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## SUMMARY

During 1977, 111 429 m were drilled in the exploration for and the development of Australia's petroleum resources; an increase of 52.6 percent on 1976. Drilling in Victoria and South Australia increased significantly; none was reported in Queensland, the Northern Territory, or Tasmania.

Of the 111 429 m drilled, 60 502 were drilled for exploration; 36 827 of these (61.8 percent) were drilled offshore, and 23 133 (38.2 percent) were drilled onshore.

During the year 41 wells reached total depth, and 4 were drilling ahead. Of 24 exploration drilling operations, 15 were offshore and 19 onshore. Of the 24, 18 were abandoned -9 dry, 2 with an oil show, 4 with gas shows, 2 with both oil and gas shows, and 1 with an unspecified show; 1 was completed as a potential oil producer and 2 were completed as potential gas producers; also 3 wells were drilling ahead at the end of the year. Of the 21 development wells, 2 were completed as potential oil producers, 17 were completed as potential gas producers, 1 was dry, and 1 was drilling ahead at the end of the year.

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## NOTES

1. Operating Company is that nominated by a group or consortium and as approved by the respective State or Territory Department of Mines.
2. The official name of the well is that advised by the respective State or Territory Department of Mines.
3. The total depth of each well is the "Driller's Depth". All depths shown were confirmed by the respective State or Territory Department of Mines.
4. Abbreviations commonly used in the tabulations:

KB - Kelly bushing	FIT - Formation Interval Test
RT - Rotary table	m <sup>3</sup> - Cubic metres
DF - Derrick floor	m <sup>3</sup> /D - Cubic metres per day
CL - Collar level	Mm <sup>3</sup> /D - Thousand cubic metres per day
FF - First flange	MMm <sup>3</sup> /D - Million cubic metres per day
GL - Ground level	m <sup>3</sup> WPD - Cubic metres of water per day
AMSL - Above mean sea level	GCM - Gas cut mud
WD - Water depth	BC - Bottom choke
DST - Drill stem test	TC - Top choke
T.D. - Total depth, i.e. depth	on - onshore
at which drilling oper-	off - offshore
ations finally ceased in	
the well concerned.	

### 5. Definitions:

Wells drilled - the number of holes that reach total (final) depth during the period stated.

Metres drilled - unless otherwise stated, the total metres drilled, including suspended or uncompleted holes.

Uncompleted hole - the metres drilled in wells suspended or drilling at 31 December.

Wells suspended - wells on which operations have temporarily ceased, but which may or may not be deepened later.

Average T.D. exploration wells - the average depth of exploration wells that reached total depth during the year. It does not refer to development wells such as those drilled in established fields, e.g. Barrow Island. It is not directly related to the metres drilled in a specific year as it may include some drilling which occurred in the previous year.

Exploration well - a well drilled in search of undiscovered oil or gas, or in the hope of greatly extending the limits of an already known or partly developed pool.

Development well - a well drilled in any known or proved pool with the object of obtaining oil or gas production.

Service well - a development well drilled for water injection, water source, etc.

TABLE 1. Summary of wells and total metres drilled for petroleum exploration  
and development in Australia up to 31 December 1977

State or Territory	Total		YEAR								Total to	
	31.12.73		1974		1975		1976		1977		31.12.77	
	Wells	Metres	Wells	Metres	Wells	Metres	Wells	Metres	Wells	Metres	Wells	Metres
Queensland	837	1 262 695	13	23 551	4	6 456	17	25 985	-	-	871	1 318 673
New South Wales	140	153 503	2	1 130	-	-	-	-	1	1 182	143	155 815
Victoria	360	555 585	5	14 303	3	8 813	-	920	8	19 462	376	599 123
Tasmania	46	53 962	4	9 516	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	63 478
South Australia	278	426 574	4	9 934	10	20 284	9	23 919	23	56 283	324	536 994
Western Australia	883	1 089 377	22	48 142	9	18 121	6	21 551	9	34 502	929	1 211 693
Northern Territory	64	123 221	9	30 239	3	4 914	-	-	-	-	76	158 374
Annual Total	-	-	59	136 815	29	58 588	32	72 375	41	111 429	2 769	4 044 150
Cumulative Total	2 608	3 664 917	2 667	3 801 732	2 696	3 860 320	2 728	3 932 721	2 769	4 044 150	-	-

TABLE 2. Summary of wells and metres drilled in 1977

State or Territory	Wells drilled		Average T.D. of exploration wells (metres)	Completed as potential producer		Plugged and abandoned	Well suspended	Uncompleted holes		Total metres drilled
	Wells	Metres		Oil	Gas			Holes	Metres	
Queensland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	1	1 182	1 182	-	-	1	-	-	-	1 182
Victoria	8	19 462	2 324	3	-	5	-	-	-	19 462
Tasmania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Australia	23	54 275	2 355	-	19	4	-	1	2 008	56 283
Western Australia	9	24 326	3 024	-	-	9	-	3	10 176	34 502
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	41	99 245	2 577	3	19	19	-	4	12 184	111 429

TABLE 3. Wells drilled for exploration and development, 1977

Year	Exploration		Development	Total
	NFWs	EXT		
O N S H O R E				
1973	28	1	5	34
1974	19	1	8	28
1975	5	1	4	10
1976	13	4	12	29
1977	7	1	18	26
O F F S H O R E				
1973	24	7	6	37
1974	28	3	-	31
1975	16	3	-	19
1976	3	-	-	3
1977	6	7	2	15
T O T A L				
1973	52	8	11	71
1974	47	4	8	59
1975	21	4	4	29
1976	16	4	12	32
1977	13	8	20	41

TABLE 4. Metres drilled for exploration and development, 1977

State or Territory	Exploration wells	Development wells	Service wells	Total
O N S H O R E				
Queensland	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	1 182	-	-	1 182
Victoria	-	-	-	-
Tasmania	-	-	-	-
South Australia	11 775	44 508	-	56 283
Western Australia	10 718	-	-	10 718
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-
Total	23 675	44 508	-	68 183
Percentage of onshore & offshore	39.1	87.4	-	61.2
O F F S H O R E				
Queensland	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	-	-	-	-
Victoria	13 043	6 419	-	19 462
Tasmania	-	-	-	-
South Australia	-	-	-	-
Western Australia	23 784	-	-	23 784
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-
Total	36 827	6 419	-	43 246
Percentage of onshore & offshore	60.9	12.6	-	38.8
O N S H O R E & O F F S H O R E				
Queensland	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	1 182	-	-	1 182
Victoria	13 043	6 419	-	19 462
Tasmania	-	-	-	-
South Australia	11 775	44 508	-	56 283
Western Australia	34 502	-	-	34 502
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-
Total	60 502	50 927	-	111 429
Percentage of all wells	54.3	45.7	-	100

TABLE 5. Exploration and development drilling completions, 1977

State or Territory	Total		COMPLETIONS								Drilling or	
	drilling										suspended at	
	operations		Oil		Gas		Oil+gas		Dry <sup>1</sup>		31.12.77	
	on-	off- <sup>2</sup>	on-	off-	on-	off-	on-	off-	on-	off-	on-	off-
E X P L O R A T I O N   D R I L L I N G												
Queensland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Victoria	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Tasmania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Australia	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Western Australia	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	1	2
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	9	15	-	1	2	-	-	-	6	12	1	2
D E V E L O P M E N T   D R I L L I N G												
Queensland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New South Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tasmania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Australia	19	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Western Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	19	2	-	2	17	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

<sup>1</sup> Dry exploration or development well<sup>2</sup> On/Off-refers to onshore and offshore.

TABLE6. Well completion summary - combined onshore and offshore wells

State or Territory	Spudded		Status at 31.12.77								Drilling ahead	Suspended	
	Other year	This year	Completed as				Abandoned						
			producer				Dry	With shows					
			Oil	Gas	Oil	Ser- vice + Gas		Oil	Gas	Oil			Unspec- ified + Gas
E X P L O R A T I O N   W E L L S													
Queensland													
New South Wales		1					1						
Victoria	1	5	1				2	1		2			
Tasmania													
South Australia		5		2			2	1					
Western Australia	2	10					4		4		1	3	
Northern Territory													
Total	3	21	1	2			9	2	4	2	1	3	
D E V E L O P M E N T   W E L L S													
Queensland													
New South Wales													
Victoria		2	2										
Tasmania													
South Australia	1	18		17			1				1		
Western Australia													
Northern Territory													
Total													
Total	1	20	2	17			1				1		



TABLE 7. Well completion summary - onshore wells

State or Territory	Spudded		Status at 31.12.77								Drilling ahead	Suspended	
	Other year	This year	Completed as				Abandoned						
			producer				Dry	With shows					
			Oil	Gas	Oil	Ser- vice + Gas		Oil	Gas	Oil			Unspec- ified + Gas
E X P L O R A T I O N   W E L L S													
Queensland													
New South Wales		1					1						
Victoria													
Tasmania													
South Australia		5	2				2	1					
Western Australia	1	2					1		1			1	
Northern Territory													
Australia	1	8	2				4	1	1			1	
D E V E L O P M E N T   W E L L S													
Queensland													
New South Wales													
Victoria													
Tasmania													
South Australia	1	18	17				1					1	
Western Australia													
Northern Territory													
Australia	1	18	17				1					1	

TABLE 8 - Well completion summary - offshore wells

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TABLE 9. Well completion summary - by State and company

State or Territory and Company	Well name and number	Status at 31.12.77												Drilling ahead	Suspended	Exploration well	Development well	
		Spud-		Completed		Abandoned												
		ded	as producer	as producer	as producer	With shows												
		Onshore	Offshore	Other year	This year	Oil	Gas	Oil & Gas	Service	Dry	Oil	Gas	Oil & Gas	Unspecified				
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>																		
No drilling operations were carried out during the year.																		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>																		
Bow Valley Industries Ltd	Moree No. 3	X			1						1						1	
		1			1					1							1	
<u>VICTORIA</u>																		
Esso Exploration & Production Australia Inc.	Swordfish No. 1	X		1						1							1	
	Opah No. 1	X			1					1							1	
	Barracouta No. 4	X			1							1					1	
	Cobia No. 2	X			1	1											1	
	Kingfish No. 7	X			1					1							1	
	Flounder No. 6	X			1							1					1	
	Mackerel A-1A	X			1	1												1
	Mackerel A-6	X			1	1												1
		8	1	7	3					2	1		2				6	2
<u>TASMANIA</u>																		
No drilling operations were carried out during the year.																		
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>																		
Delhi International Oil Corporation	Moomba No. 21	X		1				1										1
	Big Lake No. 14	X			1			1										1
	Moomba No. 22	X			1			1										1
	Big Lake No. 15	X			1			1										1

State or Territory and Company	Well name and number	Status at 31.12.77																			
		Onshore	Offshore	Other year	This year	Spud- ded as producer		Completed as producer		Abandoned With shows		Service	Dry	Oil	Gas	Oil & Gas	Unspecified	Drilling ahead	Suspended	Exploration well	Development well
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)</u>																					
	Moomba No. 23	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 16	X			1		1														1
	Moomba No. 24	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 17	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 18	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 19	X			1					1											1
	Big Lake No. 19A	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 21	X			1		1														1
	Big Lake No. 22	X			1		1														1
	Poolowanna No. 1	X			1						1								1		
	Namur No. 2	X			1		1												1		
	Kidman No. 1	X			1		1												1		
	Big Lake No. 20	X			1		1														1
	Macumba No. 1	X			1					1									1		
	Big Lake No. 23	X			1		1														1
	Narcoonowie No. 1	X			1					1									1		
	Moomba No. 25	X			1		1														1
	Gidgealpa No. 14	X			1		1														1
	Gidbealpa No. 15	X			1		1														1
	Moomba No. 26	X			1												1				1
		24			1	23		19		3	1						1		5	19	

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Arco Australia Ltd	Plover No. 3	X		1					1							1
Phillips Australian Oil Company	Peel No. 1	X		1					1							1
West Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd.	Denison No. 1	X		1					1							1
	Warro No. 1	X			1					1						1
	Hermite No. 1		X		1							1				1
	Bundegi No. 1		X		1								1			1
	Warro No. 2	X			1								1			1
Woodside Petroleum Ltd	North Rankin No. 5		X	1						1						1
	Haycock No. 1		X		1					1						1

State or Territory and Company	Well name and number	Status at 31.12.77																
		<u>Spud-</u>				<u>Completed</u>				<u>Abandoned</u>								
		<u>ded</u>				<u>as producer</u>				<u>With shows</u>								
		Onshore	Offshore	Other year	This year	Oil	Gas	Oil & Gas	Service	Dry	Oil	Gas	Oil & Gas	Unspecified	Drilling ahead	Suspended	Exploration well	Development well
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<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)</u>																		
	Scott Reef No. 2		X		1					1								1
	Scott Reef No. 2A		X		1							1						1
	Caswell No. 1		X		1										1			1
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		3	9	2	10					4		4		1	3			12

#### NORTHERN TERRITORY

No drilling operations were carried out during the year.

