

# Community update

## Anglesea



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## Power Station decommissioning, remediation and future land planning

**The decommissioning of the power station commenced earlier this year and will take approximately 18 months to complete. The process is consistent with the National Environment Protection Measure (Contaminated Sites) and is regulated by EPA Victoria through a Clean Up Notice.**

The decommissioning consists of the safe removal, abatement and disposal of asbestos containing materials and synthetic mineral fibre insulation into the onsite landfill; and the decommissioning, removal and recycling of the power station structure and all associated equipment.

Recent activities have included the removal of the cooling tower, workshops, tanks, water treatment plant and crushers. Asbestos is still being removed from the 7-storey power station, expected to be complete by the end of 2017, after which the building and the chimney will be demolished.

The preliminary environmental site assessment, subject to the EPA Victoria Clean Up Notice, is underway and will establish detailed requirements for further environmental sampling and assessment. Much of the detailed work can only commence after decommissioning of the power station.

It is expected that a concept master plan for Alcoa's freehold land, inclusive of land at the power station and other freehold parcels, will be released for community feedback in December.

## Alcoa to remove Anglesea - Point Henry transmission line

**The Alcoa of Australia Limited owned transmission line assets connecting the company's former Point Henry and Anglesea operations will be removed as part of the decommissioning of the two sites.**

The removal is planned to commence in 2018 and will take approximately two to three years to complete. Powercor will continue to use a section of the transmission line between Forest Road and Anglesea Road as part of its network for power supply to residents in Anglesea and Lorne until September 2019.

This decision follows detailed discussions between Alcoa and the Victorian Government, relevant authorities and power companies about the future of the transmission line and associated easements.

All transmission towers, conductor line and concrete footings along the transmission line will be removed in consultation with affected property owners and in accordance with applicable regulations.

Alcoa will ensure that the appropriate safety inspections and maintenance continues until the transmission line assets are removed. The company is committed to communication and consultation with affected property owners and the broader community as the project progresses. Last week the company wrote to property owners with the transmission line crossing their property advising of the removal.

The transmission line was an integral part of Alcoa's operations for more than 45 years, enabling power generated at Alcoa's Anglesea Power Station to be utilised by the Point Henry smelter. The Point Henry smelter closed in 2014, and the Anglesea Power Station closed in 2015.



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## Alcoa submits draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan

**After significant planning, technical assessments and broad community consultation, Alcoa has now submitted a draft Mine Rehabilitation & Closure Plan to the Victorian Government.**

The plan details the rehabilitation and future land form of the area disturbed by mining which is predominantly leased land. Features include a large water body, extensive rehabilitated areas, and proposed areas, including access, for future alternative uses.

The plan is underpinned by key geotechnical, hydrological/hydrogeochemical and vegetation technical studies undertaken by experienced consultants and independently peer reviewed where appropriate, and also considers the five guiding principles developed during Alcoa's broad community consultation in 2016 reflecting the community's aspirations for the site:

- Provides a safe and stable landform for future uses
- Values and complements the natural environment
- Supports a diverse range of future uses and outcomes
- Honours the various cultural and heritage values of the area
- Complements the future of the Anglesea Region

It is envisaged rehabilitation will be managed by Alcoa over approximately the next ten years.

In June 2017 Alcoa undertook community consultation to seek feedback on the plan. More than 150 people attended open house sessions and over 700 people participated online.

The draft plan has been submitted to the Earth Resources Regulation of the State Government's Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).