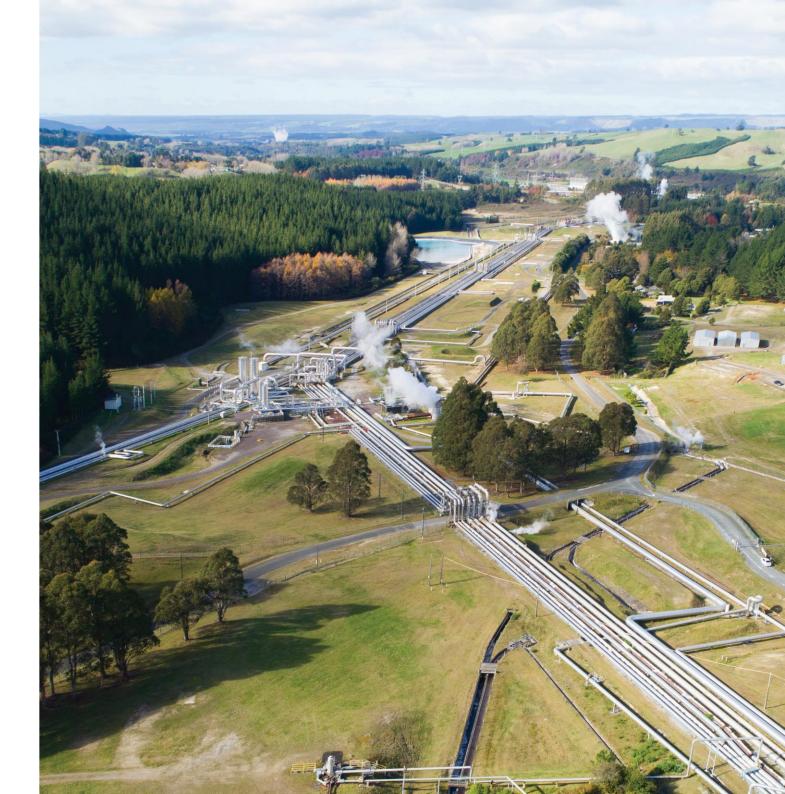


# **2023**Interim Financial Statements

Building a better Aotearoa New Zealand



## **About these financial statements**

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

These interim financial statements are for Contact, a group made up of Contact Energy Limited, the entities over which it has control and its associates.

Contact Energy Limited is registered in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993. It is listed on the New Zealand stock exchange (NZX) and the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and has bonds listed on the NZX debt market. Contact is an FMC reporting entity under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

Contact's interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2022 provide a summary of Contact's performance for the period and outline significant changes to information reported in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 (2022 Annual Report). The Financial Statements should be read with the 2022 Annual Report.

Contact's financial statements are prepared:

- in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) and comply with NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.
- in millions of New Zealand dollars (NZD) unless otherwise noted.
- using the same accounting policies and significant estimates and critical judgments disclosed in the 2022 Annual Report.
- with certain comparative amounts reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

The financial statements were authorised on behalf of the Contact Energy Limited Board of Directors on 10 February 2023:

Robert McDonald

Chair

Sandra Dodds

Chair, Audit & Risk Committee

# Statement of comprehensive income

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| \$m   | Note | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>Year ended<br>30 June 2022 |
|---|------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Revenue   | A2   | 994  | 1,141                                      | 2,387                                 |
| Operating expenses                                  | A2   | (868)                                      | (819)                                      | (1,850)                               |
| Interest expense                                    | B4   | (20)                                       | (19)                                       | (36)                                  |
| Interest revenue                                    | B4   | 1  | -  | -                                     |
| Depreciation and amortisation                       | C1   | (111)                                      | (129)                                      | (262)                                 |
| Change in fair value of financial instruments       | D1   | (6)  | 13   | 14                                    |
| Profit/(loss) before tax                            |      | *(9)                                       | 187  | 253                                   |
| Tax expense   |      | 2  | (53)                                       | (71)                                  |
| Profit/(loss)                                       |      | (7)  | 134  | 182                                   |
| Items that may be reclassified to profit/(loss):    |      |  |  |                                       |
| Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)               |      | (30)                                       | 33   | (31)                                  |
| Comprehensive income                                |      | (37)                                       | 167  | 151                                   |
| Profit/(loss) per share (cents) - basic and diluted |      | (0.9)                                      | 17.2                                       | 23.4                                  |

<sup>\*</sup>Profit/(loss) before tax includes an onerous contract provision relating to Ahuroa Gas Storage facility (AGS) of \$120 million. Excluding the onerous contract provision, Profit/(loss) before tax would be \$111 million.

