

# ALCOA ANGLESEA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

## AUGUST 2018 MEETING SNAPSHOT

**Meeting purpose:** A CCN meeting was held on 13 August to provide an opportunity for CCN attendees to discuss the site's decommissioning and rehabilitation and the ongoing community engagement processes.



### Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 54 people attended, including representatives from community, local and state government, local authorities and Alcoa.

Tribute was paid to a long serving and highly respected community member, Helen Tutt, who passed away recently. Her contribution to the Anglesea community more broadly but also specifically to the CCN over many years was acknowledged as was her passion, commitment and knowledge. She will leave a lasting legacy in the community.

FIGURE 1

*Helen Tutt and The Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, Environment, Climate Change and Suburban Development at the handback of the Anglesea Heath to the Great Otway National Park announcement February 2017*

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## Power Station Demolition

**Warren Sharp** (Anglesea and Point Henry Site Asset Manager) reiterated Alcoa's disappointment at the failed power station demolition attempt on Wednesday 30 May.

Investigations have been undertaken to determine why the demolition failed and several possible contributing factors have been identified including the amount of pre-weakening that was undertaken, the angle of the linear charge cuts, the spring effect of the suspended boiler, the size and type of charges as well as the timing between the linear and kicking charges. The methodology to demolish the remaining structure will need to address all of these factors to ensure success. It is likely that the preferred option will include explosives. A Blast Management Plan will be provided to WorkSafe Victoria prior to the works commencing.

Alcoa is hopeful that the demolition will be late September or October, depending on finalisation and approval of the methodology.

To keep the community informed, Alcoa issues weekly 'Community Updates' through the media, emails and Alcoa website.

Asbestos monitoring continues following the demolition attempt on 30 May and all results have been below the regulated acceptable limit of 0.1 fibres per millilitre (f/ml). Alcoa has adopted a more conservative trigger level of 0.01f/ml (10 times less than the standard) for all its asbestos monitoring. The monitoring pumps run 24 hours per day at 5 locations. Since the June CCN meeting, 1 fibre of asbestos has been found on 5 occasions (each fibre was in a sampling volume of approximately 1,700 litres of air for the individual monitor). These reports are well below both Alcoa's trigger levels and the regulated acceptable limits and are no cause for concern.

Alcoa is continuing to work with the principal contractor to plan for the demolition of the remaining power station structure. Following feedback received at the June CCN meeting, Alcoa has adopted a more conservative approach with respect to wind direction for the next demolition, as there will be some dust arising from the demolition. As shown in Figure 2, asbestos monitoring will be in place at the locations of the yellow dots and a 400 metre exclusion zone will be patrolled by personnel.

Figure 3 shows the proposed wind direction for the demolition activity. Winds blowing within the orange arc, which is directed away from the town, will signal appropriate wind conditions for the demolition to proceed. This 180o no-go zone is more conservative than the previous 90o no-go zone. Letters and emails will be sent approximately one week prior to the demolition with an explanation that on the day the activity will be subject to the required favourable weather window.

Prior to the next demolition, Alcoa will write to all Anglesea residents and businesses and also run community drop-in sessions to give people an opportunity to discuss any aspects of interest with Alcoa and the principal contractor. Information will continue to be provided through the media and Alcoa's email database.

## Proposed controls and communication

- Wind direction to be more conservative eg east-south-easterly to west-south-westerly, away from town.
- Asbestos monitoring will be in place (yellow dots)
- A 400 metre exclusion zone (red circle) will be in place patrolled by sentries.
- Communication will include a community drop-in session, advertorials, website/email updates, letter to residents and businesses.
- Post planning, the time of the actual activity will be subject to weather and final safety checks.
- Alcoa will provide notice of anticipated time window.



FIGURE 2

## Currently Proposed wind direction



FIGURE 3

## Environmental Health and Safety

Warren reported that there had been no injuries and two security incidents since the last meeting. There were no environmental non-compliances.

### Mine Sump Water

The water level as at 13 August was sitting at 6.6% of the proposed eventual total volume and a pH reading taken on that day returned a result of pH 4.2. Alcoa hasn't commenced any water quality correction measures and, whilst the most recent pH reading is very positive, it does not necessarily suggest that future pH readings will remain at this level.

## Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

### Power Station Activity Update

**Dean Schmidt** (Project Engineer) advised that the 40 metre high water tower was successfully demolished in May. The legs of the structure were weakened and it was pulled over, after which machines broke up the 60 tonne of steel for removal offsite.

### Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Update

**Chris Rolland** (Mine Rehabilitation Supervisor) advised that, since the submission of the draft Rehabilitation and Closure Plan in September 2017, discussions with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) have been ongoing regarding the sourcing of water and filling of the water body. No resolution has been reached on this issue to date.

Alcoa is required to relocate a section of Coalmine Road due to reprofiling works along the south wall. Alcoa completed a feature survey of Coalmine Road and appointed a design engineer to prepare plans for the relocation as shown on Figure 4. Impacts to the *Grevillea infecunda* populations will be avoided. A Barwon Water pipeline and a powerline that run to a bore further west will need to be relocated. A link track between Coalmine Road and Messmate Track will be created. The works should be completed by end 2018, and the future use of the road will be determined by DELWP and Surf Coast Shire (SCS).

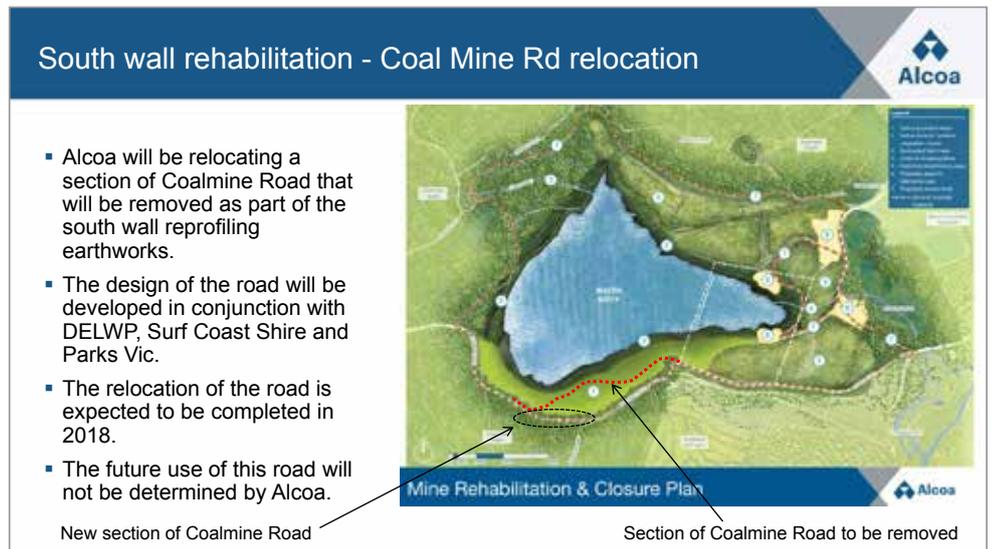


FIGURE 4

## Anglesea Bike Park

Warren advised that Alcoa has extended the existing lease until 31 December 2018 and has also identified two sites on Alcoa freehold land that may match or exceed the mountain biking experience offered at the current site. SCS has subsequently re-engaged World Trail to investigate these sites and add them as an addendum to the original Anglesea Bike Park Options Study. SCS advised that its offer to purchase to Alcoa is still pending and SCS wants to review the two additional sites that are to be investigated. A representative from the Anglesea Bike Park Committee advised that, whilst it has agreed to investigate the two alternative sites as fall-back options, it remains of the view that the bike park should stay in its current location.

## Transmission Line Removal

Warren advised that Alcoa is in the process of awarding a contract for the removal of the 40 kilometre section of transmission line infrastructure running between Point Henry and Anglesea, a process that is expected to take approximately two years. The infrastructure runs across approximately 150 properties and Alcoa has an obligation to 'make good' and remove any assets from those properties. In the absence of any substantial proposals by a third party to take on the responsibility for the infrastructure and re-purpose it for an alternative energy use, Alcoa has an obligation to remove it now that it is obsolete to Alcoa's needs. Alcoa will provide a detailed update on the removal process to the October CCN meeting.

## Disclosure of Information

A concern was raised regarding disclosure of information including that Alcoa is filtering the material being provided to the CCN meeting by selectively providing some but withholding other relevant information.

In response, Warren confirmed that in preparing the material to be presented to the CCN meeting he and Alcoa attempts to anticipate what the group's needs and questions may be. Warren also encourages questions to be asked during the meeting should there be issues or concerns that haven't been addressed. Warren stated that he is not deliberately withholding any relevant information from the community. As advised at previous CCN meetings, Alcoa has no plans to release consultants' technical reports at this time. Warren stated that he is not asking the community to trust Alcoa, rather to have confidence in the highly regulated process that is being undertaken by Alcoa under the scrutiny of the regulators.

## WorkSafe Victoria Update

Michael Coffey (Head of Hazardous Industries and Industry Practice) advised that it is WorkSafe Victoria's responsibility to assess if Alcoa is meeting its health and safety legal requirements. WorkSafe has construction, hygiene, asbestos and explosives experts who are undertaking comprehensive and extensive assessments of the material that Alcoa has been providing. Michael advised that WorkSafe was comfortable with the activities at the Alcoa site to date.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 8 October 2018, 6pm at the Senior Citizens Club, McMillan St, Anglesea**  
**ALL WELCOME**

The purpose of this document is to give community and other stakeholders a summary of what took place at the CCN meeting on Monday 13 August. For a full account of discussions at the meeting, email [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au) requesting a copy of the minutes.

The CCN, established in 2001, provides advice and feedback on issues relevant to Alcoa and assists it to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the community. For further information about Alcoa and any of the topics in this snapshot, visit [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea)