**Our Resources, Our Right to Know**

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**Learn More**

Learn about the issue and how transparency can help end corruption and poverty in resource-rich countries. Download and read our booklet.

**Speak Out**

Call on the Australian Government to act and introduce legislation requiring mining and oil and gas companies to publish what they pay to governments where they operate.

**The Resource Curse**

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Many countries rich in finite natural resources such as oil, gas and minerals are burdened by their bounty instead of blessed by it. In fact two thirds of the world’s poorest people live in resource-rich countries. Why?

**Secrecy and Corruption**

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Too often mining and oil and gas companies and governments keep their contracts and revenues secret, allowing mismanagement and corruption to flourish. Secrecy and corruption often result in the income from natural resource extraction going missing and not benefiting citizens, especially those living in poverty. Secrecy and corruption also stop poor communities getting access to basic services, like clean water, healthcare and sanitation.

As the sovereign owners of a country’s natural resources, citizens have a right to know how much their government receives from companies who want access to those resources, and how revenues are being spent.

**A Continent of Riches?**

Africa is experiencing a major expansion in natural resource extraction and currently around 240 Australian mining companies operate on the continent. In 2010 the exports of minerals and oil and gas were worth roughly seven times the amount given to the continent in aid. Yet without improved transparency this natural wealth is unlikely to be turned into lasting benefits.

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**Transparency is the Key**

Transparency of revenues from the sale of natural resources could help end corruption and ensure that this income is used for the public good. Thanks to pressure from Publish What You Pay, from the end of 2013 the United States followed by the European Union will require their mining and oil and gas companies to publish what they pay governments wherever they operate.

**Time for Australia to Act**

Australia is home to thousands of mining and oil and gas companies, operating both in Australia and overseas. Australia could help resource-rich but poor communities around the world that are seeking to hold their governments to account and introduce transparency legislation.

Mining taxes and royalties are often a topic of concern and controversy in Australia too. Greater transparency would help us understand the value of our nation’s natural resources.

**Stand With Us and Speak Out**

Join the global movement for transparency to help end corruption and poverty in resource-rich countries and support the people’s right to know the value of their oil, gas and minerals.

Call on the Australian Government to act and introduce legislation requiring mining and oil and gas companies to publish what they pay to governments where they operate. [Insert form as per the one at the top of the page]

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[‘About PWYP’ tab jumps to here] Publish What You Pay is a global campaign for transparency and accountability in the mining and oil and gas industries. In Australia, the campaign is supported by a coalition of organisations and individuals that are committed to ensuring that citizens of resource-rich countries benefit from their natural wealth.

Find out the latest news and access resources at: [www.publishwhatyoupay.org/where/coalitions/australia](http://www.publishwhatyoupay.org/where/coalitions/australia)

**Member organisations**

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