



# 2020

## Annual Report



# Directory

**Argo Global Listed  
Infrastructure Limited**  
ABN 23 604 986 914

## Non-executive Directors

Russell A. Higgins AO, Chairman  
Mark J.H. Hall  
Joycelyn C. Morton  
Andrea E. Slattery

## Managing Director

Jason Beddow

## Company Secretary

Timothy C.A. Binks

## Chief Financial Officer

Andrew B. Hill

## Auditor

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## Securities Exchange Listing

ASX code : ALI

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# Annual General Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Argo Infrastructure's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be a virtual meeting conducted online on **Monday 26 October 2020**.

Further details for the AGM will be advised with the Notice of Annual General Meeting which will be distributed to shareholders in September.

ALI's information meetings in various capital cities unfortunately will not be held this year. We are hopeful that we will be able to hold our information meetings next year.

# 2020 Overview

Net tangible assets  
per share\*

**\$2.27**

Full year dividends,  
fully franked

**7.5c**

Portfolio  
outperformance<sup>^</sup>

**+3.3%**

\* at 30 June 2020

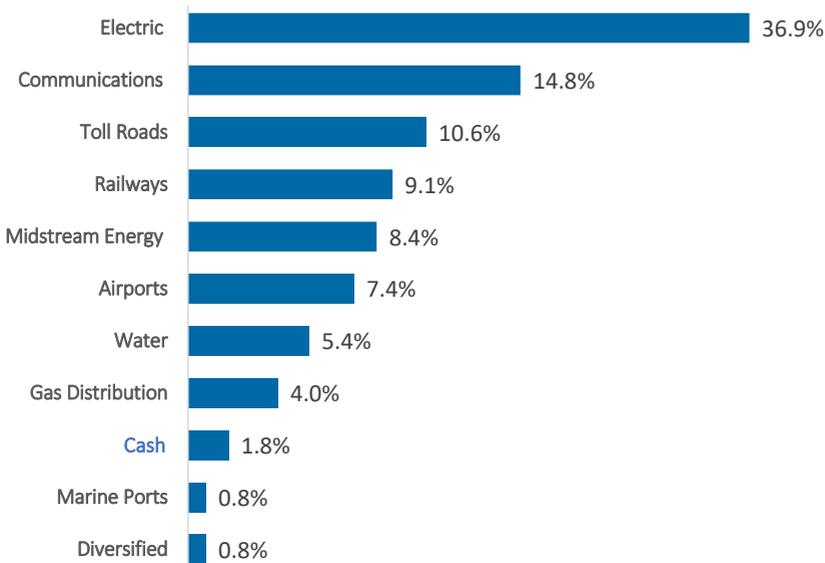
<sup>^</sup> compared to the Company's  
benchmark- FTSE Global Core  
Infrastructure 50/50 Index (A\$)

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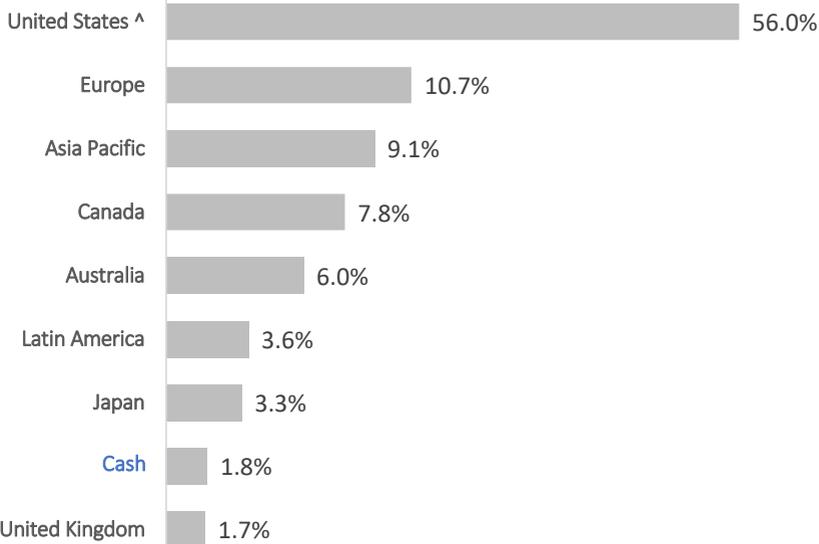
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## Sector diversification



## Geographic diversification



^ Many of the largest infrastructure companies are listed in the United States, although their operations and earnings are often global.

# Shareholder benefits



## **Global diversification**

Exposure across various geographies and both emerging and developed economies



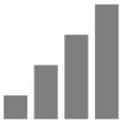
## **Specialist global fund manager**

Access to a world-leading, specialist infrastructure fund manager



## **Access infrastructure opportunities**

New opportunities offshore through government privatisations



## **Proven investment approach**

Experienced and senior investment team with a long and successful track record



## **Administratively simple global investing**

Exposure to a large and complex asset class through one simple ASX trade



## **Enhance risk-adjusted returns**

Less volatile than broader equities providing some relative downside protection



## **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

Argo Infrastructure's DRP gives shareholders the opportunity to reinvest their dividends.

# Directors' Report

The Directors present their fifth Annual Report together with the financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ALI or Company) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, including the Independent Auditor's Report.

At the date of this report, the Board comprised four Non-executive Directors and the Managing Director.

The Directors in office during or since the end of the financial year are as follows:

**Russell Allan Higgins AO** BEc, FAICD

Non-executive Chairman – Non-independent

Mr. Higgins was appointed to the Board as Chairman on 1 July 2018. He has been an independent Non-executive Director of Argo Investments Ltd (Argo) since 2011 and Chairman of the Argo Board since 1 July 2018. He is also Chairman of Argo's wholly-owned subsidiary, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO), which acts as ALI's Manager.

He has an extensive background in the energy and infrastructure sectors, and in economic and fiscal policy, both locally and internationally. He is an experienced company director who has also held senior government positions.

Mr. Higgins was previously a Non-executive Director of APA Group (2004 to 2019) and Telstra Corporation Ltd (2009 to 2018). He was appointed Chairman of Telstra Foundation Ltd in 2019.

**Mark James Henty Hall** BComm, FCPA, GradDipTax

Non-executive Director – Independent

Mr. Hall was appointed to the Board on 6 December 2019 and is Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee.

He is highly qualified and experienced in financial and taxation matters. His executive career included over 20 years with Telstra Corporation Ltd in senior finance roles including Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief Financial Officer.

Mr Hall was also a Board member and Audit Committee Chair for a number of Telstra subsidiaries in Australia and overseas. More recently, he was Chief Financial Officer of Catapult Group International Ltd.

**Joycelyn Cheryl Morton** BEc, FCA, FCPA, FIPA, FGIA, FAICD

Non-executive Director – Non-independent

Ms. Morton was appointed to the Board on incorporation in 2015 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee. She has been an independent, Non-executive Director of Argo since 2012.

She has an extensive business and accounting background and has worked in a number of senior financial roles both in Australia and internationally, with particular expertise in taxation.

