

Form 603Corporations Act 2001
Section 671B**Notice of initial substantial holder**To Company Name/Scheme Melbana Energy LimitedACN/ARSN 066 447 952**1. Details of substantial holder (1)**Name Cadence Asset Management Entities and Esselmont Pty Limited

ACN/ARSN (if applicable) _____

The holder became a substantial holder on 21/12 /2017**2. Details of voting power**

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
ORDINARY SHARES	120,612,082	120,612,082	7.24%

3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
Cadence Asset Management Entities	Portfolio of investments and, in respect of Cadence Asset Management Pty Limited, manages this portfolio and so has a relevant interest in these shares in their portfolio under section 608(1)(b) or (c) of the Corporations Act.	94,031,725
Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	Portfolio of investments	26,580,357

4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
Cadence Asset Management Entities	National Nominees Limited <DB A/C>	Cadence Asset Management Pty Limited as trustee for Cadence Capital Fund	808,551
Cadence Asset Management Entities	National Nominees Limited <DB A/C>	Cadence Capital Limited	93,223,174
Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	26,580,357

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
Cadence Asset Management Entities	17 th Aug 2017 to 21 st December 2017	\$1,083,182		94,031,725
Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	17 th Aug 2017 to 21 st December 2017	\$294,375		26,580,357

6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Cadence Asset Management Pty Limited	Level 11, 131 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Cadence Asset Management Pty Limited as trustee for Cadence Capital Fund	Level 11, 131 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Cadence Capital Limited	Level 11, 131 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Esselmont Pty Limited as trustee for The Esselmont Trust	PO Box H163, Australia Square, NSW, 1215

Signature

print name

Wayne Davies

capacity

Company Secretary

sign here



date

9/1/2018