# Alcoa Anglesea Environmental Action Notice Status Report



#### 1. Introduction

- Alcoa's objective for the Anglesea Power Station is to complete the environmental site remediation works
  consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Measure 1999 (Assessment of
  Site Contamination) (as amended 2013) (NEPM) and the final end land use strategy.
- Alcoa will ensure compliance to the requirements of the Environmental Action Notice EAN-00003349 (Notice) as issued to the location by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) on 7 September 2022. The Notice requires the submission of six monthly reports updating EPA on how the clean up and ongoing management of the premises has been or is likely to be achieved to comply with the notice requirements. In the event of identifying any imminent risk to human health or the environment, Alcoa must notify EPA and advise what measures have been put in place to respond to such risks.

#### 2. Environmental Performance

No environmental non-compliance incidents recorded during the period.

#### 3. Identified Imminent Risks

No imminent risks to human health or the environment identified during the period.

#### 4. Recent Activities

- Since the completion of the environmental site assessment in 2021, works were completed earlier in 2022 to further delineate the identified remediation areas. This work provided Alcoa with a better understanding of the volumes of impacted soils requiring recovery and facilitated the development of the remediation scope of work for the engagement of a remediation contractor. Options for the soils post recovery are now being reviewed to determine whether onsite remediation and reuse or offsite treatment and/ or disposal is required.
- Alcoa's environmental consultants developed the draft Power Station Remediation Action Plan (RAP).
   The draft RAP is currently being reviewed by Alcoa before being submitted to the Auditor for review and verification, consistent with the requirements set out in the Environmental Action Notice.
- The Acid Sulfate Soils Management Plan for the Power Station site remediation works was developed and reviewed by the EPA appointed Auditor.
- The 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Event (GME) onsite sampling was completed in November.
- The installation of a replacement groundwater monitoring well and decommissioning of an existing nonfunctional monitoring well was completed, as licenced by Southern Rural Water for construction and decommissioning.
- Since receiving approval from EPA on the Asbestos Landfill cap design, a contractor has been engaged
  to construct the cap and site mobilisation has commenced. This process is overseen by the EPA
  Appointed Auditor for the landfill; the cap design was previously reviewed and verified by the Auditor.

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### 5. Planned Activities (1 December 2022 – 31 May 2023)

- The Power Station RAP will be submitted to the EPA Appointed Auditor for review. Once the review
  process is complete and Auditor verification achieved, the RAP will be submitted to EPA consistent with
  the requirements of the Notice.
- Alcoa will appoint a contractor for the onsite remediation works and commence remediation works consistent with the Power Station RAP.
- Capping works on the Asbestos Landfill will commence and is expected to reach practical completion in the first half of 2023.
- The 2022 GME reports are expected to be received from Alcoa's environmental consultant for groundwater monitoring.
- The third-party usage of Alcoa's onsite Water Storage Pond #2 to support the Anglesea River will continue with Barwon Water.

## 6. Community Engagement

- During the period Alcoa continued to engage with the community and key stakeholders about the site's remediation activities.
- Regular groundwater pumping test updates were emailed to Alcoa's community database (1,100+ people) and published on the <u>Alcoa website</u>.
- Community Updates were published in 'Newsangle' the Anglesea Community House's quarterly
  newsletter which is distributed to the Anglesea community, and also published on the Alcoa website.
- Alcoa continued to brief Government agencies on the status of onsite activities.
- A copy of this report will be published on the <u>Alcoa website</u>.

#### 7. Contact

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