



PHASE ONE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

MARCH 2016 – JULY 2016

A summary report: What the community told Alcoa about the future of the Anglesea site.

INTRODUCTION

After 46 years of operation, Alcoa's Anglesea Power Station and Coal Mine was permanently shut down in August 2015. The planning for the remediation and closure of the mine site, and the decommissioning and remediation of the power station, has begun.

A local Alcoa team, backed by the company's global project and asset management group with expertise in environmental remediation, facility decommissioning and project management, is working within regulatory frameworks to restore the power station and mine site to a land use that is safe and stable for future generations.

Alcoa is developing a Revised Mine Closure Plan to outline the rehabilitation and closure process of the mine site.

In addition, Alcoa will develop a draft Master Plan detailing the proposed future use of the power station freehold land.

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. Both plans will be considered during the strategic land use planning scheduled to be undertaken by Department of Land Water & Planning (DELWP) in 2017.

Consultation and engagement with the community and key stakeholders is a priority in the development and approval process of the Revised Mine Closure Plan, and draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.



ALCOA'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In March 2016, Alcoa of Australia launched a process to capture the community's views and aspirations for the future land use of the Anglesea site that will help support the development of the Revised Mine Closure Plan, and draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.

During Phase One, undertaken between March 2016 and July 2016, participants learnt more about the decommissioning and remediation process currently underway and were asked to contribute their ideas and views for the future use of the site.

To kick start this process, in collaboration with the Alcoa Community Consultation Network (CCN), Anglesea Futures, the Victorian Government and Surf Coast Shire, Alcoa developed five draft Guiding Principles to form the basis of the 'Building the Shared Vision' conversation with the community.

A range of activities were undertaken during Phase One including community workshops, listening posts, CCN meetings as well as an online engagement platform. More than 470 ideas and comments were received.

This report summarises the feedback received in Phase One and presents expanded Guiding Principles for the community to further consider.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES



SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF FUTURE USES AND OUTCOMES



COMPLEMENT THE FUTURE OF THE ANGLESEA REGION



VALUE AND COMPLEMENT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE LANDFORM FOR FUTURE USE



HONOUR THE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES OF THE AREA

PHASE ONE: SNAPSHOT OF ENGAGEMENT

Face to face engagement



2
Community Listening Posts

245 - 345
Participants (approx)



2
Community Workshops

27
Participants



2
CCN Meetings

70
Participants

Online engagement



1,229
Visitors to project website



185
Registered participants on project website



230
Ideas contributed to online brainstorm and discussion forums



9
Email submissions

Print communication and media articles



FACT SHEETS AND POSTCARDS
Distributed at Launch, CCN Meetings, Listening Posts and Community Workshops



ADVERTISEMENTS
Advertisements for community workshops in the Surf Coast Times, Echo, Newsangle and Otway Life



