

Media Release

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Alcoa transmission line removal to commence in October

An 18-month project to remove the transmission line connecting Alcoa of Australia's former Anglesea power station and Point Henry smelter will commence in Armstrong Creek this month.

Alcoa has appointed **Beon Energy Solutions** to manage and implement all works associated with the removal of all towers, conductor line and concrete footings along the 40-kilometre transmission line.

Alcoa Point Henry & Anglesea Asset Manager Warren Sharp said that he had written to property owners confirming the removal project would commence this month.

"The work will be undertaken by Beon Energy Solutions over 18 months, starting with the assets in the Armstrong Creek precinct," Mr Sharp said.

"The work will be completed in consultation with affected property owners and in accordance with applicable regulations.

"Safety is the highest priority during the removal of the assets and Alcoa's easements will need to remain in place for the duration of the project to enable continued safe access."

Beon Energy Solutions Project Manager Justin Carey said the removal project would be divided into five different stages with communication and community engagement a priority.

"The first stage will commence this month in Armstrong Creek and we are in the process of contacting affected property owners," Mr Carey said.

"We will work hard to ensure that any potential impacts to property access and traffic flow are minimised."

The current schedule for the decommissioning and removal processes, subject to weather and required permit approvals is:

Stage	Location	Decommissioning	
		Start	Finish
1	Armstrong Creek	October 2018	January 2019
2	Barwon River / East Geelong	November 2018	March 2019
3	East Geelong/Point Henry	January 2019	June 2019
4	Mt.Duneed / Freshwater Creek	April 2019	November 2019
5	Freshwater Creek/Anglesea	November 2019	February 2020

For enquiries about the removal project, Beon Energy Solutions has set up a dedicated email address - infoalcoa@beon-es.com.au.

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Background

In November 2017, Alcoa announced that its transmission line assets connecting the company's former Point Henry and Anglesea operations would be removed. The works are part of the decommissioning of the two sites.

The decision to remove the transmission line assets followed detailed discussions between Alcoa and the Victorian Government, relevant authorities and power companies.

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

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