

Community update

Anglesea



Strong community support for Eden Project Anglesea

On behalf of the Eden Project and Alcoa of Australia, we are pleased to share the initial community feedback for the Eden Project Anglesea concept, which has revealed strong support from community members and key stakeholder groups.

We have been delighted by the interest in the concept with more than 800 people attending community engagement events in May and June, and more than 3,000 engaging online at www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au.

Last week we released the first Eden Project Anglesea community engagement report, providing a detailed summary of feedback received and answers to the most common questions asked.

The feedback provided to us has been overwhelmingly supportive of the concept whilst raising a variety of issues, themes and questions.

Feedback highlights include:

- the many benefits that Eden Project Anglesea would offer, including showcasing the environmental significance of the region, world-class sustainability and education opportunities and benefits to the local economy and jobs;
- excitement about partnership opportunities with community organisations and businesses;
- a desire for more information about the concept design as it develops and a strong call for us to continue engagement with Traditional Owners; and
- a number of concerns were constructively raised, including the potential increase in traffic and impacts on Anglesea's character and lifestyle.

The Eden Project has a great track record globally. The Eden team has experience working on multiple sites worldwide and this expertise will inform the development of the Eden Project Anglesea concept. Many of the issues and concerns raised by Anglesea community members have been raised in other communities and we are confident in our ability to address them in a local context.

It is important to note that we are still in the concept phase working to understand what the local community and key stakeholders want, need, and hope to achieve from the project.

As part of this, Eden Project team members are returning to Anglesea this month for further community discussions and research. They will also be presenting at the next Alcoa Community Consultation Network meeting on 12 August at 6pm – 8pm at the Anglesea Senior Citizens Club.

In addition to community support, Alcoa and Eden Project need to resolve the Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan water strategy and determine the planning authority and framework moving forward.

We continue to work on these two enablers and, if we can get them right, we see this as just the beginning of our ongoing discussions with the community.

We would like to thank all those who have participated in community engagement activities so far and encourage everyone to read the report and continue engaging with us.

The full feedback report can be viewed at www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au.

With best regards.

*David Harland, Chief Executive,
Eden Project International Ltd*

*Warren Sharp, Anglesea Site Asset Manager
Alcoa of Australia*



Keep informed

The next Alcoa Community Consultation Network (CCN) meeting is scheduled for:

Monday 12 August
6pm to 8pm

Anglesea Senior Citizens Club

Held bi-monthly, and open to all, Alcoa CCN meetings provide an opportunity for two-way communication regarding issues that are important to the Anglesea community and Alcoa.

At each meeting, updates are provided by Alcoa and representatives from State and local government departments and authorities.

At this month's meeting, Eden Project International Chief Executive David Harland and Landscape Architect Jane Knight will present an update to the group and seek further community feedback.

Please RSVP to:

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Aerial view of Eden Project Anglesea Concept