NEWS ARTICLES
ABC TV
Surf Coast Times
Echo



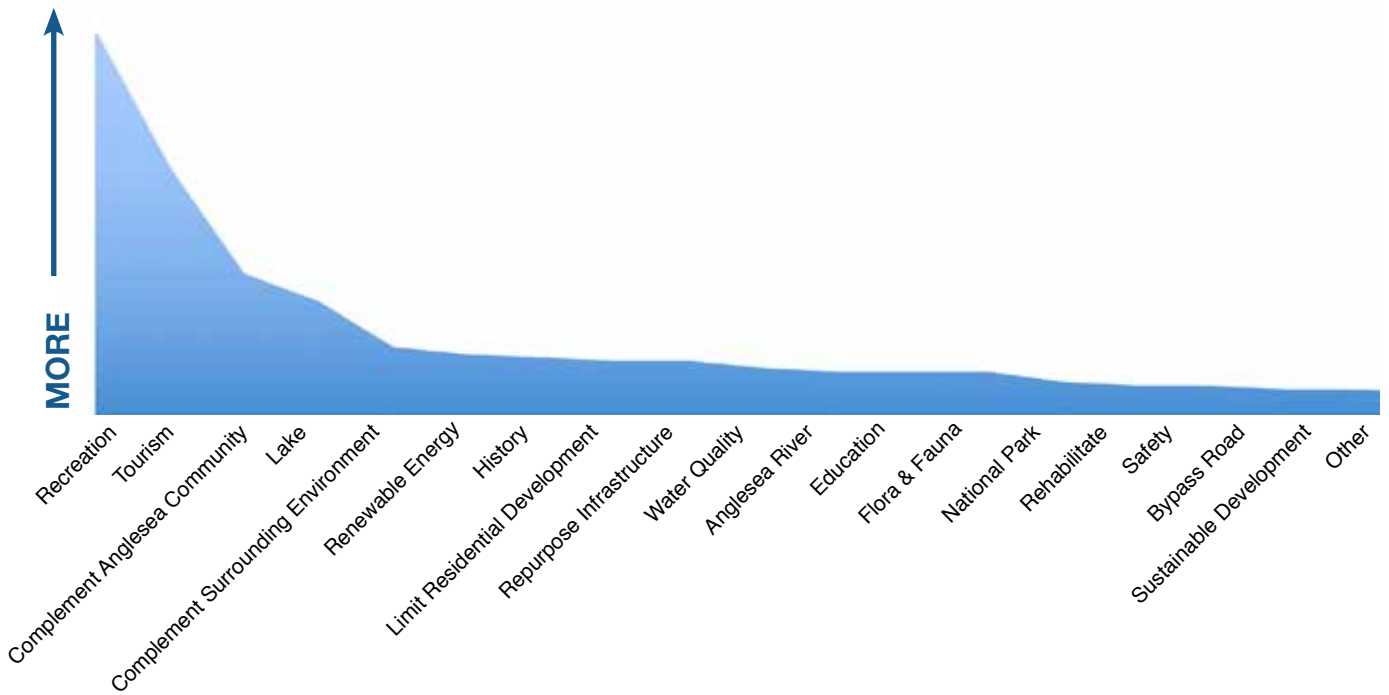
1,571 +
Engagement interactions with the community



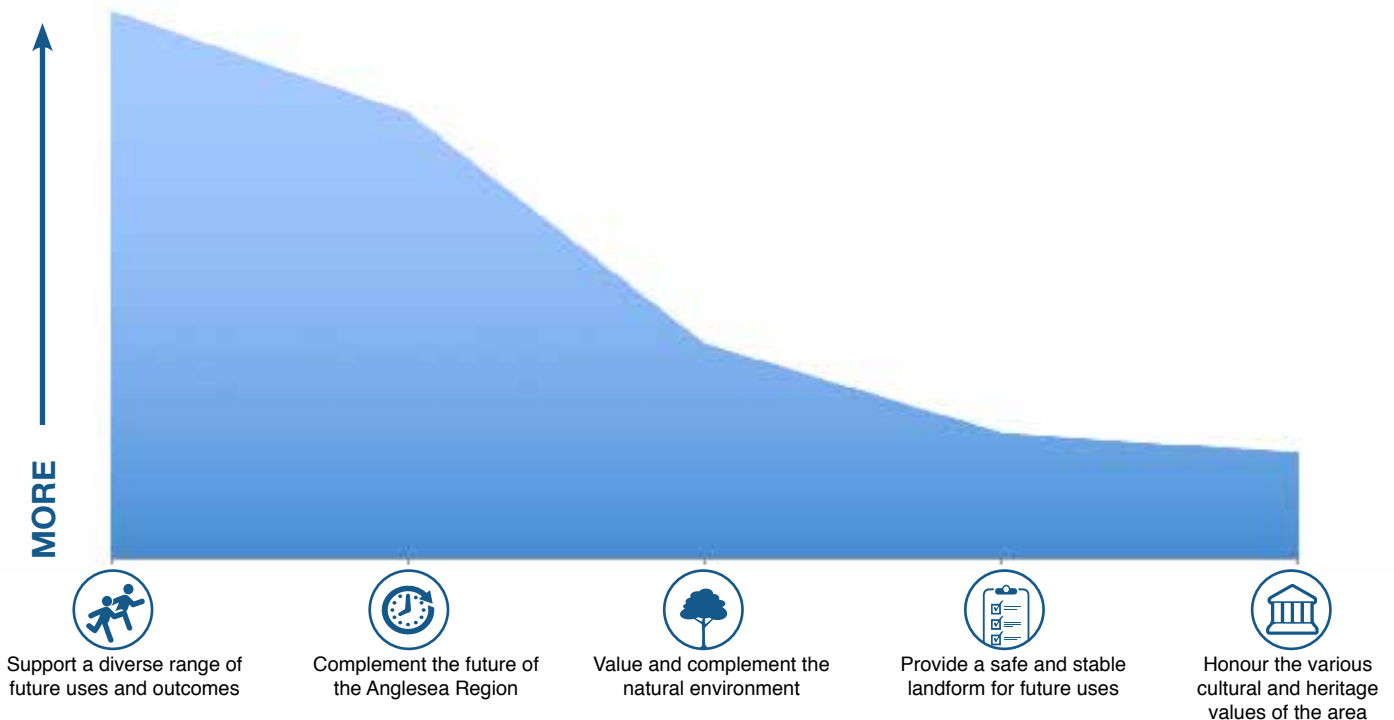
473
Total amount of feedback comments recorded

PHASE ONE: OVERVIEW OF FEEDBACK

Feedback received was categorised in two ways. Initial sorting saw the feedback classified into key themes to demonstrate the topics of importance to the community.



Feedback was then assigned to the most relevant draft Guiding Principles to test their relevance as key considerations in determining the future use of the site, and to determine if there should be additional Guiding Principles. During the community engagement process, Alcoa highlighted its commitment and regulatory obligation to ensure the site’s remediation process will deliver a safe and stable landform.



PHASE ONE: FEEDBACK SNAPSHOT

There were a number of themes that appeared across more than one draft Guiding Principle. “Lake” for example, was strongly represented in both “Support a Diverse Range of Future uses and Outcomes” and “Value and Complement the Natural Environment”. The allocation into the Guiding Principle was determined by the context of the suggestion.

1. SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF FUTURE USES AND OUTCOMES

A landform that supports a diverse range of uses was widely accepted as an important principle. The broad range of suggestions largely centred on harnessing and complementing the surrounding environment. Recreation was the central focus and ideas included creating trails for bike riding, hiking and camping; creating a lake to be used for activities such as boating and swimming (dependent on water quality); and the integration of tourism activities and facilities to capitalise on the site’s environmental attributes. There was a distinction made by many participants that any future active recreational activities should occur in the disturbed areas of the site.



2. COMPLEMENT THE FUTURE OF THE ANGLESEA REGION

Many participants expressed the need for future land uses to build upon the existing strengths, assets and lifestyle of the Anglesea community. Participants advocated for positive future land use that maintains the town’s atmosphere and supported economic growth. Ideas centred on adventure-tourism, eco-tourism, recreational and educational activities. There was a key focus on accessibility for the community and visitors, with activities that link to those already on offer in Anglesea. Participants were conscious of linking in with Local and State strategic planning for the region. Some participants expressed the need to avoid intensive development, and some suggested renewable energy as a future industry on the site.

3. VALUE AND COMPLEMENT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Participants strongly supported this guiding principle, and many recognised Alcoa’s commitment to undertake the rehabilitation process. Participants wanted the future uses of the site to incorporate and take advantage of its natural surrounds, unique flora and fauna and open spaces, and showed support for the incorporation of the leased area into the Great Otway National Park. There was also encouragement for Alcoa to consider the impact of any mine rehabilitation strategy on the Anglesea River.

