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# Hazelwood Community Consultation Meeting

## 15 November 2017

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## Introduction



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# Introduction

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- We recognise and acknowledge that community is best placed to identify, and contribute to the discussions and influence decisions about what happens to the area affected by Power Station operations and mining.
- Over past months Hazelwood representatives have been continuing the conversation with the community at our September Community Consultation forum, focus group sessions and 'Pop-up' Information Stands held during October.
- The information and feedback obtained in these forums are assisting in shaping our future community engagement, but importantly this information helps us form future decisions.
- Information which is relevant to Government and regulators is passed on through appropriate avenues.
- We want community input from you, our neighbours, our community, and will continue to seek out your thoughts, comments and ideas. We would also like to know how we are doing.
- Tonight we will review the feedback from our September Community Consultation and provide you with a high-level overview of where to in 2018. We will also introduce the 'Future Use' draft guiding objectives and seek your thoughts on these. We ask that you please make use of the 'Comment Cards' in your handout packs and note down your thoughts and ideas before leaving tonight.





# September Community consultation feedback



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## Mine Rehabilitation - key comments from discussion

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- 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.
- What will be 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.
- The integrity of the Morwell River and the downstream impact of filling the Mine with water.
- The impact on all nearby waterways with filling of the Mine with water.
- Why water from the aquifer was being pumped out of the Mine only to eventually be returned to help fill it.



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# Station Decommissioning - key comments from discussion

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- 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.



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## Water - key comments from discussion

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- Continued use of Hazelwood Pondage for water users.
- Access to any remaining Barramundi.
- Release of native Bass into the Pondage.
- Who will be responsible for the integrity of the Pondage, should it be kept in its current form.
- Leachate on site, in particular from the ash ponds.



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## Hazardous substances - key comments from discussion

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- Safe removal of asbestos from the Station.
- Where will the asbestos be stored?
- Who ensures the process is being done safely and there won't be any airborne fibres escaping?
- Who actually carries out this work?



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## Fire preparedness - key comments from discussion

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- 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.



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# Where to in 2018

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## Community Consultation

- Three community consultation forums to be held in March, July and November 2018.
- 'Pop-up' Information Stands, both static and manned, at Morwell Mid Valley, Morwell CBD and Churchill.
- Focus group sessions on key areas of interest relating to the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project.
- Youth Forum for secondary school students to be held in the first half of 2018.
- Open letters to the community published in Latrobe Valley Express.
- Facts sheets on to key aspects of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project.

## Mine Rehabilitation

- Focus groups on water and Mine rehabilitation to be held in the first half of 2018.
- Mine Work Plan Variation engagement activities.
- Continuation of geotechnical studies, in addition to technical studies relating to water.
- Continued liaison and workings with Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner, Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy and Integrated Mines Research Group.



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# Where to in 2018

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## Station Decommissioning

- ENGIE Hazelwood Heritage Victoria application to progress.
- Focus groups relating to station demolition plans to be held in the second half of 2018.
- Community advice of demolition plans and concept.

## Hazardous substances and environment

- Completion of OHS Division 6 Audit of power block and “underground” hazardous substance survey.
- Focus groups relating to asbestos and hazardous substances to be held in the first half of 2018.
- Continued engagement with stakeholders including regulatory and GARDS.



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**Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation  
Commissioner  
Professor Rae Mackay**

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# Future use objectives



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## Future use objectives

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- ENGIE Hazelwood has developed drafting guiding objectives for community endorsement, aimed at capturing the community's views and aspirations for future land use.
- These guiding objectives will also assist, in due course, in forming the development of the draft masterplan for conceptual rehabilitation of both the Mine and Power Station sites.
- To assist in our understanding of what community expectations are, and to develop community consultation activities in the new year, we ask you to consider the following five objectives and note your thoughts on the 'Comment Cards'. We would appreciate if you placed your completed 'Comment Cards' in the boxes on the way out.



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# Future use objectives

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## Provide a safe and stable landform for future use.

- Meet regulatory and community safety concerns by ensuring long-term land stability.
- Ensure the risk of Mine fire is managed to the community's expectations.

## Question:

- What is your expectation of a safe, stable and sustainable landform?



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# Future use objectives

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## Value and complement the natural environment.

- Recognise and enhance the environmental potential of the site.
- Provide an opportunity for local flora and fauna to flourish.

## Question:

- How can the rehabilitated Hazelwood site best enhance the natural environment?



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## Provide a resource to the local community.

- To the extent possible, support a diverse range of future uses.
- Enhance environmental, recreational, lifestyle, tourism and community outcomes.

## Question:

- What is your preferred future use for the rehabilitated Hazelwood site?



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## Honour the heritage value of the site

- Maintain a link with the site's historic past as a testament to the site's workforce and families.
- Ensure the cultural integrity of the site.

## Question:

- What is the most appropriate way of honouring Hazelwood's workforce, past and present, and their families?



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## Complement the future of the Latrobe Valley region

- Build upon the natural beauty of the Gippsland region and expand local opportunities.
- Encourage local community aspirations and local and regional planning processes.

### Question:

- What is your aspiration for Hazelwood's lasting legacy for future generations?





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