

Appendix C: Top 100 non-financial companies ranked by assets, 1910–1997

1910

Company	Rank	Total assets (£A)	Where registered	ASIC subdivision
Dalgety	1	8 080 160	England	F46-47
British Tobacco (Australia)	2	5 223 260	England	C21-22
Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd	3	4 646 250	NSW	C21-22
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency	4	4 409 630	England	F46-47
New Zealand & Australian Land C	5	3 524 080	England	A1
Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Co Ltd	6	3 236 270	England	F46-47
Australian Estates and Mortgage	7	3 073 270	England	F46-47
Goldsbrough Mort	8	2 732 700	Vic	F46-47
Mount Lyell	9	2 045 050	Vic	B11
Elders	10	2 027 940	SA	F46-47
Australian Gas Light Company	11	1 745 430	NSW	D36
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	12	1 510 830	Vic	B11
Scottish Australian Investment	13	1 487 680	England	A1
Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus	14	1 438 130	Vic	G52
Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company	15	1 387 140	Qld	B11
Sulphide Corporation	16	1 385 610	England	C29
D and W Murray	17	1 370 030	England	F46-47
Chillagoe	18	1 358 390	Qld	B11
Carlton & United Breweries	19	1 318 440	Vic	C21-22
Tooth	20	1 311 540	NSW	C21-22
Brisbane Electric Tramways Invest	21	1 310 680	England	G52
Harris Scarfe	22	1 297 980	SA	F46-47
Lovell & Christmas	23	1 281 170	England	F46-47
Huddart Parker	24	1 218 130	Vic	G53
Robert Reid	25	1 203 910	England	F46-47
Howard Smith	26	1 162 710	Vic	G53
Paterson Laing and Bruce	27	1 127 960	England	F46-47
Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10	28	1 118 990	Vic	B11
Australian Pastoral Company	29	1 020 770	England	A1
Burns Philp	30	975 220	NSW	F46-47
Caledonian Collieries Ltd	31	971 440	NSW	B12
Adelaide Steamship Company	32	927 740	SA	G53
Queensland National Pastoral Company	33	850 000	Qld	A1
Kauri Timber	34	836 290	Vic	A3
S Hoffnung	35	813 550	England	F46-47
Peel River Land and Mineral Company	36	757 390	England	A1
Millaquin Sugar	37	649 860	Qld	C21-22
D. & J. Fowler Ltd	38	644 790	England	F46-47
Zinc Corporation	39	608 120	Vic	C29
Great Fitzroy Mining	40	573 790	Vic	B11
Robert Harper	41	564 730	Vic	C21-22
Thomas Brown and Sons	42	555 210	England	F46-47
South Australian Brewing	43	547 000	SA	C21-22
Melbourne Electric Supply	44	542 680	England	D36
Henry Jones	45	542 080	Vic	C21-22

Farmer	46	538 980	England	F48
Australasian Mortgage and Agency	47	537 730	England	A1
Emu Bay Railway	48	518 600	Tas	G52
Tooheys	49	508 000	NSW	C21-22
Perth Electric Tramways Ltd WA	50	504 940	England	G52
W & A McArthur	51	495 310	England	F46-47
Electric Supply Co of Victoria	52	489 430	England	D36
South Australian Gas Company	53	487 780	SA	D36
Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage	54	478 810	England	A1
Henry Bull and Co	55	463 590	England	F46-47
Kalgoorlie Electric Tramways	56	463 570	England	G52
John Sharp & Sons	57	462 510	Vic	F46-47
Adelaide Electric Supply	58	453 450	England	D36
Dunlop Australia	59	445 430	Vic	C34
Beath Schiess & Felsted	60	435 890	Vic	F46-47
Mort's Dock & Engineering	61	430 740	NSW	C33
Amalgamated Zinc (de Bavay's)	62	430 090	Vic	C29
Swan	63	404 710	Vic	C21-22
Queensland Meat Export and Agency	64	391 400	Qld	C21-22
Silverton Tramway	65	390 860	Vic	G52
Buckley & Nunn	66	387 240	England	F48
Castlemaine Brewery & Wood Bros & Co	67	377 280	NSW	C21-22
Castlemaine Brewery	68	375 670	Vic	C21-22
Walleroo-Mt Lyell Fertilizers	69	371 260	SA	C27
Herald & Weekly Times	70	360 660	Vic	C26
Fairymead Sugar	71	349 710	Qld	C21-22
Walleroo and Moonta Mining & Smelting	72	339 960	SA	B11
Finney Isles & Co Ltd	73	330 220	Qld	F48
Daily Telegraph	74	322 730	NSW	C26
J. Kitchen and Sons	75	317 450	Vic	C27
Bagot, Shakes and Lewis	76	317 360	SA	F46-47
British Broken Hill Proprietary Co	77	314 700	England	B11
South Australian Land Mortgage and Agency	78	313 860	England	A1
Harrison Jones and Devlin	79	312 660	NSW	F46-47
North Coast Steam Navigation	80	311 120	NSW	G53
Swallow & Ariell	81	299 650	Vic	C21-22
Broken Hill South Silver Mining Co No Liability	82	293 760	Vic	B11
Sydney Ferries	83	282 420	NSW	G53
Walter Reid & Co	84	277 430	Qld	F46-47
Winchcombe Carson	85	267 910	NSW	F46-47
Electric Light & Power Supply Corp. Ltd	86	253 090	NSW	D36
Broken Hill Proprietary Block 14 Co Ltd	87	252 920	Vic	B11
North Shore Gas	88	242 740	NSW	D36
Cascade Brewery Co	89	242 200	Tas	C21-22
Standard Waygood Hercules	90	238 730	NSW	C33
Metropolitan Gas	91	237 390	Vic	D36
Perkins & Co	92	232 180	Qld	C21-22
Perdriau Rubber	93	228 830	NSW	C34
Broken Hill South Blocks	94	226 680	Vic	B11
Brisbane Gas	95	226 540	Qld	D36
Wunderlich	96	220 930	NSW	C28
Kodak (Australasia)	97	217 580	Aust	C33
Nicholson	98	212 430	NSW	F48
Broken Hill Jcn Nth Silver Mining Co No Liability	99	208 150	Vic	B11
Paul & Gray	100	190 290	NSW	F46-47

Mean assets all companies

946 996

1930

Company	Rank	Total assets (£A)	Where registered	ASIC subdivision
Colonial Sugar Refining Company	1	14 890 071	NSW	C21-22
Dalgety	2	10 805 119	England	F46-47
British Tobacco	3	9 651 913	Vic	C21-22
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	4	8 528 444	Vic	C29
Australian Gas Light Company	5	7 780 671	NSW	D36
Tooth	6	7 423 767	NSW	C21-22
Goldsbrough Mort	7	6 957 453	Vic	F46-47
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency	8	6 367 740	England	F46-47
Melbourne Electric Supply	9	6 154 692	England	D36
Elders	10	5 698 998	SA	F46-47
Dunlop Australia	11	5 647 430	Vic	C34
Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia	12	5 592 661	Vic	C29
Adelaide Electric Supply	13	5 576 780	England	D36
Burns Philp	14	5 274 060	NSW	F46-47
Myer	15	4 999 629	Vic	F48
Australian Mercantile Loan & Finance Company	16	4 755 530	England	F46-47
Metropolitan Gas	17	4 663 061	Vic	D36
Nestlé	18	4 648 598	NSW	C21-22
New Zealand & Australian Land Co	19	4 644 549	England	A1
Australian Iron and Steel	20	4 245 542	NSW	C29
Australian Estates and Mortgage	21	4 063 082	England	F46-47
Associated Newspapers	22	3 873 067	NSW	C26
Carlton & United Breweries	23	3 799 535	Vic	C21-22
Howard Smith	24	3 559 393	Vic	G53
Millar's Timber & Trading	25	3 429 979	England	A3
Anthony Hordern & Sons	26	3 248 452	NSW	F48
Adelaide Steamship Company	27	3 218 048	SA	G53
D & W Murray Ltd	28	3 161 846	England	F46-47
Hoyt's Theatres	29	3 116 908	Vic	L91
Mount Lyell	30	3 006 372	Vic	B11
Commonwealth Fertilisers and Chemicals	31	2 964 885	Vic	C27
North Broken Hill	32	2 931 838	Vic	B11
South Australian Gas Company	33	2 899 220	SA	D36
Huddart Parker	34	2 823 369	Vic	G53
Midland Railway	35	2 742 718	England	G52
Broken Hill South	36	2 581 362	Vic	B11
Scottish Australian Investment	37	2 510 588	England	A1
Union Theatres Ltd & Australasian Films Ltd	38	2 476 385	NSW	L91
Tooheys	39	2 473 576	NSW	C21-22
City Electric Light	40	2 340 461	Qld	D36
Henry Jones	41	2 167 191	Vic	C21-22
David Jones	42	2 113 222	NSW	F48
Farmer	43	1 946 126	England	F48
Caledonian Collieries Ltd	44	1 937 023	NSW	B12
Holden Motor Body Builders Ltd	45	1 915 347	SA	C32
Robert Reid	46	1 883 704	Vic	F46-47
Sulphide Corporation	47	1 879 365	England	C29
Marcus Clark	48	1 841 152	NSW	F48
Goodyear	49	1 796 233	NSW	C34
Harris Scarfe	50	1 724 947	SA	F46-47
Herald & Weekly Times	51	1 720 118	Vic	C26

Paterson Laing & Bruce	52	1 711 898	England	F46-47
Australian Glass Manufacturers	53	1 693 990	Vic	C28
Australian Paper Manufacturers	54	1 693 569	NSW	C26
Zinc Corporation	55	1 593 053	England	C29
Australian Agricultural Company	56	1 573 778	England	A1
Colonial Gas Association	57	1 547 108	England	D36
United Provisions	58	1 441 102	Vic	C21-22
J C Williamson	59	1 429 849	NSW	L91
Electric Light & Power Supply Corp	60	1 413 797	NSW	D36
Mark Foys	61	1 388 220	NSW	F48
Cresco Fertilizers	62	1 380 146	SA	C27
South Australian Farmers' Co-op Union Ltd	63	1 357 031	SA	F46-47
Yarra Falls	64	1 356 392	Vic	C23
Farmers & Graziers' Co-op Grain Ins & Agency	65	1 346 862	NSW	F46-47
Advertiser Newspapers	66	1 329 396	SA	C26
Swan	67	1 321 741	Vic	C21-22
Abermain Seaham Collieries	68	1 314 204	NSW	B12
General Industries	69	1 294 523	NSW	C33
Kandos	70	1 281 354	NSW	C28
Commonwealth Oil Refineries	71	1 275 815	Vic	C27
North Shore Gas	72	1 249 094	NSW	D36
Westralian Farmers	73	1 236 957	WA	F46-47
Southern Portland Cement	74	1 224 724	NSW	C28
S Hoffnung	75	1 201 888	England	F46-47
Gordon & Gotch	76	1 159 648	Vic	F46-47
Australian Cement	77	1 145 219	Vic	C28
Goode Durrant	78	1 129 494	England	F46-47
Amalgamated Wireless Australasia	79	1 104 698	NSW	C33
Queensland National Pastoral Co	80	1 091 390	Qld	A1
Morris Hedstrom	81	1 082 056	Fiji	F46-47
Winchcombe Carson	82	1 064 214	NSW	F46-47
Bond Industries	83	1 029 265	NSW	C24
Union Theatres Investments	84	1 027 054	NSW	L91
Edwards Dunlop	85	1 023 253	NSW	F46-47
Bennett & Fisher	86	1 007 193	SA	F46-47
Kauri Timber	87	998 431	Vic	A3
O Gilpin	88	979 757	Vic	F48
Mort's Dock & Engineering	89	978 153	NSW	C33
Peter's American Delicacy	90	960 905	NSW	C21-22
James Stedman Henderson's Sweets	91	947 058	NSW	C21-22
Buckley & Nunn	92	942 523	Vic	F48
Brisbane Gas	93	934 364	Qld	D36
Henry Berry	94	914 695	Vic	F46-47
Castlemaine Perkins	95	914 606	Qld	C21-22
Melbourne Steamship	96	891 128	Vic	G53
Wunderlich	97	855 447	NSW	C28
Murdoch's Ltd	98	854 943	NSW	F48
Australian Knitting Mills	99	853 581	Vic	C24
Millaquin Sugar	100	853 334	Qld	C21-22
Mean assets all companies		2 748 511		

1952

Company	Rank	Total assets (£A)	Where registered	ASIC subdivision
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	1	61 231 301	Vic	C29
Colonial Sugar Refining Company	2	48 527 883	NSW	C21-22
Consolidated Zinc Corporation Ltd	3	39 694 991	England	B11
Australian Paper Manufacturers	4	33 505 658	NSW	C26
Imperial Chemical Industries	5	29 111 466	Vic	C27
Dalgety	6	27 585 164	England	F46-47
British Tobacco	7	25 298 229	Vic	C21-22
General Motors-Holden's	8	24 989 138	Vic	C32
Elders	9	21 392 822	SA	F46-47
Australian Consolidated Industries	10	20 192 871	Vic	C28
Felt & Textiles of Australia	11	19 363 231	NSW	C23
Dunlop Australia	12	18 914 408	Vic	C34
Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia	13	18 546 851	Vic	C29
Myer	14	17 179 986	Vic	F48
City Electric Light	15	17 000 000	Qld	D36
New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Co	16	15 720 354	England	F46-47
Mount Isa Mines	17	15 368 554	Qld	B11
Tooth	18	15 332 439	NSW	C21-22
Burns Philp	19	15 249 137	NSW	F46-47
Carlton & United Breweries	20	15 035 782	Vic	C21-22
Australian Gas Light	21	14 106 732	NSW	D36
Goldsbrough Mort	22	14 069 414	Vic	F46-47
Broken Hill South	23	13 909 602	Vic	B11
North Broken Hill	24	13 058 140	Vic	B11
Associated Pulp & Paper Mills	25	12 894 430	Vic	C26
Email	26	12 475 504	NSW	C33
Australian Mercantile Loan & Finance Company	27	10 929 713	England	F46-47
Woolworths	28	10 344 907	NSW	F48
Nestlé	29	9 900 558	NSW	C21-22
Coles	30	9 626 802	Vic	F48
Drug Houses of Australia	31	9 397 114	Vic	C27
Bradford Cotton Mills	32	9 258 683	NSW	C24
Australian Estates	33	9 092 664	England	F46-47
F.W. Hughes Industries Ltd	34	8 947 768	NSW	C21-22
McPhersons	35	8 215 434	Vic	F46-47
Kauri Timber	36	7 984 748	Vic	A3
John McGrath Industries	37	7 765 764	NSW	C33
New Broken Hill Consolidated	38	7 744 708	England	B11
Henry Jones	39	7 664 572	Vic	C21-22
David Jones	40	7 483 352	NSW	F48
Australian Newsprint	41	7 225 898	Tas	C26
Mount Lyell	42	6 913 834	Vic	B11
Grocery & General Merchants	43	6 894 075	NSW	F46-47
Howard Smith	44	6 815 717	Vic	G53
Courtaulds (Australia)	45	6 744 449	NSW	C23
Swan	46	6 462 394	Vic	C21-22
Containers Ltd	47	6 375 253	Vic	C31
Olympic Tyres	48	6 317 458	Vic	C34
Ampol Petroleum	49	6 271 126	NSW	F46-47
Commonwealth Industrial Gases	50	6 215 168	NSW	C27
Associated Newspapers	51	6 007 614	NSW	C26

Foy & Gibson	52	5 981 205	Vic	F48
Humes	53	5 959 189	Vic	C28
Amalgamated Retailers Ltd/Waltons Ltd	54	5 950 292	NSW	F48
Mount Morgan	55	5 949 073	Qld	B11
Huddart Parker	56	5 750 918	Vic	G53
Hoys Theatres	57	5 716 778	Vic	L91
Herald & Weekly Times	58	5 594 915	Vic	C26
Clyde Industries	59	5 430 988	NSW	C33
MacRobertson (Australia)	60	5 353 059	Vic	C21-22
Robert Reid	61	5 330 938	England	F46-47
James Hardie	62	5 268 751	NSW	C28
Larke Hoskins	63	5 070 967	NSW	F46-47
Sleigh	64	5 040 998	Vic	F46-47
Tooheys	65	4 826 200	NSW	C21-22
Western Mining Corporation	66	4 818 574	Vic	B11
Yarra Falls	67	4 749 390	Vic	C23
Amalgamated Wireless Australasia	68	4 737 416	NSW	C33
Patons & Baldwins (Australia)	69	4 706 952	Vic	C23
Colonial Gas Association	70	4 668 150	England	D36
Anthony Hordern & Sons	71	4 664 403	NSW	F48
Peters Consolidated Milk Industries	72	4 662 380	NSW	C21-22
RepcO	73	4 653 392	Vic	C32
Winchcombe Carson	74	4 603 596	NSW	F46-47
Standard Cars	75	4 569 926	Aust	C32
Adelaide Steamship Company	76	4 567 555	SA	G53
Taubmans Industries	77	4 523 570	NSW	C27
A.G. Healing	78	4 492 188	Vic	C33
Davies Coop	79	4 383 621	Vic	C23
Electronic Industries	80	4 382 960	Vic	C33
York Motors (Holding)	81	4 369 493	NSW	F48
Godfrey Phillips Holding	82	4 310 853	Vic	C21-22
Ansett Transport Industries	83	4 024 122	Vic	G54
Commonwealth Fertilisers and Chemicals	84	4 010 103	Vic	C27
Metropolitan Portland Cement	85	4 001 618	NSW	C28
G. & R. Wills	86	3 906 716	SA	F46-47
General Industries	87	3 868 014	NSW	C33
Kraft Holdings	88	3 845 331	Vic	C21-22
Younghusband	89	3 795 304	Vic	F46-47
Chrysler Australia	90	3 665 538	SA	C32
Wm, Haughton & Co	91	3 609 808	Vic	F46-47
Cox Brothers (Australia)	92	3 573 898	Vic	F48
Overseas Corporation (Australia)	93	3 532 364	Vic	C31
J. & A. Brown & Abermain Seaham Collieries	94	3 496 931	NSW	B12
Prestige	95	3 474 279	Vic	C24
Associated Leathers	96	3 432 512	Vic	C34
Bitumen & Oil Refineries (Australia)	97	3 431 604	NSW	C27
Farmer	98	3 328 647	England	F48
Rootes (Australia)	99	3 267 724	Vic	C32
Castlemaine Perkins	100	3 267 353	Qld	C21-22
Mean assets all companies		9 969 744		

1964

Company	Rank	Total assets (£A000)	% equity owned by overseas interests	ASIC subdivision
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	1	390 402		C29
Shell Group	2	278 556	≥51	C27
Colonial Sugar Refining Company	3	136 303		C21-22
General Motors-Holden's	4	131 018	≥51	C32
Imperial Chemical Industries	5	105 593	≥51	C27
Dalgety	6	101 967	≥51	F46-47
Mobil Oil Australia Ltd (Parent Co. accounts only)	7	83 048	≥51	C27
Ampol Petroleum	8	80 108		C27
British Petroleum Australia	9	78 589	≥51	C27
Conzinc Riotinto Australia	10	75 281	≥51	B11
Mount Isa Mines	11	73 422	≥51	B11
Woolworths	12	72 427		F48
Myer	13	71 995		F48
Elders	14	70 962		F46-47
Australian Consolidated Industries	15	66 694		C28
Ford Australia	16	63 013	≥51	C32
British Tobacco	17	59 622	20-50	C21-22
Coles	18	58 365		F48
Australian Paper Manufacturers	19	53 835		C26
Sleigh	20	51 900		F46-47
Australian Oil Refining	21	51 636	≥51	C27
Waltons	22	48 348		F48
Alcoa	23	47 982	≥51	C29
Burns Philp	24	45 894		F46-47
Boral	25	45 289		C27
Metal Manufactures	26	44 733	≥51	C31
Carlton & United Breweries	27	44 254		C21-22
Comalco Industries	28	43 951	≥51	C29
David Jones	29	43 198		F48
Ansett	30	42 942		G53
Dunlop Australia	31	42 605		C34
Lysaght	32	42 496	≥51	C31
Caltex	33	40 922	≥51	C27
Palmer (H.G.) (Consolidated)	34	40 208		F48
Australian Gas Light (Parent Co. Accounts)	35	40 173		D36
Tubemakers of Australia	36	38 996	≥51	C29
Tooth	37	37 501		C21-22
Esso Australia	38	36 637	≥51	F46-47
International Harvester	39	32 071	≥51	C32
Felt and Textiles of Australia	40	31 765		C23
Electronic Industries	41	30 835		C33
E. Z. Industries	42	30 790		C29
Carpenter (W.R.) Holdings	43	29 380		F46-47
Cox Brothers (Australia)	44	27 785		F48
North Broken Hill	45	27 045		B11
Fairfax	46	27 006		C26
Hooker (L.J.)	47	26 566		E41
Olympic Consolidated Industries	48	26 386		C34
Australian Estates	49	25 273	≥51	F46-47
Chrysler Australia	50	25 051	≥51	C32
Associated Pulp and Paper Mills	51	24 868		C26

Repco	52	24 432		C32
Broken Hill South	53	24 406		B11
Lend Lease	54	24 159		E41
Clyde Industries	55	23 853		C33
New Broken Hill Consolidated	56	23 699	≥51	B11
Weston (George) Foods	57	23 293	≥51	C21-22
Petroleum Refineries (Aust.)	58	23 218	≥51	C27
McPhersons	59	23 208		F46-47
Email	60	22 883		C33
Broken Hill Associated Smelters	61	22 764	20–50	C29
British Motor Corporation	62	22 652	≥51	C32
Goodyear	63	22 374	≥51	C34
Rothmans of Pall Mall (Australia)	64	22 374	20–50	C21-22
Healing (A.G.)	65	22 232		C33
Humes	66	22 021		C28
Herald and Weekly Times	67	21 621		C26
Concrete Industries (Monier)	68	20 172		C28
Ready Mix Concrete	69	19 463		C28
Unilever	70	19 215	≥51	C21-22
Kodak	71	19 185	≥51	C33
Grace Bros. Holdings	72	18 834		F48
Australian Mercantile Loan & Finance Company	73	18 809	≥51	F46-47
Nestlé	74	18 305	≥51	C21-22
James Hardie	75	18 148		C28
Drug Houses of Australia	76	18 090		C27
Henry Jones	77	17 573		C21-22
Commonwealth Industrial Gases	78	17 419	≥51	C27
Bradford Cotton Mills	79	17 003		C24
Australian and Kandos Cement Holdings	80	16 814		C28
Petersville	81	16 761		C21-22
News	82	16 597		C26
Philips	83	16 416	≥51	C33
Fibre-makers	84	16 341	≥51	C23
Australian Newsprint	85	15 899		C26
South Australian Gas Company	86	15 848		D36
Massey-Ferguson Holdings (Australia)	87	15 401	≥51	C32
Tooheys	88	15 371		C21-22
Amalgamated Wireless Australasia	89	15 058		C33
Containers	90	15 043		C31
Cyclone	91	14 985		C31
Davies, Coop & Company	92	14 930	20–50	C23
Assoc. Portland Cement Manufacturers (Aust)	93	14 788	≥51	C28
Allied Mills	94	14 734		C21-22
Martin (John) & Co	95	14 678		F48
J. Gadsden	96	14 485		C31
Adelaide Steamship Company	97	14 179		G53
Consolidated Press	98	14 123		C26
Volkswagen (Australasia)	99	13 938	≥51	C32
Australian Aluminium Company	100	13 883	≥51	C29
Mean assets all companies		41 574		

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Company	Rank	Total assets (\$m)	Where registered	ASIC subdivision * multiple
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	1	16.549	Australia	C29*
Conzinc Riotinto Australia	2	8.616	Australia	C29*
News	3	8.460	Australia	H56
Mount Isa Mines	4	4.104	Australia	B11*
Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd	5	3.732	Australia	C28*
Shell	6	3.689	UK/Dutch	C27*
Coles	7	3.635	Australia	F48
Bond	8	2.828	Australia	I61
Alcoa	9	2.591	USA	C29*
Comalco Industries	10	2.580	Australia	C29*
Woodside Petroleum	11	2.556	Australia	C27
Industrial Equity Limited	12	2.439	Australia	I61
TNT	13	2.254	Australia	G51*
Pioneer	14	2.067	Australia	C28*
Australian Consolidated Industries	15	2.015	Australia	C25-26*
BellGroup	16	1.976	Australia	I61
British Petroleum Australia	17	1.952	UK	C27*
BellResources	18	1.871	Australia	I61
Elders	19	1.861	Australia	F46-7*
Imperial Chemical Industries	20	1.706	UK	C27
Santos	21	1.661	Australia	B13
Boral	22	1.658	Australia	C27-8*
Amcor	23	1.596	Australia	C26
Pacific Dunlop	24	1.556	Australia	C34
Goodman Fielder	25	1.481	Australia	C21-2
Western Mining Corporation	26	1.465	Australia	B11*
James Hardie	27	1.440	Australia	C25*
North Broken Hill	28	1.379	Australia	B11*
Woolworths	29	1.372	Australia	F48
Ariadne	30	1.301	Australia	I61
Peko-Walsend	31	1.173	Australia	B12*
AdSteam	32	1.149	Australia	G53*
Placer Development	33	1.078	Canada	B11*
Mobil Oil Australia	34	1.072	USA	F46-7
Bougainville Copper	35	1.067	Australia	B11
Lend Lease	36	1.049	Australia	E41*
David Jones	37	1.033	Australia	F48
Brambles	38	0.994	Australia	G51*
Australian Gas Light Company	39	0.974	Australia	D36
Ampol Petroleum	40	0.959	Australia	C27*
Caltex	41	0.890	USA	C27*
Energy Resource Australia	42	0.884	Australia	B11
Amatil	43	0.878	Australia	C21-2
Fairfax	44	0.846	Australia	H56
General Motors-Holden's	45	0.844	USA	C32
Hooker (L.J.)	46	0.790	Australia	E41*
Mayne Nickless	47	0.787	Australia	G51*
Wormald	48	0.778	Australia	C33
Ford Australia	49	0.765	USA	C32
Westfield	50	0.764	Australia	E41*
Australian Airlines	51	0.752	Australia	G54

