

ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

JUNE 2016 MEETING SNAPSHOT

Meeting purpose: A CCN meeting was held on 6 June to provide members with an update on the process and timeline for the site's future decommissioning and remediation and the ongoing community engagement process about the future of the Alcoa site.

Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 29 people attended, including representatives from Alcoa, community, local and state government.

Environment, Health & Safety

Warren Sharp (Anglesea Asset Manager, Alcoa) reported that there had not been any injuries or non-compliances since the last meeting. However, there had been four security incidents, including two of unauthorised entry, one of theft and one of attempted theft.

Fire Risk Mitigation

Warren reminded attendees about the current fire mitigation strategies and reassured attendees that these strategies will remain in place, even through the winter months.

Water

A concern was raised that there is currently a perception in the community that the mine pit will become a lake suitable for recreational uses. It was reiterated by Alcoa that, whilst there will be a body of water, its final quality is not yet known but this will be determined by the technical studies, which will then inform any future uses such as recreation. It was agreed that the fact that **the water body MAY not be suitable for recreational uses in the long term** needed to be clearly stated in future communications.

In its technical studies, Alcoa will model two potential outcomes – one of a captured stand-alone storage not connected to the Anglesea River, and the other of a connection to the River. This will enable a greater understanding of the future water quality and, therefore, possible uses of the water body. This work will also feed into that being undertaken by the Anglesea River Working Group and DELWP.

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation of the Mine and Power Station

Warren outlined activities completed or underway for the decommissioning and rehabilitation process. The commercial tenders for the power station decommissioning and for Ash Pond No 1 ash material removal are in progress. The asbestos landfill is being prepared including removal of surface vegetation. EPA auditor Daryl Strudwick has completed a site familiarisation visit. Alcoa has relocated some demountable buildings outside the main front gate for its security and administration functions and the scopes of work have been developed for the key mine technical studies.

Dean Schmidt (Project Engineer) outlined the power station decommissioning process. It is expected that the building removal will take 12-18 months.

In addition to the removal of materials containing asbestos, Alcoa has determined that all synthetic mineral fibre will be removed at the same time. This means that all of the boilers, pipes, ducts and insulation across the 7 storey building will be removed, recycling as much equipment as possible. It is likely that the 108m concrete stack will be removed by way of explosive demolition.

In response to a question regarding the retention of existing buildings for future community uses, Warren explained that this is unlikely as the power station and administration buildings are purpose-built, old and not readily adaptable.



Furthermore, Alcoa needs to meet its obligations under the EPA Clean Up Notice and can't undertake some of the environmental assessments until everything on the site has been removed.

Surf Coast Shire confirmed that it had met with the Historical Society whose members had previously shown interest in retaining existing buildings. The group is very keen to see some interpretation of past land uses and heritage aspects of the site however they have indicated they don't necessarily require an existing Alcoa structure.

In transporting heavy equipment offsite, meeting attendees requested that Alcoa provide the community with prior notification of heavy vehicle movement offsite.

In response to a question requesting an update on the freehold land parcels, Warren outlined that, whilst they are yet to have the discussions with the appropriate parties, Alcoa is considering extending the existing leases for both the bike park and the golf course for a further twelve months.

Chris Rolland (Mine Rehabilitation Supervisor) outlined the key outcomes of the three technical studies for the Mine: Hydrogeological, Geotechnical and Revegetation. Chris explained that each of the studies will inform the others. All major aspects are subject to a comprehensive risk assessment process, and subject to independent peer technical review. Meetings have been held with government agency stakeholders to review the extent of proposed technical scopes, and the future agency Mine Closure Plan assessment process. The context for these technical studies are in the slides below.

Context for the proposed Technical Studies – 1 of 2

To give the Technical Study context, the following provides a conceptual framework that will help inform and guide the required technical work. The Mine Closure Plan should:

- Be consistent with the key principles in the existing endorsed work plan
- Ensure that all landforms will be safe and sustainable in the long term
- Understand there will be a lake of some form, with the dimensions, quality, fill rates, etc. still to be determined
- Be consistent with the Guiding Principles (to be updated by stakeholder consultation) set out below:
 - Provide a safe and stable landform for future uses.
 - Value and complement the natural environment.
 - Support a diverse range of future uses and outcomes.
 - Honour the various cultural and heritage values of the area.
 - Complement the future of the Anglesea Region.
- Focus on landform for alternative use within the disturbed area (considerate of community feedback) rather than land use at this stage

Context for the proposed Technical Studies – 2 of 2

- Be considerate of revegetation strategy consistent with alternative use, not necessarily re-vegetation to original heath but sensitive to the surrounding natural environment and local indigenous species, and so as not to exacerbate fire risk into the future
- Include consideration of two options for the lake including connectivity to Salt Creek (inflow) and also to the Anglesea river (outflow), or as captured storage
- Include that Coal Mine Road access for emergency services (at least) is required in a similar location (doesn't have to be exactly the same) to current into the future, re-routing considerate of risk (if appropriate) could be considered
- Be considerate of long term management, monitoring and maintenance requirements
 - Target 'set and forget'
 - Transition from manage to monitor based on agreed closure criteria
 - Residual risk should be no worse than 'background' risk

Community Engagement

Kate Betts (Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor) provided an update on the community engagement process underway to help inform the Revised Mine Closure Plan, and Draft Master Plan for power station freehold land. Kate provided a summary of the feedback received to date and encouraged attendees to read the summaries online at <https://engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au/anglesea>.

Kate outlined that contributions (feedback and submissions) on the draft guiding principles are invited until 15 July. Alcoa will then revise the guiding principles based on the feedback received and put these to the community in August for further consideration. The 'shared guiding principles' will then be released in September. Kate thanked those who had contributed their ideas so far and encouraged everyone to continue to do so throughout the process.

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Agency Update

The EPA advised that the most recent quarterly report, as required under the current Clean Up Notice, is currently being reviewed by the EPA, after which a copy will be available at http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info_page/anglesea_news_reports.asp. A statewide review of landfill licences is underway, following which an updated licence for the Alcoa site will be prepared.

Surf Coast Shire advised that the Anglesea River Working Group meeting is set for early July. Based on past experience and May's rainfall, if ongoing rainfall is experienced, the River is likely to become more acidic.

DELWP advised that, given the timing of the federal election, the next Anglesea Futures meeting has been rescheduled from June to early July.



Next meeting: Monday 8 August 2016, 6pm at the Senior Citizens Club, McMillan St, Anglesea

The purpose of this document is to give community and other stakeholders a summary of what took place at the CCN meeting on Monday 6 June. 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, to assist it becoming more 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.