TABLE 10. Details of wells drilling or completed - by State and company

Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E (o ' " )	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>						
No drilling operations were carried out during the year						
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>						
Bow Valley Industries Ltd.						
MOREE No. 3	29 11 17.08 149 50 52.28	KB GL	15.8.77 23.8.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 1182 1182	NFW DRY
<u>VICTORIA</u>						
Esso Exploration and Production Australia Inc.						
SWORDFISH No. 1	38 23 36 148 00 23.5	KB 25 WD 70	21.12.76 15.1.77	Plugged and abandoned	920 2469 1549	NFW DRY
OPAH No. 1	38 31 45.8 148 16 42.2	KB 25 WD 78.6	23.3.77 28.3.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 2501 2501	NFW DRY
BARRACOUTA No. 4	38 17 20.79 147 42 04.01	KB 25 WD 46.6	30.3.77 23.4.77	Plugged and abandoned oil and gas occurrence confirmed.	0 1458 1458	EXT EXT
COBIA No. 2	38 27 31.79 148 18 16.241	KB 25 WD 76	2.5.77 14.5.77	Plugged and secured oil occurrence confirmed	0 2498 2498	EXT EXT
KINGFISH No. 7	38 35 14.05 148 04 59.76	KB 25 WD 77	26.5.77 10.6.77	Plugged and abandoned oil occurrence confirmed	0 2415 2415	EXT EXT

Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E  (o ' ")	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
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VICTORIA (Cont'd)

FLOUNDER No. 6	38 19 07.01	KB 25	12.7.77	Plugged and abandoned oil and gas occurrence confirmed	0		EXT
	148 26 09.23	WD 93	14.12.77		2622	2622	EXT
MACKEREL A-1A	38 28 50.65	KB 34	9.7.77	Suspended due to an industrial dispute until 22.11.77. Previously suspended at 2591 m. Re-drilled from 1402 m to final total depth of 2589 m. Completed as an oil producer	0	1402	DEV
	148 20 30.03	WD 93	5.12.77		2591	2589	DEV
					2591	1187 3778	
MACKEREL A-6	38 28 50.65	KB 34	12.12.77	Completed as an oil producer	0		DEV
	148 20 30.03	WD 93	31.12.77		2641	2641	DEV

TASMANIA

No drilling operations were carried out during the year

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Delhi International Oil Corporation

MOOMBA No. 21	28 11 29.5	KB 46	19.12.76	Completed as a gas producer	2377		DEV
	140 10 21.5	GL 40.8	3.1.77		2377	NIL	DEV
BIG LAKE No. 14	28 15 44	KB 35.6	2.1.77	Completed as a gas producer	0		DEV
	140 13 51	GL 31.3	20.1.77		2572	2572	DEV
MOOMBA No. 22	28 09 19	KB 38	19.1.77	Completed as a gas producer	0		DEV
	140 11 00	GL 33.8	7.2.77		2516	2516	DEV

Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E (o ' " )	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)</u>						
BIG LAKE No. 15	28 12 02 140 19 43	KB 41 GL 36	8.2.77 24.2.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2533 2533	DEV DEV
MOOMBA No. 23	28 10 07 140 12 15.5	KB 57 GL 52	18.2.77 7.3.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2517 2517	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 16	28 13 11 140 18 14	KB 38 GL 34	8.3.77 23.3.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2513 2513	DEV DEV
MOOMBA No. 24	28 09 49 140 11 37	KB 37 GL 32	13.3.77 5.4.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2478 2478	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 17	28 14 03 140 16 39	KB 37 GL 33	31.3.77 15.4.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2597 2597	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 18	28 14 22 140 17 05	KB 37 GL 33	13.4.77 15.5.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2560 2560	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 19	28 12 41 140 19 32	KB 37 GL 32	24.4.77 22.5.77	Plugged and abandoned, unsuccessful fishing operation	0 2582 2582	DEV DRY
BIG LAKE No. 19A	28 12 30 140 19 32	KB 41 GL 36	28.7.77 14.8.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2534 2534	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 21	28 14 46 140 15 54	KB 43 GL 38	23.5.77 8.6.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2577 2577	DEV DEV
BIG LAKE No. 22	28 15 33 140 15 00	KB 36 GL 31	14.6.77 30.6.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2606 2606	DEV DEV
POOLOWANNA No. 1	26 25 34 137 40 31	KB30 GL 26	2.8.77 16.9.77	Plugged and abandoned. Oil show	0 3074 3074	NFW DRY



Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E  (o ' ")	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)

NAMUR No. 2	28 11 21 140 25 22	KB 50 GL 46	25.8.77 7.9.77	Future gas producer DST No. 1 1651-1657 m flowed at rate of 212 376 m <sup>3</sup> /D DST No. 2 1652-1683 m flowed at rate of 291 664 m <sup>3</sup> /D. Both through 1/2" choke	0 1737 1737	EXT EXT
KIDMAN No. 1	28 14 24 140 49 27.5	KB 73 GL 69	7.9.77 14.10.77	Completed as a gas producer D.S.T. No. 1, 2005-2018 m flowed at rate of 275 000 m <sup>3</sup> /D D.S.T. No. 2 2045-2064 m flowed at 314 000 m <sup>3</sup> /D D.S.T. No. 3, 2126- 2156 m flowed at rate of 11 327 m <sup>3</sup> /D	0 2353 2353	NFW NFD
BIG LAKE No. 20	28 12 01 140 20 25	KB 37 GL 32	23.9.77 13.10.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2539 2539	DEV DEV
MACUMBA No. 1	26 26 40 136 51 27	KB 45 GL 41	15.10.77 10.11.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 2616 2616	NFW DRY
BIG LAKE No. 23	28 16 44 140 15 15	KB 36 GL 32	19.10.77 5.11.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2671 2671	DEV DEV
NARCOONOWIE No. 1	28 29 23 140 43 27	KB 56 GL 52	27.10.77 10.11.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 1996 1996	NFW DRY
MOOMBA No. 25	28 11 56 140 14 27	KB 33 GL 29	22.11.77 8.12.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2481 2481	DEV DEV
GIDGEALPA No. 14	27 57 47 140 02 32	KB 37 GL 33	26.11.77 8.12.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2109 2109	DEV DEV

Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E (o ' ")	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)

GIDGEALPA No. 15	27 57 53 140 01 28	KB 37 GL 33	14.12.77 29.12.77	Completed as a gas producer	0 2115 2115	DEV DEV
MOOMBA No. 26	28 01 56 140 14 28	KB 41 GL 36	16.12.77 -	Drilling ahead	0 2008 2008	DEV -

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Arco Australia Ltd

PLOVER No. 3	12 49 03 126 06 57	KB 21 WD 75	13.12.77 24.12.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 1219 1219	NFW DRY
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Phillips Australian Oil Company

PEEL No. 1	32 15 48 115 26 43	KB 30 WD 42	7.10.77 2.12.77	Plugged and abandoned	0 3714 3714	NFW DRY
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West Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd.

DENISON No. 1	29 13 32 114 57 17	KB 35 GL 27	23.12.76 18.1.77	Plugged and abandoned	901 2300 1339	NFW DRY
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WARRO No. 1	30 10 06.31 115 44 11.14	RT 299 GL 291	27.2.77 11.9.77	Plugged and abandoned. Gas shows Plugged back from 4435 m to 3356 m. Drilled to T.D. of 4385	0 3356 4435 4385 4435 1029 5464	NFW DRY
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HERMITE No. 1	20 49 58 115 42 08.46	KB 27 WD 17	15.9.77 24.11.77	Plugged and abandoned. Minor hydrocarbon shows	0 3300 3300	NFW DRY
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Well name & number	Lat. S Long. E (o ' " )	Elevation: reference/ ground (m)	Dates: spudded/ T.D.	Status and results at 31.12.77	Metres From Total -to	Tentative AAPG classification of well: on spudding in/ on completion
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WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Cont'd)

