interest and other financial costs associated with potential ordinary securities; and
- the weighted average number of additional ordinary securities that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all potential ordinary securities.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31 December 2019 \$'000	31 December 2018 \$'000
Cash at bank	27,505	12,330
Total cash and cash equivalents	27,505	12,330

The cash and cash equivalents disclosed above and in the consolidated statement of cash flows include \$5.5 million held in bank accounts as restricted cash. These restricted cash deposits are maintained to satisfy the regulatory requirements of the Responsible Entity's Australian Financial Services Licence ('AFSL').

Accounting policy – Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, and other short-

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term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

(a) Valuations and carrying amounts

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Service station properties	2,652,143	2,496,128
Total investment properties	2,652,143	2,496,128

Independent valuations were performed on 164 investment properties during the year ended 31 December 2019 by Jones Lang LaSalle. The directors have reviewed these valuation outcomes and determined they are appropriate to adopt as at 31 December 2019. The key inputs into the valuation are based on market information for comparable properties. The independent valuers have experience in valuing similar assets and have access to market evidence to support their conclusions. Comparable sales are considered to be those in similar markets, of similar scale and condition and with similar lease terms to the subject property.

For investment properties not independently valued during the year, directors' valuations have been performed. The directors' valuations were determined by capitalising each property's rent as at 31 December 2019 at the prior year's capitalisation rate, adjusted with reference to the change in capitalisation rate evident in the 164 independently valued properties when considered in light of investment properties in the same state and with similar lease terms, segregated between metropolitan and regional sites. The results are assessed and further work performed to address any outlier results identified.

Investment properties not independently valued during the year were most recently independently valued effective 31 December 2017 or 31 December 2018, or on acquisition during the year ended 31 December 2019.

The key inputs into valuations are:

- passing rent;
- market rents;
- capitalisation rates;
- lease terms;
- discount rate; and
- estimates of the quantum and timing of future cash flows.

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Key assumptions		
Weighted average capitalisation rate	5.78%	5.81%
Weighted average passing yield	5.78%	5.81%

Investment properties have been classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy (refer to note 14(e)). There have been no transfers between the levels in the fair value hierarchy during the period.

All investment properties are freehold, apart from all sites in the Australia Capital Territory and one site in New South Wales that are subject to either perpetual or crown leases.

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(b) Movements during the financial period

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
At fair value		
Opening balance	2,496,128	2,280,967
Property acquisitions and development expenditure	60,178	145,741
Straight-line rental asset	23,375	25,863
Net revaluation of investment properties	72,773	43,557
Disposal of investment properties	(311)	-
Closing balance	2,652,143	2,496,128

(c) Amounts recognised in profit or loss for investment properties

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Rental income	148,547	136,834
Other non-cash rental income (recognised on a straight-line basis)	23,375	25,863
Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income	1,058	667
Net revaluation of investment properties	72,773	43,557

(d) Leasing arrangements

The investment properties are leased to Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited (97% of rental income), other fuel operators and various convenience and fast food store operators (3% of rental income) under long-term operating leases with rentals payable in advance monthly, quarterly or annually. Rental income for 95% of the investment properties is subject to fixed annual increases of between 2.75% and 4.0%. The remainder of the leases include CPI increases, but there are no other variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate. Where considered necessary to reduce credit risk, the Group may obtain bank guarantees or security deposits for the term of the lease.

Minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases of investment properties not recognised in the financial statements are receivable as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	155,809	147,385
Later than one year but not later than two years	158,767	151,815
Later than two years but not later than three years	162,219	154,703
Later than three years but not later than four years	166,646	158,331
Later than four years but not later than five years	171,723	162,865
Later than five years	1,327,553	1,461,644
Total	2,142,717	2,236,743

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Accounting policy – Investment properties

The Group carries its investment properties at fair value with changes in the fair values recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The fair value of investment property is determined based on real estate valuation experts using recognised valuation techniques and the principles of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.

The fair value of the properties is reviewed by the directors at each reporting date. The directors' assessment of fair value is periodically assessed by engaging an independent valuer to assess the fair value of individual properties with at least one-third of the properties within the portfolio being independently valued on an annual rolling basis. Valuations may occur more frequently if there is reason to believe that the fair value of a property has materially changed from its carrying value (e.g. as a result of changes in market conditions, leasing activity in relation to the property or capital expenditure). The independent valuer is rotated at least every three years.

Valuations are derived from a number of factors that may include a direct comparison between the subject property and a range of comparable sales, the present value of net future cash flow projections based on reliable estimates of future cash flows, existing lease contracts, external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties, and using capitalisation rates and discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amount and timing of cash flows.

Key estimate – Valuation of investment properties

All of Viva Energy REIT's properties are treated as investment properties for the purpose of financial reporting. Under Australian Accounting Standards, investment property buildings and improvements are not depreciated over time. Instead, investment properties are initially valued at cost, including transaction costs, and then at the end of each accounting period the carrying values are restated at their fair value at the time. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are recognised as a non-cash gain or loss in the statutory net profit in the accounting period in which they arise. As a result of this accounting policy, changes in the fair value of Viva Energy REIT's investment properties may have a significant impact on its reported statutory net profit in any given period.

At the end of each reporting period, the directors assess the carrying value of Viva Energy REIT's investment properties, and where the carrying value differs materially from the assessed fair value an adjustment is made to the carrying value of such investment properties.

8. BORROWINGS

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current liabilities		
Syndicated facilities	761,687	767,687
Bilateral facility	25,000	25,000
Institutional term loans	60,000	60,000
Sub-total	846,687	852,687
Unamortised borrowing costs	(3,569)	(3,368)
Total unsecured borrowings	843,118	849,319
 Total facilities available	 1,096,687	 956,687
Undrawn facilities available	250,000	104,000

Debt facility overview

All facilities are denominated in Australian dollars, and are interest only facilities with any drawn balances payable at maturity.

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The weighted average tenure as at 31 December 2019 was 2.9 years (31 December 2018: 3.8 years), and maturity dates range from 3 June 2021 to 6 September 2028.

The interest rate applying to the drawn amount of the facilities is set on a periodic basis (one, three or six months) at the prevailing market interest rate at the commencement of the period (Australian dollar, bank bill swap rate), plus the applicable margin. For the majority of the debt facilities, the interest margin has a rate increase/decrease applied if:

- Debt Covenant Gearing is higher than 40% increase by 0.20%
- Debt Covenant Gearing is lower than 30% decrease by 0.10%

The key terms of the facility agreements include:

- Interest cover ratio of not less than 2.0 times (actual at 31 December 2019: 5.8 times)
- Debt Covenant Gearing ratio of not more than 50% (actual at 31 December 2019: 33.5%)
- A draw down cannot be completed if Debt Covenant Gearing is or will exceed 45% via that draw down being completed; and
- Review events will occur if Viva Energy Group Limited or its affiliates sells or transfers their security holding such that their holding falls below 20%, or if another entity takes control of the Group.

Subject to compliance with the Group's financial covenants, the undrawn amount of the debt facilities may be drawn at any time. The Group was in compliance with its covenants throughout the period.

Accounting policy – Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Under the effective interest rate method, any transaction fees, costs, discounts and premiums directly related to borrowings are recognised in the profit and loss over the expected life of the borrowings. Borrowings are removed from the consolidated balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Borrowings with maturities greater than 12 months after reporting date are classified as non-current liabilities.

9. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group has the following derivative financial instruments:

	31 December 2019 \$'000	31 December 2018 \$'000
Current assets		
Interest rate swaps – cash flow hedges	-	882
	-	882
Non-current liabilities		
Interest rate swaps – cash flow hedges	25,922	7,741
	25,922	7,741

The Group has entered into interest rate swap contracts under which it receives interest at variable rates and pays interest at fixed rates to protect interest-bearing liabilities from exposure to changes in interest rates.

Swaps were in place cover 94.1% of the facility principal outstanding at 31 December 2019. The weighted average fixed interest swap rate at 31 December 2019 was 2.1% per annum, and the weighted average term was 2.8 years.

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The notional principal amounts and periods of expiry of the interest rate swap contracts are as follows, including interest rate swaps that have a deferred start date:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Less than 1 year	-	368,343
1 to 2 years	368,344	-
2 to 3 years	110,000	368,344
3 to 4 years	258,000	110,000
4 to 5 years	-	258,000
5 to 6 years	-	-
6 to 7 years	40,000	-
7 to 8 years	-	40,000
8 to 9 years	20,000	-
9 to 10 years	-	20,000
	796,344	1,164,687

Accounting policy – Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Group designates certain derivatives as either:

- hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedges); or
- hedges of a particular risk associated with the cash flows of recognised assets and liabilities and highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedges).

The Group documents at the inception of the hedging transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Group also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions have been and will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

(a) Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in reserves in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss within other income or other expense.

Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss (for instance when the forecast sale that is hedged takes place). The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of interest rate swaps hedging variable rate borrowings is recognised in profit or loss within finance costs.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold or terminated, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

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(b) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in profit or loss and are included in other income or other expenses.

Key estimate – Valuation of derivative financial instruments

The Group's financial instruments are over-the-counter derivatives for which there are no quoted market prices. Valuation techniques (including, pricing models which estimate the present value of estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves) are used to determine fair values.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

10. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

(a) Securities

	31 December 2019 Number of securities '000	\$'000	31 December 2018 Number of securities '000	\$'000
Ordinary securities				
Fully paid	778,690	1,618,322	725,750	1,496,958

(b) Movement in ordinary securities

		Number of securities '000	\$'000
1 January 2018	Opening balance	725,750	1,496,958
31 December 2018		725,750	1,496,958
27 February 2019	Issue of securities under institutional placement	43,103	100,000
27 February 2019	Equity raising costs	-	(2,094)
28 February 2019	Issue of securities under Distribution Reinvestment Plan	2,515	5,611
26 March 2019	Issue of securities under Security Purchase Plan	4,309	9,997
29 August 2019	Issue of securities under Distribution Reinvestment Plan	3,013	7,850
31 December 2019		778,690	1,618,322

Accounting policy – Contributed equity

Ordinary securities are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new securities are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

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11. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SECURITY HOLDERS

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Final distribution for the period ended 31 December 2018 – 7.03 cents per security	51,020	-
Interim distribution for the half year ended 30 June 2019 – 7.18 cents per security	55,694	-
Final distribution for the year ended 31 December 2017 – 6.60 cents per security	-	47,899
Interim distribution for the half year ended 30 June 2018 – 6.99 cents per security	-	50,731
Total distributions paid	106,714	98,630

On 19 December 2019 the directors announced the payment of an estimated final distribution of \$56.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2019. This represents 7.19 cents per stapled security and is expected to be paid on 27 February 2020.

Other than the above, no distributions to security holders were declared or paid during the financial year.

Accounting policy – Distributions to security holders

The Group distributes net operating profit, being net profit adjusted to remove transaction costs and non-cash items, including straight-lining of rental income, the amortisation of debt establishment fees and any fair value adjustment to investment properties and derivatives. A provision is made for any distribution amount declared but not distributed, being appropriately disclosed and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the reporting date. When declared, the distributions are recognised within the consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statement of changes in equity as a reduction in equity.

12. NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

The financial statements reflect the consolidation of Viva Energy REIT. For financial reporting purposes, one entity in the stapled group must be identified as the acquirer or parent entity of the others. The Company has been identified as the acquirer of the Trust, resulting in the Trust being disclosed as non-controlling interests.

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Opening balance	1,593,507	1,587,950
Profit for the year	197,527	167,429
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(19,063)	(12,222)
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs	108,429	-
Distributions paid or provided for	(111,682)	(149,650)
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	13,453	-
Closing balance	1,782,171	1,593,507

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13. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of net profit after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Profit for the year	197,634	167,076
Amortisation of borrowing costs	1,033	4,091
Interest rate swap cancellation expense	9,189	-
Net revaluation of investment properties	(72,773)	(43,557)
Straight-line adjusting on rental income	(23,375)	(25,863)
 <i>Change in operating assets and liabilities</i>		
Decrease/(increase) in other current assets	(97)	539
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	5,930	(2,987)
Increase in rent received in advance	54	156
Decrease in interest payable	(859)	(7,193)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	116,736	92,262

(b) Non-cash investing and financing activities

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Loan establishment costs netted off against borrowings drawn down	-	2,568
Total non-cash financing and investing activities	-	2,568

(c) Net debt reconciliation

	Cash and cash equivalents \$'000	Borrowings due within 1 year \$'000	Borrowings due after 1 year \$'000	Total \$'000
Net debt at 1 January 2018	43,631	-	736,687	693,056
Cash flows	(31,301)	-	116,000	147,301
Net debt at 31 December 2018	12,330	-	852,687	840,357
 Cash flows	15,175	-	(6,000)	(21,175)
Net debt at 31 December 2019	27,505	-	846,687	819,182

14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's investing activities expose it to various types of risk that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The most important types of financial risk which the Group is exposed to are market risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The exposure to each of these risks, as well as the Group's policies and processes for managing these risks are described below.

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(a) Market risk

Market risk embodies the potential for both loss and gains and includes interest rate risk and price risk.

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's cash and cash equivalents, floating rate borrowings and interest rate swaps expose it to a risk of change in the fair value or future cash flows due to changes in interest rates.

The Group economically hedges some or all of its exposure to changes in interest rates on variable rate borrowings by using floating-to-fixed interest rate swaps. By hedging against changes in interest rates, the Group has limited its exposure to changes in interest rates on its cash flows. The portion that is hedged is set by the directors and is influenced by the hedging requirements set out in the Group's debt facility documents, its hedging policy and the market outlook.

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk at reporting date, including its sensitivity to changes in market interest rates that were reasonably possible, is as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	27,505	12,330
Derivative financial instruments (notional principal amount)		
- Fixed interest rate swaps	796,344	796,687
Financial liabilities		
Interest-bearing liabilities – floating rate interest	846,687	852,687
Net exposure	(22,838)	(43,670)

Sensitivity of profit or loss to movements in market interest rates:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Market interest rate increased by 100 basis points	(228)	(437)
Market interest rate decreased by 100 basis points	228	437

Instruments with fair value risk

Derivative financial instruments

Sensitivity of profit and loss to movements in market interest rates for financial instrument with fair value risk:

Market interest rate increased by 100 basis points

Market interest rate decreased by 100 basis points

The interest rate range for sensitivity purposes has been determined using the assumption that interest rates changed by +/- 100 basis points from year-end rates with all other variables held constant. In determining the impact of an increase/decrease in equity for security holders arising

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from market risk, the Group has considered prior period and expected future movements of the portfolio information in order to determine a reasonably possible shift in assumptions.

As the derivative financial instruments are designated as cash flow hedges, the impact of a market interest rate change flows through Other Comprehensive Income.

Investment property valuation risk

The Group's investment properties expose it to a risk of change in the fair value due to changes in market capitalisation rates of such investment properties. Investment properties of the type owned by the Group are generally valued on a capitalisation of income basis.

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Investment properties</i>		
Sensitivity of profit and loss to movements in market capitalisation rates:		
Market capitalisation rates decreases by 25 basis points	119,893	112,310
Market capitalisation rates increases by 25 basis points	(109,952)	(103,038)
Market capitalisation rates decreases by 50 basis points	251,139	235,204
Market capitalisation rates increases by 50 basis points	(211,150)	(197,907)

The impacts on carrying values as shown above for the noted movement in capitalisation rates would impact the statutory net profit and balance sheet, but there is no impact on distributable income as the unrealised movement in carrying value of investment properties is excluded from the Distributable Income calculation.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge its obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss.

The Group's maximum credit risk exposure at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset, other than equity and derivative financial instruments, is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the consolidated balance sheet. This does not represent the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values, but best represents the current maximum exposure at reporting date.

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	27,505	12,330

Maximum exposure to credit risk

The Group manages credit risk and the losses which could arise from default by ensuring that parties to contractual arrangements are of an appropriate credit rating, or do not show a history of defaults. Financial assets such as cash at bank and interest rate swaps are held with high credit quality financial institutions.

All receivables are monitored by the Group. If any amounts owing are overdue, these are followed up and, if necessary, allowances are made for debts that are doubtful.

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At the end of the reporting period, there were no issues with the credit quality of financial assets, and all amounts are expected to be received in full.

Refer also to Tenant concentration risk at note 14(f)(i).

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Group monitors its exposure to liquidity risk by ensuring that there is sufficient cash on hand as required or debt funding available to meet the contractual obligations of financial liabilities as they fall due. The Group sets budgets to monitor cash flows.

The weighted average debt maturity is 2.9 years, and the weighted average lease expiry is 11.7 years.

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period as at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

31 December 2019	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Over 2 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount liabilities
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other payables	4,856	-	-	4,856	4,856
Rent received in advance	2,314	-	-	2,314	2,314
Variable rate borrowings	22,690	141,835	752,845	917,370	849,694
Contractual cash flows (excluding gross settled derivatives)	29,860	141,835	752,845	924,540	856,864
31 December 2018	Less than 12 months	Between 1 and 2 years	Over 2 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount liabilities
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other payables	2,143	-	-	2,143	2,143
Rent received in advance	2,260	-	-	2,260	2,260
Variable rate borrowings	33,320	57,818	896,270	987,408	856,553
Contractual cash flows (excluding gross settled derivatives)	37,723	57,818	896,270	991,811	860,956

(d) Capital risk management

The Group aims to invest to meet the Group's investment objectives while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet its commitments. The Group regularly reviews performance, including asset allocation strategies, investment and operational management strategies, investment opportunities and risk management.

In order to maintain an appropriate capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of distributions paid to security holders, return capital to security holders, issue new securities, sell or buy assets or reduce or raise debt.

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The Group monitors capital through the analysis of a number of financial ratios, including the Debt Covenant Gearing ratio.

	31 December 2019 \$'000	31 December 2018 \$'000
Total liabilities (excluding derivative financial instruments)	909,283	908,608
Total assets (excluding derivative financial instruments)	2,718,117	2,510,126
Debt Covenant Gearing ratio	33.5%	36.2%

(e) Fair value hierarchy

(i) Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgement by the directors. The directors consider observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table presents the Group's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2019 on a recurring basis:

31 December 2019	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Investment properties	-	-	2,652,143	2,652,143
Interest rate swaps	-	(25,922)	-	(25,922)
Total	-	(25,922)	2,652,143	2,626,221
31 December 2018	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Investment properties	-	-	2,496,128	2,496,128
Interest rate swaps	-	(6,859)	-	(6,859)
Total	-	(6,859)	2,496,128	2,489,269

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The Group's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during the period.

The Group did not measure any financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis as at 31 December 2019.

(ii) Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and level 3 values

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves, taking into account any material credit risk.

(f) Investment risk

(i) Tenant concentration risk, financial standing and sector concentration risk

Viva Energy REIT's rental income is 97% derived from leases with Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited (Viva Energy Australia). If Viva Energy Australia's financial standing materially deteriorates, Viva Energy Australia's ability to make rental payments to Viva Energy REIT may be adversely impacted, which may have a materially adverse impact on the Group's results of operations, financial position and ability to service and/or obtain financing.

