

FAQS



HAZELWOOD POWER STATION

STATION DECOMMISSIONING

You have finished Phase 1 of decommissioning, what does Phase 2 involve?

Phase 2 decommissioning involves mechanical and electrical decommissioning to ensure all plant is de-energised, made safe and left in an environmentally inert state in preparation for demolition.

Can any of the turbines and boilers be sold to other industry?

In theory, many plant items can be sold to other industries. However, the market for plant that was designed specifically for Hazelwood and has reached the end of its operating life is very limited. To date, we have not had any interest or sold any boilers or turbines to other industries.

With power blackouts predicted this summer, can you re-start any of the equipment?

The lead times for the materials and spares required to overhaul the boilers and turbines prior to any re-commissioning of plant is greater than one year. This would make it impossible to re-start the plant prior to this summer.

How long will it take to clear the Power Station site?

The exact duration required to rehabilitate the Power Station is currently not known. We have made an allowance of three years in our plans for the demolition and one year for site remediation. As we progress the detailed planning (including continued engagement with specialists experienced in this work), we will have a better idea of how long it will take.

Is it possible to maintain the chimneys in a safe condition?

We will be conducting detailed inspections on the chimneys during the early part of 2018 to determine the extent of deterioration since the plant closed. It may be the case that the chimneys will have deteriorated to such a extent that long-term maintenance and retention will not be possible. The repair costs will largely depend on the findings from these inspections, therefore we will have a much better idea by April/May next year. It is worth noting that we spent in excess of \$4 million on the chimneys prior to closure in order to maintain their integrity.

Could you convert the turbines to gas?

No, the Hazelwood turbines are designed for steam operation and cannot be converted to gas.

Demolition is expected to start in 2020 - are you on schedule for this date?

Yes, we are currently on schedule to achieve this date. We are reviewing whether it would be possible to accelerate the demolition date and commence the work in 2019.

Will you use local employment?

A commitment to use local labour is one of the criteria we ask our contractors to meet. This promise of employment is one we consider favourably when awarding tenders.

In some cases, where specific technical expertise and experience is required to operate large and complex equipment, the contractor may need to use non-local labour.

Do you have any ideas about what could be a good use for the Power Station site once the buildings are demolished?

We are investigating a number of industrial, commercial and recreational uses however ENGIE is very keen to engage with the community and all other stakeholders to seek their ideas around how the site could be re-purposed for the future.

Can you guarantee the site won't become a burden on the community?

ENGIE is committed to meeting its rehabilitation obligations, as defined by the regulator, which will ensure all areas are left in a safe, stable and sustainable condition.

