

ANGLESEA POWER STATION COMMUNITY CONSULTATION NETWORK

APRIL 2016 MEETING SNAPSHOT

Meeting purpose: A CCN meeting was held on 11 April to provide members with an update on the site's decommissioning and remediation. The meeting was shortened to allow for participation in a workshop to seek input on the draft guiding principles to inform the Revised Mine Closure Plan and Draft Masterplan for the power station freehold land.



Introduction

The meeting was independently facilitated by Jen Lilburn. 42 people attended, including representatives from Alcoa, community, local and state government.

Environment, Health & Safety

Warren Sharp (Alcoa) reported that there had not been any injuries or non-compliances since the last meeting. However, there had been three security incidents, including one of unauthorised entry, evidence of fence cutting and one attempt to take firewood.

Land Map

Warren highlighted that a land map slide shown at previous CCN meetings had incorrectly indicated the power station as being inside the 'specified area' where mining activity was permitted to occur (designated by the yellow line). This has been rectified in the below slide.

Land Map



- Lease and Freehold
- Department responsibilities
 - DEDJTR Earth Resources (Mine)
 - EPA (Powerstation)
 - DELWP (Land)
- Areas of significance

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation of the Mine and Power Station

Warren outlined activities completed or underway for the decommissioning and rehabilitation process. A Division 6 (Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Survey) Audit has been completed and fed into the technical specification for the power station decommissioning. The technical specification for the Ash Pond No. 1 removal is being prepared with works intended to occur in May/June. The initial mine sump geotechnical study has also been completed. Darryl Strudwick from AECOM has been appointed as an EPA auditor to oversee future power station environmental assessments.

Activity Update

- Cessation of water discharge.
- Equipment removed from site associated with minor asset sales.
- Technical specification for power station decommissioning developed.
- Division 6 (Asbestos & Hazardous Materials Survey) Audit of the power station completed.
- Preparation of technical specification for Ash Pond No 1 removal, and some ash relocated to the mine.
- Completed initial mine sump geotechnical study.
- EPA auditor appointed associated with future power station environmental site assessment.



In response to questions regarding the detail of the power station decommissioning technical specification, Warren agreed to provide a more detailed summary at the next CCN meeting.

Chris Rolland (Alcoa) outlined the three major technical assessments to be undertaken, all of which will be subject to a risk assessment process. Further detail on each of these technical assessments will be shared at the next CCN meeting.

Technical Studies for the Mine

Three major technical assessment components:

- Hydrogeological Assessment to inform all water aspects;
 - Size, quality, rate, connectivity, geochemical, inversion potential
- Geotechnical Assessments to inform any land potential risks:
 - Optimum slope stability and design, surface and wave action erosion etc.
- Revegetation Assessment
 - Indigenous vegetation, alternative vegetation, fire overlay, aboriginal heritage, pest plants and animals etc.

All major aspects subject to comprehensive Risk Assessment process

Meeting with agency stakeholders to review extent of technical scope and agency Mine Closure Plan assessment process.

Community Engagement

Warren invited meeting attendees to stay after the CCN meeting to participate in the workshop on the draft guiding principles as a key input to the Revised Mine Closure Plan and Draft Masterplan for the power station freehold land. The principles were recently launched and shared at a Listening Post held at the Anglesea Riverside Market on Easter Sunday.

Fire Risk Mitigation

In highlighting that there had not been any fire related issues on site since the shutdown, Warren reassured attendees that the current fire mitigation strategies will remain in place through the winter months.

Anglesea River

Alcoa ceased water discharge into the Anglesea River on 31 March, as planned and previously communicated. Cr Margot Smith (Surf Coast Shire) reminded members of an Anglesea Futures Open House scheduled for 29 April (4 pm – 8 pm) and 30 April (10 am – 3 pm) at the Memorial Hall in Anglesea. The purpose of this Open House, hosted by Anglesea Futures, is to detail the future management options for the Anglesea River and to get feedback on those options.

Questions on Notice

In response to questions regarding the public notification process undertaken in 1992 when the licence to establish an asbestos landfill at the Alcoa site was granted, Warren and Carolyn Francis (EPA Victoria) outlined that, at that time, the Environment Protection Act required notification in a generally circulating publication (i.e. newspaper).

Discussion ensued regarding the size of the asbestos landfill and the measures in place to ensure that it is contained and managed appropriately into the future. Carolyn Francis (EPA) explained that asbestos is not a material that can break down or leach out. It stays as a solid and is wrapped in two layers of plastic prior to being placed in the landfill. The management of asbestos is undertaken in accordance with stringent EPA requirements, including the need for regular groundwater monitoring, reporting and auditing processes.

Warren agreed to provide a pH reading of the water in the pit as a standing Agenda Item for future CCN meetings. The current pH reading is 3.

Agency Update

Nick Walker (Earth Resources Regulation - ERR) provided a short presentation on ERR's Draft Stakeholder and Community Engagement Strategy and invited community member to comment by mid-May. The Draft Strategy can be found at <http://www.energyandresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resources-regulation/about-us/earth-resources-regulations-stakeholder-engagement-strategy>. Nick also outlined a proposed organisational restructure and introduced Geoff Conway as the General Manager Mine Fire and Emergency Management and Simon Peters, the Western Region representative in the Fire and Emergency Management Unit, who will take over the regular monthly site inspections and fire mitigation measures at Alcoa.



Next meeting: Monday 6 June 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 11 April. For a full account of discussions at the meeting, email angleseaps@alcoa.com.au 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 www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea