

# Appendix 4B (rule 4.13(b))

## Half yearly/~~preliminary~~ final report

Name of entity

<b>The Australian Gas Light Company</b>
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ACN, ARBN or ARSN

<b>052 167 405</b>
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Half year/~~financial year ended~~ ('current period')

<b>31 December 2001</b>
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### For announcement to the market

*Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1).*

\$A Million

Revenues from ordinary activities ( <i>item 1.1</i> )	down	6.2%	to	1,733.2
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members ( <i>item 1.20</i> )	down	60.1%	to	88.4
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 1.23</i> )#	down	60.2%	to	82.9
Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 2.5(d)</i> )	profit of			Nil
Net profit (loss) after tax for the period attributable to members ( <i>item 1.11</i> )	down	60.2%	to	82.9
<b>Dividends (distributions)</b>		Amount per security		Franked amount per security
<del>Final dividend (Preliminary final report only - item 15.4)</del>		<b>25¢</b>		<b>19¢</b>
<del>Interim dividend (Half yearly report only - item 15.6)</del>				
Previous corresponding period ( <i>Preliminary final report - item 15.5</i> ; Final Dividend				
Interim Dividend		<b>25¢</b>		<b>7¢</b>
+Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) ( <i>see item 15.2</i> )		<b>27 March 2002</b>		
Brief explanation of omission of directional and percentage changes to profit in accordance with Note 1 and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:				
<b># Significant Items</b>				
<b>Profit from ordinary activities includes significant revenues and expenses as detailed in Attachment A.</b>				

### Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance

	Current period – \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
1.1 Revenues from ordinary activities*	1,733.2	1,848.3
1.2 Expenses from ordinary activities ( <i>see items 1.24 + 12.5 + 12.6</i> )*	(1,542.0)	(1,496.8)
1.3 Borrowing costs	(91.4)	(89.8)
1.4 Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities ( <i>see item 16.7</i> )	40.4	13.6
<b>1.5 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax</b>	<b>140.2</b>	<b>275.3</b>
1.6 Income tax on ordinary activities#	(52.7)	(57.3)
<b>1.7 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>218.0</b>
1.8 Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax ( <i>see item 2.5</i> )	0.0	0.0
<b>1.9 Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>218.0</b>
1.10 Net profit (loss) attributable to outside +equity interests	(4.6)	(9.9)
<b>1.11 Profit (loss) after tax attributable to members</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>208.1</b>
Increase(decrease) in foreign currency translation reserve arising on translation of financial reports of foreign controlled operations	(0.8)	14.0
Total revenue, expense and valuation adjustments attributable to Proprietors of the Parent Entity recognised directly in equity	(0.8)	14.0
<b>Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with Proprietors as owners</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>222.1</b>

### Consolidated retained profits

1.12 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	565.0	635.7
1.13 Profit (loss) after tax attributable to members ( <i>item 1.11</i> )	82.9	208.1
1.14 Net transfers to and from reserves	0.0	0.0
1.15 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	0.0	0.0
1.16 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	(92.9)	(89.0)
<b>1.17 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period</b>	<b>555.0</b>	<b>754.8</b>

### Profit restated to exclude Amortisation of goodwill

	Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period \$A Million
1.18 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax before outside equity interests ( <i>items 1.7</i> ) and amortisation of goodwill	93.0	231.5
1.19 Plus (less) outside +equity interests	(4.6)	(9.9)

<b>1.20</b>	<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (before amortisation of goodwill) attributable to members</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>221.6</b>
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\*Refer Attachment B  
#Refer Attachment C

### Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

		Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period \$A Million
1.21	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (item 1.7)	87.5	218.0
1.22	(Less)/plus outside +equity interests	(4.6)	(9.9)
<b>1.23</b>	<b>Profit (loss) after tax attributable to members</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>208.1</b>

### Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

*AASB 1004 requires disclosure of specific categories of revenue and AASB 1018 requires disclosure of expenses from ordinary activities according to either their nature of function. Entities must report details of revenue and expenses from ordinary activities using the layout employed in their financial reports. See also items 12.1 to 12.6.*

		Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period \$A Million
1.24	Details of revenue and expenses		
	<b>Refer Attachment B</b>		

### Intangible and extraordinary items

<i>Consolidated - current period</i>					
	Before tax \$A Million	Related tax \$A Million	Related outside +equity interests \$A Million	Amount (after tax) attributable to members \$A Million	
2.1	Amortisation of goodwill	5.5	0.0	0.0	5.5
2.2	Amortisation of other intangibles	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.6
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Total amortisation of intangibles</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>

2.4	Extraordinary items (details)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Total extraordinary items</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Comparison of half year profits**

*(Preliminary final report only)*

	Current year - \$A Million	Previous year - \$A Million
3.1 Consolidated profit (loss) after tax attributable to members reported for the <i>1st</i> half year (item 1.23 in the half yearly report)	N/A	N/A
3.2 Consolidated profit (loss) after tax attributable to members for the <i>2nd</i> half year	N/A	N/A

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

	At end of current period \$A Million	As shown in last annual report \$A Million	As in last half yearly report \$A Million
<b>Current assets</b>			
4.1 Cash	27.1	100.9	7.9
4.2 Receivables	553.0	690.6	579.4
4.3 Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4 Inventories	19.0	20.6	20.5
Property, plant and equipment	20.8	81.7	14.0
Intangibles	0.0	111.1	0.0
4.5 Other (provide details if material)	55.8	48.6	35.0
<b>4.6 Total current assets</b>	<b>675.7</b>	<b>1,053.5</b>	<b>656.8</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
4.7 Receivables	73.5	75.6	73.2
4.8 Investments (equity accounted)	583.5	576.1	577.7
4.9 Other financial assets	91.9	66.8	43.1
4.10 Inventories	0.6	3.1	3.1
4.11 Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.12 Development properties (+mining entities)	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.13 Other property, plant and equipment (net)	2,911.1	2,753.9	2,652.4
4.14 Intangibles (net)	881.5	910.9	1,265.4
Deferred expenditure	323.6	322.7	255.6
Tax assets	99.5	102.4	88.5
4.15 Other (provide details if material)	111.0	138.2	161.7
<b>4.16 Total non-current assets</b>	<b>5,076.2</b>	<b>4,949.7</b>	<b>5,120.7</b>
<b>4.17 Total assets</b>	<b>5,751.9</b>	<b>6,003.2</b>	<b>5,777.5</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
4.18 Payables	371.0	539.2	410.8
4.19 Interest bearing liabilities	393.5	1,104.2	238.1
4.20 Provisions	183.2	179.3	167.1
Tax liabilities	45.6	31.3	38.0
4.21 Other (provide details if material)	9.1	17.4	25.8

<b>4.22</b>	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,002.4</b>	<b>1,871.4</b>	<b>879.8</b>
	<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
4.23	Payables	0.0	0.0	12.1
4.24	Interest bearing liabilities	2,110.7	1,577.9	2,130.7
4.25	Provisions	81.8	93.8	97.0
	Tax liabilities	349.3	348.2	291.4
4.26	Other (provide details if material)	6.1	3.6	5.3
<b>4.27</b>	<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>2,547.9</b>	<b>2,023.5</b>	<b>2,536.5</b>
<b>4.28</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,550.3</b>	<b>3,894.9</b>	<b>3,416.3</b>
<b>4.29</b>	<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,201.6</b>	<b>2,108.3</b>	<b>2,361.2</b>

### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position continued

	<b>Equity</b>			
4.30	Capital/contributed equity	371.5	359.7	355.8
4.31	Reserves	1,066.4	981.2	945.7
4.32	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	555.0	565.0	754.8
<b>4.33</b>	<b>Equity attributable to members of the parent entity</b>	<b>1,992.9</b>	<b>1,905.9</b>	<b>2,056.3</b>
4.34	Outside equity interests in controlled entities	208.7	202.4	304.9
<b>4.35</b>	<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,201.6</b>	<b>2,108.3</b>	<b>2,361.2</b>
4.36	Preference capital included as part of 4.33	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

