

## Closure, decommissioning and rehabilitation process

The planning for the rehabilitation and closure of the mine site, and the decommissioning and remediation of the power station, continues. The local Alcoa team, backed by the company's global project and asset management group is working within regulatory frameworks to restore the mine site and power station to a land use that is safe and stable for future generations.

Alcoa is developing a revised Mine Closure Plan for the mine, and a draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land. Consultation and engagement with the community and key stakeholders continues to be a priority in the development and approval process of these plans.

The revised Mine Closure Plan will be submitted to Earth Resources Regulation of the State Government's Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) for approval. Both plans will be considered during the strategic land use planning

scheduled to be undertaken by the Department of Land Water & Planning (DELWP).

It is expected that Alcoa will release the draft revised Mine Closure Plan early in 2017, and the draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land late in 2017, for community consultation.

## Environment, health and safety

The site's management team continues to place the highest emphasis on safety and the environment. Since the shutdown of operations in August 2015 there have been zero injuries and zero environmental non-compliances.

## Mine rehabilitation and closure

Alcoa has commenced the mine technical studies. These studies will provide critical information to inform the revised Mine Closure Plan. The range of assessments include geotechnical, hydrogeological (including geochemical); and revegetation (including cultural

heritage). A geotechnical drilling program has commenced which will provide key data for the technical assessments.

All major aspects of the assessments are subject to a comprehensive risk assessment process and will also be subject to independent peer technical review. Further details about the technical studies can be found on Alcoa's website.

The mine remediation and closure process is regulated by the Victorian Government's DEDJTR Earth Resources Regulations.

## Power station decommissioning and remediation

After much planning and preparation, the power station's decommissioning is expected to start in September and take 18 months to complete. This will commence with a further asbestos audit process providing a third level of verification of the locations of asbestos within the power station.

The scope of work consists of the safe removal, abatement and disposal of asbestos containing

materials and Synthetic Mineral Fiber insulation into the onsite landfill; and the decommissioning, removal and recycling of the power station structure and all associated equipment including the primary and secondary coal crushers, coal conveyors, cooling towers, water treatment plant, various maintenance and administration facilities, and the 108m concrete stack.

In anticipation of this decommissioning work commencing, the asbestos landfill preparation continues with surveying and pit verification underway. Power has been disconnected to the power station and the Alcoa and Security teams are now working from portables in front of the station.

Ash removal has commenced from Ash Pond No 1 with recovery of the material by both dredging and mechanical means and relocation to the mine in keeping with past practices.

The power station decommissioning and remediation process is consistent with the National Environment Protection Measure (Contaminated Sites) and is regulated by EPA Victoria through a Clean Up Notice.

## Guiding Principles for future land use

In March this year Alcoa launched a process to capture the community's views and aspirations for the future land use of the Anglesea site. More than 450 ideas were presented by the community at a range of events and on Alcoa's website.

Considerate of the feedback received, Alcoa has further developed the five draft guiding principles that will help inform the development of the revised Mine Closure Plan, and the draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land. The draft guiding principles are:

- Provide a safe and stable landform
- Support a diverse range of future uses and outcomes
- Complement the future of the Anglesea region
- Value and complement the natural environment
- Honour the various cultural and heritage values of the area

Each guiding principle has expanded sub-points that give more depth and meaning to each principle. These are available to review at <https://engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au/anglesea>.

The community is being asked to review the draft guiding principles and provide feedback to Alcoa by



Friday 26 August by contributing to the online forum or by emailing [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au). Alcoa will publish the finalised guiding principles in September.

## Community Consultation Network meetings

The Community Consultation Network (CCN) is open for all community members to participate in with meetings held bi-monthly. Since 2002 the Alcoa CCN meeting has been a forum to keep the community

informed of activities at the Anglesea Power Station and Mine and to receive input from the community. Updates are also provided from representatives from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), EPA Victoria, and Surf Coast Shire.

The most recent meeting was held on Monday 8 August. Thirty people attended, including representatives from Alcoa, community, and local and state government. The

meeting updated participants on the process and timeline for the site's decommissioning and remediation, and the ongoing community engagement process about the future of the Alcoa site.

The next CCN meeting will be held on Monday 10 October, 6pm-8pm at the Anglesea Senior Citizens Club in McMillan Street. To RSVP email [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au). A comprehensive summary of previous CCN meetings is available on the Alcoa website.

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