# **Statement of cash flows**

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| \$m  | Note | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>Year ended<br>30 June 2022 |
|--|------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Receipts from customers                                |      | 1,023                                      | 1,211                                      | 2,397                                 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                    |      | (820)                                      | (965)                                      | (1,880)                               |
| Interest paid  |      | (12)                                       | (15)                                       | (28)                                  |
| Tax paid   |      | (76)                                       | (65)                                       | (89)                                  |
| Operating cash flows                                   |      | 115  | 166  | 400                                   |
| Purchase and construction of assets                    |      | (272)                                      | (151)                                      | (347)                                 |
| Capitalised interest                                   |      | (17)                                       | (8)  | (19)                                  |
| Investment in associates                               |      | (4)  | (6)  | (11)                                  |
| Proceeds from sale of assets                           |      | 4  | -  | 1                                     |
| Deferred consideration for acquisition of subsidiaries |      | (11)                                       | (5)  | (5)                                   |
| Investing cash flows                                   |      | (300)                                      | (170)                                      | (381)                                 |
| Dividends paid   | B2   | (146)                                      | (145)                                      | (242)                                 |
| Proceeds from borrowings                               |      | 643  | 267  | 536                                   |
| Repayment of borrowings                                |      | (315)                                      | (193)                                      | (291)                                 |
| Financing costs  |      | (2)  | (4)  | (4)                                   |
| Financing cash flows                                   |      | 180  | (75)                                       | (1)                                   |
| Net cash flow  |      | (5)  | (79)                                       | 18                                    |
| Add: cash at the beginning of the period               |      | 168  | 150  | 150                                   |
| Cash at the end of the period                          |      | 163  | 71   | 168                                   |

# **Statement of financial position**

## AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| \$m                              | Note | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>30 June 2022 |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents        |      | 163                      | 71                       | 168                     |
| Trade and other receivables      |      | 211                      | 186                      | 227                     |
| Inventories                      |      | 39                       | 87                       | 58                      |
| Intangible assets                | C1   | 72                       | 64                       | 27                      |
| Derivative financial instruments | D1   | 59                       | 29                       | 23                      |
| Assets held for sale             |      | 5                        | -                        | 5                       |
| Total current assets             |      | 549                      | 437                      | 508                     |
| Property, plant and equipment    | C1   | 4,293                    | 4,024                    | 4,095                   |
| Intangible assets                | C1   | 197                      | 205                      | 200                     |
| Goodwill                         |      | 214                      | 214                      | 214                     |
| Inventories                      | C2   | 36                       | -                        | -                       |
| Investment in associates         |      | 24                       | 16                       | 21                      |
| Derivative financial instruments | D1   | 95                       | 82                       | 128                     |
| Total non-current assets         |      | 4,859                    | 4,541                    | 4,658                   |
| Total assets                     |      | 5,408                    | 4,978                    | 5,166                   |
| Trade and other payables         |      | 252                      | 235                      | 261                     |
| Tax payable                      |      | 1                        | 33                       | 36                      |
| Borrowings                       | В3   | 415                      | 115                      | 287                     |
| Derivative financial instruments | D1   | 121                      | 54                       | 98                      |
| Provisions                       |      | 6                        | 14                       | 15                      |
| Total current liabilities        |      | 795                      | 451                      | 697                     |
| Borrowings                       | В3   | 985                      | 814                      | 812                     |
| Derivative financial instruments | D1   | 197                      | 50                       | 128                     |
| Provisions                       |      | *183                     | 53                       | 58                      |
| Deferred tax                     |      | 563                      | 645                      | 616                     |
| Other non-current liabilities    |      | 26                       | 14                       | 15                      |
| Total non-current liabilities    |      | 1,953                    | 1,576                    | 1,629                   |
| Total liabilities                |      | 2,748                    | 2,027                    | 2,326                   |
| Net assets                       |      | 2,660                    | 2,951                    | 2,840                   |
| Share capital                    | B1   | 1,976                    | 1,944                    | 1,955                   |
| Retained earnings                |      | 788                      | 1,019                    | 958                     |
| Hedge reserves                   |      | (113)                    | (18)                     | (82)                    |
| Share-based compensation reserve |      | 9                        | 6                        | 8                       |
| Shareholders' equity             |      | 2,660                    | 2,951                    | 2,840                   |

<sup>\*</sup>Non-current provisions include an onerous contract provision relating to AGS of \$120 million.

