Community update



Power station update

Decommissioning continues

Following the felling of the power station structure on 3 October, the removal of the remaining material is nearing completion.

More than more than 3,700 tonnes of mainly scrap steel has been recovered and removed from site.

Principal contractor Industrial Demolition Services is undertaking the activity in accordance with Victoria's Occupational Health and Safety Act requirements to ensure the safety of all onsite personnel and the community.

In addition, Alcoa has committed to ongoing air monitoring to provide reassurance to the community.



Reprofiling works have already begun on the redundant haul road.

The air monitoring is being undertaken by an independent occupational hygienist and will continue until the material recovery has concluded.

Asbestos monitoring has been ongoing since the first demolition activity on 30 May 2018.

No airborne asbestos fibres have been detected above the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 asbestos exposure standard.

Ongoing support for river management

Alcoa continues to support the Victorian Government's water management strategy through the provision of the water storage pond during the upcoming Summer period.

Mine reshaping

Major earthworks in the mine have now started following a pre-excavation survey of the area.

Principal contractor Mibus Bros is undertaking the approximate 12-month activity which focuses on reprofiling the west and south walls of the mine consistent with the proposed long-term draft Rehabilitation and Closure Plan, and ahead of planned future revegetation of these areas.

The work is occurring in line with the work plan variation approved by the Victorian Government's Department of Economic Development Jobs Transport and Resources earlier this year.

Fire prevention activities

Fire prevention continues to be a priority for Alcoa. Our strategy includes a range of initiatives aimed firstly at prevention and secondly to ensure we are well prepared in the unlikely event of a fire.

One important risk mitigation activity, completed in 2015, was to ensure all horizontal coal was covered with approximately one metre of overburden. Regular mine inspections are undertaken to ensure this is maintained.

Some of the other activities include the completion of a Trigger Action Response Plan, grass slashing on Alcoa's leasehold and freehold landholdings, and continued access to onsite water sources and equipment if required for fire control. Importantly, Alcoa regularly engages with the Country Fire Authority and the Victorian Government on fire prevention matters.

Regular inspections by WorkSafe and Department of Economic Development Jobs Transport and Resources Earth Resources Regulation continue to be undertaken, including the testing of all fire prevention processes in place.

A Fire Preparedness Audit was conducted on 17 December 2018, with results expected shortly. No significant issues were identified during the audit.



Alcoa supports a smooth transition for Anglesea Bike Park

In line with Alcoa's commitment to ensure a smooth transition to a new location for the Anglesea Bike Park, Alcoa has offered the Surf Coast Shire an 18-month lease extension, to June 2020, on the land currently hosting the park.

Alcoa's Anglesea Asset Manager Warren Sharp said extending the lease would provide the community certainty about the bike park in the near term and allow further time for consideration of the options for the park's future location.

"We understand the bike park is a highly valued community asset and want it to remain as an important part of Anglesea's social fabric long into the future," Mr Sharp said.

Alcoa is part of a working group with representatives from the Anglesea Bike Park Committee, Surf Coast Shire and the Victorian Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, that is reviewing recent analysis undertaken on possible alternate locations for the bike park, including on two other sites on Alcoa freehold land, together with the Anglesea Futures Land Use Framework Plan.

Alcoa and the Anglesea Bike Park have a long and successful history of partnership. In 2006 Alcoa supported the establishment of the bike park on Alcoa freehold land in Camp Road following the closure of the local BMX track. This included funding the design and construction of the mountain cross 4 X track.

Since then Alcoa has leased the one hectare of land to the Surf Coast Shire, at no cost, to host the bike park.



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