

Summer 2025

Alcoa Anglesea Update



As 2025 draws to a close, we reflect on the progress made throughout the year across our former mine and power station sites.

Below is an update on our 2025 focus areas.

Maintaining our track record

Most importantly our work on site continues to be completed safely, with no injuries recorded this year by our workforce and contractors. Of equal importance, no environmental non-compliances have been recorded and we continue to report regularly to the EPA.

As required by the Environmental Action Notice, six-monthly status reports were submitted to EPA Victoria in June and December 2025.

Completing the power station remediation

After undertaking a variety of remediation activities over many years under the oversight of an EPA-appointed auditor, we are pleased to report that we have finally completed environmental remediation works on the power station site, bringing an end to this important strategic activity.

Work continues on the last step of the process, to obtain the EPA-appointed auditor Site Audit Statement confirming satisfactory completion of works and suitability of the site for potential future land uses.

Delivering our mine maintenance and monitoring program

Our comprehensive mine maintenance and monitoring program plays a vital role in ensuring a safe, stable, and sustainable landform.

Activities throughout 2025 have included:

- Spreading of sterile kikuyu grass sprigs and hydromulch to approximately 7 hectares of the south and west lower slopes of the former mine area (pictured below), supporting our long-term erosion mitigation strategy, with grass shoot establishment observed within three weeks



- Bi-monthly geotechnical inspections, all of which have identified no significant issues
- Weed removal works - inspecting for noxious, exotic and invasive species such as Serrated Tussock, Sallow Wattle, Boneseed, Fescues, Great Brome, Clovers and Medics
- Surficial minor erosion repairs and lateral drain construction to minimise runoff erosion
- Trial planting of 1,000 native grass species *Ficinia nodosa* (Knobby Club Rush) tube stock in suitable locations within the grassland area

Finalising the mine water filling strategy

Commencing in May 2025, Southern Rural Water invited the community to share their thoughts on our formal groundwater licence amendment application, which was submitted to the regulator in July 2024.

This process included an opportunity for community members to share their views through a public comment period during June and July, a community information session and a public submission hearing in August which provided an opportunity for individuals to talk to their submission – including Alcoa and our expert hydrogeologist.

Alcoa recognises the high level of community and stakeholder interest, and we welcome the rigour involved in the regulatory process to help decision makers reach an informed decision that takes environmental, social, technical and cultural factors into consideration.

This application is a significant step towards achieving our rehabilitation objectives to return a safe and sustainable site that ensures long-term environmental and community outcomes for the Anglesea region.

Following the outcome of the application process (now expected early-2026), we will be in a position to deliver a final Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan, bringing us closer to returning the site to the community.

The current draft Plan, developed in consultation with the community, is viewable on our website. Following a decision on our groundwater licence amendment application, the Plan will be reviewed and finalised, inclusive of further community feedback.

Read more about the strategy and FAQs by visiting www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea/mine-water-filling-strategy.

Exploring land use opportunities

We continue to investigate options for Alcoa freehold land use in line with the Alcoa Freehold Master Plan, which included significant community feedback, and the Anglesea Futures Land Use Framework.

Involving the community

If you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, or would like a tour of the site, please do not hesitate to contact the team via angleseaps@alcoa.com.au.

To read more about our activities including previous updates, visit our website www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea.