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MINE WORK PLAN VARIATION



What is a Mine Work Plan Variation?

The Hazelwood Mine works under two major pieces of Mining Legislation:

- The Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990)
- The Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Regulations 2015)

The Mine Licence MIN 5004 sets out conditions by which the Mine must operate. The Mine Work Plan Variation sets out how the conditions will be met by the Mine and sets out at a high level, the work methodology, including progressive and final rehabilitation.

What is the current 2017 Mine Work Plan Variation?

Significant work and community consultation was done last year on the 2016 Mine Work Plan Variation (WPV), based on a Mine and Station life to 2033. With the announcement of Hazelwood's closure in November 2016, a new 2017 WPV was developed for the period post-31 March 2017. The draft 2017 Work Plan Variation has now been constructed and it consists of two distinct periods:

- Immediate Post Station Closure and Closure Planning Period which includes such items as:
 - Decommissioning / demolition activities
 - 'No Regrets' Mine work, work that is common to two specific final concept land forms
 - No-change Mine activities, such as fire risk management and geotechnical risk management
- Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Period.

It also contains a 'Rehabilitation and Closure Plan Framework'. This is one of the most important pieces within the WPV. This framework, shown over a single page, maps out the pathway that the Mine will take and attempts to demonstrate timings for approvals, community consultation sessions, technical studies and indicative milestones.





What else does the WPV contain?

The 2017 WPV sets out the final land form of the Mine, subject to regulatory approvals and community consultation. It covers two primary final landforms, partial and full pit lake. You'll remember that the 'Mine lake' was the landform in which the second Mine Fire Inquiry concluded was the most technically and practically feasible final landform, given the current state of knowledge. With the requirement to reach a 'safe, stable and sustainable' final landform option, we don't expect that the Mine will be anything else but a lake, however what may change is the final lake level based on the technical studies.

The WPV also contains a range of updated documents to reflect a Mine and Station close of March 2017.

These include:

- Ground Control Management Plan
- Risk Assessment and Management Plan
- Community Engagement Plan
- Environmental Management Plan
- The range of technical closure studies the mine will complete as part of closure.

It is intended that as the learnings from the studies become known, this will trigger sessions with the community and mining regulators so that everyone remains informed as to the current state of knowledge.

It also includes details of the proposed immediate post-closure operations for Mine stability, fire risk and ground water management.

Is this the final document for the end use of the Mine?

Numerous detailed studies are being undertaken or being commissioned. Study results, along with community/stakeholder feedback from community engagement and the results from the Integrated Mine Research Group's projects, will inform the final closure plan.

How can I be involved?

Details of how you can participate in the 2017 WPV process are on our website www.engie.com.au

The Community Engagement section within the 2017 WPV provides a framework for your involvement with Hazelwood and importantly your feedback will form part of our ongoing discussions.

The final rehabilitation form of the Mine and associated mining land will be the subject of extensive consultation with regulators, the local community and other stakeholders. There will be opportunities for the community to share your thoughts and explore options, and we will advise the community on how your feedback was incorporated and what the next steps are.