Ms. Morton is also a Non-executive Director of Beach Energy Ltd (since 2018), Snowy Hydro Ltd (since 2012) and ASC Pty Ltd (since 2017). She was previously a Non-executive Director of Thorn Group Ltd (2011 to 2018) and Invocare Ltd (2015 to 2018).

**Andrea Elizabeth Slattery** BAcc, MCom, CA, CPA, FSSA, FAICD

Non-executive Director – Independent

Mrs. Slattery was appointed to the Board in 2015 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Her extensive executive career in the financial services sector included co-founding and growing the SMSF Association as its Managing Director and CEO. She also has experience in the infrastructure, property, renewable energy and resources sectors and in government advisory committee roles.

Mrs Slattery is also a Non-executive Director of AMP Ltd and AMP Bank (since 2019) and was previously a Non-executive Director of Centrepoin Alliance Ltd (November 2018 to January 2019), AMP Life and National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Ltd.

She is a current Non-executive Director of unlisted entities Clean Energy Finance Corporation and Woomera Prohibited Area Advisory Board (Deputy Chair), and a former Non-executive Director of the South Australian Cricket Association, Adelaide Oval Stadium Management Authority Ltd (alternate) and the SMSF Association.

**Jason Beddow** BEng, GdipAppFin(Seclnst)

Managing Director – Non-independent

Mr. Beddow was appointed to the Board as Managing Director on incorporation in 2015. He has been the Managing Director of Argo since 2014. He is also Managing Director of Argo's wholly-owned subsidiary, ASCO, which acts as ALI's Manager.

He started with Argo in 2001 as an Investment Analyst, became Chief Investment Officer in 2008 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2010.

Mr. Beddow has an engineering and investment background.

**Gary John Simon** MComm, CA, FAICD

Non-executive Director – Independent

Mr. Simon was a Director of ALI from its inauguration in 2015 until his death on 20 September 2019. He was Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee and played a key role in the Company's initial public offering and ASX listing. He was a respected, articulate and diligent Director who will be greatly missed.

## DIRECTORS' RELEVANT INTERESTS

The Directors' relevant interests in shares notified to the ASX in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, at the date of this report are as follows:

	<b>Shares</b>
R.A. Higgins AO	143,640
J. Beddow	87,184
M.J.H. Hall	20,000
J.C. Morton	81,550
A.E. Slattery	56,762

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the date of this report, the Company has an Audit & Risk Committee of the Board.

There were 8 Board meetings and 4 Audit & Risk Committee meetings held during the financial year. The number of meetings attended during the financial year by each of the Directors while in office were:

	<b>Board</b>		<b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b>	
	No. of meetings held while a Director	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held while a member	No. of meetings attended
R.A. Higgins AO	8	8	-	4*
J. Beddow	8	8	-	4*
M.J.H. Hall	4	4	2	2
J.C. Morton	8	8	4	4
G.J. Simon	2	2	1	1
A.E. Slattery	8	8	4	4

\* by invitation

## SECRETARY

**Timothy Campbell Agar Binks** BEc, CA, FGIA, GAICD held the role of Company Secretary during the year and at the date of this report.

Mr. Binks is also the Chief Operating Officer of Argo. He joined Argo in 2007 and has a background in accounting, funds management and stockbroking. He was appointed as Argo's Company Secretary in 2010 and became Chief Operating Officer in 2015, whilst still maintaining the company secretarial duties. He is also Company Secretary of Argo's wholly-owned subsidiary, ASCO, which acts as ALI's Manager.

**OTHER KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The names of the other Key Management Personnel disclosed in this report are Mr. T.C.A. Binks (Company Secretary) and Mr. A.B. Hill (Chief Financial Officer). Both Mr. Binks and Mr. Hill are remunerated under service agreements with the Manager, ASCO.

Other Key Management Personnel's interests in shares at the date of this report are as follows:

	<b>Shares</b>
T.C.A. Binks	5,452
A.B. Hill	2,543

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND STATE OF AFFAIRS**

The Company is a listed investment company established to provide a total return for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income, from a global listed infrastructure portfolio which can provide diversification benefits for Australian investors.

The Directors do not anticipate any particular developments in the operations of the Company which will affect the results of future financial years other than those mentioned in this report.

## OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Summary of business model

The business objective of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ALI) is to provide a total return for long-term investors consisting of capital growth and dividend income, from a global listed infrastructure portfolio which can provide diversification benefits for Australian investors. ALI provides investors with exposure to a complex international investment class via a single ASX-listed company (ASX code: ALI).

The Company generates operating revenue from dividends and distributions received from its investment portfolio. It also receives a small amount of interest on any cash balances held from time to time.

In addition to this operating income, ALI's total reported profit includes gains and losses resulting from the sale of investments during the year and the revaluation to market value of the investments which are held at the end of the year. This element of income is more volatile due to fluctuations in markets and currencies.

ALI's major expense is a management fee, as it is externally managed and has no employees of its own. ALI's management fee is 1.2% per annum of its assets under management under \$500 million, calculated monthly. A sliding scale operates to reduce the fee on assets above \$500 million to 1.1% and above \$1 billion to 1.0%. The fee is split equally between the Manager and the Portfolio Manager. No performance fees are charged.

The Manager is Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Argo Investments Limited (ASX code: ARG). ASCO provides administrative, operational and financial services to ALI, in addition to overseeing the Portfolio Manager and providing the Company's Managing Director, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer.

The Portfolio Manager is Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (CNS), which is a leading global investment manager based in New York. Its parent company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE code: CNS) and it is one of the world's largest investors in global listed infrastructure.

Other expenses for ALI include transaction costs, custody fees, share registry fees and Directors' fees.

The Board determines the dividends paid to shareholders half-yearly, having regard to the income received by the Company from its portfolio dividends during the period, together with net realised gains on portfolio sales. When realised gains occur, franking credits can be generated from the corporate tax that ALI pays in Australia. These franking credits will be distributed to shareholders when available.

Due to ALI's international investment activities and its Australian domicile, the Company's returns are also impacted by foreign exchange translation on transactions during the year and balances at year end. The portfolio is unhedged for currency to assist the objective of providing returns which are uncorrelated to the Australian equity market.

Although the portfolio is diversified across 15-20 countries and a range of different currencies, approximately 50% of assets are valued in US dollars. As a result, the Australian dollar (A\$) v. the US dollar (US\$) is the exchange rate which most influences the value and profitability of the Company, with decreases in the A\$ generally beneficial to A\$ asset values and vice versa.

### **Review of events and activities in the year ended 30 June 2020**

The first half of the financial year produced positive returns for global markets, despite the threat of US/China trade wars. On 17 February 2020, ALI launched a 1 for 6 pro-rata, non-renounceable entitlement offer to existing shareholders, to raise up to \$53.2 million to expand the portfolio. At the time, the offer price of \$2.25 per new share was a discount of 16% to the market price. However, with many of the world's stock markets trading at records highs in late February, the quintessential black swan event impacted markets.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw global equity markets post some of their steepest ever falls in March, exacerbated by dramatic oil price weakness. ALI's Board withdrew the entitlement offer amid the extreme volatility and refunded the applications already received.

Many countries imposed strong lockdown and social distancing measures to help minimise the spread of coronavirus infections, prompting swift and unprecedented responses from central banks and governments to do 'whatever it takes' to help protect jobs and limit the damage to economies.