Furthermore, a material decline in the profitability of Viva Energy Australia's business could affect the perceived stability of the rental income of Viva Energy REIT and may affect Viva Energy REIT's ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms, and lead to lower market rents when renewal options are exercised and a decline in the values of Viva Energy REIT's investment properties.

Termination of Viva Energy Australia's right to use Shell branding could adversely affect Viva Energy Australia's ability to meet its rental obligations and therefore the value of Viva Energy REIT's portfolio of investment properties and its ability to service and/or obtain financing.

(ii) Investment property value

The value of the Group's portfolio of investment properties may be adversely affected by a number of other factors, including factors outside the control of the Group, such as supply and demand for service station properties, general property market conditions, the availability and cost of credit, the ability to attract and implement economically viable rental arrangements, Viva Energy Australia's financial condition deteriorating, occupiers not extending the term of leases, re-leasing of properties, capitalisation rates and general economic factors such as the level of inflation and interest rates. As changes in valuations are recorded on the statutory net profit statement, any decreases in value will have a negative impact on the statutory net profit statement and net tangible assets per security and in turn the market price of the Group's securities may fall.

(iii) Environmental and climate risk

The Group depends on its tenants to perform their obligations under various environmental arrangements in relation to the properties they lease. If the tenants were to fail to meet their obligations under these arrangements (including due to their insolvency), the Group may incur

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significant costs to rectify contamination on its properties and also on other properties which may be consequently impacted.

The Group is subject to a range of regulatory regimes that cover the specific assets of the Group and how they are operated and the Group's Australian Financial Services Licence ('AFSL'). These regulatory regimes are subject to ongoing review and change which may increase the cost of compliance, reporting and maintenance of the Group's assets.

Extreme weather and other climate change related events have the potential to damage the Group's assets and disrupt the tenants' operations. Such events may increase costs for maintenance and insurance of the Group's assets, and may affect the ability to re-lease the Group's investment properties in the future and the rent levels for which they can be leased, thereby affecting future investment property valuations and rental cash flows. Insurance may not be able to be obtained at all.

The precise nature of these risks is uncertain as it depends on complex factors such as policy change, technology development, market forces, and the links between these factors and climatic conditions.

(iv) Debt agreement and refinancing risk

The Group has outstanding debt facilities. General economic and business conditions that impact the debt or equity markets could impact the Group's ability to refinance its debt facilities when required. If the covenants in these facilities are breached by the Group this may result in the Group being subject to increased interest rate margins and covenants restricting its ability to engage in certain types of activities or to pay distributions to security holders. Debt may not be able to be obtained at all.

If debt facilities are not available or are not available in adequate volume the Group may need to sell assets to repay debt. There is no guarantee that there will be willing purchasers for the Group's assets or that purchasers will pay prices at or greater than book value of these investment properties.

If Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited ceases to beneficially own and control, either directly or indirectly, at least 20% of the securities of Viva Energy REIT by selling or transferring its interest, or an entity other than a member of the Viva Energy Group controls Viva Energy REIT, then this would constitute a review event under the terms of the Group's debt facility agreements, and (subject to specified negotiation and notification periods) a repayment of the Group's debt facilities may be required.

The directors regularly monitor the debt facility covenants to ensure compliance and consider the refinancing options and timing available to the Group.

(v) AFSL compliance risk

The Group is exposed to the risk of having inadequate capital and liquidity. VER Limited, a subsidiary of Viva Energy REIT Limited, holds an AFSL and acts as a responsible entity for the Group's managed investment scheme. The AFSL requires minimum levels of net tangible assets, liquid assets, cash reserves and liquidity, which may restrict the Group in paying distributions that would breach these requirements.

On a quarterly basis, the directors review and monitor VER Limited's balance sheet to ensure compliance with its AFSL requirements.

(vi) Personnel risk

Viva Energy REIT is managed by VER Manager Pty Limited ('Manager'), which is a subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited.

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Viva Energy REIT does not have employees (other than directors) and consequently is reliant on the expertise and experience of the key executives of Viva Energy Group Limited made available to the Manager which provides the services to Viva Energy REIT under the Management Agreement. As a consequence, loss of such key personnel could potentially have an adverse impact on the management and the financial performance of Viva Energy REIT and in turn may affect the returns to security holders.

15. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

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

Name	Date of establishment	Percentage of equity interest held by the Group	
		2019	2018
Controlled by the Company			
VER Limited	16 December 2015	100	100
VER Custodian Pty Limited	27 May 2016	100	100
Controlled by the Trust			
VER Trust	10 July 2016	100	100
VER Finco Pty Limited	10 June 2016	100	100
66 McNulty Street Miles Queensland Trust	16 July 2018	100	100
555-557 Albany Highway Albany Western Australia Trust	16 July 2018	100	100
47 Eric Road Old Noarlunga South Australia Trust	20 August 2018	100	100
127 Youngman Street Kingaroy Queensland Trust	20 July 2018	100	100
73-75 Chrystal Street Roma Queensland Trust	20 July 2018	100	100
199-205 Charters Towers Road Townsville Queensland Trust	20 August 2018	100	100
341 Sand Road Longwarry Victoria Trust	16 July 2018	100	100
290 Sand Road Longwarry Victoria Trust	16 July 2018	100	100
6776 Cunningham Highway Aratula Queensland Trust	16 July 2018	100	100
80 Alfred Street Warragul Victoria Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
7-11 Burnett Highway Biloela Queensland Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
176-190 Ogilvie Avenue Echuca Victoria Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
7-21 Shakespeare Street Traralgon Victoria Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
233 Myrtle Street Myrtleford Victoria Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
120-124 Goldring Street Richmond Queensland Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
6-8 Mackay Avenue Griffith New South Wales Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
5 Princes Highway Moruya New South Wales Trust	12 October 2018	100	100
10805 Brand Highway Cataby Western Australia Trust	22 March 2019	100	-
55 Broad Street Sarina Queensland Trust	22 March 2019	100	-
112 Shute Harbour Road Cannonvale Queensland Trust	22 March 2019	100	-
Ranford Road Canning Vale Western Australia Trust	14 May 2019	100	-
Corner Ranford Road and Balfour Street Southern River Western Australia Trust	14 May 2019	100	-
1L Mitchell Highway Dubbo New South Wales Trust	12 June 2019	100	-
51-55 Aerodrome Road Maroochydore Queensland Trust	12 June 2019	100	-

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Name	Date of establishment	Percentage of equity interest held by the Group	
		2019	2018
%	%		
1110 Abernethy Road High Wycombe Western Australia Trust	14 August 2019	100	-
Crn Great Eastern Highway & Bulong Avenue Redcliffe Western Australia Trust	15 August 2019	100	-
5-25 Hughes Road Little River Victoria Trust	15 August 2019	100	-
13 Lakes Road Greenfields Western Australia Trust	15 August 2019	100	-
20 Pousties Road Avalon Victoria Trust	9 September 2019	100	-
825 Mickleham Road Greenvale Victoria Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
24 Wills Road Emerald Queensland Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
18316 Warrego Highway Dalby West Queensland Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
Lot 50 Mandurah Road Meadow Springs Western Australia Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
Crn Childers Road & Airport Drive Bundaberg Queensland Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
62 Flinders Parade North Lakes Queensland Trust	3 October 2019	100	-
416 Princes Highway Colac West Victoria Trust	4 December 2019	100	-

All companies and trusts were incorporated or settled in Australia. The trusts formed during the year ended 31 December 2019 were formed by the Group and own investment properties.

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Capital expenditure commitments

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Within one year	35,459	12,500
After one year but not more than five year	-	-
	35,459	12,500

At 31 December 2019, the Group has entered into contracts for the purchase of four investment properties for \$25.4 million, of which \$21.1 million remains unpaid at 31 December 2019. Settlement of three of these three investment properties has occurred during January and February 2020.

Further, the Group has committed to contracts for the construction of service stations on ten properties for an aggregate of \$46.4 million, of which \$14.3 million remains unpaid at 31 December 2019 and is expected to be paid as construction is completed during the next 12 months.

Other than that noted above, there are no material outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2019.

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17. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent to the end of the financial year:

- The directors have confirmed the payment of a final distribution for the year ended 31 December 2019 of \$56.0 million which is expected to be paid on 27 February 2020;
- On 8 January 2020 funds have been drawn down from one of the syndicated facilities for \$56.0 million to fund this distribution;
- Three investment properties with a purchase price of \$20.0 million which were contracted before 31 December 2019 have been settled during January and February 2020.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2019 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- the operations of the Group in future financial years;
- the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

18. RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

(a) Parent entity

The Company has been assessed as the parent entity of the Group; the security holders' interests in the Trust are included in equity as non-controlling interests relating to the stapled entity.

(b) Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 15.

(c) Key management personnel compensation

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the remuneration report on pages 11 to 13.

(d) Stapled group

Viva Energy REIT is a stapled group consisting of the Company and the Trust and their wholly owned entities. The Trust indirectly owns the investment property portfolio through its 100% ownership of the trusts which own the investment properties and receive rent under operating leases. The Company directly owns all of the shares in VER Limited ('Responsible Entity'). Each stapled security consists of one share in the Company and one unit in the Trust.

(e) Transactions with related parties

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
The following transactions occurred with related parties:		
Rental income received from Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited and its associated entities	146,073	135,790
Reimbursement of costs incurred by VER Manager Pty Limited in relation to managing the Group	2,520	2,293
Purchase of investment properties from an associated entity of Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited (Liberty Oil Holdings Pty Limited and its controlled entities)	31,480	25,000
Payments for construction and site development works to an associated entity of Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited (Liberty Oil Holdings Pty Limited and its controlled entities)	32,651	-

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Amounts payable:

Management costs reimbursable to VERA Manager Pty Limited at the end of the period	483	222
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Viva Energy REIT has acquired investment properties by the assignment to Viva Energy REIT of a purchase right which was held by Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited. No fees were paid nor are payable by Viva Energy REIT for this assignment of the purchase right. The purchase right allows for purchase of each investment property at equal to the best third party offer received by the previous owner.

19. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

During the period the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity and its related practices.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia		
Audit and review of financial statements	151,025	146,625
Other assurance services:		
Audit of compliance plan	15,000	10,250
Audit of AFSL	5,275	5,125
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	171,300	162,000
Tax compliance and consulting services on income taxation, GST and stamp duty	125,867	114,444
Total remuneration for taxation services	125,867	114,444
Total remuneration of auditors	297,167	276,444

20. PARENT ENTITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The individual financial statements for the parent entity, Viva Energy REIT Limited, show the following aggregate amounts:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance sheet		
Current assets	5,058	14,533
Non-current assets	5,700	5,700
Total assets	10,758	20,233
Current liabilities	9,957	18,939
Total liabilities	9,957	18,939
Shareholders' equity		
Contributed equity	2,024	2,542
Accumulated losses	(1,222)	(1,248)
Total equity	802	1,294
Profit / (loss) for the year	25	(106)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	25	(106)

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21. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This note provides a list of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements to the extent they have not already been disclosed in the other notes above. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Principles of consolidation

(i) Stapled entities

Viva Energy REIT is a stapled group consisting of the Company and the Trust and their wholly owned entities. The Trust indirectly owns the investment property portfolio through its 100% ownership of the trusts which own the investment properties and receive rent under operating leases. The Company directly owns all of the shares in the Responsible Entity. Each stapled security consists of one share in the Company and one unit in the Trust. The shares and the units were stapled at allotment in accordance with the constitutions of the Company and the Trust and the Stapling Deed and trade together on the ASX. The securities in Viva Energy REIT cannot be traded separately and can only be traded as a stapled security.

AASB 3 *Business Combinations* requires one of the stapled entities in a stapling structure to be identified as the parent entity for the purpose of preparing consolidated financial reports. In accordance with this requirement, the Company has been identified as the parent entity in relation to the stapling with the Trust under Viva Energy REIT.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group incorporate the assets and liabilities of the entities controlled by the Company during the period, including those deemed to be controlled by the Trust, by identifying it as the parent of the Group, and the results of those controlled entities for the period then ended. The effect of all transactions between entities in the Group are eliminated in full.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity are shown separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statement of changes in equity respectively. Non-controlling interests are those interests in the Trust which are not held directly or indirectly by the Company.

(ii) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including trusts) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group.

Inter-entity transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group entities are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated balance sheet and consolidated statement of changes in equity respectively.

(b) Presentation of members' interests in the Trust

As the Company has been assessed as the parent entity of the Group, the security holders' interests in the Trust are included in equity as non-controlling interests relating to the stapled

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entity. Security holders' interests in the Trust are not presented as attributable to owners of the parent, reflecting the fact that they are not owned by the Company, but by the security holders of the stapled group.

(c) Revenue

(i) Rental income

Rental income from operating leases is recognised as income on an accruals basis. Where a lease has a fixed annual increase, the total rent receivable over the operating lease is recognised as revenue on a straight-line basis over the lease term. This results in more income being recognised early in the lease term and less late in the lease term compared to the lease conditions (i.e. actual cash received). The difference between the lease income recognised and the actual lease payment received is shown within the fair value of the investment property on the consolidated balance sheet.

The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as a lessor as a result of adopting the new leasing standard.

(ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest rate method. Interest income is included in finance income in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

All income is stated net of goods and services tax.

(d) Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the consolidated profit or loss on an accruals basis.

(e) Management fees

The Group reimburses the Manager for costs incurred in the management of Viva Energy REIT's operations.

(f) Employee benefits

Viva Energy REIT has no employees other than the directors.

Management services are provided to Viva Energy REIT by VER Manager Pty Limited which is a subsidiary of Viva Energy Group Limited. The employees of Viva Energy Group Limited who are seconded to provide management services are employees of and paid directly by Viva Energy Group Limited, but they work exclusively for Viva Energy REIT. Incentives paid by Viva Energy Group Limited to staff seconded to VER Manager Pty Limited to provide these management services are based entirely on the performance of Viva Energy REIT.

(g) Goods and services tax ('GST')

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other current assets and trade and other payables in the consolidated balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are presented as operating cash flows.

(h) Receivables

Trade and sundry debtors are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently accounted for at amortised cost. Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed regularly and bad debts are written off when identified. A specific provision for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that Viva Energy REIT will not be able to collect the amounts due according to the original terms

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of the receivable. The amount of the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows.

(I) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

The Group's investments are classified as at fair value through profit or loss. They comprise:

- Financial instruments held for trading

Derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps are included under this classification.

- Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition

These include financial assets that are not held for trading purposes and which may be sold. Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are those that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Group's documented investment strategy. The Group's policy is for the Responsible Entity to evaluate the information about these financial instruments on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the date the Group becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and it recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments has expired or the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

(iii) Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, financial assets are recognised at fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is subsequently based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price and the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. Accordingly, there may be a difference between the fair value at initial recognition and amounts determined using a valuation technique. If such a difference exists, the Group recognises the difference in profit or loss to reflect a change in factors, including time that market participants would consider in setting a price.

Further detail on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined is disclosed in note 9.

(iv) Loans and receivables

Loan assets are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently amortised using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses if any. Such assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment.

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If evidence of impairment exists, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

If in a subsequent period the amount of an impairment loss recognised on a financial asset carried at amortised cost decreases and the decrease can be linked objectively to an event occurring after the write-down, the write-down is reversed through profit or loss.

(v) *Offsetting financial instruments*

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(j) *Provisions*

A provision is recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are measured at the present value of the Group's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

(k) *Rounding of amounts*

The Group is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

(l) *New accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted*

There are no issued standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 17 to 47 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Note 1(c) to the consolidated financial statements confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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



Laurence Brindle
Chairman

20 February 2020

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Independent auditor's report

To the members of Viva Energy REIT Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Viva Energy REIT Limited (the Company) and its controlled entities (together 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 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The Group financial report comprises:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2019
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies
- the directors' declaration.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Our audit approach

An audit is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial report as a whole, taking into account the geographic and management structure of the Group, its accounting processes and controls and the industry in which it operates.

Viva Energy REIT owns 469 service station properties located across all Australian States and Territories. The majority of properties in the portfolio are leased to Viva Energy Australia Pty Limited, a shareholder.



Materiality

- For the purpose of our audit we used overall Group materiality of \$6.2 million, which represents approximately 5% of the Group's profit before tax, adjusted for significant non-cash items such as investment property and derivative financial instrument revaluations.
- We applied this threshold, together with qualitative considerations, to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements on the financial report as a whole.
- We chose Group profit before tax, adjusted for significant non-cash items because, in our view, it is the benchmark against which the performance of the Group is most commonly measured.
- We utilised a 5% threshold based on our professional judgement, noting it is within the range of commonly acceptable thresholds.

Audit Scope

- Our audit focused on where the Group made subjective judgements; for example, significant accounting estimates involving assumptions and inherently uncertain future events.
- The Group's accounting processes and controls are performed at its Melbourne office, where we predominately performed our audit procedures.

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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 for the current period. The key audit 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. Further, any commentary on the outcomes of a particular audit procedure is made in that context. We communicated the key audit matters to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Valuation of investment properties (Refer to note 7)</p> <p>The Group's investment property portfolio consists of 469 service station properties located across Australia. At 31 December 2019 the carrying value of the Group's total investment property portfolio was \$2,652 million.</p> <p>Investment properties are carried at fair value. The Group's accounting policy is disclosed in note 2 of the financial report. Factors such as prevailing market conditions, the individual nature, condition and location of each property and the expected future income for each property impact fair values. The following key inputs used in estimating fair value are derived from the long-term leases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental income• Lease terms <p>The key judgemental assumption in estimating fair value is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capitalisation rate <p>External valuations were obtained by the Group to assist in estimating the fair value for 164 properties and director valuations were performed on the remainder of the portfolio.</p> <p>This was a key audit matter because of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relative size of the investment property balance in the consolidated balance sheet• Quantum of revaluation gains that could directly impact the consolidated statement of comprehensive income through the net fair value gain/loss of investment properties• Inherently subjective nature of investment property valuations due to the use of assumptions in the valuations• Sensitivity of valuations to key inputs/assumptions.	<p>Independent valuations For a sample of independent valuations we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessed the competency and capabilities of the independent valuer.• Read the valuer's terms of engagement - we did not identify any terms that might affect their objectivity or impose limitations on their work relevant to the valuation.• Agreed the rental income and lease terms used in the independent valuations to the tenancy schedule and lease agreement, with no material differences noted.• Assessed the valuation reports based on our industry knowledge, including comparing the capitalisation rate assumption to a range we determined to be reasonable based on benchmark market data.• Inspected the final valuation reports and agreed the fair value to the Group's accounting records, noting no material differences. <p>Director valuations For a sample of director valuations we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed the rental income and lease terms used in the director valuations to the tenancy schedule and lease agreement, with no material differences noted.• Compared the capitalisation rate between the directors' valuations and independent valuations to identify any unusual trends or anomalies in the directors' valuation outcomes.• Agreed the director valuations to the Group's accounting records, noting no material differences.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2019, including Directors' Report, Corporate Directory and ASX Additional Information, 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 identified above 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 on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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 the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material 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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar1.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Report on the remuneration report

Our opinion on the remuneration report

We have audited the remuneration report included in pages 11 to 13 of the directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

In our opinion, the remuneration report of Viva Energy REIT Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 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.

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Charles Christie
Partner

Melbourne
20 February 2020

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