Burns Philp	52	0.751	Australia	F46-7*
Australian National Industries	53	0.750	Australia	C32-33
Alcan	54	0.741	USA	C29*
Tooth	55	0.726	Australia	A1
Howard Smith	56	0.709	Australia	B12*
Tubemakers	57	0.643	Australia	C31
IBM	58	0.608	USA	C33
Pechiney	59	0.590	France	C31*
Weeks Petroleum	60	0.585	Bermuda	B13
Thiess Dampier Mitsui	61	0.582	Australia	B12
Queensland Alumina	62	0.572	US/Can/Fr	B11
Nissan	63	0.558	Japan	C32
Commonwealth Industrial Gases	64	0.529	Australia	C27*
Bridge Oil	65	0.528	Australia	B13
Humes	66	0.525	Australia	C31*
Herald & Weekly Times	67	0.506	Australia	H56
Ashton Mining	68	0.489	Australia	B11
Petersville	69	0.481	Australia	C21-2
Esso Australia	70	0.475	USA	C27*
Leighton	71	0.463	Australia	E41*
Advertiser News	72	0.463	Australia	H56
Monier	73	0.428	Australia	C28*
Elders Resources	74	0.427	Australia	B11 *
South Australian Brewing	75	0.420	Australia	C21-2
Metal Manufacturers	76	0.401	Australia	C31*
Email	77	0.390	Australia	C33
Rothmans of Pall Mall (Australia)	78	0.389	UK	C21-2
Rheem	79	0.378	Australia	C33
Jennings	80	0.362	Australia	E41
Renison Gold Consolidated	81	0.358	Australia	B11*
AFL Holdings	82	0.354	UK	C27*
Unilever	83	0.347	Anglo/Dutch	C21-2
Amalgamated Wireless Australasia	84	0.345	Australia	C33*
Arnotts	85	0.337	Australia	C21-2
BTR Nylex	86	0.334	UK	C27*
Mitsubishi	87	0.321	Japan	C32
White Industries	88	0.309	Australia	B12*
Bundaberg	89	0.303	Australia	A1*
Moonie Oil (TMOG Resources)	90	0.303	Australia	C27*
Kodak Australia	91	0.302	USA	C33
Bunge	92	0.301	Argentina	C21-2
Gove Aluminium	93	0.298	Australia	B11
Queensland Press	94	0.292	Australia	H56
Kraft	95	0.292	USA	C21-2
Parry Corporation	96	0.291	Australia	E42 *
Thiess Toyota	97	0.284	Australia	C32
Southern Farmers	98	0.281	Australia	C29*
Clyde Industries	99	0.272	Australia	C33
Waltons-Bond	100	0.272	Australia	F48
Mean assets all companies		1.416		

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Company	Rank	Total assets (\$bn)	Where registered	ASIC subdivision * multiple
News Corporation	1	54.5	Australia	L91*
Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd	2	37.1	Australia	C29*
Telstra	3	26.5	Australia	H56
Conzinc Riotinto Australia	4	25.6	UK	B11
Qantas	5	10.4	Australia	G54
Coca-Cola Amatil	6	9.5	Australia	C21-2
Western Mining Corporation	7	8.6	Australia	B11
BTR Nylex	8	8.3	UK	C27
Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd	9	7.4	Australia	C28*
Ancor	10	7.2	Australia	C26*
Coles Myer	11	7.2	Australia	F48
Mount Isa Mines	12	6.5	Australia	B11
Shell	13	6.3	UK/Dutch	C27*
Boral	14	5.9	Australia	C25
Pacific Dunlop	15	5.3	Australia	C34
Foster's Brewing Group	16	4.4	Australia	C21-2
North Ltd	17	4.4	Australia	B11*
Ansett	18	4.1	Australia	G54
Cable & Wireless Optus	19	4.1	UK	H56
Woolworths	20	4.1	Australia	F48
Santos	21	4.0	Australia	C27*
Comalco	22	4.0	Australia	C29
Brambles	23	4.0	Australia	G51
Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd	24	3.7	Australia	H56*
Pioneer International	25	3.4	Australia	C28*
Woodside Petroleum	26	3.4	Australia	B13
Esso Australia Resources	27	3.4	USA	C27*
Mayne Nickless	28	3.1	Australia	K81
Southcorp	29	3.1	Australia	C21-2
Normandy Mining	30	3.1	Australia	B11
Australian Gas Light Company	31	3.0	Australia	D36*
Alcoa	32	3.0	USA	C29
Orica	33	3.0	UK	C27
British Petroleum Australia	34	2.8	UK	C27*
Mobil Oil Australia	35	2.6	USA	C27*
Goodman Fielder	36	2.5	Australia	C21-2
Pasminco	37	2.4	Australia	B11*
Wesfarmers	38	2.4	Australia	F46-7
Mobil Exploration	39	2.4	USA	B13
Burns Philp	40	2.2	Australia	C21-2
Seven Network	41	2.2	Australia	H56*
An Feng Kingstream Steel	42	2.2	Taiwan	C29
Queensland Press	43	2.2	Australia	C26
Boyne Smelters	44	2.1	Australia	C29
Fairfax	45	2.1	Australia	C26
Crown Casino	46	2.1	Australia	L91
James Hardie	47	2.0	Australia	C25*
Howard Smith	48	1.9	Australia	C32*
QNI	49	1.8	Australia	C29
Pratt Holdings	50	1.8	Australia	C25
Village Roadshow	51	1.8	Australia	L91

General Motors-Holden's	52	1.7	USA	C32
QCT Resources	53	1.7	Australia	B12
ANI	54	1.7	Australia	C29
Ford Australia	55	1.7	USA	C33
Leighton Holdings	56	1.6	Australia	E41
Email	57	1.5	Australia	C33
Toyota Motor Sales	58	1.5	Japan	F46-7
RGC	59	1.5	Australia	B11
Futuris	60	1.5	Australia	F46-7
Nestlé	61	1.5	Switzerland	C21-2
Foodland	62	1.4	Australia	C21-2
Ten Network Holdings	63	1.4	Australia	L91
BMW	64	1.3	Germany	F46-7
PMP	65	1.3	Australia	C26
P&O Steamship	66	1.3	UK	G53
Soul Pattinson	67	1.3	Australia	B11?
Mitsubishi	68	1.2	Japan	F46-7
Westfield	69	1.2	Australia	E41*
Smorgan Steel Group	70	1.2	Australia	C29
Dauids	71	1.2	Australia	F46-7
Vodafone Australia	72	1.1	UK	H56
F. H. Faulding	73	1.1	Australia	C27
Great Central Mines	74	1.1	Australia	B11
BOC Gases	75	1.0	UK	C27
Franklins	76	1.0	Australia	F48
Austrim	77	1.0	Australia	C31
Mitsui & Co	78	1.0	Japan	F46-7
Newcrest Mining	79	0.9	Australia	B11
Australian Newsprint	80	0.9	Australia	C26
Tabcorp	81	0.9	Australia	L91
McDonald's	82	0.9	USA	F48
David Jones	83	0.9	Australia	F48
Cadbury's	84	0.9	UK	C21-2
Savage Resources	85	0.9	Australia	B11
Weston (George) Foods	86	0.8	UK	C21-2
Philip Morris	87	0.8	USA	C21-2
Burswood	88	0.8	Australia	L91
Jupiters Ltd	89	0.8	Australia	L91
Capral Aluminium [Alcan]	90	0.8	Canada	C31
Tricon Restaurants	91	0.8	USA	F48
Hudson Conway	92	0.8	Australia	I61
Murray Goulburn Cooperative	93	0.8	Australia	C21-2
TAB	94	0.8	Australia	L91
Bonlac Foods	95	0.8	Australia	C21-2
Queensland Alumina	96	0.8	US/Can/Fr	C29
Unilever	97	0.7	Dutch	C21-2
Crane Group	98	0.7	Australia	C29
Heytesbury	99	0.7	Australia	E41
Amway Asia Pacific	100	0.7	Australia	F46-7
Mean assets all companies		4.4		

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