In the tumultuous March quarter when the markets were hit hardest by the escalating COVID-19 pandemic, Argo Infrastructure demonstrated resilience in a crisis. While the Australian share market, measured by the S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index, plummeted -23.1%, ALI's portfolio return fell by just -6.5%, partly due to CNS' outperformance of the benchmark and also assisted by a sharp drop in the A\$ from US\$0.70 to US\$0.62 over the quarter.

However as time passed, some governments became more concerned with economic risks than health risks, and started to re-open their economies in stages. Despite the lack of a vaccine for the virus, investors quickly became optimistic about economic recovery and markets bounced back strongly over the last quarter of the financial year.

Global listed infrastructure underperformed broader equities over the year as a whole, due primarily to the defensive properties of infrastructure being relatively out of favour in contrast to technology stocks in particular, as the world was forced to embrace remote working and learning, and e-commerce surged.

Within infrastructure, there were large divergences in performance between the various subsectors over the year.

The communications sector (+27.0% A\$ return) advanced strongly amid relentless demand for data. Tower companies rose sharply on increased mobile communication usage and e-commerce demand. Data centres also performed well, as working from home in the US increased from the mid-single digits to more than a quarter of the workforce, which will likely drive lasting changes to work and social practices, and high-capacity connectivity through data centres will be essential.

Water (+5.4%) and electric (-1.8%) utilities, which are relatively insulated from the pandemic-related economic fallout, also outperformed.

Transportation sectors declined on the uncertain outlook. Travel restrictions and reduced trade particularly impacted airports (-29.6%), marine ports (-19.7%), toll roads (-14.8%) and to a lesser extent, railways (-7.4%).

Midstream energy (-18.2%) declined materially as an abrupt halt to economic activity resulted in an unprecedented collapse in oil demand.

The Australian dollar declined only slightly over the financial year from US\$0.70 to US\$0.69, despite dramatic intra-year volatility, providing a small positive impact on ALI's NTA.

The following table summarises ALI's investment performance in absolute terms, and relative to its benchmark index and the Australian share market:

<i>Performance statistics (per annum)</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>3 years</i>	<i>Since inception<sup>1</sup></i>
NTA return after all costs and tax	-6.9%	+5.5%	+4.8%
Share price return	-5.6%	+6.5%	+2.7%
Portfolio return	-2.9%	+9.2%	+7.8%
Infrastructure benchmark return <sup>2</sup>	-6.2%	+6.7%	+7.1%
S&P ASX200 Accum. Index	-7.7%	+5.2%	+5.4%

1. Inception date is 3 July 2015

2. Benchmark is the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index (net return AUD)

When analysing this table, it should be noted that ALI's NTA performance return (measured by the movement in NTA per share assuming dividends paid are reinvested) is calculated after deducting all costs and tax, whereas the benchmark and market indices do not take account of any costs or tax.

Cohen & Steers performed well again this year as Portfolio Manager, with the portfolio return comfortably exceeding the infrastructure benchmark by +3.3%.

Sadly, we were forced to make a change to the composition of the Board of Directors during the year, when Gary Simon passed away in September 2019. Gary was an excellent Director who is greatly missed. In December 2019, Mark Hall was appointed to the Board as an independent Non-executive Director and Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee.

### Discussion of results and financial position

ALI's headline loss for the year ended 30 June 2020 was \$9.3 million, compared to a profit of \$44.9 million for the prior period. As previously noted, accounting standards require ALI to value its portfolio at each year end and treat the unrealised appreciation or depreciation in that value as a profit or loss for the year. This can result in significant fluctuations in reported profits and this year the sharp falls in global markets due to the COVID-19 crisis swung the Company from a half-year profit of \$15.8 million to a year end loss due to this valuation effect.

The portfolio still produced \$10.2 million in dividends, distributions and interest this year, unchanged from the prior period. Annual dividends to shareholders were increased again, from 6.5 cents per share fully franked last year to 7.5 cents fully franked this year.

The financial position of the Company at 30 June 2020 is strong, with net assets of \$320 million and no debt, down from \$339 million at 30 June 2019. The portfolio accounts for the majority of assets and can fluctuate significantly due to the effect of market and currency movements on year end asset valuations.

One measure of the financial position of a listed investment company is its net tangible asset backing (NTA) per share. NTA figures are updated monthly and announced to the ASX. In addition, ALI releases weekly estimates of its NTA, providing a transparent and regular basis for investors to assess the worth of the Company.

The audited NTA figures are as follows:

<i>Net tangible asset backing per share (NTA)</i>	<i>30 June 2020</i>	<i>30 June 2019</i>
NTA per share <sup>1</sup>	\$2.27	\$2.50
NTA after unrealised tax provision <sup>2</sup>	\$2.26	\$2.39

- 1. After all costs incurred, including company tax and any tax payable on gains realised from portfolio sales.*
- 2. Under ASX Listing Rules, the Company is also required to calculate the NTA per share after providing for estimated tax on unrealised gains/losses in the portfolio (tax that may arise should the entire portfolio be disposed of on the above date).*

### **Future prospects, strategies and risks**

ALI's future results will depend largely on the performance of the companies and other entities held in the portfolio. Although CNS actively manages the portfolio with a view to maximising these outcomes, ultimately the performance of those investee entities is influenced by many factors which are difficult to predict, including economic growth rates, inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, regulatory changes, sovereign risk and taxation levels. There are also specific issues such as management competence, capital strength, industry trends and competitive behaviour.

The more immediate future prospects of ALI will be impacted by the health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, but to what extent and for how long is virtually impossible to predict. However, the infrastructure sector is relatively resilient and the Company is conservatively managed. In addition, diversification by geography and subsector helps to reduce overall risk in the portfolio and the volatility of earnings and asset values.

We expect that transport and energy-related subsectors in particular will remain under pressure whilst governments, central banks, and individual companies grapple with the economic fallout of COVID-19. Within transport, we expect toll roads to recover more quickly than airports or passenger rail companies, as consumers seek to avoid mass transit transportation where possible. Demand for wireless communications towers, satellites and data centres should remain strong as global reliance on online communication increases.

Utilities should continue to be relatively resilient and we remain focused on companies with balance sheet and liquidity profiles that can sustain them through a deep and potentially protracted activity downturn.

Although the constantly changing nature of markets and other investment conditions requires the Company to diligently appraise any opportunities that may present themselves, ALI does not envisage any significant changes to its business model.

The Directors firmly believe that ALI can bring important diversification benefits to Australian equity investors from an asset class, geographic and currency perspective.

As a closed-end listed investment company with no debt, ALI is well placed to benefit from the long-term growth and income potential of the global listed infrastructure sector which remains compelling. Demand for infrastructure investment is increasing in developed and emerging markets, due to historical underinvestment and continued privatisation of infrastructure assets by governments seeking to reduce debt.

### **MATTERS ARISING SINCE YEAR END**

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year which has significantly affected or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

### **DIVIDENDS**

An interim fully franked dividend of 3.0 cents per share was paid on 20 March 2020.

On 31 August 2020, the Directors declared a final fully franked dividend of 4.5 cents per share to be paid on 2 October 2020.

Total dividends for the year amount to 7.5 cents per share.

### **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

The DRP remains suspended for the final dividend payable on 2 October 2020.

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Company indemnifies its past, present and future Directors and Officers against liabilities arising out of their position with the Company, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith. The deed stipulates that the Company will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses.

The Company has paid a premium in respect of a Directors' and Officers' insurance policy covering the liability of past, present or future Directors and Officers, including executive officers of the Company. The terms of the policy prohibit disclosure of the details of the amount of insurance cover and the premium paid.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

The Company's operations are not directly affected by environmental regulations.

**ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS**

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 applies to the Company and accordingly amounts have been rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars in accordance with that Instrument, unless otherwise stated.

**AUDIT AND NON-AUDIT SERVICES**

Details of the amounts paid or payable to Ernst & Young for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in Note 19 to the financial statements of this report.

The Board has considered the position and, in accordance with advice from the Audit & Risk Committee, is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- (a) all non-audit services have been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor; and
- (b) the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to audit independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

The Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is included on page 18.

### **REMUNERATION REPORT (AUDITED)**

This report details the remuneration arrangements for each Non-executive Director of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited. The Managing Director, Jason Beddow and the other executive Key Management Personnel are remunerated under their service agreements with the Manager, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd.

Non-executive Directors are remunerated by fees within the aggregate maximum annual limit of \$400,000 as set out in the Company's Constitution. Any increase in the aggregate amount of Non-executive Directors' fees must be approved by a resolution of shareholders as required by the Company's Constitution.

Non-executive Directors receive a base fee, do not receive additional fees for participating in Board Committees, and are not entitled to any other remuneration (excluding Superannuation Guarantee entitlements).

The Board determines the remuneration levels and ensures they are set to attract and retain appropriately qualified and experienced Directors. The Directors' performance is reviewed annually and their remuneration is not directly linked to the Company's performance.

For the year ended 30 June 2020, the Chairman received a fee of \$48,000 and the other Non-executive Directors received \$41,800. All Non-Executive Directors' Fees are inclusive of Superannuation Guarantee contributions.

### Remuneration of Non-executive Directors

The table below sets out the Non-executive Directors' remuneration paid and payable by the Company for the financial year.

		Short-term employee benefits	Post- employment benefits	
		Directors' fees	Superannuation	Total
		\$	\$	\$
R.A. Higgins AO	<b>2020</b>	<b>43,836</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>48,000</b>
	2019	42,922	4,078	47,000
M.J.H. Hall <sup>(i)</sup>	<b>2020</b>	<b>21,564</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>23,612</b>
	2019	-	-	-
J.C. Morton	<b>2020</b>	<b>38,173</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>41,800</b>
	2019	37,443	3,557	41,000
G.J. Simon <sup>(ii)</sup>	<b>2020</b>	<b>9,543</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>10,450</b>
	2019	37,443	3,557	41,000
A.E. Slattery	<b>2020</b>	<b>38,173</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>41,800</b>
	2019	37,443	3,557	41,000
Total	<b>2020</b>	<b>151,289</b>	<b>14,373</b>	<b>165,662</b>
	2019	155,251	14,749	170,000

(i) Appointed 6 December 2019

(ii) Ceased employment September 2019

### Key Management Personnel equity holdings

The number of ordinary shares in the Company held or controlled by key management personnel or their related parties during the financial year:

	Opening balance	Changes during the year	Closing balance
R.A. Higgins AO	98,269	45,371	143,640
J. Beddow	87,184	-	87,184
M.J.H. Hall	n/a	20,000	20,000
J.C. Morton	80,179	1,371	81,550
G.J. Simon	54,375	-	n/a
A.E. Slattery	45,976	10,786	56,762
T.C.A. Binks	5,360	92	5,452
A.B. Hill	2,500	43	2,543

*End of audited remuneration report.*

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Corporate Governance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020 can be accessed on the Company's website at

<http://www.argoinfrastructure.com.au/shareholder-centre/corporate-governance>.

Relevant governance charters, policies and codes are also available in this section of the website.

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

On behalf of the Board



R.A. Higgins AO  
Chairman  
31 August 2020



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## **Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited**

As lead auditor for the audit of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

*Ernst & Young*

Ernst & Young

Rohit Khanna

Partner

31 August 2020

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividends and distributions		10,204	10,237
Interest		2	9
Net foreign exchange losses		(33)	(119)
Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (realised and unrealised)		(17,650)	59,727
<b>Total investment income (loss)</b>		<b>(7,477)</b>	<b>69,854</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	18, 20	(4,211)	(3,900)
Custody and administration fees		(273)	(254)
Directors' fees		(166)	(170)
Registry fees		(140)	(123)
Transaction costs		(409)	(277)
Other expenses		(444)	(432)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(5,643)</b>	<b>(5,156)</b>
<b>(Loss)/profit before income tax</b>		<b>(13,120)</b>	<b>64,698</b>
Income tax benefit/(expense)	3	3,807	(19,785)
<b>(Loss)/profit after income tax</b>		<b>(9,313)</b>	<b>44,913</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>		<b>(9,313)</b>	<b>44,913</b>
		cents	cents
<b>Earnings per share</b>			
Basic and diluted earnings per share	4	(6.57)	31.70

(to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5,169	5,680
Receivables		944	1,618
Receivables – trade settlements		3	1,221
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	324,340	358,028
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>330,456</b>	<b>366,547</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>			
		330,456	366,547
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables		432	490
Payables – trade settlements		-	3,618
Current tax liability		7,860	8,496
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7,8	-	4
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>8,292</b>	<b>12,608</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax liability	3	1,686	15,191
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,686</b>	<b>15,191</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>9,978</b>	<b>27,799</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>320,478</b>	<b>338,748</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Contributed equity	9	279,395	278,431
Profit reserve	10	49,728	59,649
Retained earnings	11	(8,645)	668
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>320,478</b>	<b>338,748</b>

(to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)

# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Contributed equity</b> \$'000	<b>Profit reserve</b> \$'000	<b>Retained earnings</b> \$'000	<b>Total</b> \$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2019		278,431	59,649	668	338,748
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(9,313)	(9,313)
Dividends paid	12	-	(9,921)	-	(9,921)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	9	964	-	-	964
Balance as at 30 June 2020		279,395	49,728	(8,645)	320,478

for the year ending 30 June 2019

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Contributed equity</b> \$'000	<b>Profit reserve</b> \$'000	<b>Retained earnings</b> \$'000	<b>Total</b> \$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2018		279,074	30,260	(7,770)	301,564
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	44,913	44,913
Transfer of profits during the year	10,11	-	36,475	(36,475)	-
Dividends paid	12	-	(7,086)	-	(7,086)
Buy-back of shares	9	(643)	-	-	(643)
Balance as at 30 June 2019		278,431	59,649	668	338,748

*(to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)*

# Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		254,812	184,569
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(241,178)	(177,224)
Net foreign exchange loss		(146)	(124)
Interest received		3	9
Dividends and distributions received		10,843	8,524
GST recovered		460	402
Management fees paid		(4,246)	(3,850)
Custody fees paid		(250)	(253)
Other expenses paid		(2,903)	(1,267)
Income tax paid		(9,062)	(3,346)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	14	8,333	7,440
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid - net of Dividend Reinvestment Plan		(8,957)	(7,086)
Buy-back of shares		-	(643)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>		(8,957)	(7,729)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(624)	(289)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,680	5,964
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		113	5
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	5	5,169	5,680

*(to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes)*

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This financial report is for Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (ALI or Company) for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The Company is a for-profit entity limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its shares (ASX code: ALI) are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

This financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 31 August 2020. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

### (a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, that have been measured at fair value. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars (\$), unless otherwise noted.

The financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Accounting Standards AASB 16 *Leases* was applied from 1 July 2019 and did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

Where appropriate, comparative disclosures have been reclassified/amended to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

### (b) Financial instruments

#### (i) Classification

The Company's investments are classified as 'Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition'.

These are investments in exchange traded equity instruments and unit trusts.

Receivables and payables are presented at amortised cost.

(ii) **Recognition/de recognition**

The Company recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date. Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments has expired or the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. The Company derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability has expired.

(iii) **Measurement**

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

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position initially at fair value. Transaction costs of these financial assets and liabilities are expensed in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year in which they arise.

**Other financial assets and liabilities**

The carrying amount of other financial assets and liabilities held at amortised cost (which are all short-term) approximates fair value.

This includes cash and cash equivalents, receivables including receivables for trade settlements and payables including payables for trade settlements.

(iv) **Fair value measurement principles**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined are disclosed in Notes 6, 7 and 8.

(v) **Offsetting**

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

(vi) **Impairment of assets**

As the Company holds only cash and cash equivalents and receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months at amortised costs, the assets are not materially impacted by impairment.

(c) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(d) **Receivable/payable - trade settlements**

These amounts represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. Trades are recorded on trade date, and for equities, are normally settled within two business days.

(e) **Receivables**

Receivables are recognised when a right to receive payment is established. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recognised as receivables. Given the short-term nature of most receivables their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

(f) **Payables**

Payables are measured at their nominal amounts. Amounts are generally paid within 30 days of being recognised as payables. Given the short-term nature of most payables their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

(g) **Investment income**

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date, with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an income tax expense.

Trust distributions are recognised on a present entitlement basis.

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter period where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Other income is brought to account on an accruals basis.

Net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised as income and are determined as the difference between the fair value at the balance date or consideration received (if sold during the financial year) and the fair value as at the prior balance date or initial fair value (if acquired during the financial year). This includes both realised and unrealised gains and losses, but does not include interest or dividend income.

### (h) **Expenses**

Company expenses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

### (i) **Income tax**

The Company is subject to income tax at 30% on taxable income for the year ended 30 June 2020. (2019: 30%)

The Company may incur withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income will be recorded gross of withholding tax in investment income, with the withholding tax expense included as part of income tax expense. Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax.

Income tax expense is recognised in net profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity. The current tax liability is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at reporting date and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted. Due to the Company exceeding the 27.5% lower tax rate threshold in the financial year the deferred tax balances at 30 June 2020 are calculated at a tax rate of 30% (2019: 30.0%).

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

A deferred tax liability is recognised when there is a taxable temporary difference between the tax base of an asset or liability and its corresponding carrying amount in the Statement of Financial Position. This arises when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its tax base.

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

(j) **Foreign currency translation**

(i) **Functional and presentation currency**

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the Company's functional currency.

(ii) **Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a net basis within change in fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

(k) **Dividends**

Dividends are recognised as a liability in the year in which they are declared.

(l) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

The Company is registered for GST. The issue or redemption of shares in the Company and, where applicable, the receipt of any distributions will not be subject to GST. The Company may be required to pay GST on management and other fees, charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Company. However, the Company may be entitled to input tax credits and reduced input tax credits in respect of the GST incurred.

Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

(m) **Earnings per share**

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period

(n) **Share capital**

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

The Company has an on-market share buy-back in place for capital management purposes. Details of the Company's share buy-back is provided in Note 9.

(o) **Segment reporting**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the Company's internal reporting provided to Directors.

(p) **Rounding of amounts**

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

(q) **Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that may have a financial impact on the Company and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable, the result of which forms the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company's significant accounting estimates and judgements include fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market. Details on the determination of fair value are provided in Note 17(b).

(r) **New accounting standards and interpretations**

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

### 3. INCOME TAX

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>(a) Reconciliation of income tax (benefit)/expense to prima facie tax (receivable)/payable:</b>		
(Loss)/profit before income tax	(13,120)	64,698
Prima facie tax (benefit)/expense calculated at 30% (2019: 30%)	(3,936)	19,409
Tax effect of franked dividends received	(5)	(121)
Change in tax rate	-	506
Other	134	(9)
Income tax (benefit)/expense	(3,807)	19,785
<b>(b) Income tax (benefit)/expense composition:</b>		
Current income tax	9,698	9,864
Deferred income tax	(13,505)	9,921
	(3,807)	19,785

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>(c) Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
The balance comprises temporary differences attributed to:		
Dividends and distributions receivable	180	302
Unrealised gains on investments	1,564	14,962
	1,744	15,264
Offset by deferred tax assets:		
Foreign tax credits receivable	(55)	(68)
Costs associated with the issue of shares	(3)	(5)
	(58)	(73)
Net deferred tax liabilities	1,686	15,191
Movements:		
Balance at the beginning of the year	15,191	5,270
Charged to profit or loss	(13,505)	9,921
Balance at the end of the year	1,686	15,191
<b>(d) Franking account:</b>		
Total imputation credits available, after allowing for tax payable and franked dividends receivable, in subsequent financial years based on a tax rate of 30% (2019: 30%)	13,817	9,334
Impact on the franking account of the dividend declared but not recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year at tax rate of 30% (2019: 30%)	(2,738)	(2,426)
	11,079	6,908
The franking account balance would allow the Company to fully frank additional dividend payments at tax rate of 30% up to an amount of (2019: 30%)	25,851	16,119

The Company's ability to pay franked dividends is dependent upon receipt of franked dividends and the Company paying tax.

**4. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	<b>2020</b> number '000	<b>2019</b> number '000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	141,849	141,671
	\$'000	\$'000
(Loss)/profit for the year used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	(9,313)	44,913
	cents	cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share	(6.57)	31.70

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue for the year.

At the end of the year, there were no outstanding securities that are dilutive in nature for the Company.

**5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>2020</b> \$'000	<b>2019</b> \$'000
Cash at bank	5,169	5,680

These accounts are earning a floating interest rate of between -1.75% and +0.05% at 30 June 2020 (2019:-1.75% and +0.18%).

**6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS**

	<b>2020</b> \$'000	<b>2019</b> \$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</b>		
Equity securities	279,159	320,180
Unit trusts	45,181	37,848
Total	324,340	358,028

The following securities each represent over 5% of total investments:

	2020	2019
	%	%
NextEra Energy Inc.	7.4	6.1
Transurban Group	5.6	2.6
American Tower Corp.	5.4	3.3

There were 3,608 investment transactions during the financial year (2019: 3,265).

The Company is a listed investment company that invests in tradeable global listed infrastructure securities. Due to the nature of its business, the Company will always be subject to market risk as it invests its capital in securities which have fluctuating market prices. The Company's portfolio is diversified to reduce risk but market risk cannot be completely eliminated.

Risk exposures relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are included in Note 16.

## 7. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:</b>		
Derivatives (Note 8)	-	4

Risk exposure relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss is included in Note 16.

## 8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Foreign currency contracts are primarily used by the Company to economically hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on settlement of purchases and sales of its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Company agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. The Company recognises a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each reporting period.

The Company's derivative financial instruments at year end are detailed below:

30 June 2020	Contract/notional \$'000	Fair values	
		Assets \$'000	Liabilities \$'000
Foreign currency contracts	356	-	-
<b>30 June 2019</b>			
Foreign currency contracts	1,791	-	4

## 9. CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

Ordinary shareholders are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are also entitled to one vote per share at shareholders' meetings.

	2020 number	2019 number	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Opening balance	141,539,639	141,882,628	278,431	279,074
Buy-back of shares	-	(342,989)	-	(641)
Buy-back transaction costs	-	-	-	(2)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan <sup>(1)</sup>	412,146	-	964	-
Closing balance	141,951,785	141,539,639	279,395	278,431

(1) On 27 September 2019, shares were allotted at \$2.34 per share pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan in operation for the final dividend paid for the period ended 30 June 2019.

## 10. PROFIT RESERVE

The profit reserve is made up of amounts allocated from retained earnings that are preserved for future dividend payments.

	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	59,649	30,260
Transferred from retained earnings	-	36,475
Dividends paid	(9,921)	(7,086)
Balance at the end of the year	49,728	59,649

**11. RETAINED EARNINGS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	668	(7,770)
(Loss)/profit for the year	(9,313)	44,913
Transfer of profits during the year	-	(36,475)
Balance at the end of the year	(8,645)	668

**12. DIVIDENDS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>(a) Dividend paid during the year</b>		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2019 of 4.0 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate, paid 27 September 2019 (2019: 2.5 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	5,662	3,547
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2020 of 3.0 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate, paid 20 March 2020 (2019: 2.5 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	4,259	3,539
<b>Total dividends paid</b>	<b>9,921</b>	<b>7,086</b>
<b>(b) Dividend declared after balance date</b>		
Since the end of the financial year, the Directors have declared the following dividend which has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the financial year:		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2020 of 4.5 cents fully franked at 30% tax rate, payable 2 October 2020 (2019: 4.0 cents fully franked at 30.0% tax rate)	6,388	5,662

### 13. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objective in managing capital and investments is to maximise compound after-tax returns for shareholders over time by investing in an investment portfolio in accordance with the Company's investment strategy.

The Company recognises that its capital position and market price will fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and, in order to adjust the capital structure, it may vary the amount of dividends paid, issue new shares or buy back its own shares from time to time.

A breakdown of the Company's equity and changes in equity is provided in the Statement of Changes in Equity and Note 9.

### 14. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

#### (a) Reconciliation of profit to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
(Loss)/profit after income tax	(9,313)	44,913
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(241,178)	(177,224)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	254,812	184,569
Net loss/(gains) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	17,650	(59,727)
Net change in receivables	674	(448)
Net change in payables	(694)	5,441
Net change in deferred tax liabilities	(13,505)	9,921
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(113)	(5)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	8,333	7,440

#### (b) Non-cash financing activities

Dividends paid totalling \$1.0 million were reinvested in shares under the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (2019: nil. Dividend Reinvestment Plan shares were purchased on market).

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company is managed as a whole and is considered to have a single operating segment, being investment in global listed infrastructure securities. There is no further division of the Company or internal segment reporting used by the Directors when making strategic, investment or resource allocation decisions.

The Company is domiciled in Australia and derives its revenue from its international investment portfolio through the receipt of dividends, distributions, interest and any profits on the revaluation or sale of its investments.

The portfolio of global listed infrastructure securities has the following geographical diversification:

	2020	2020	2019	2019
	A\$'000	%	A\$'000	%
United States of America	184,872	57.0	194,677	54.4
Canada	25,722	7.9	34,841	9.7
Australia	19,943	6.1	24,463	6.8
China	15,760	4.9	9,016	2.5
Japan	10,724	3.3	18,562	5.2
Other countries	67,319	20.8	76,469	21.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>324,340</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>358,028</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 16. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Company's overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Company's investment strategy and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Company is exposed. The Company may use derivative financial instruments to alter certain risk exposures.

Financial risk management is carried out by the Portfolio Manager under a management agreement approved by the Board of Directors.

The Company uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below.

### (a) Market risk

#### (i) Price risk

Price risk arises from investments held by the Company for which prices in the future are uncertain. The performance of these investments is influenced by many factors which are difficult to predict, including economic growth rates, inflation, interest rates and regulatory changes. Where non-monetary financial instruments are

denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Company has an active approach to a concentrated portfolio across 50-100 securities, with the portfolio invested in global listed infrastructure securities. The portfolio is diversified across infrastructure subsectors and countries, both developed and emerging, based upon the combined top-down and bottom-up analysis undertaken by the Portfolio Manager. The Company manages price risk through ensuring that all investment activities are undertaken in accordance with this investment strategy.

The table at Note 16(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the markets in which the Company invests increased/decreased by 10% (2019: 10%).

(ii) **Foreign exchange risk**

Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuates due to changes in exchange rates.

The tables below summarises the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities, which are denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>US dollars</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Canadian dollars</b>	<b>All other foreign currencies</b>	<b>Total</b>
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	332	40	58	948	1,378
Receivables	(48)	134	56	262	404
Receivables – trade settlements	-	2	-	-	2
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	186,994	32,279	25,722	59,402	304,397
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(152)	(41)	-	(163)	(356)
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,126</b>	<b>32,414</b>	<b>25,836</b>	<b>60,449</b>	<b>305,825</b>

<b>30 June 2019</b>	<b>US dollars</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Canadian dollars</b>	<b>All other foreign currencies</b>	<b>Total</b>
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	389	191	-	728	1,308
Receivables	(38)	71	94	712	839
Receivables – trade settlements	1,220	-	-	-	1,220
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	200,084	31,437	34,842	67,202	333,565
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Payables – trade settlements	(2,669)	(90)	(304)	(555)	(3,618)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(3)	-	(1)	-	(4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,983</b>	<b>31,609</b>	<b>34,631</b>	<b>68,087</b>	<b>333,310</b>

The table at Note 16(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% (2019:10%) against the foreign currencies to which the Company is exposed.

(iii) **Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The majority of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing except for cash and cash equivalents. Hence the impact of interest rate risk on net profit/(loss) is not considered to be material to the Company.

The following tables summarises the Company's exposure to interest rate risk.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>Floating interest rate</b>	<b>Non- interest bearing</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,169	-	5,169
Receivables	-	944	944
Receivables – trade settlements	-	3	3
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	324,340	324,340
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables	-	(432)	(432)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,169</b>	<b>324,855</b>	<b>330,024</b>

### **30 June 2019**

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,680	-	5,680
Receivables	-	1,618	1,618
Receivables – trade settlements	-	1,221	1,221
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	358,028	358,028
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables	-	(490)	(490)
Payables- trade settlements	-	(3,618)	(3,618)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	-	(4)	(4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>356,755</b>	<b>362,435</b>

The table at Note 16(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to interest rate risk. The analysis is based on assumption that interest rates increased/decreased by 1.0% (2019: 1.0%).

**(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis**

The following tables summarises the sensitivity of the Company's net profit and net assets attributable to shareholders subjected to price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risks.

The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in foreign exchange rates and the historical correlation of the Company's investments with relevant benchmarks and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Company invests. As a result, historical variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>+100bps</b>	<b>-100bps</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities	29	(29)
	<b>+10%</b>	<b>-10%</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities	32,434	(32,434)
US dollar	18,713	(18,713)
Canadian dollar	2,583	(2,583)
Euro	3,242	(3,242)
Other currencies	6,045	(6,045)
Total foreign exchange risk	30,583	(30,583)
	<b>+100bps</b>	<b>-100bps</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Interest rate risk on fixed and floating rate interest securities	57	(57)
	<b>+10%</b>	<b>-10%</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Price risk on non-interest bearing securities	35,803	(35,803)

30 June 2019	+10%	-10%
	\$'000	\$'000
US dollars	19,898	(19,898)
Canadian dollars	3,463	(3,463)
Euro	3,161	(3,161)
Other currencies	6,809	(6,809)
Total foreign exchange risk	33,331	(33,331)

**(c) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its contractual obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Company.

The Company does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Company is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and receivables - trade settlements. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Company does not consider counterparty risk to be significant, as the Company only trades with recognised and creditworthy third parties.

**(d) Liquidity risk**

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

The Portfolio Manager monitors the Company's cash-flow requirements daily taking into account upcoming income, expenses and investment activities. The assets of the Company are largely in the form of listed securities which are considered readily convertible to cash.

**(i) Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities**

The tables below analyses the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>Less than 1 month</b>	<b>1-6 months</b>	<b>6-12 months</b>	<b>Over 12 months</b>	<b>No stated maturity</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Payables	432	-	-	-	-	432

**30 June 2019**

Payables	490	-	-	-	-	490
Payables- trade settlements	3,618	-	-	-	-	3,618
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,108</b>

**(ii) Maturities of derivative financial instruments**

The tables below analyses the Company's derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Company may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>Less than 1 month</b>	<b>1-6 months</b>	<b>6-12 months</b>	<b>Over 12 months</b>	<b>No stated maturity</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Foreign currency contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-

**30 June 2019**

Foreign currency contracts	(4)	-	-	-	-	(4)
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**17. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

The Company discloses fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

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

(a) **Fair value in an active market (Level 1)**

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the financial year without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities held by the Company is the last traded price.

The Company values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Company relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

(b) **Valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and Level 3 fair value**

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not exchange-traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the financial year applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the financial year. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Company would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the financial year taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Company holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

**(c) Recognised fair value measurement**

The tables below sets out the Company's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy.

<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	279,159	-	-	279,159
Unit trusts	45,181	-	-	45,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>324,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>324,340</b>

**30 June 2019**

<b>Financial assets</b>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	320,180	-	-	320,180
Unit trusts	37,848	-	-	37,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>358,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>358,028</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
Derivatives	-	4	-	4

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the financial year.

**(i) Transfers between levels**

There were no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy for the year ended 30 June 2020.

**(ii) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)**

The Company did not hold any financial instruments with fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs during the year ended 30 June 2020.

**(iii) Fair values of other financial instruments**

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate fair value.

## 18. MANAGEMENT FEES

Under the Management Agreement with the Manager, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd, the Company must pay a management fee based on funds under management at the following annual rates:

- 1.2% (plus GST) of the portfolio value up to and including \$500 million;
- 1.1% (plus GST) of the portfolio value above \$500 million and up to and including \$1 billion; and
- 1.0% (plus GST) of the portfolio value above \$1 billion.

The management fee is calculated at month end and paid monthly in arrears. There is no additional performance fee charged. The Manager is responsible for paying 50% of its management fee to the Portfolio Manager pursuant to the Portfolio Management Agreement with Cohen & Steers.

Payments made to the Manager are provided in Note 20.

## 19. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided.

### Fees to Ernst & Young

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
(i) Audit services		
Fees for reviewing and auditing statutory financial reports	64,581	63,448
(ii) Fees for other services		
Tax compliance	16,500	16,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,081</b>	<b>79,948</b>

## 20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

### Argo Service Company Pty Ltd (ASCO)

The Company has engaged ASCO (a wholly owned subsidiary of Argo Investments Limited) to manage the affairs of the Company including investment management of the portfolio and providing the services of the Managing Director, Company Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and any other administrative support services required by the Company. ASCO earns a management fee for managing the Company. Fees of \$4,210,706 were paid or payable to ASCO for the year ended to 30 June 2020 (30 June 2019: \$3,900,540). Management fees of \$315,000 were payable at balance date (30 June 2019: \$350,000).

### Argo Investments Limited (Argo)

Argo holds 13,040,389 shares in the Company (2019: 12,821,223 shares).

### Key management personnel

The Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the Company comprise ASCO, the Non-executive Directors, Mr. J. Beddow (Managing Director), Mr. T.C.A. Binks (Company Secretary) and Mr. A.B. Hill (Chief Financial Officer). Mr. Beddow, Mr. Binks and Mr. Hill are remunerated under service agreements with the Manager, ASCO.

The following remuneration was paid or payable by the Company to the Non-executive Directors:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Short-term employment benefits (Directors' fees)	151,290	155,251
Post-employment (superannuation)	14,373	14,749
	165,663	170,000

Three of the five Directors of the Company are also Directors of Argo.

## 21. CONTINGENT ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

The Company has no material commitments, contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2020.

## 22. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No matters or circumstances have occurred subsequent to the financial year end that have significantly affected, or may affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

# Directors' Declaration

## Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (Company):

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 19 to 47 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* from the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors



R.A. Higgins AO  
Chairman  
31 August 2020

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including Independence Standards)(the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.

## 1. Investment Existence and Valuation

### Why significant

The Company has a significant investment portfolio consisting primarily of listed equity securities. As at 30 June 2020, the values of these financial assets were \$324,340,000, which represented 98% of the total assets of the Company.

As detailed in the Company’s accounting policy, as described in Note 2(b) of the financial report, these financial assets are recognised at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Pricing, exchange rates and other market drivers can have a significant impact on the value of these financial assets and the financial report. Accordingly, valuation of the investment portfolio was considered a key audit matter.

### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed the effectiveness of the controls relating to the existence, completeness and valuation of investments.

We obtained and considered the assurance report on the controls of the Company’s administrator, in relation to the fund administration services for the year ended 30 June 2020 and considered the auditor’s credentials, their objectivity and the results of their procedures.

We agreed all investment holdings, including cash accounts, to third party confirmations at 30 June 2020.

We assessed the fair value of all investments in the portfolio held at 30 June 2020. For listed securities, the values were verified against independently sourced market prices.

We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 17 of the financial report.

## 2. Management Fees

### Why significant

Management fees, paid to the Manager, Argo Service Company Pty Ltd, is the most significant expense of the Company.

