# ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

# DECEMBER 2015 MEETING SNAPSHOT

Meeting purpose: A CCN meeting was held on 7 December to provide attendees the opportunity to discuss the process and timeline for the site's decommissioning and rehabilitation, and the draft strategy and process for community engagement.



#### Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn, 36 people attended, including representatives from Alcoa, community, local and state government.

## **Environment, Health & Safety**

Warren Sharp (Anglesea and Point Henry Site Asset Manager) outlined that, whilst there had not been any incidents, injuries, non-compliances or complaints since the last meeting, there had been three instances of unauthorised entry to the site. The police were notified about these incidents, and 24 hour security remains in place and will be vigilant.

# **Fire Risk Mitigation**

Warren explained that the current fire risk mitigation strategies onsite will remain in place up to and during the remediation process. New activity includes the completion of a progress report for the Hazelwood Mire Fire Inquiry, submitted mid November and available on the Alcoa website (<a href="www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea">www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea</a>), monthly inspections with WorkSafe and ERR, clearing of vegetation around powerlines and general slashing at the site.

## **Anglesea River**

Alcoa has maintained the quality of the water being pumped into the river since ceasing operational activity and has remained compliant with its EPA license. It has cost Alcoa approximately \$130,000/month to date to continue to pump water into the river.

DELWP has engaged the CCMA to investigate the implications of the cessation of pumping water from the Alcoa site on the Anglesea River. The CCMA has established a Steering Committee which has representatives from the agencies involved and has appointed GHD to undertake this work. GHD will test a number of different scenarios for the river, considering social, environmental and economic impacts. A report is due to DELWP by the end of 2015. DELWP will use the Anglesea Futures forum to work through the report's findings with stakeholders and the community to determine how the river will be managed in the future. GHD's presentation (to Anglesea Futures) can be found at <a href="http://delwp.vic.gov.au/parks-forests-and-crown-land/anglesea-futures">http://delwp.vic.gov.au/parks-forests-and-crown-land/anglesea-futures</a>. DELWP will make this report publicly available and discussion will take place through the next Anglesea Futures meeting, scheduled for February 2016.

## Closure, Decommissioning and Rehabilitation of the Mine and Power Station

Warren introduced a series of fact sheets relating to decommissioning and rehabilitation process. They outline the key elements of particular aspects of the site's closure and decommissioning. These sheets have been compiled with the assistance of the relevant government departments and will be updated and expanded as required. They are available on the Alcoa website <a href="https://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea">www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea</a>.

One key activity that has commenced onsite is the collection of loose scrap including all copper being removed from site and preparation of items for sale on the second hand market. An auction process is expected to be held early in the new year.

### Clean Up Notice - Power Station

The EPA Clean Up Notice was issued on 13 October 2015. It is the regulatory instrument by which the EPA will manage Alcoa's environmental remediation of the power station. It is a strict process, the general requirements of which are listed on the slide below. Alcoa needs to undertake an environmental site assessment by September 2017. If any unacceptable environmental risks are identified during that assessment process, they must be cleaned up immediately. An EPA approved auditor will be appointed to independently review and assess all of Alcoa's work during this process.

#### EPA Clean Up Notice issued 13 October 2015

#### **General requirements**

- 3.1 Environmental site assessment to be completed by 30 September 2017
- 3.2 If contamination that may pose an unacceptable risk to environment (and human health) is identified during process there must be an interim clean up plan and clean up undertaken
- 3.3 Appointment of auditor by 1 April 2016

#### Reporting requirements

- 3.4 Environment assessment report to be submitted by 30 September 2017
- 3.5 Quarterly updates to the EPA, commencing 1 December 2015

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The first Quarterly Report was submitted

to the EPA on 1 December. The major feedback in the report was that a) Alcoa has been focusing on the water treatment plant, and b) Alcoa has commenced the process which allows the appointment of the environmental auditor. The quarterly reports will be placed on Anglesea's website and summaries provided to future CCN meetings.

## **Community Engagement**

Warren introduced a draft timeline for community engagement that aims to ensure that all of the various inputs come together appropriately and successfully.

The three key outputs from this process are a revised Anglesea Mine Closure Plan, a Remediation Action Plan for the power station and a Master Plan for the power station. The Master Plan will cover the potential future land use for the freehold power station proper parcel. There is a number of inputs to the process as shown in the left hand box on the slide below. The blue boxes show the key regulatory requirements whilst the green boxes indicate key community engagement points .

From approximately March 2016, Alcoa and key agencies such as DELWP, DEDJTR, Surf Coast Shire, etc will develop a draft list of guiding principles that will be brought to the community in a variety of forums i.e. workshops, shopping centres, online etc. to seek feedback. The final agreed set of principles will help guide the development of these plans. They will be a key input with the technical studies that will be undertaken onsite.

Draft Plans when developed will then be put out to the community again for feedback in a variety of forums. Based on feedback, the plans will be refined, finalised and submitted to regulators for approval. Following approval, the physical remediation works and implementation can commence. Then the detailed discussions can also commence on the future land use of these areas, bearing in mind that the draft plans will focus on land form not detailed land use.

Surf Coast Shire reassured attendees that the various consultation processes currently underway are talking to each other. The process being run by Alcoa is relevant to the Alcoa site whereas the Anglesea

Futures process is a broader discussion about the river and the future of Anglesea. They will both run concurrently and will feed into each other. Alcoa confirmed that the engagement process will be undertaken in addition to the ongoing CCN process and that the CCN meetings will continue to be held bi monthly.

A community member pointed out that there needs to be a clear acknowledgement

## **Draft Community Engagement Timeline**

■ Purpose: To provide an overview of the process to develop the revised Anglesea Mine Closure Plan, and Remediation Action Plan and Master Plan for the Power Station.



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that everyone in the community is entitled to put their ideas forward on future uses and that those ideas will be respected and valued even if there are very valid reasons why they can't be realised i.e. planning restrictions etc. A component of that is working out what's negotiable and what's non-negotiable in the process.

The future of the transmission lines was discussed. Whilst Alcoa doesn't need it anymore, it is still maintaining it. In addition, Powercor maintains a section of the line to service Anglesea and Lorne and it is a critical piece of infrastructure for that purpose. The relevant agencies, power companies and regulators will be engaged in discussions about its future and to see if there is any interest in the line. If nothing comes out of those discussions, then Alcoa will remove the power line. Nothing will occur without significant community discussions on the issue.

Concern was expressed at the ambitious timeline of August 2017 for completion of plans. However, it was also acknowledged that the process needs to be completed as efficiently as possible so that it doesn't drag on too long.

# **DELWP Update**

Kessia Thomson (DELWP) reiterated the government commitment to incorporate the Anglesea Heath into the Greater Otway National Park. DELWP is working toward incorporation of the first portion of Heath into the Park July – December 2016. It is a complicated legislative process.



Next meeting: Monday 8 February 2016, 6pm at the Senior Citizens Club, McMillan St, Anglesea

The purpose of this document is to give community and other stakeholders a summary of what took place at the CCN meeting on Monday 7 December. For a full account of discussions at the meeting, email <a href="mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au">angleseaps@alcoa.com.au</a> requesting a copy of the minutes.

The CCN, established in 2001, provides advice and feedback on issues relevant to Alcoa, to assist it becoming more responsive to the needs and concerns of the community. For further information about Alcoa and any of the topics in this snapshot, visit <a href="https://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea">www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea</a>