

# Let's continue the conversation

## HAZELWOOD POWER STATION & MINE

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ENGIE Hazelwood's key personnel sat down one-on-one with the community last week in a workshop format to discuss Mine rehabilitation, Station decommissioning, health and safety, and fire preparedness.

More than 90 people attended the session and before breaking up into the four workshops, were given an outline of the ENGIE Hazelwood plan and commitment to ongoing community engagement.

### Mine rehabilitation – key comments from discussion

- Overburden should be used to fill the Mine instead of water
- There should be more than two options (full or partial pit lake) for the Hazelwood Mine
- The steep gradient of the batters would restrict community access to any lake
- Concern over the effect on the water table should the Mine be filled with water
- Coal should still be mined for other external projects and not sterilised
- Concern about the integrity of the Morwell River and the downstream impact of filling the Mine with water
- Concern over impact on all nearby waterways with filling of the Mine
- Query as to why water from the aquifer was being pumped out of the Mine only to eventually be returned to help fill it

### Station decommissioning – key comments from discussion

- Consideration should be given to turning the Power Station into a museum
- Turbines/generators should be ready to be re-fired over summer to help avoid power blackouts
- Safety of the chimneys
- Timeline of demolition
- Local employment opportunities in the demolition process
- Hazelwood should be heritage listed and turned into a museum

### Water and hazardous substances – key comments from discussion

- Continued use of Hazelwood Pondage for water users
- Access to any remaining Barramundi
- Release of native Bass into the Pondage
- Responsibility for the integrity of the Pondage (wall, maintenance) should it be kept in its current form
- Safe removal of asbestos from the Station
- Leachate on site, in particular from the ash ponds

### Fire preparedness – key comments from discussion

- Any fires still burning in the Mine
- Detection of hot spots in the Mine
- Preparation for days of high fire danger
- Hazelwood's working relationship with the CFA
- Fire mitigation activities

### What's next?

Community Consultation Forum,  
Wednesday 15 November,  
Italian Australian Club Morwell, 5.30pm.



To keep up to date and learn more about the decommissioning and rehabilitation activities visit our dedicated section on the ENGIE in Australia website.

### Join us in the conversation



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