

FAQS

HAZELWOOD POWER STATION

ENGIE

ASBESTOS - FREE

STATION DECOMMISSIONING

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Is there asbestos in the Station and if so, do you have a plan for its removal?

After the official closure of the business on 31 March, 2017, ongoing work will include decommissioning of all plant and equipment. Hazardous materials such as asbestos, which is present in the station, will remain sealed and contained until the demolition phase. The safe removal of all asbestos is a key aspect of the demolition project and we will ensure there is no risk to employees or the public in preparation for handover to a demolition contractor.

Do you know how much asbestos is in the Power Station?

Hazelwood continually monitors the areas with a known presence of asbestos. As part of the decommissioning work, a comprehensive inspection of the Station will be carried out by qualified personnel to confirm the known areas of asbestos, listed in the official asbestos register, and also identify any previously unknown areas where it may be present.

Where will it be disposed?

Any hazardous substances, including asbestos, will be removed under regulatory oversight and disposed of in accordance with all regulations. Hazelwood has already rehabilitated two asbestos tips on site and a third, currently operational, will also be rehabilitated. These are all located on the eastern overburden dump. Subject to regulatory approval, a new asbestos tip may be built on site for asbestos removed during decommissioning and demolition. Alternatively, asbestos can be sent to a licensed asbestos facility off-site. At no stage will there be any risk to employees or the community with all work carried out under strict licence conditions.



Will these tips be completely safe in the future?

Asbestos tips, like ash ponds, are rehabilitated with a multilayered, engineered clay cap in accordance with technical guidelines published by the EPA. The cap for the asbestos tip will be at least 1.5 metres thick. The final design for the cap needs to be approved by the EPA before it can be implemented, but we can assure people there will be no chance of material escaping.

How do we know that you will comply with all licence conditions and not risk employee or community safety?

ENGIE takes its compliance commitments seriously and works continually with regulators and the community to achieve this. All asbestos work will be subject to regulatory oversight, for both removal and final disposal, via random inspections and audits by regulators.

Will staff get a 'letter of exposure' when they leave Hazelwood?

Yes, all staff will receive a 'letter of exposure' when they leave the site.