

ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

APRIL 2018 MEETING SNAPSHOT

Meeting purpose: A CCN meeting was held on 16 April to provide an opportunity for CCN attendees to discuss the site's decommissioning and rehabilitation, the ongoing community engagement processes and the Concept Master Plan for the Alcoa freehold land.



Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 37 people attended, including representatives from community, local and state government, local authorities and Alcoa.

FIGURE 1

Environmental Health and Safety

Warren Sharp (Anglesea and Point Henry Site Asset Manager) welcomed 37 people to the meeting and reported that there had been four security incidents since the last meeting. There were no environmental non-compliances or injuries.

Mine Sump Water

The water level as at 1 April was sitting at 25.6 metres below sea level, just under 6% of the proposed eventual total volume. The pH of the mine sump was 3.7.

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

Dean Schmidt (Project Engineer) Dean explained that the collapse of the main boiler building is currently scheduled for early-mid May. A 400 metre exclusion zone around the structure will be in place for the demolition. Alcoa is developing a communications plan for these works and will notify nearby stakeholders and the broader community once the demolition date is confirmed. People will also be advised that there will be dust and noise associated with the demolition.

Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Update

Chris Rolland (Mine Rehabilitation Supervisor) advised that the Work Plan Variation (submitted to ERR late January) focusing on the south and west walls was approved in mid-March. Approval has been received from the Wadawurrung (Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation) on the Cultural Heritage Management Plan. To date the the Federal Department of Environment and Energy has given approval for proposed works except those on the south wall. This wall is subject to *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* considerations, and feedback is expected before the end of April.

Post meeting note: In April Alcoa received formal feedback from the Federal Department of the Environment and Energy regarding the south wall vegetation EPBC submission, confirming that it is deemed to be a non-controlled action under the EPBC Act. The area is still subject to state vegetation approvals.

The Fire Services Dam (Figure 2) has been prepared to receive topsoil/subsoil. Revegetation will occur due to existing seed in the topsoil.

Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Activity Update



Fire Service Dam



January 2018



April 2018

FIGURE 2

Anglesea River Update

Dr. Greg Woodward, Senior Manager Waterway Health, DELWP provided an update on issues regarding the future management of the Anglesea River. One aspect of Alcoa's Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan includes a proposal to redirect Salt Creek to its original course through the mine pit before joining the River further downstream. Whilst the proposal appears to be beneficial, several matters need to be considered and approvals gained prior to implementation.

Community Engagement

Draft Freehold Concept Master Plan

FIGURE 3

Warren presented a visual representation of the revised Freehold Concept Master Plan following the community consultation process (Figure 3). The principles and holistic intention of the plan have not changed from the draft version, however there have been a number of inclusions based on the recent feedback and some of the main changes include the icons now symbolise potential uses within precincts without identifying specific locations within each area and the chimney stack has been retained pending further investigation.

Community feedback was grouped into key themes. A desire to preserve the character of Anglesea was strongly and consistently expressed across all the project areas. The feedback covered the whole spectrum of views from total opposition to full support for all aspects, as well as everything in between. The residential housing proposal of the Plan and the future of the chimney stack returned mixed feedback. The revised Plan retains the residential housing component and the chimney stack, although the chimney stack will be subject to further investigation as to future uses. There was consistent feedback for retention of the bike park, either in its current location or in a suitable alternative location. There was general support for recreational uses and economic benefits.



Warren advised that both the Concept Master Plan and Community Engagement Report will be available via the Alcoa website from 17 April 2018. The Concept Master Plan can be found at <https://engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au/18030/documents/75446> whilst a community engagement report containing a summary of the feedback received during this phase of the process is available at <https://engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au/18030/documents/75447>.

A representative from the Anglesea Bike Park Committee thanked Alcoa for hosting the bike park for the last 12 years and DELWP and the Surf Coast Shire for their generosity in supporting an investigation to find alternate sites if the current location is lost. The petition to keep the bike park at the current site was signed by 5,500 people and the Bike Park Committee will work hard to retain it there.

It was suggested by a community member that 'net community benefit' should be the primary consideration when assessing competing community interests. Furthermore, a lot of ideas have costs to the community associated with them which also need to be considered in the assessment process.

Access to Information

A range of views was expressed throughout the meeting regarding transparency, openness and honesty in the provision of information to the community, particularly in relation to technical reports used in the preparation of the Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan, on-ground earthworks and community feedback on the Alcoa Freehold Master Plan and the DELWP Anglesea Futures Land Use plan. The diverse comments, issues and questions included the following:

- *Can the technical studies be made available to the community?*
- *Alcoa has a mindset that it will decide what and when information is released to the community – the implication of 'trust me, it will be ok'.*
- *Alcoa should make as much information available as possible to enable interested people to form a view about it and to enable the community to have confidence in the process.*
- *The outcomes from the community feedback processes on the Alcoa Freehold Master Plan and DELWP Land Use Plan are/ will be presented in the Final Plans but the community can't get any visibility on what the feedback was. The best evidence as to what the community wants is the feedback that was received and the community should be able to see the comments without contravening privacy laws.*
- *No project has ever been consulted on so extensively and the regular CCN meetings are open to everybody.*
- *Alcoa is a private corporation that has worked very well with the community for years. They are now working with the agencies that the community has voted in to represent their interests. Yet some community members seem to have an issue with trusting the government representatives to do the right thing.*
- *Thank you to DELWP and Alcoa for allowing the community to contribute in a respectful, cooperative and positive way to this point during this long journey. Community debate on this topic is now uncomfortable and divisive.*

In response, Warren advised that Alcoa hasn't determined whether it will make the technical reports available more broadly at this stage as it needs to get through the review process with the regulators first. The Rehabilitation and Closure Plan will be released in due course but not necessarily the technical reports that sit behind it. Alcoa is happy to answer any technical questions and will bring the technical consultants to CCN meetings if required. They participated in the consultation sessions in June 2017. Alcoa is breaking new ground at this site so there are intellectual property matters for both Alcoa and the technical consultants to consider if the technical reports are released. The technical work that is being undertaken is subject to approximately five levels of departmental and peer review and assessment and these review processes are happening regardless of whether the reports are released.

In terms of the community feedback on the Freehold Concept Master Plan, Alcoa won't provide the feedback from individuals for privacy reasons. However, a summary report will be made available on 17 April - <https://engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au/18030/documents/75447>. It does not contain all of the comments received on each issue, but does include a variety of representative comments on each.

Warren said that Alcoa certainly has to deliver to its stakeholders but this is not just measured in dollar terms. It also has to deliver on environmental, community, safety and social outcomes.

Agency Update

Jayden Woolley (CCMA) advised that the CCMA has worked with Barwon Water and DELWP to maintain the River level over 1.3m AHD over the summer period through the release of water from the leased storage pond on Alcoa land into the river as required. The water level is currently sitting at 1.4 AHD and there is approximately 30 megalitres remaining in storage.

Keith Baillie (Surf Coast Shire) advised that a report containing recommendations for the future of the Bike Park will be brought to the 22 May Council meeting. A report amending some components of Council's submission to both Alcoa's Freehold Concept Master Plan and DELWP's Anglesea Futures Land Use Plan will be brought to the 24 April Council meeting. The amendments relate to the local road network including Messmate Track and Coalmine Road.

Lisa Opray (DELWP) advised that DELWP has requested permission of the entities that provided submissions to the Anglesea Futures Land Use Plan e.g. BATA, ANGAIR, Alcoa, SCS etc. to make their submissions available in full on DELWP's website.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 June 2018, 6pm at the Senior Citizens Club, McMillan St, Anglesea
ALL WELCOME**

The purpose of this document is to give community and other stakeholders a summary of what took place at the CCN meeting on Monday 16 April. For a full account of discussions at the meeting, email angleseaps@alcoa.com.au requesting a copy of the minutes.

The CCN, established in 2001, provides advice and feedback on issues relevant to Alcoa and assists it to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the community. For further information about Alcoa and any of the topics in this snapshot, visit www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea