

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Progress at Point Henry: Landfill consolidation and closure project

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#### 1. What is Alcoa proposing?

Detailed remediation action planning is now underway at Alcoa's Point Henry site. Alcoa is proposing a landfill consolidation and closure project that marks a key step in transitioning Point Henry into a valuable community asset for current and future generations.

In November, Alcoa will submit a Planning Permit Application to the City of Greater Geelong (COGG) and Works Approval Application to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) seeking approval for the proposed works.

#### 2. What does the project involve?

The proposed project will consolidate two of the existing landfill sites, reducing the total from three to two on Alcoa's freehold land at Point Henry. To achieve this, Alcoa will:

- Construct two new best practice containment cells at the existing Moolap Landfill site;
- Relocate existing CPL Landfill contents to the new containment cells;
- Relocate waste material that cannot be re-used or recycled from the industrial site to the new containment cells at the Moolap Landfill; and
- Rehabilitate the former CPL Landfill site then cap and close the Moolap Landfill.

#### 3. Why is this happening?

The proposed landfill consolidation and closure project marks a key step in transitioning Point Henry into a valuable community asset with multiple land uses for current and future generations to benefit from.

#### 4. How will it benefit the community?

- A key step in transitioning Point Henry into a valuable community asset for current and future generations;
- Maximises the future beneficial land use for the community;
- Reduces long-term number of landfills from three to two;
- Reduces the long-term environmental risks; and
- Avoids need for transport of waste materials through Geelong. Alcoa has engaged a team with expertise in urban planning and landfill design and environmental management to help implement the project.

#### 5. How will it impact the community and the environment?

Alcoa has engaged a project team with expertise in urban planning, landfill consolidation management and environmental management to put key controls in place to minimise disruption to the local community and the environment.

#### 6. How will the project be managed to limit impact to the community?

Alcoa has engaged a team with expertise in urban planning and landfill design and environmental management to help implement the project.

Minimal community impact is expected during the proposed activities due to them being on Alcoa freehold land (except a short transport route on Point Henry Road), localised in nature, and only having a short operating period of approximately 12 months.

### 7. When will this be happening?

Alcoa has outlined an anticipated timeline of activity (to right) to provide an indication of key project milestones that will depend on securing the regulatory approvals to proceed.

### 8. How is Alcoa engaging with the community about its proposed plans?

Alcoa is conducting broad engagement activities to inform the community about its proposed plans and to understand and respond to their views.

This includes hosting drop-in sessions, letter drops, advertising in the papers, and an online project site with feedback surveys and stakeholder briefings.

With a long and proud history of consultation and engagement, Alcoa will also continue to maintain its well-established and regular Community Advisory Board meetings to consult with community members about the Point Henry site.

### 9. How can the community provide feedback?

Alcoa invites the community to submit feedback in the following ways:

- *Drop-in sessions:* Find out more about the drop-in sessions [here](#).
- *Feedback form:* Fill out form [here](#).
- *Visit:* [www.alcoa.com.au/pointhentry](http://www.alcoa.com.au/pointhentry)
- *Email:* [point.henry@alcoa.com.au](mailto:point.henry@alcoa.com.au)
- *Call:* 03 5521 5441
- *Write to:* Alcoa, PO Box 460, Geelong VIC 3220

### 10. What is the history of Alcoa's Point Henry?

Alcoa's industrial operations at Point Henry began in 1963 and came to an end when the smelter and rolling mill were closed in 2014.

Underpinned by a strong commitment to health, safety and environmental management, Alcoa has been undertaking physical decommissioning, environmental assessment, and future land use planning since this time.

Alcoa will recycle or reuse more than 450,000 tonnes of materials from the site to align with EPA Victoria's waste management hierarchy and Alcoa's long-term approach to waste management. With decommissioning and environmental assessment nearing completion, detailed rehabilitation action planning is now underway.

The proposed project enables Progress at Point Henry as a key step in an integrated approach that will transition the site into a valued community asset providing significant social, environmental and economic benefits to the region for current and future generations.