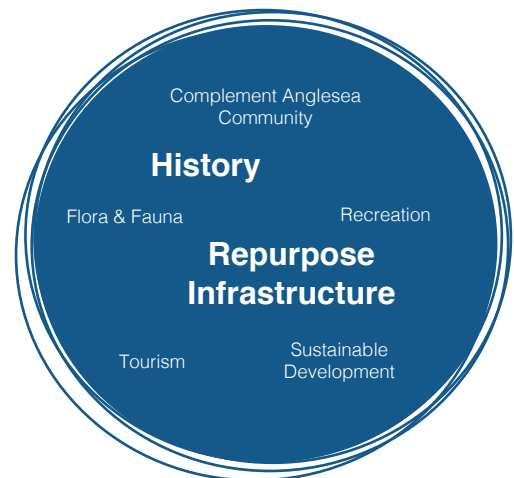


4. PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE LANDFORM FOR FUTURE USE

It was agreed that a safe and stable landform would underpin the ‘art of the possible’ for future land uses and there is keen interest to understand the technical work being undertaken by Alcoa. Other key focus areas included the protection of the community’s health and safety; ensuring adequate fire safety measures remain in place (including a water source and fire break to town); ensuring the water quality in the proposed lake is suitable for the proposed end uses; and that the landform is stable, particularly the steepness of mine walls. There was also interest in developing an alternate exit from Anglesea (bypass road), primarily for fire safety reasons.

5. HONOUR THE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES OF THE AREA

Participants indicated that future land uses should recognise the social, environmental, indigenous and mining histories of the site and of the wider Anglesea community. Suggestions included creating a building for historical interpretation, a bush trail network, an education or tourism centre or a national park. Some participants advocated that some of the existing buildings could be retained for restoration or reuse.



EXPANDED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Considerate of the feedback received during Phase One Community Engagement, Alcoa has expanded the draft Guiding Principles, which will help to inform the development of the Revised Mine Closure Plan, and the draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.



SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF FUTURE USES AND OUTCOMES

- Facilitate a range of recreational options
- Consider tourism opportunities
- Ensure the appropriate integration of a lake



PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE LANDFORM FOR FUTURE USE

- Ensure long term land stability
- Ensure the fire risk to Anglesea is not increased
- Long term lake water quality to meet or exceed adjacent water sources



COMPLEMENT THE FUTURE OF THE ANGLESEA REGION

- Build upon the strengths of the Anglesea community and lifestyle
- Be consistent with local and regional planning processes
- Support sustainable economic outcomes



HONOUR THE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES OF THE AREA

- Respect the indigenous, environmental, social and industrial history of the site
- Consider re-purposing site infrastructure



VALUE AND COMPLEMENT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Integrate the site's environmental attributes to facilitate future uses
- Consider and complement the sustainability of the Anglesea River
- Rehabilitation to complement surrounding flora and fauna

NEXT STEPS: PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE EXPANDED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Alcoa is now providing opportunities for the community and key stakeholders to consider and deliver feedback on the expanded Guiding Principles.

Join the conversation on Alcoa's online engagement portal engage-anglesea.alcoa.com.au

or

Provide feedback to Alcoa on angleseaps@alcoa.com.au

Phase Two closes on Friday 26 August 2016.

ALCOA'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Development of Draft Guiding Principles

Phase One - Completed

March to July 2016

Alcoa sought the community's visions for the site and feedback on the draft guiding principles.

Feedback on Expanded Guiding Principles

Phase Two - Underway

August 2016

Alcoa is seeking further community feedback prior to publishing the final Guiding Principles.

Final Guiding Principles Published

September 2016

Development of Plans

October 2016 onwards

Alcoa will develop the draft Revised Mine Closure Plan and draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land, considerate of the Guiding Principles.

Review of Draft Revised Mine Closure Plan

Early 2017

Alcoa will seek community feedback on the draft Revised Mine Closure Plan.

Review of Draft Master Plan for Power Station freehold land

Late 2017

Alcoa will seek community feedback on the draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.

Thank you to the participants who have shared their ideas with Alcoa.

Detailed summaries from all Phase One activities including Listening Posts, Online feedback and Workshops can be viewed on the Alcoa website.

Community feedback on the Guiding Principles is open until Friday 26 August 2016.

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