# **Statement of changes in equity**

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| \$m  | Note | Share capital | Retained<br>earnings | Other reserves | Shareholders'<br>equity |
|--|------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021                     |      | 1,922         | 1,048                | (43)           | 2,927                   |
| Profit/(loss)                              | A2   | -             | 134                  | -              | 134                     |
| Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)      |      | -             | -                    | 33             | 33                      |
| Change in share-based compensation reserve |      | -             | -                    | (2)            | (2)                     |
| Change in share capital                    | B1   | 22            | -                    | -              | 22                      |
| Dividends paid                             | B2   | -             | (163)                | -              | (163)                   |
| Unaudited balance at 31 December 2021      |      | 1,944         | 1,019                | (12)           | 2,951                   |
| Profit/(loss)                              | A2   | -             | 48                   | -              | 48                      |
| Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)      |      | -             | -                    | (64)           | (64)                    |
| Change in share-based compensation reserve |      | -             | -                    | 2              | 2                       |
| Change in share capital                    | B1   | 11            | -                    | -              | 11                      |
| Dividends paid                             | B2   | -             | (109)                | -              | (109)                   |
| Audited balance at 30 June 2022            |      | 1,955         | 958                  | (74)           | 2,840                   |
| Profit/(loss)                              | A2   | -             | (7)                  | -              | (7)                     |
| Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)      |      | -             | -                    | (30)           | (30)                    |
| Change in share-based compensation reserve |      | -             | -                    | -              | -                       |
| Change in share capital                    | B1   | 21            | -                    | -              | 21                      |
| Dividends paid                             | B2   | -             | (164)                | -              | (164)                   |
| Unaudited balance at 31 December 2022      |      | 1,976         | 788                  | (104)          | 2,660                   |

# A. Our performance

Notes to the financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2022

## A1. SEGMENTS

Contact reports activities under the Wholesale segment and the Retail segment. There have been no significant changes to Contact's operating segments in the current period.

The Wholesale segment includes revenue from the sale of electricity to the wholesale electricity market, to Commercial & Industrial (C&I) customers, and to the Retail segment, less the cost to generate and/or purchase the electricity and costs to serve and distribute electricity to C&I customers.

The results of Simply Energy Limited and Western Energy Services Limited are included in the Wholesale segment. The results of Contact Energy Risk Limited have been allocated across the operating segments based on fixed asset values, revenues, and headcount.

The Retail segment includes revenue from delivering electricity, natural gas, broadband and other products and services to mass market customers less the cost of purchasing those products and services, and the cost to serve customers.

'Unallocated' includes corporate functions not directly allocated to the operating segments.

The Retail segment purchases electricity from the Wholesale segment at a fixed price in a manner similar to transactions with third narties

## A2. EARNINGS

The table below provides a breakdown of Contact's revenue, expenses and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation and changes in fair value of financial instruments (EBITDAF) by segment, and a reconciliation from EBITDAF to profit/(loss) reported under NZ GAAP. EBITDAF is used to monitor performance and is a non-GAAP profit measure.

|   | ι         | Jnaudited 6 | months ended | 31 Dec 2022  |       | ı         | Unaudited 6 r | months ended | 31 Dec 2021  |       |           | Audited y | ear ended 30 Ju | ine 2022     |         |
|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| \$m   | Wholesale | Retail      | Unallocated  | Eliminations | Total | Wholesale | Retail        | Unallocated  | Eliminations | Total | Wholesale | Retail    | Unallocated     | Eliminations | Total   |
| Mass market electricity                                   | -         | 482         | -            | -            | 482   | -         | 448           | -            | -            | 448   | -         | 869       | -               | (1)          | 868     |
| C&I electricity - fixed price                             | 126       | -           | -            | -            | 126   | 100       | -             | -            | -            | 100   | 215       | _         | -               | -            | 215     |
| C&I electricity - pass through                            | 9         | -           | -            | -            | 9     | 15        | -             | -            | -            | 15    | 34        | -         | -               | -            | 34      |
| Wholesale electricity, net of hedging                     | 260       | -           | -            | -            | 260   | 476       | -             | -            | -            | 476   | 1,071     | -         | -               | -            | 1,071   |
| Electricity-related services revenue                      | 6         | -           | -            | -            | 6     | 4         | -             | -            | -            | 4     | 8         | -         | -               | -            | 8       |
| Inter-segment electricity sales                           | 241       | -           | -            | (241)        | -     | 199       | -             | -            | (199)        | -     | 395       | -         | -               | (395)        | -       |
| Gas   | 3         | 48          | -            | -            | 51    | 3         | 43            | -            | -            | 46    | 7         | 82        | -               | -            | 89      |
| Steam   | 19        | -           | -            | -            | 19    | 19        | -             | -            | -            | 19    | 33        | -         | -               | -            | 33      |
| Geothermal services                                       | 3         | -           | -            | -            | 3     | 1         | -             | -            | -            | 1     | 3         | -         | -               | -            | 3       |
| Broadband   | -         | 32          | -            | -            | 32    | -         | 25            | -            | -            | 25    | -         | 53        | -               | -            | 53      |
| Other income  | -         | 6           | -            | -            | 6     | 6         | 3             | -            | -            | 9     | 6         | 7         | -               | -            | 13      |
| Total revenue   | 667       | 568         | -            | (241)        | 994   | 821       | 519           | -            | (199)        | 1,141 | 1,772     | 1,011     | -               | (396)        | 2,387   |
| Electricity purchases, net of hedging                     | (204)     | -           | -            | -            | (204) | (318)     | -             | -            | -            | (318) | (793)     | -         | -               | -            | (793)   |
| Electricity purchases - pass through                      | (5)       | -           | -            | -            | (5)   | (9)       | -             | -            | -            | (9)   | (26)      | -         | -               | -            | (26)    |
| Electricity related services cost                         | (3)       | -           | -            | -            | (3)   | (5)       | -             | -            | -            | (5)   | (8)       | -         | -               | -            | (8)     |
| Inter-segment electricity purchases                       | -         | (241)       | -            | 241          | -     | -         | (199)         | -            | 199          | -     | -         | (395)     | -               | 395          | -       |
| Gas and diesel purchases                                  | (29)      | (15)        | -            | -            | (44)  | (42)      | (18)          | -            | -            | (60)  | (95)      | (33)      | -               | -            | (128)   |
| Gas storage costs   | *(132)    | -           | -            | -            | (132) | (11)      | -             | -            | -            | (11)  | (24)      | -         | -               | -            | (24)    |
| Carbon emissions costs                                    | (12)      | (6)         | -            | -            | (18)  | (13)      | (3)           | -            | -            | (16)  | (38)      | (6)       | -               | -            | (44)    |
| Generation transmission & levies                          | (14)      | -           | -            | -            | (14)  | (9)       | -             | -            | -            | (9)   | (24)      | -         | -               | -            | (24)    |
| Electricity networks, levies & meter costs - fixed price  | (32)      | (218)       | -            | -            | (250) | (32)      | (208)         | -            | -            | (240) | (60)      | (407)     | -               | -            | (467)   |
| Electricity networks, levies & meter costs - pass through | (1)       | -           | -            | -            | (1)   | (5)       | -             | -            | -            | (5)   | (8)       | -         | -               | -            | (8)     |
| Gas networks, transmission & meter costs                  | (3)       | (24)        | -            | -            | (27)  | (3)       | (21)          | -            | -            | (24)  | (6)       | (40)      | -               | -            | (46)    |
| Geothermal service costs                                  | (2)       | -           | -            | -            | (2)   | (1)       | -             | -            | -            | (1)   | (2)       | -         | -               | -            | (2)     |
| Broadband costs   | -         | (28)        | -            | -            | (28)  | -         | (21)          | -            | -            | (21)  | -         | (45)      | -               | -            | (45)    |
| Other market costs  | (22)      | -           | -            | -            | (22)  | (2)       | -             | -            | -            | (2)   | (25)      | -         | -               | -            | (25)    |
| Other operating expenses                                  | (61)      | (35)        | (22)         | -            | (118) | (55)      | (33)          | (10)         | -            | (98)  | (115)     | (68)      | (28)            | 1            | (210)   |
| Total operating expenses                                  | (520)     | (567)       | (22)         | 241          | (868) | (505)     | (503)         | (10)         | 199          | (819) | (1,224)   | (994)     | (28)            | 396          | (1,850) |
| EBITDAF   | 147       | 1           | (22)         | -            | 126   | 316       | 16            | (10)         | -            | 322   | 548       | 17        | (28)            | -            | 537     |
| Depreciation and amortisation                             |           |             |              |              | (111) |           |               |              |              | (129) |           |           |                 |              | (262)   |
| Net interest expense                                      |           |             |              |              | (19)  |           |               |              |              | (19)  |           |           |                 |              | (36)    |
| Change in fair value of financial instruments             |           |             |              |              | (6)   |           |               |              |              | 13    |           |           |                 |              | 14      |
| Tax expense   |           |             |              |              | 2     |           |               |              |              | (53)  |           |           |                 |              | (71)    |
| Profit/(loss)   |           |             |              |              | (7)   |           |               |              |              | 134   |           |           |                 |              | 182     |

<sup>\*</sup>Gas storage costs include an onerous contract provision relating to AGS of \$120 million.

## A3. FREE CASH FLOW

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP cash measure that shows the amount of cash Contact has available to distribute to shareholders, reduce debt or reinvest in growing the business. A reconciliation from EBITDAF to NZ GAAP operating cash flows and to free cash flow is provided below.

| \$m  | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>Year ended<br>30 June 2022 |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| EBITDAF  | 126  | 322  | 537                                   |
| Tax paid   | (76)                                       | (65)                                       | (89)                                  |
| Change in working capital, net of investing and financing activities | (43)                                       | (69)                                       | (17)                                  |
| Non-cash items included in EBITDAF                                   | 120  | (7)  | (3)                                   |
| Net interest paid, excluding capitalised interest                    | (12)                                       | (15)                                       | (28)                                  |
| Operating cash flows   | 115  | 166  | 400                                   |
| Stay-in-business capital expenditure                                 | (55)                                       | (35)                                       | (79)                                  |
| Operating free cash flow   | 60   | 131  | 321                                   |
| Proceeds from sale of assets   | 4  | -  | 1                                     |
| Free cash flow   | 63   | 131  | 322                                   |
| Operating free cash flow per share (cents)                           | 7.7  | 16.8                                       | 41.8                                  |

30 June 2022 stay-in-business capital expense has been restated, increasing by \$4 million and therefore also decreasing operating free cash flow and free cashflow by \$4 million. This is a reclassification between stay-in-business capital expense and growth capital expense, which has no impact on total capital expense.

## **A4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Contact's related parties include its Directors, the Leadership Team (LT), Drylandcarbon One Limited Partnership, and Forest Partners Limited Partnership.

| \$m                                       | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>Year ended<br>30 June 2022 |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Drylandcarbon One Limited Partnership     |  |  |                                       |
| Capital contributions                     | -  | (6)  | (9)                                   |
| Forest Partners Limited Partnership       |  |  |                                       |
| Capital contributions                     | (4)  | -  | (2)                                   |
| Key management personnel                  |  |  |                                       |
| Directors' fees                           | (1)  | (1)  | (1)                                   |
| LT - salary and other short-term benefits | (4)  | (5)  | (7)                                   |
| LT - share-based compensation expense     | (1)  | (1)  | (1)                                   |

Members of the Directors and LT purchase goods and services from Contact for domestic purposes on normal commercial terms and conditions. For members of the LT this includes the staff discount available to all eligible employees. Salary and other short-term benefits are the cash amount paid in the year.

## **A5. PROVISIONS**

In late 2021 Contact was notified of an unexpected and unexplained increase in pressure recorded in the AGS facility by the owner and operator, Flexgas, to whom Contact sold the facility in 2018. This suggested that the current storage capacity of the facility was less than previously thought, which may impact the storage capacity available to Contact. Contact and Flexgas formed a joint technical working group to investigate these concerns and assess whether there are actions that could be taken to improve the performance of the facility.

During the six months ended 31 December 2022, the technical working group concluded the first stage of studies into the issues and Contact has largely concluded its internal review of the findings using an independent technical expert. The technical working group have found that the estimate of current available storage is between 10 and 12 PJs which is less than originally understood. Also, to maintain reservoir pressure to support the optimal daily injection and extraction rate, approximately 4PJs of gas currently stored in AGS (536m) and owned by Contact may only be available for extraction at the end of Contact's storage contract in 2033.

Based on the findings, Contact has assessed the storage contract in line with NZ IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets* and has recognised a new onerous contract provision of \$120 million at 31 December 2022.

The provision is calculated as the difference between the contract payments and the value received from access to available AGS storage over the remaining term of contract, discounted to present value using a pre-tax discount rate of 4.5%.

There is a significant level of judgement involved in estimating the value Contact will obtain from the contract for the remainder of its term with key drivers such as, hydrology, future gas and carbon prices, the level of Contact's contracted sales, and the market supply/demand balance.

If the value received increased by 10%, the provision would reduce by \$15 million. If the value received decreased by 10% the provision would increase by \$15 million.

## **A6. CONTINGENCIES**

In the normal course of business, Contact is subject to inquiries, claims and investigations. There are no other material matters to disclose in this respect at 31 December 2022.

# **B.** Our funding

Notes to the financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2022

## **B1. SHARE CAPITAL**

|                             | Number      | \$m   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021      | 776,122,070 | 1,922 |
| Share capital issued        | 3,001,936   | 22    |
| Balance at 31 December 2021 | 779,124,006 | 1,944 |
| Share capital issued        | 1,514,297   | 11    |
| Balance at 30 June 2022     | 780,638,303 | 1,955 |
| Share capital issued        | 2,619,193   | 21    |
| Balance at 31 December 2022 | 783,257,496 | 1,976 |
| Comprised of:               |             |       |
| Ordinary shares             | 783,000,347 | 1,975 |
| Contact Share               | 257,149     | 1     |

During the period Contact granted a new tranche of share awards under the Equity Scheme, comprising 360,281 performance share rights (PSRs) and 348,226 deferred share rights (DSRs). PSRs and DSRs have no exercise price and have a vesting period of three years and two years respectively.

## **B2. DIVIDENDS PAID**

|                            |                 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended | Unaudited<br>6 months ended | Audited<br>Year ended |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$m                        | Cents per share | 31 Dec 2022                 | 31 Dec 2021                 | 30 June 2022          |
| 2021 final dividend        | 21              | -                           | 163                         | 163                   |
| 2022 interim dividend      | 14              | -                           | -                           | 109                   |
| 2022 final dividend        | 21              | 164                         | -                           |                       |
|                            |                 | 164                         | 163                         | 272                   |
| Comprising:                |                 |                             |                             |                       |
| Cash dividends             |                 | 146                         | 145                         | 242                   |
| Dividend reinvestment plan |                 | 18                          | 18                          | 30                    |

On 10 February 2023 the Board declared an interim dividend of 14 cents per share to be paid on 30 March 2023.

## **B3. BORROWINGS**

| Şm   | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>30 June 2022 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bank overdraft                             | -                        | 5                        | 2                       |
| *Commercial paper                          | 230                      | -                        | 175                     |
| *Drawn bank facilities                     | 139                      | -                        | 7                       |
| Lease obligations                          | 26                       | 24                       | 25                      |
| *Retail bonds                              | 350                      | 200                      | 200                     |
| *Capital bonds                             | 225                      | 225                      | 225                     |
| *Export credit agency facility             | 36                       | 43                       | 40                      |
| *USPP notes                                | 376                      | 376                      | 376                     |
| Face value of borrowings                   | 1,382                    | 873                      | 1,050                   |
| Deferred financing costs                   | (8)                      | (6)                      | (6)                     |
| Fair value adjustment on hedged borrowings | 26                       | 62                       | 55                      |
| Carrying value of borrowings               | 1,400                    | 929                      | 1,099                   |
| Current                                    | 415                      | 115                      | 287                     |
| Non-current                                | 985                      | 814                      | 812                     |

\$250 million retail bond was issued during the period, with an interest rate of 5.82%, maturing in April 2028.

Borrowings denoted with an asterisk (\*) are Green Debt Instruments under Contact's Green Borrowing Programme, which has been certified by the Climate Bonds Initiative. At 31 December 2022 Contact remains compliant with the requirements of the programme. Further information is available on the Sustainability section on Contact's website.

## **B4. NET INTEREST EXPENSE**

| \$m                                | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>6 months ended<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>Year ended<br>30 June 2022 |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Interest expense on borrowings     | (32)                                       | (24)                                       | (48)                                  |
| Interest expense on finance leases | (1)  | -  | (1)                                   |
| Unwind of discount on provisions   | (3)  | (3)  | (5)                                   |
| Unwind of deferred financing costs | (1)  | -  | (1)                                   |
| Capitalised interest               | 17   | 8  | 19                                    |
| Interest income                    | 1  | -  | -                                     |
| Net interest expense               | (19)                                       | (19)                                       | (36)                                  |

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## C. Our assets

Notes to the financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2022

## C1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

| Property, plant and equipment     |                          |                          |                         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$m                               | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>30 June 2022 |
| Opening balance                   | 4,095                    | 3,961                    | 3,961                   |
| Additions                         | 293                      | 171                      | 359                     |
| Acquisitions                      | -                        | -                        | 12                      |
| Transfers to assets held for sale | -                        | -                        | (17)                    |
| Disposals                         | (2)                      | (3)                      | (5)                     |
| Depreciation charge               | (93)                     | (105)                    | (215)                   |
| Closing balance                   | 4,293                    | 4,024                    | 4,095                   |

Included within property, plant and equipment is \$30 million (31 December 2021: \$28 million, 30 June 2022: \$29 million) of lease assets with a depreciation charge of \$2 million for the six months ended 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: \$2 million, 30 June 2022: \$5 million).

Included within additions is capitalised interest of \$17 million (31 December 2021: \$8 million, 30 June 2022: \$19 million) in relation to the build of the Tauhara and Te Huka Unit 3 power stations and associated steamfield.

| Intangibles                       |                          |                          |                         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$m                               | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2022 | Unaudited<br>31 Dec 2021 | Audited<br>30 June 2022 |
| Opening balance                   | 227                      | 245                      | 245                     |
| Additions                         | 75                       | 67                       | 122                     |
| Disposals                         | (15)                     | (19)                     | (92)                    |
| Transfers to assets held for sale | -                        | -                        | (1)                     |
| Amortisation charge               | (18)                     | (24)                     | (47)                    |
| Closing balance                   | 269                      | 269                      | 227                     |
| Current                           | 72                       | 64                       | 27                      |
| Non-current                       | 197                      | 205                      | 200                     |

At 31 December 2022, Contact was committed to \$323 million of contracted capital expenditure (31 December 2021: \$263 million, 30 June 2022: \$275 million) and \$119 million of carbon forward contracts (31 December 2021: \$68 million, 30 June 2022: \$150 million), of which \$352 million (31 December 2021: \$236 million, 30 June 2022: \$252 million) is due within one year of balance date.

## C2. INVENTORY

During the period, \$36 million of inventory gas has been reclassified from current to non-current inventory as this gas is not expected to be used within 12 months of reporting date.

# **D. Financial risks**

Notes to the financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2022

## D1. SUMMARY OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A summary of derivatives and the impact on Contact's financial position is provided below grouped by type of hedge relationship. There were no changes in the Group's valuation processes, valuation techniques, and types of inputs used in the fair value measurements during the period.