BUNDEGI No. 1	22 01 05.61 114 09 32.51	RT 32 WD 16	4.12.77 -	Drilling ahead	0 2220 2220	NFW -
WARRO No. 2	30 10 05.06 115 44 02.83	KB 49 GL 40.3	12.11.77 -	Drilling ahead	0 3915 3915	EXT -
Woodside Petroleum Ltd.						
NORTH RANKIN No. 5	19 34 19 116 09 30	RT 30 WD 126	18.10.76 9.2.77	Plugged and abandoned. Gas flowed at 55.3 mm CFD through 1" choke	3008 3500 492	EXT EXT
HAYCOCK No. 1	19 50 58 115 43 16.9	RT 53 WD 93	1.2.77 7.4.77	Plugged and abandoned. Gas and condensate shows	0 3668 3668	NFW DRY
SCOTT REEF No. 2	14 06 04 121 51 27	RT 53 WD 58	18.4.77 24.4.77	Plugged and abandoned. Mechanical problems	0 310 310	EXT DRY
SCOTT REEF No. 2A	14 06 06 121 51 28	RT 53 WD 64	27.4.77 9.8.77	Plugged and abandoned. Gas shows	0 4820 4820	EXT DRY
CASWELL No. 1	14 14 29.56 122 28 02.20	KB 8 WD 345	16.8.77 -	Drilling ahead	0 4041 4041	NFW -

NORTHERN TERRITORY

No drilling operations were carried out during the year

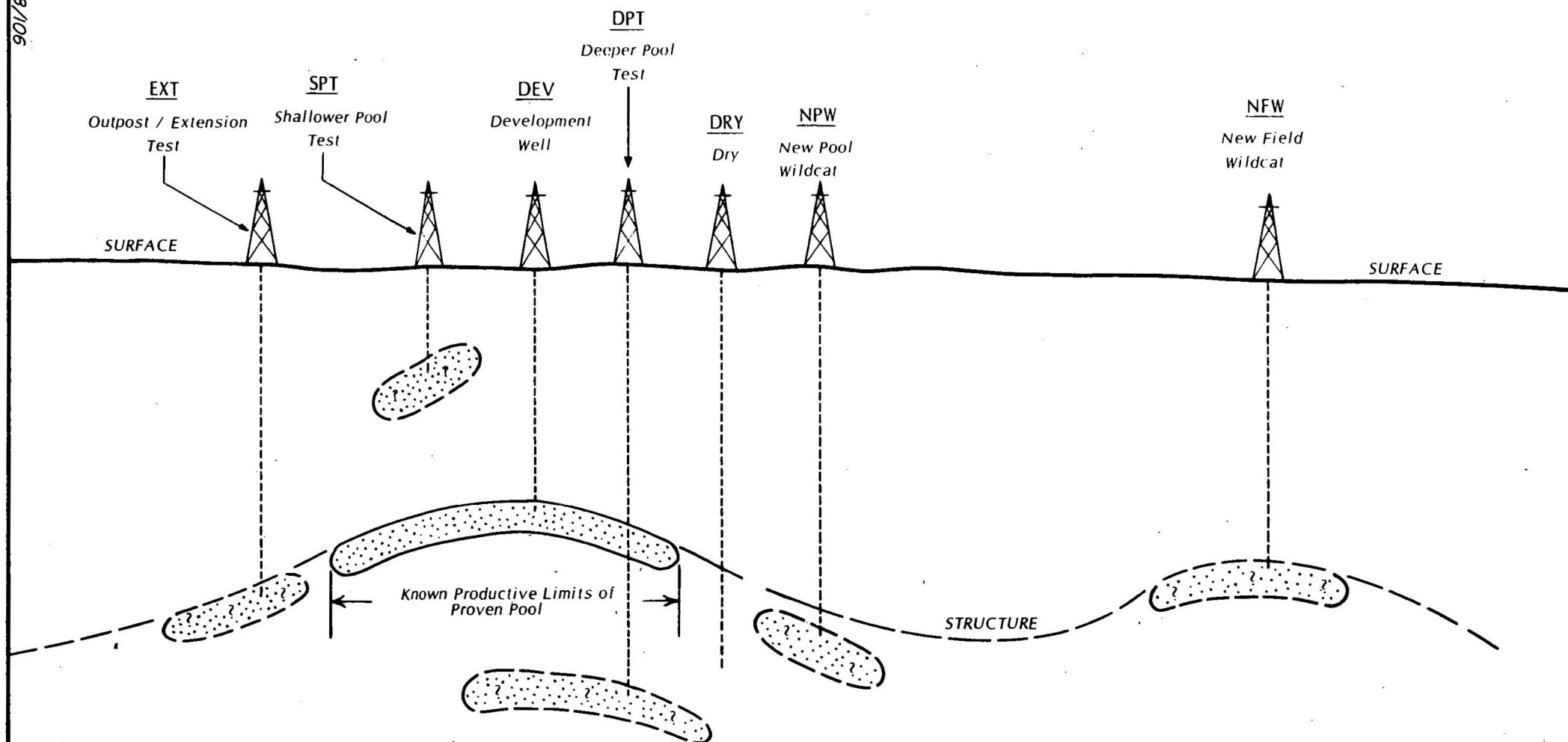
## APPENDIX:

### TENTATIVE AAPG/APEA CLASSIFICATION OF WELLS

- NFW - NEW FIELD WILDCAT - A new field wildcat is located far from producing pools, and on a structure which has not produced before. In regions where local structure has little or no control over accumulation, these holes are generally at least two miles from the nearest productive area. Distance, however, is not the determining factor. The classification is based on the degree of risk assumed by the operator, and his intention to test a structure or stratigraphic condition not previously proven productive.
- NPW - NEW-POOL (Pay) WILDCAT - A new pool wildcat is located to explore for new pools on a structure already producing, but off to one side of the presently producing area. In some regions where local structure is almost negligible as a control, exploration holes of this group may be called 'near wildcats'. Such will usually be less than two miles from the nearest productive area. Sometimes a new pool wildcat may extend a pool already developed; if so its final classification is an 'Extension'.
- DPT - DEEPER-POOL (Pay) TEST - A deeper-pool test is an exploratory hole located within a productive area of a pool, or pools, already partly or wholly developed. It is drilled below the deepest such pool penetrated by it in order to explore for deeper unknown prospects. Sometimes such a hole extends a deeper pool which has been partly developed in another part of the field.
- SPT - SHALLOWER-POOL (Pay) TEST - A shallower-pool test is exploratory only if drilled in search of some new productive reservoir, unknown but possibly suspected from data secured from other wells. The test must be located within the productive area of a pool, or pools, previously developed. Sometimes such a test extends a shallower-pool partly developed elsewhere in the same field.

- EXT - OUTPOST OR EXTENSION TEST - An outpost or extension test is located and drilled with the expectation of extending for a considerable distance the productive area of a partly developed pool. It is usually two or more locations distant from the nearest productive area. Sometimes an outpost discovers a new pool.
- DEV - DEVELOPMENT WELL - A well drilled to exploit a hydrocarbon accumulation discovered by previous drilling.
- STR - STRATIGRAPHIC TEST - A drilling effort, geologically directed, to obtain information pertaining to a specific earth condition that might lead toward a possible accumulation of hydrocarbons. It must be drilled without the intention of being completed for hydrocarbon production. This classification includes tests identified as 'core tests' by some operators.
- SRV - SERVICE WELL - A well that is either drilled or completed for the purpose of supporting production of an existing field through observation, injection, water supply, etc.
- MSC - MISCELLANEOUS - Any test drilled that does not fit one of the above classifications. Two types are Waste Disposal (WD) and Gas Storage (GS) test or well.

## C. WELL CLASSIFICATION - EXPLANATORY CHART



NOTE: In the above chart, the well shown as 'DEV Development Well' would naturally have been preceded by a 'NFW New Field Wildcat' but, for clarity, this well has been omitted.

# Possibilities chart

Classification when started	Classification after completion or abandonment	
	Completed	Abandoned
Wells intended for completion as hydrocarbon producers		
NFW - New Field Wildcat	NFD - New Field Discovery	DRY - Dry New Field Wildcat
NPW - New Pool Wildcat	NPD - New Pool Discovery or EXT - Outpost/Extension Wll	DRY - Dry New Pool Wildcat
DPT - Deeper Pool Test	DPD - Deeper Pool Discovery or DPE - Deeper Pool Extension	DRY - Dry Deeper Pool Wildcat
SPT - Shallower Pool Test	SPD - Shallower Pool Discovery or SPE - Shallow Pool Extension	DRY - Dry Shallow Pool Test
EXT - Outpost/Extension Test	NPD - New Pool Discovery or EXT - Extension Well	DRY - Dry Outpost/Extension Test
DEV - Development Well	NPD - New Pool Discovery or DEV - Development Well	DRY - Dry Development Well
Wells not intended for completion as hydrocarbon producers		
STR - Stratigraphic/Core Test	Will not generally be completed	STR - Abandoned Stratigraphic/Core Test
SRV - Service Well	See Notes: Classify as OBS - observation; WI - water injection, GI - Gas injection, etc.	SEV - Abandoned service well
MSC - Miscellaneous	See Notes : Classify as WD - waste disposal; GS - gas storage, etc.	MSC - Abandoned Miscellaneous well.