*To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred regardless of whether written off directly against profit.*

	Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
5.1	Opening balance	
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	
155.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	
<b>5.6</b>	<b>Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.11)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Development properties

*(To be completed only by entities with mining interests only if amounts are material))*

	Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
6.1	Opening balance	
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period	
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties	
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.12)</b>	
	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
<b>Cash flows related to operating activities</b>		
7.1	Receipts from customers	1,937.6
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,703.0)
7.3	Dividends received from associates	32.6
7.4	Other dividends received	0.0
7.5	Interest and other items of similar nature received	7.3
7.6	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(99.4)
7.7	Income taxes paid	(15.7)
7.8	Other (provide details if material)	0.0
<b>7.9</b>	<b>Net operating cash flows</b>	<b>159.4</b>
<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b>		
7.10	Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(237.0)
7.11	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	211.9
7.12	Payment for purchases of equity investments	(33.8)
7.13	Proceeds from sale of equity investments	2.8
7.14	Loans to other entities	(2.8)
7.15	Loans repaid by other entities	2.6
7.16	Other (provide details if material)	0.0
<b>7.17</b>	<b>Net investing cash flows</b>	<b>(56.3)</b>
<b>Cash flows related to financing activities</b>		
7.18	Proceeds from issues of securities (shares, options, etc.)	97.8
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	801.0
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	(991.1)
7.21	Dividends paid	(98.1)
7.22	Other (provide details if material)	0.0

<b>7.23</b>	<b>Net financing cash flows</b>	<b>(190.4)</b>	<b>303.9</b>
7.24	<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(87.3)</b>	<b>(16.3)</b>
7.25	Cash at beginning of period <i>(see Reconciliation of cash)</i>	100.7	22.6
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.	0.6	1.3
<b>7.27</b>	<b>Cash at end of period</b> <i>(see Reconciliation of cash)</i>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>

### Non-cash financing and investing activities

*Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.*

Not applicable
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### Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows.

	Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	24.4	5.9
8.2 Deposits at call	2.7	2.0
8.3 Bank overdraft	(13.1)	(0.3)
8.4 Other (provide details)	0.0	(0.0)
<b>8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.27)</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>

### Ratios

	Current period	Previous corresponding period
<b>Profit before tax / revenue</b>		
9.1 Consolidated Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before in tax (item 1.5) as a percentage of revenue (item 1.1)	8.1%	14.9%
<b>Profit after tax / +equity interests</b>		
9.2 Consolidated net profit (loss) after tax attributable to members (item 1.11) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (item 4.33)	4.2%	10.1%

<b>Earnings per security (EPS)</b>		Current period	Previous corresponding period
10.1	Calculation of the following in accordance with AASB 1027: <i>Earnings per Share</i>		
	(a) Basic EPS	22.7 cents	59.7 cents
	(b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	N/A	N/A
	(c) Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in the calculation of the Basic EPS	365,126,096	348,543,077

<b>NTA backing</b> <i>(see note 7)</i>		Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1	Net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security	\$2.99	\$2.22

### Details of specific receipts/outlays, revenues/ expenses

		Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
12.1	Interest revenue included in determining item 1.5	6.8	5.5
12.2	Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received (if material)	0.0	0.0
12.3	Interest costs excluded from borrowing costs, capitalised in asset values	0.0	0.0
12.4	Outlays (except those arising from the +acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	0.0	0.0
12.5	Depreciation and amortisation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	106.3	82.9
12.6	Other specific relevant items not shown in item 1.24		

### Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Not Applicable
13.2	Consolidated Profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was +acquired	N/A
13.3	Date from which such profit has been calculated	N/A
13.4	Profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A

**Loss of control of entities having material effect**

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	Not applicable
14.2	Consolidated Profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	N/A
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	
14.4	Consolidated Profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A
14.5	Contribution to consolidated Profit (loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	N/A

**Reports for business and geographical segments**

*Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with AASB 1005: Segment Reporting. Because of the different structures employed by entities, a pro forma is not provided. Segment information should be completed separately and attached to this report.*

**Segments**

Refer Attachment D

- Operating Revenue
- Sales to customers outside the economic entity
- Inter-segment sales
- Unallocated revenue
- Total revenue
- Segment result
- Unallocated expenses
- Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (equal to item 1.5)

Segment assets	)	Comparative data for segment assets should be as
Unallocated assets	)	at
Total assets (equal to item 4.17)	)	the end of the previous corresponding period.

**Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)**

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	11 April 2002
15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of registrable transfers received by 5.00 pm if +securities are not +CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if +securities are +CHESS approved)	27 March 2002
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? (Preliminary final report only)	Not Applicable

**Amount per security**

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at 30% tax	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
<b>15.4</b>	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> <b>Final dividend:</b> Current year	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.5	Previous year	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>15.6</b>	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> <b>Interim dividend:</b> Current year	25¢	19¢	0¢
15.7	Previous year	25¢	7¢	0¢

**Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim plus final)**

(Preliminary final report only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	+Ordinary securities	N/A	N/A
15.9	Preference +securities	N/A	N/A

**Half yearly report - interim dividend (distribution) on all securities or**

**~~Preliminary final report~~ – final dividend (distribution) on all securities**

		Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period - \$A Million
15.10	+Ordinary securities	92.9	89.0
15.11	Preference +securities	N/A	N/A
15.12	Other equity instruments	N/A	N/A
<b>15.13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>89.0</b>

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

<b>The Australian Gas Light Company Dividend Reinvestment Plan</b>
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The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

<b>27 March 2002</b>
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Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions)

None.
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**Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities**

		Current period \$A Million	Previous corresponding period- \$A Million
16.1	Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	44.7	17.5
16.2	Income tax on ordinary activities	(4.3)	(3.9)
<b>16.3</b>	<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after income tax</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>
16.4	Extraordinary items net of tax	0.0	0.0
<b>16.5</b>	<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>
16.6	Outside +equity interests	0.0	0.0
<b>16.7</b>	<b>Net profit (loss) attributable to members</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>

**Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities**

*The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from xx/xx/xx") or disposal ("to xx/xx/xx").*

<i>Name of entity</i>	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal	Contribution to profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax(item 1.5)

<b>1. Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities</b>	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period - \$Amillion	Previous corresponding period - \$Amillion
Auscom Holdings Pty Limited	50.0	50.0	5.6	1.2
Australian Pipeline Trust	30.0	30.0	8.8	5.3
ActewAGL	50.0	50.0	25.3	5.2
Agility Clough Lucas	50.0	0.0	1.8	0.0
TrustPower Limited	13.9*	13.9*	(1.4)	1.7
Other			0.3	0.2
17.2 Total			40.4	13.6
17.3 <b>Other material interests</b>				
17.4 Total			40.4	13.6

\*Relevant interest is 20.5%

## Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

*Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.*

Category of +securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (cents)
<b>18.1 Preference +securities</b> <i>(description)</i>	Nil			
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	Nil			
<b>18.3 +Ordinary securities</b>	<b>371,674,336</b>	<b>371,674,336</b>		

18.4	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	11,915,391 Nil	11,915,391 Nil		
<b>18.5</b>	<b>+Convertible debt securities</b> <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	Nil	Nil		
18.6	Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	Nil	Nil		
<b>18.7</b>	<b>Options</b> <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	Nil	Nil	<i>Exercise price</i>	<i>Expiry date (if any)</i>
18.8	Issued during current period	Nil	Nil		
18.9	Exercised during current period	Nil	Nil		
18.10	Expired during current period	Nil	Nil		
<b>18.11</b>	<b>Debentures</b> <i>(totals only)</i>	Nil	Nil		
<b>18.12</b>	<b>Unsecured notes</b> <i>(totals only)</i>	Nil	Nil		

### Comments by directors

*Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and declaration (as required by the Corporations Law) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and declaration. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.*

### Basis of accounts preparation

*If this report is a half yearly report, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: : Interim Financial Reporting. It should be read in conjunction with the last +annual report and any announcements to the market made by the entity during the period. [Delete if preliminary final statement.]*

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period

**Refer to separate accompanying commentary.**

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported, with financial effect quantified (if possible)

**Not applicable**

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year

**The balance of the franking credits available to the consolidated entity at 31 December 2001 was \$52.7 million.**

**It is expected that dividends paid during the next twelve months will be partly franked principally out of franking credits that will arise in the period.**

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.  
*(Disclose changes in the half yearly report in accordance with AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting. Disclose changes in the preliminary final report in accordance with AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure.)*

*Not Applicable*

## Additional disclosure for trusts

19.1 Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.

N/A

19.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.

Identify:

- initial service charges
- management fees
- other fees

N/A
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## Annual meeting

*(Preliminary final report only)*

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	N/A
Date	N/A
Time	N/A
Approximate date the +annual report will be available	N/A

## Compliance statement

1 This report has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 12).

Identify other standards used

N/A
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2 This report, and the +accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

4. This report is based on +accounts to which one of the following applies.

(Tick one)

The + accounts have been audited.

The + accounts have been subject to review.

The + accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.

The +accounts have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached. (*Half yearly report only - the audit report or review by the auditor must be attached to this report if this report is to satisfy the requirements of the Corporations Law.*)

6 The entity has a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: ..... Date: 7 March 2002  
(Director/Company Secretary)

Print name: M.J. Phillips (Chairman)

### Notes

1. **For announcement to the market** The percentage changes referred to in this section are the percentage changes calculated by comparing the current period's figures with those for the previous corresponding period. Do not show percentage changes if the change is from profit to loss or loss to profit, but still show whether the change was up or down. If changes in accounting policies or procedures have had a material effect on reported figures, do not show either directional or percentage changes in profits. Explain the reason for the omissions in the note at the end of the announcement section.

2. **True and fair view** If this report does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the entity must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.

3. **Consolidated profit and loss account**

Item 1.1 The definition of "revenue" and an explanation of "ordinary activities" are set out in *AASB 1004: Revenue*, and *AASB 1018: Statement of financial performance*.

Item 1.6 This item refers to the total tax attributable to the amount shown in item 1.5. Tax includes income tax and capital gains tax (if any) but excludes taxes treated as expenses from ordinary activities (eg, fringe benefits tax).

4. **Income tax** If the amount provided for income tax in this report differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima*

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*facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts.

**5. Consolidated balance sheet**

**Format** The format of the consolidated balance sheet should be followed as closely as possible. However, additional items may be added if greater clarity of exposition will be achieved, provided the disclosure still meets the requirements of *AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts*, and *AASB 1040: Statement of Financial Position*. Banking institutions, trusts and financial institutions identified in an ASIC Class Order dated 2 September 1997 may substitute a clear liquidity ranking for the Current/Non-Current classification.

**Basis of revaluation** If there has been a material revaluation of non-current assets (including investments) since the last +annual report, the entity must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. The description must meet the requirements of *AASB 1010: Accounting for the Revaluation of Non-Current Assets*. If the entity has adopted a procedure of regular revaluation, the basis for which has been disclosed and has not changed, no additional disclosure is required. Trusts should also note paragraph 10 of *AASB 1029* and paragraph 11 of *AASB 1030: Application of Accounting Standards etc*.

**6. Consolidated statement of cash flows** For definitions of “cash” and other terms used in this report see *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows*. Entities should follow the form as closely as possible, but variations are permitted if the directors (in the case of a trust, the management company) believe that this presentation is inappropriate. However, the presentation adopted must meet the requirements of *AASB 1026*. +Mining exploration entities may use the form of cash flow statement in Appendix 5B.

**7. Net tangible asset backing** Net tangible assets are determined by deducting from total tangible assets all claims on those assets ranking ahead of the +ordinary securities (ie, all liabilities, preference shares, outside +equity interests etc). +Mining entities are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per +ordinary security.

**8. Gain and loss of control over entities** The gain or loss must be disclosed if it has a material effect on the +accounts. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the entity’s consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax by more than 5% compared to the previous corresponding period.

**9. Rounding of figures** This report anticipates that the information required is given to the nearest \$1,000. However, an entity may report exact figures, if the \$A’000 headings are amended. If an entity qualifies under ASIC Class Order 98/0100 dated 10 July 1998, it may report to the nearest million dollars, or to the nearest \$100,000, if the \$A’000 headings are amended.

10. **Comparative figures** Comparative figures are the unadjusted figures from the previous corresponding period. However, if there is a lack of comparability, a note explaining the position should be attached.
11. **Additional information** An entity may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the reports. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this report, or contained in a note attached to the report. The requirement under the listing rules for an entity to complete this report does not prevent the entity issuing reports more frequently. Additional material lodged with the +ASIC under the Corporations Law must also be given to ASX. For example, a directors' report and declaration, if lodged with the +ASIC, must be given to ASX.
12. **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if one) must be complied with.
13. **Corporations Law financial statements** As at 1/7/96, this report may be able to be used by an entity required to comply with the Corporations Law as part of its half-year financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
14. **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 18.1 and 18.3 for fully paid securities.
15. **Relevant Items** AASB 1018 requires the separate disclosure of specific revenues and expenses which are not extraordinary but which are of a size, nature or incidence that disclosure is *relevant* in explaining the financial performance of the reporting entity. the term "relevance" is defined in AASB 1018. For foreign entities, there are similar requirements in other accounting standards normally accepted by ASX.
16. **\$ Dollars** If reporting is not in A\$, all references to \$A must be changed to the reporting currency. If reporting is not in thousands of dollars, all references to "000" must be changed to the reporting value.

Inter-segment pricing is on an "arms-length" basis.

Revenue is principally derived from:

(i) Energy

*Infrastructure*

Gas networks - distribution of natural gas.

Electricity networks - distribution of electricity.

Agility - provision of infrastructure management and maintenance services

*Sales and marketing* - sale of natural gas and electricity.

*Investments* - investments in pipeline and energy entities

*Power generation* - generation and sale of electricity.

*LPG* - extraction and sale of LPG and investment in a joint venture entity involved in the LPG industry.

*International business* - distribution of natural gas and investments in foreign entities involved in the gas and electricity industries

(ii) Property - sale and rental of properties.

(iii) Telecommunications - investment in entities involved in the telecommunications industry.

(iv) Other - business development activities and revenue from other activities.

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See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Geographical segments	1,224.1	1,334.3	186.3	81.9	3,977.0	3,616.7
Australia	1,224.1	1,334.3	186.3	81.9	3,977.0	3,616.7
New Zealand	532.4	510.7	50.2	81.9	1,604.8	1,985.5
Other	17.1	16.9	1.1	(2.1)	170.1	175.3
	<u>1,773.6</u>	<u>1,861.9</u>	<u>231.6</u>	<u>365.1</u>	<u>5,751.9</u>	<u>5,777.5</u>

There was no material inter-segment revenue.

**Appendix 4B (rule 4.13(b))**  
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**Attachment A**

**Details of significant items included in revenues and expenses (item 1.24) from ordinary activities**

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
<b>Significant items</b>		
Profit on sale of businesses (Income tax benefit applicable \$11.4 million )	<b>0.0</b>	54.3
Profit on sale of surplus property held for sale (Income tax expense applicable nil )	<b>0.0</b>	2.3
Gain relating to contract settlement in New Zealand (Income tax expense applicable \$3.1 million )	<b>9.6</b>	0.0
Losses incurred due to the increase in wholesale electricity prices in New Zealand (Income tax benefit applicable \$15.0 million)	<b>45.5</b>	0.0
Writedown of telecommunication investment (Income tax benefit applicable nil)	<b>45.0</b>	0.0

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Attachment B

Details of revenues and expenses (item 1.24) from ordinary activities are as follows:

	Consolidated	
	2001	2000
	\$m	\$m
<b>(a) Revenue from ordinary activities</b>		
Sales of goods		
Operating activities	1,312.0	1,428.0
Other activities	3.2	4.2
Provision of services		
Construction contracts	43.1	27.7
Other operating activities	167.7	136.0
Interest		
Associates and joint venture entities	2.4	2.7
Other entities		
Operating activities	3.9	2.1
Other activities	0.5	0.7
Equity share of profits		
Joint venture entities	32.6	6.4
Associates	7.8	7.2
Share of partnership profits (losses)	(0.3)	0.2
Disposals of assets		
Operating activities	198.9	233.6
Other activities	0.0	4.7
Rents Other Activities	0.4	0.1
Write-back of provisions no longer required		
Employee entitlements	1.0	1.5
Other	0.4	6.8
Net foreign currency exchange gain from non-speculative dealing	0.0	0.0
	<b>1,773.6</b>	<b>1,861.9</b>
All revenue relates to operating activities unless otherwise stated.		
<b>(b) Expenses from ordinary activities</b>		
Cost of goods sold	870.5	904.3
Administrative costs	71.1	61.1
Depreciation and amortisation	114.5	99.0
Employee entitlements	159.3	126.1
Carrying value of assets/business disposed	192.4	173.5
Losses and writedowns relating to controlled entities	90.5	0.0
Other expenses	43.7	132.8
	<b>1,542.0</b>	<b>1,496.8</b>

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Attachment C

**Tax expense applicable to operating profit (item 1.6) is arrived at as follows:**

	Consolidated	
	2001	2000
	\$m	\$m
Prima facie income tax expense on operating profit at 30% (2000 34%)	(42.0)	(93.6)
Tax effect of permanent differences		
Non-allowable expenditure	(18.1)	(4.6)
Non-assessable revenue	3.8	5.0
Non rebateable/assessable dividends	(2.6)	0.0
Equity accounted profits of associates and joint venture entities	4.3	2.9
Development allowance	0.6	1.0
Rehabilitation expenditure	0.0	0.0
Profits/losses on disposals of assets	2.6	30.8
Withholding taxes	0.0	2.4
Other	(0.8)	1.6
Recognition of tax losses not previously brought to account	0.0	0.0
Reversal of tax losses previously recognised now written off	(0.7)	0.0
Income tax rate change	0.0	0.0
Income tax over/(under)provided in prior years	0.2	(2.8)
Income tax expense on operating profit	(52.7)	(57.3)

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Attachment D

Reports for industry and geographical segments

Industry segments	Revenue		Operating result		Total assets	
	Current period	Previous	Current period	Previous	Current period	Previous
		corresponding period		corresponding period		corresponding period
	\$A millions	\$A millions	\$A millions	\$A millions	\$A millions	\$A millions
Energy						
<i>Infrastructure</i>						
Gas networks	169.2	397.3	85.7	146.6	1,170.9	1,038.0
Electricity networks	81.0	89.0	28.1	40.6	1,100.2	1,124.2
Agility	75.2	54.0	19.0	17.9	44.8	65.3
	<u>325.4</u>	<u>540.3</u>	<u>132.8</u>	<u>205.1</u>	<u>2,315.9</u>	<u>2,227.5</u>
<i>Sales and marketing</i>	1,013.3	986.8	64.9	65.3	691.5	663.4
Less network charges	<u>204.5</u>	<u>233.6</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
	<u>808.8</u>	<u>753.2</u>	<u>64.9</u>	<u>65.3</u>	<u>691.5</u>	<u>663.4</u>
	1,134.2	1,293.5	197.7	270.4	3,007.4	2,890.9
<i>Investments</i>	36.4	12.8	33.8	10.5	386.7	351.5
<i>Power generation</i>	4.3	4.1	1.9	1.0	202.2	49.6
<i>LPG</i>	17.7	13.7	11.4	6.1	112.9	102.0
<i>International business</i>	<u>549.2</u>	<u>524.5</u>	<u>51.6</u>	<u>81.3</u>	<u>1,771.6</u>	<u>2,156.6</u>
	1,741.8	1,848.6	296.4	369.3	5,480.8	5,550.6
Property	3.9	9.4	(0.6)	1.8	73.9	79.9
Telecommunications	25.5	0.0	(57.2)	0.0	86.7	0.0
Other	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>(4.3)</u>	<u>(4.4)</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>82.2</u>
Segment totals	1,771.7	1,859.6	234.3	366.7	5,645.8	5,712.7
Unallocated items	<u>5.0</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>(2.7)</u>	<u>(1.6)</u>	<u>106.1</u>	<u>64.8</u>
	1,776.7	1,862.0	231.6	365.1	5,751.9	5,777.5
Less: inter-segment revenue	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
borrowing costs	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>91.4</u>	<u>89.8</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
	<u>1,773.6</u>	<u>1,861.9</u>	<u>140.2</u>	<u>275.3</u>	<u>5,751.9</u>	<u>5,777.5</u>
Inter-segment revenue was derived as follows:						
Property	0.1	0.1				
Other	0.3	0.0				
Unallocated	<u>2.7</u>	<u>0.0</u>				
	3.1	0.1				

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**Geographical segments**

Australia	1,224.1	1,334.3	180.3	285.3	3,977.0	3,616.7
New Zealand	532.4	510.7	50.2	81.9	1,604.8	1,985.5
Other	<u>17.1</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>(2.1)</u>	<u>170.1</u>	<u>175.3</u>
	<u>1,773.6</u>	<u>1,861.9</u>	<u>231.6</u>	<u>365.1</u>	<u>5,751.9</u>	<u>5,777.5</u>

There was no material change in the scope of operations. See chapter 19 for defined terms.

**Attachment E**

**THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY  
AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001**

**Note 1 - Basis of accounting**

This general purpose half-year consolidated financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, accounting standard AASB 1029 "Interim Financial Reporting", Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board as applicable to the half-year report. The accounting policies applied in the preparation and presentation of the report are consistent with those applied in respect of the report for the year ended 30 June 2001. The half-year report does not include disclosures of the type normally included in the annual report. It is recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the 2001 annual report and any public announcements made by the Parent Entity during the half-year in accordance with any continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

**Note 2 - Non-cash financing and investing activities**

There were no material non-cash financing or investing activities during the half-year ended 31 December 2001.

**Note 3 - Rounding of amounts**

Unless otherwise specified, amounts in the financial report are shown to the nearest tenth of a million dollars in accordance with ASIC class order 98/0100 issued 10 July 1998. The Parent Entity is an entity to which the class order applies.

**Note 4 – Contingent liabilities**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Bank guarantees in respect of the consolidated entity	32.4	
Guarantees in respect of associates	<b>5.0</b>	
	<b>37.4</b>	<b>35.6</b>

**THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY  
AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES**

**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001**

The directors of The Australian Gas Light Company declare that the accompanying financial statements and the notes to the financial statements:

- (a) comply with accounting standards; and
- (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Parent Entity and the consolidated entity.

The directors also declare that, in their opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Parent Entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the accompanying financial statements and the notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001.

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

M J Phillips  
Chairman

G J W Martin  
Director

Sydney, 7 March 2002