

Spring 2025

# Alcoa Anglesea Update



It's hard to believe it's spring already, but we are pleased to report we have had a productive and safe year, as we continue with rehabilitation activities across our former mine and power station sites.

While there is still progress to be made, our work to date has seen some great achievements realised. Below is an update on our 2025 focus areas:

## Maintaining our track record

Consistent with our values and actions both during operation and since closure, critically we've maintained our track record of achieving zero injuries and maintaining full environmental compliance.

## Completing the power station remediation

After undertaking a variety of remediation activities over several years under the oversight of an EPA-appointed auditor, we are pleased to report that we have now finally completed environmental remediation works on the power station site, bringing an end to this important strategic activity.

The last step in the process is obtaining the EPA-appointed auditor Site Audit Statement confirming satisfactory completion of works and suitability of the site for potential future land uses.

## Delivering our mine maintenance and monitoring program

We continued to implement our robust mine maintenance and monitoring program – an integral component to achieving our objective of a safe, stable and sustainable landform.

This program includes ongoing weed management, erosion repairs, stability monitoring, water monitoring, and regular geotechnical and vegetation expert inspections – activities that are expected to continue for the next five to 10 years.

Recently, we engaged a new earthworks contractor to undertake mine area erosion repair and additional drain construction and are also implementing a vegetation cover on the mine lower slopes to minimise long term erosion based on trial works undertaken in 2024.

## Finalising the mine water filling strategy

Southern Rural Water invited the community to share their thoughts on our formal groundwater licence amendment application, which was submitted to the regulator in July 2024.

This process included opportunity for community members to share their views through a public comment period during June and July, a community information session and a public submission hearing in August, providing opportunity for individuals to talk to their submission – including Alcoa and our expert hydrogeologist.

Alcoa recognises the high level of community and stakeholder interest, and we welcome the rigour involved in the regulatory processes to help decision makers reach an informed decision that takes environmental, social, technical and cultural factors into consideration. As a long-time member of the community, we continue to engage with stakeholders regarding current and future plans.

This application is a significant step towards achieving our rehabilitation objectives to return a safe and sustainable site that ensures long-term environmental and community outcomes for the Anglesea region.

**Following the outcome of the application process, whatever the outcome, we will then be in a position to deliver a final Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan, bringing us closer to returning the site to the community.**

**The current draft Plan is viewable on our website, and we will review this further seeking additional community feedback after the groundwater licence decision, as we work to finalise it.**

Read more about the strategy and FAQs by visiting [www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea/mine-water-filling-strategy](http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea/mine-water-filling-strategy).

## Exploring land use opportunities

We continue to investigate options for Alcoa freehold land use in line with the Alcoa Freehold Master Plan, which included significant community feedback, and the Anglesea Futures Land Use Framework.

## Involving the community

A number of groups have joined us onsite this year to witness the extensive amount of remediation work undertaken to date and learn firsthand about our proposed plans.

Visitors included students from Damascus College, Bellarine Wanders and members from Angair Inc.

If you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, or would like a tour of the site, please do not hesitate to contact the team via [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au).

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