

# ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

## DECEMBER 2017 MEETING SNAPSHOT

**Meeting purpose:** A CCN meeting was held on 11 December to provide an opportunity for CCN attendees to discuss the site's decommissioning and rehabilitation and the ongoing community engagement processes for the future of the Alcoa site.



### Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 38 people attended, including representatives from community, local and state government, local authorities and Alcoa.

FIGURE 1

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### Environmental Health and Safety

**Warren Sharp** (Anglesea and Point Henry Site Asset Manager) reported that there had been one injury and two security instances since the last meeting. There were no environmental non-compliances.

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### Mine Sump Water

The water level as at 1 December was sitting at 25.7 metres below sea level, just over 5% of the eventual total volume. The pH of the mine sump was 3.8. At its current rate the waterbody would take 20-100 years to fill. However, Alcoa's proposal is to re-divert Salt Creek into the mine which, based on modelling data, will fill the water body within about 5 years. This proposal is part of the draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan and is not yet approved. If it doesn't get approved Alcoa must find an alternative water source for the water body.

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### Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

**Dean Schmidt** (Project Engineer) reported that works to remove the stockpile cones and the primary crusher concrete have been completed; the admin/turbine building removal works will be complete by the end of December 2017 and asbestos removal by end of January 2018. Demolition of the chimney is now scheduled for late February/early March 2018.

## Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Update

Warren advised that Alcoa announced in October that the company will remove its transmission line between Point Henry and Anglesea, commencing in 2018 and taking 2-3 years. Prior to making this decision Alcoa consulted with government, authorities and power companies as to the level of interest in the infrastructure and/or corridor for other uses. There was no formal interest expressed. The land tenure along the route is primarily freehold and crosses approximately 140 private properties. Powercor uses a section of Alcoa's line to power Anglesea and Lorne and this section will remain in use until September 2019 whilst Powercor transfers that service to alternative infrastructure.

**Chris Rolland** (Mine Rehabilitation Supervisor) reported that Alcoa is currently considering the draft feedback received from DEDJTR on the draft Rehabilitation and Closure Plan in late November. Alcoa is awaiting a response from the federal Department of the Environment and Energy to its submission lodged under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC)*. The Cultural Heritage Management Plan is expected to be submitted to the Registered Aboriginal Party in January following feedback from Aboriginal Victoria.

Chris explained that the four unvegetated areas in the draft plan that have been identified for alternative uses are proposed to be set up as benign areas so as not to preclude any use that is determined through the Anglesea Futures process. The larger two areas were covered by buildings and are devoid of vegetation. The areas are conceptual and could alter slightly in location and/or size from what is currently shown.

Chris reported that early earthworks and grassland vegetation trials have commenced onsite.

Warren advised that Coalmine Road is currently closed and will remain so until rehabilitation works in that vicinity are undertaken. The long-term future of Coalmine Road will be resolved as part of the approval of the Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan. Concern was expressed at the lack of access to Coalmine Road over summer as a potential bushfire escape route although it was suggested by others that it wouldn't be appropriate to use that route in the event of a fire.

Alcoa has commenced the master planning process for its freehold parcels (indicated in pink and blue parcels in Figure 2 ) including those outside the power station and mine area. A substantial community consultation process will run, similar to that of the Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan. Alcoa will release its draft Freehold Master Plan following review of the Anglesea Futures Draft Land Use Plan so that Alcoa is fully informed, and to ensure consistency between the two where possible. The final Freehold Master Plan will form Alcoa's submission into the Anglesea Futures Land Use Plan consultation process.

Warren said that all of Alcoa's freehold parcels, except for the Fraser Ave parcel, are in a Special Use Zone. The Fraser Ave parcel is a Rural Conservation Zone. It is likely that Alcoa will suggest some zoning changes to allow for other uses in its plan. Some zoning change suggestions may also come out of the Anglesea Futures Land Use Planning process. DELWP reported that the current zoning will remain in place to allow Alcoa to undertake its rehabilitation works at the mine and power station.



FIGURE 2

## Community Engagement

**Kate Betts** (Senior Advisor Communications & Engagement) outlined the community engagement activities planned for the freehold master planning process; the fourth phase of its engagement program.

A community member suggested that given that Anglesea Futures Land Use Plan, Alcoa Freehold Master Plan, Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan are occurring concurrently, a flow chart could be prepared to show their relationship to each other including feedback loops, consultation, approvals etc.

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## Agency Update

**Angeline Charles** (DELWP) advised that following the August Anglesea Futures meeting a substantial amount of feedback was received on the Land Use Scenario Discussion Paper. DELWP is currently considering the merits of these ideas and determining how they may be placed over the site. The Anglesea Futures Draft Land Use Plan is scheduled for release prior to the end of 2017 then submissions will be invited over 60 days. Following review of feedback on the draft, a final plan is scheduled for release April -June 2018.

**Post meeting note:** The Anglesea Futures Draft Land Use Plan was released on Monday 18 December and is available at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/angleseafutures>.

In response to questions and concerns, Warren advised that Alcoa is waiting for the release of the Anglesea Futures Draft Land Use Plan prior to finalising and releasing its draft freehold master plan for community feedback. Alcoa sees the Anglesea Futures Land Use Planning process as an opportunity to contribute its views in the same way that anyone else can. Alcoa's submission will be publicly available. The freehold land will go through a planning rezoning process before any new use can occur on it, just as any private land owner must do in Victoria.

Angeline advised that the legislation to add 6,510 hectares (Anglesea Heath) to the National Park was passed by Parliament in November and, after presentation to the Governor of Victoria for Royal Assent, will become part of the National Park.

**Post meeting note:** Proclamation of commencement of the Parks and Crown Land Legislation Amendment Act 2017 occurred on Tuesday 12 December 2017. Hence the Anglesea Heath officially became part of the Great Otway National Park on 15 December 2017.

**Jared Scott** (Barwon Water) advised that there is approximately 135 megalitres of water in the previous ash pond, ready for discharge to the Anglesea River over summer as required.

**Keith Baillie** (Surf Coast Shire) advised that swimming in the Anglesea River is currently unsuitable due to high acid levels and signage has been placed along the River to this effect.

Keith advised that high level discussions are underway between local councils and state government agencies, including Regional Development Victoria (RDV), regarding the facilitation of tourism development proposals along the Great Ocean Road that can contribute economically to the region.

In response to comments and concerns raised, Keith advised that SCS is well aware of the joint set of guiding principles that were derived through the Anglesea Futures and Alcoa processes. These principles outline a set of priorities, and economic opportunities sits comfortably within these. The Anglesea community, together with the Shire, has once-in-a-generation opportunity to do something that meets all of the guidelines but also makes an economic contribution. However, the notion of Anglesea as a village is a key component of what makes its attractive to visitors and, if that is diminished, it would be to everyone's detriment.

**Leonardo Guaraldo** (DEDJTR) advised that they will meet with Alcoa shortly to discuss their initial feedback on the draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan prior to Alcoa's submission of the final plan for formal assessment.



**NEXT MEETING: Monday 12 February 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 11 December. 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)