

As reported in previous editions of the Alcoa Community Update, Alcoa's planning for the rehabilitation and closure of the Anglesea mine site, and the decommissioning and remediation of the power station, is well underway. 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.

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 is preparing a revised Mine Closure Plan to outline the rehabilitation and closure process of the mine site. The revised Mine Closure Plan will outline how the mine facilities will be decommissioned and how the disturbed areas (mined areas, roads and mine infrastructure) will be remediated and returned to an agreed state. It is proposed that a lake be established in a section of the disturbed mine area.

A range of mine technical studies are being undertaken to provide critical information to inform the revised Mine Closure Plan, including geotechnical, hydrogeological (including geochemical); and revegetation (including cultural heritage). All major aspects of these assessments are subject to a comprehensive risk assessment process and will also be subject to independent peer technical review.

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.

It is expected that Alcoa will release the draft revised Mine Closure Plan early in 2017 for community consultation. A range of activities will be undertaken to ensure the community and key stakeholders can provide feedback on the draft plan, prior to its finalisation and submission to Government for approval.



Power station decommissioning and remediation

The power station's decommissioning is expected to start in January 2017 and will take approximately 18 months to complete. The decommissioning consists of the safe removal, abatement and disposal of asbestos containing materials and Synthetic Mineral Fibre insulation into the onsite landfill; and the decommissioning, removal and recycling of the power station structure and all associated equipment.

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.

Alcoa will prepare a draft Masterplan detailing the proposed future land uses for the power station freehold land which is expected to be released in late 2017 for community consultation.

Guiding Principles for future land use

In keeping with Alcoa's long term engagement with the Anglesea community, Alcoa has captured the community's views and aspirations for the future land use of the Anglesea site.

From March to September this year more than 2,300 interactions with the community produced over 500 feedback comments. This feedback was used to develop Guiding Principles which will help inform the development of the revised Mine

Closure Plan, and draft Masterplan for power station freehold land. The 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 engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au.

The next phase of community engagement will commence when the draft revised Mine Closure Plan is released.

Road Closure

Coalmine Road, between Messmate Track and Bald Hills Road, continues to be closed to the public. Emergency access is maintained.

Fire prevention activities

Fire prevention continues to be a fundamental consideration for Alcoa. We are proud that in our 47 years of operation we have not had any significant fire events.

Activities undertaken by Alcoa include the coverage of all horizontal coal in 2015, at least twice daily mine inspections, the completion of a Trigger Action Response Plan and continued access to onsite water sources and equipment for fire control.

Alcoa regularly engages with the

Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the state government on fire prevention matters. Monthly inspections by WorkSafe and DEDJTR Earth Resources Regulation are also undertaken, part of which includes the testing of all fire prevention processes in place.

Site access

The Alcoa site is an active work site. All visitors must report to the Alcoa Security Office on Camp Road. The onsite security team operates 24 hours, seven days a week and conducts regular patrols of the site. Video surveillance is also operational.

Community Consultation Network meetings

The Community Consultation Network (CCN) is open to all community members with meetings held bi-monthly in Anglesea.

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 next CCN meeting will be held on Monday 12 December, 6pm-8pm at the Anglesea Senior Citizens Club in McMillan Street. To RSVP email angleseaps@alcoa.com.au. A comprehensive summary of previous CCN meetings is available on the Alcoa website.

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