The Company's accounting policy for management fee is described in Note 18 of the financial report. All expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

As at 30 June 2020, management fees totalled \$4,211,000, which represented 75% of total expenses.

Accordingly, this was considered a key audit matter.

### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We recalculated management fees, in accordance with the relevant service arrangements, including agreeing the contract rate to the calculations.

We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in Notes 18 and 20 to the financial report.

## Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's 2020 Annual Report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

## Report on the Audit of the Remuneration Report

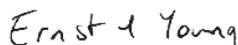
### Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 15 to 16 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

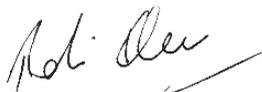
In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.



Ernst & Young



Rohit Khanna

Partner

31 August 2020

## Global Listed Infrastructure Portfolio as at 30 June 2020

Security	Country	Market value A\$'000	% of total
<b>Electric</b>			
Alliant Energy Corp.	US	9,565	
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	US	2,816	
Chubu Electric Power Co.	Japan	2,840	
Chugoku Electric Power Co.	Japan	2,230	
CMS Energy Corp.	US	5,926	
Dominion Resources Inc.	US	3,945	
DTE Energy Company	US	3,896	
Duke Energy Corp.	US	8,703	
Edison International	US	3,703	
Elia System Operator	Belgium	2,263	
Enel SPA	Italy	2,750	
Energy Inc.	US	6,391	
Firstenergy Corp.	US	5,997	
Hydro One	Canada	3,511	
National Grid PLC	UK	3,600	
Neoenergia Sa	Brazil	2,718	
NextEra Energy Inc.	US	23,976	
NorthWestern Corp.	US	3,739	
Orsted A/S	Denmark	1,689	
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	US	3,932	
PNM Resources Inc.	US	3,052	
Power Assets Holdings Ltd	Hong Kong	3,231	
Public Service Enterprise Group	US	4,242	
Xcel Energy Inc.	US	7,077	
<b>Total – Electric</b>		<b>121,792</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Tower</b>			
American Tower Corporation	US	17,607	
Cellnex Telecom SAU	Spain	4,149	
Crown Castle International	US	10,072	
SBA Communications Corp.	US	12,408	
		44,236	13.6%

Security	Country	Market value A\$'000	% of total
<b>Data Centres</b>			
CyrusOne Inc	US	2,432	
Gds Holdings Ltd- ADR	China	2,120	
		4,552	1.4%
<b>Total – Communications</b>		<b>48,788</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
<b>Toll Roads</b>			
Atlantia SPA	Italy	4,081	
Eiffage SA	France	2,744	
Transurban Group	Australia	18,092	
Vinci SA	France	5,939	
Zhejiang Expressway Co. Ltd	China	4,208	
<b>Total – Toll Roads</b>		<b>35,064</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
<b>Freight Rails</b>			
Canadian National Railway Ltd.	Canada	6,858	
Norfolk Southern Corp.	US	8,205	
Rumo SA	Brazil	1,726	
Union Pacific Corp.	US	10,460	
		27,249	8.3%
<b>Passenger Rails</b>			
East Japan Railway	Japan	1,485	
West Japan Railway	Japan	1,339	
		2,824	0.9%
<b>Total – Railways</b>		<b>30,073</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b>Midstream Energy</b>			
Enbridge Inc.	Canada	8,076	
Infraestructura Energetica	Mexico	1,104	
Kinder Morgan Inc.	US	7,224	
Oneok Inc.	US	2,216	
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	Canada	4,551	
TC Energy Corp.	Canada	2,726	
The Williams Companies Inc.	US	1,988	
<b>Total – Midstream Energy</b>		<b>27,885</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

Security	Country	Market value A\$'000	% of total
<b>Airports</b>			
AENA SA	Spain	6,312	
Airports of Thailand PCL	Thailand	7,664	
Auckland International Airport Ltd.	New Zealand	3,582	
Flughafen Zuerich AG	Switzerland	1,441	
Grupo Aeroportuario Del Pacific	Mexico	1,023	
Grupo Aeroportuario PAC- ADR	Mexico	2,656	
Sydney Airport	Australia	1,851	
<b>Total – Airports</b>		<b>24,529</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Gas Distribution</b>			
Atmos Energy Corp.	US	2,331	
ENN Energy Holding Ltd.	China	5,453	
NiSource Inc.	US	1,258	
Snam Rete Gas	Italy	1,365	
Tokyo Gas Co. Ltd.	Japan	2,830	
<b>Total – Gas Distribution</b>		<b>13,237</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Water</b>			
American Water Works Company Inc.	US	9,191	
Cia De Saneamento Do Pa	Brazil	2,662	
Guangdong Investment Ltd.	China	3,979	
Pennon Group PLC	UK	1,944	
<b>Total – Water</b>		<b>17,776</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Marine Ports</b>			
Koninklijke Vopak NV	Netherlands	2,676	
<b>Total – Marine Ports</b>		<b>2,676</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Diversified</b>			
Macquarie Infrastructure	US	2,520	
<b>Total – Diversified</b>		<b>2,520</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Total Global Listed Infrastructure securities</b>		<b>324,340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Shareholder Information as at 31 July 2020

	<b>Ordinary shareholders</b>
Number of shareholders holding:	
1 – 1,000 shares	1,003
1,001 – 5,000 shares	3,467
5,001 – 10,000 shares	1,917
10,001 – 100,000 shares	3,017
100,001 or more shares	91
<b>Total number of shareholders (entitled to one vote per share)</b>	<b>9,495</b>
Number of shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel	125

### 20 largest shareholders

	<b>No. of shares</b>	<b>%</b>
Argo Investments Limited	13,040,389	9.19
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	2,013,968	1.42
JIN Pty. Limited	1,047,094	0.74
Bridgestar Pty. Ltd.	1,034,575	0.73
RTR Pty. Limited	1,017,094	0.72
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty. Ltd. HUB24 Custodial Serv Ltd. DRP	935,317	0.66
Netwealth Investments Limited <Wrap Services a/c>	706,706	0.50
Gumala Investments Pty. Ltd. (General Gumala Foundation a/c)	700,000	0.49
Navigator Australia Ltd. (MLC Investment Sett a/c)	602,466	0.42
Australian Philanthropic Services Foundation Pty. Ltd. (APS Foundation a/c)	500,000	0.35
JPMorgan Nominees Australia Pty. Limited	483,407	0.34
J Santini Development Pty. Ltd. (J Santini Development a/c)	467,964	0.33
Vaucluse Skyline Pty. Limited	450,000	0.32
National Nominees Limited	382,226	0.27
Fimar Investments Pty. Ltd.	375,000	0.26
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited- a/c 2	342,500	0.24
Ms. Rosalind Price & Mr. Paul Connor (Pixel Staff Super Fund a/c)	338,346	0.24
Vinula Pty. Ltd.	332,000	0.23
Prof. Peter Glow & Mrs. Roslyn Ann Glow	311,000	0.22
Blind Welfare Pty. Ltd. (Blind Welfare Foundation a/c)	300,000	0.21
	<b>25,380,052</b>	<b>17.88</b>



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