|  | Unaudited at 31 December 2022                 |       |     |                               |                                  |                                     |       | Unaudited at 31 December 2021 |       |                 |                                     |                          |                        |       |            | Audited at 30 June 2022 |     |                                     |                            |   |  |
|--|---|-------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
|  | Fair Cash flow & value fair value hedge hedge |       | c   | ash flow hedg                 | ge                               | No hedge<br>relationship            |       | Fair<br>value<br>hedge        |       | Cash flow hedge |                                     | No hedge<br>relationship | Fair<br>value<br>hedge |       | fair value | Cash flow hedge         |     |                                     | No hedge<br>relationship   |   |  |
| \$m  | IRS   | CCIRS | IRS | Electricity price derivatives | Foreign<br>exchange<br>contracts | Electricity<br>price<br>derivatives | Tota  | I IRS                         | CCIRS | IRS             | Electricity<br>price<br>derivatives | exchange                 | price                  | Total | IRS        | CCIRS                   | IRS | Electricity<br>price<br>derivatives | Foreign exchange contracts | Electricity<br>price<br>derivatives Total |  |
| Carrying value of derivatives - asset                          |   | 57    | 57  | 4                             | 2                                | 34                                  | 154   | 3                             | 60    | 14              | 14                                  | 3                        | 17                     | 111   | -          | 75                      | 37  | 3                                   | 3                          | 33 <b>151</b>                             |  |
| Carrying value of derivatives - liability                      | (26)  | (8)   | -   | (207)                         | (3)                              | (74)                                | (318  | (2)                           | (3)   | (26)            | (51)                                | (2)                      | (21)                   | (104) | (16)       | (5)                     | (4) | (154)                               | (5)                        | (42) <b>(226)</b>                         |  |
| Carrying value of hedged borrowings                            | (545)   | (252) | -   | -                             | -                                | -                                   | (797) | (347)                         | (437) | -               | -                                   | -                        | -                      | (784) | (331)      | (448)                   | -   | -                                   | -                          | - (779)                                   |  |
| Fair value adjustments to borrowings                           | 26  | (52)  | -   | -                             | -                                | -                                   | (26   | (1)                           | (61)  | -               | -                                   | -                        | -                      | (62)  | 16         | (71)                    | -   | -                                   | -                          | - <b>(55)</b>                             |  |
| Change in fair value of financial instruments to profit/(loss) | -   | -     | 5   | -                             | -                                | (11)                                | (6)   | -                             | -     | 15              | -                                   | -                        | (2)                    | 13    | -          | -                       | 24  | -                                   | -                          | (10) <b>14</b>                            |  |
| Hedge effectiveness recognised in OCI                          | -   | (2)   | 19  | (77)                          | (1)                              | -                                   | (61   | -                             | 2     | 18              | (12)                                | -                        | -                      | 8     | -          | 4                       | 52  | (125)                               | (2)                        | - (71)                                    |  |
| Initial premium recognised in trade and other receivables      | -   | -     | -   | -                             | -                                | (20)                                | (20)  | -                             | -     | -               | -                                   | -                        | -                      | -     | -          | -                       | -   | -                                   | -                          |   |  |
| Amounts reclassified to profit/(loss) or balance sheet         | -   | -     | -   | 26                            | 1                                | -                                   | 27    | _                             | -     | 3               | 36                                  | -                        | -                      | 39    | -          | -                       | 5   | 38                                  | -                          | - 43                                      |  |

The cross-currency interest rate swaps (CCIRS) liability arises from the cash flow hedge component.

Included within hedge reserves balance at 31 December 2022 is \$14 million relating to close out of electricity price derivatives which will be amortised over the financial year (31 December 2021: nil, 30 June 2022: \$10 million).

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# **Independent Auditor's review report**

To the shareholders of Contact Energy Limited Report on the interim financial statements

## Conclusion

We have reviewed the interim financial statements of Contact Energy Limited and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") on pages 2 to 17 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six month period ended on that date, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial statements on pages 2 to 17 of the Group do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the six month period ended on that date, in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in a review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our review procedures, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

#### Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements in New Zealand relating to the audit of the annual financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these ethical requirements.

Ernst & Young provides services to the Group in relation to trustee reporting, market remuneration surveys, immigration services, research and development tax credit advice and other assurance relating to sustainable finance framework. Partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Group. We have no other relationship with, or interest in, the Group.

## Directors' responsibility for the interim financial statements

The directors are responsible, on behalf of the Company, for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the interim financial statements

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial statements based on our review. NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: Interim Financial Reporting. A review of interim financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) and consequently do not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on those interim financial

The engagement partner on the review resulting in this independent auditor's review report is Grant Taylor.

Chartered Accountants Wellington 10 February 2023

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