

# ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

## AUGUST 2015 MEETING SNAPSHOT

**Meeting purpose:** A CCN meeting was held on 10 August to update attendees on Alcoa's progress on the plans for the shutdown of the Anglesea power station and mine and an update on the process and timeline for the site's future decommissioning and rehabilitation.



### Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 39 people attended, including representatives from Alcoa, community, local and state government.

### Environment, Health & Safety

Warren Sharp (Anglesea Power Station Manager) reported a very pleasing result of no incidents, injuries, non-compliances or complaints since the last CCN meeting.

### Shutdown Planning

Warren provided an update on progress on the timeline for the technical shutdown of the plant. The 'removal of the emergency coal stockpile' and 'complete covering coal with overburden' tasks have been re-forecast to August 16 and August 28 respectively, primarily due to bad weather. Other key milestones remain unchanged.

Warren said that most of the employee support and transition activities have been undertaken and personal and family counselling will continue to be available for the remainder of the calendar year.

Warren showed a photograph of the mine taken 10 days before the meeting in which 21 hectares of coal had been covered with overburden. 26 of the 41 hectares have now been covered. This equates to about 10,000 truckloads [of overburden so far].

The work to date has been undertaken by Alcoa but, to assist in the achievement of the target date of August 28, external contractors have been brought in to assist.

### Future Fire Risk Mitigation

Covering the coal is one of several fire mitigation measures as outlined at the last CCN meeting. Alcoa will not leave the site on 31 August and will remain accountable for the management of issues post that date. Alcoa is working closely with CFA on ensuring that appropriate plans, infrastructure and procedures are in place in the unlikely event of fire.

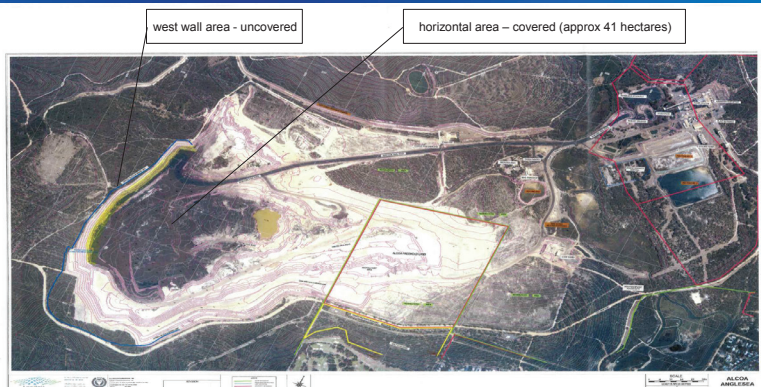
### Hazelwood Inquiry

Warren presented an update on the current Hazelwood Inquiry as it relates to the Anglesea site. He reminded attendees as to the terms of reference as it relates to

### Shutdown Planning Key Milestones

Key Activity	Target Date	
Closure Announcement	May 12, 2015	✓
Commence covering coal with overburden	May 28	✓
Commence people counselling, career transition, training, etc	May 12	✓
Complete people counselling, career transition, training, etc	July 31	✓
Complete station emergency coal stockpile removal	July 31 <small>Forecast August 16</small>	
Establish onsite 24/7 ongoing security	August 17	
Complete covering coal with overburden	August 20 <small>Forecast August 28</small>	
Cease coal mining and delivery activities	August 23	
Cease generation	August 25	
Complete SO2 station decommissioning and recovery	August 28	
Complete shutdown of auxiliary plant no longer required	August 28	
Complete making station safe for handover	August 31	
Handover to the Alcoa Asset Planning & Management group	August 31	

### Coal covering with overburden



Anglesea and stated that the process has been robust, judicial and appropriate. Chris Rolland (Mine Manager) and Warren appeared at the Public Hearing, representing Alcoa.

The Public Hearing for Hazelwood heard from an independent fire risk expert, Rod Incoll, who, in referring to the Anglesea site, stated that *"The analysis of fire risk on the mine site after 31 August 2015 has indicated that, at the worst case, a fire outbreak in coal or vegetation at the mine after shutdown is 'unlikely', and should an incident occur any risk of fire spread beyond the mine is insignificant."*

Mr Incoll has provided a number of recommendations that Alcoa is currently working through and Warren reported that Alcoa is very encouraged that it is on the right track.

All information and transcripts of the public hearings together with the final report, due for release on 31 August, are available on the Hazelwood Inquiry website [www.hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au](http://www.hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au).

## Closure, Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

The draft timeline for the mine closure and rehabilitation was presented, consistent with the endorsed Mine Plan which has been available on [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea) since last meeting. Warren reiterated that community engagement is a key part of the process.

Alcoa's recently announced organisational structure for the Anglesea site shows that Warren will manage both the Point Henry and Anglesea sites sharing his time between the two locations. Three staff will be based at Anglesea. Chris Rolland and Bryce Hutton, well known to CCN members in their current roles at the mine and power station respectively, will stay on in new roles. They will be joined by Dean Schmidt in the Project Engineer role. These staff will be supported by the rest of the Asset Planning and Management team. The Community Engagement role will continue to be provided by Kate Betts.

## Community Conversation Series

Helen Vaughan, Regional Director DELWP, explained that DELWP and Surf Coast Shire are working together to provide a forum for the community to talk about options for future use of the site called Community Conversations. It is very much a listening space to hear the ideas of the community. The first one is scheduled for 19 August at 5.30pm and will be facilitated by Rusty Brown.

There will be a number of sessions over a long timeframe to ensure the broadest level of community interest possible. DELWP and Surf Coast Shire will provide an update at the next CCN Meeting on the Community Conversations timeframes.

A CCN participant asked whether the State Government commitment to add the leasehold land to the Otway National Park differentiates between the mine site leasehold land and the majority of the Anglesea Heath which is undisturbed native bush. Helen explained that the community conversations are about the whole area and what the community would like to see happen there so it is very much an open discussion at the stage.

CCN members suggested that communication around this issue will need to be clear in that, if it is going to be National Park, a lot of ideas that the community may have for the disturbed mine site area may be incompatible with National Park. Participants suggested that DELWP provides clear understanding around some of the boundaries and certainties (ie things that are/aren't possible etc) in order to avoid wasting people's time and causing frustration.

## Anglesea River

In line with a commitment to the state government, Alcoa will maintain the water flows from the Alcoa site into the Anglesea River for the coming summer. This will allow sufficient time for the government and the community to understand and work through the issues associated with the River's long term future. Alcoa is implementing the required changes to the existing infrastructure and engaging a contractor to operate and maintain the process, in conjunction with Alcoa supervision.

Rowan Mackenzie, (Manager Environment & Community Safety, Surf Coast Shire Council) explained that the Anglesea River Working Group is a mix of community and government agencies that have interests or roles in relation to the Anglesea River. This Group exists to build community understanding of the science of the River and discuss what is possible in terms of future management. It will be important for members of this Group to be part of the community conversations.



**Next meeting: Monday 12 October 2015, 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 10 August. For a full account of discussions at the meeting, email [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto: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 visit [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea)