

FAQS

HAZELWOOD MINE

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MINE DECOMMISSIONING



Are there some of the newer areas of the Mine being kept open?

The areas where we have mined recently will remain in the same state with fire protection along the exposed coal. This will remain until the area is covered with water during the Mine filling process.

Will you allow other companies to mine coal in these areas for other projects?

At this point in time, we are committed to rehabilitating the Mine to a final landform that can be used by the community. Extracting coal from the Mine has the potential to increase site risks and could be inconsistent with our rehabilitation obligations.

Why can't Hazelwood brown coal be transported to external users?

The Hazelwood Mine coal cannot be left in a stockpile (i.e. in the back of a truck or a ship's hold) as there is a reaction with the additional oxygen which can lead to spontaneous combustion.

Have the dredgers all been decommissioned?

All the coal dredgers (BWEs) have been moved to their final location and have had their energy supply removed. They have been cleaned and coal build-up removed while oils and contaminants have also been removed in the decommissioning process. The overburden and stacker will still be in use until December 2018 when they will be decommissioned.

What about all the coal conveyors?

All coal conveyors have been made safe and cleaned with coal build-up removed, and oils and contaminants removed in the decommissioning process.

Can any Mine equipment be re-commissioned to use if needed?

Nothing is impossible but in this case, it would take a lot of time and money to re-commission the Mine plant let alone what the Power Station would have to do to be in a position to generate.

When will everything in the Mine be decommissioned?

Once all plant and equipment is finished being used.

Have you been able to recycle any of the plant and equipment?

In some instances we have. For example we have donated a fire pumping system from Dredger 11 to the Newborough CFA to use and there may be other items that can be donated to the community. Generally, all the steel will be recycled as scrap.

