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### Environment Protection Authority visits Hazelwood

Site rehabilitation was the subject of discussion when senior officers from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of Victoria visited ENGIE Hazelwood recently.

The visitors undertook site inspections and conducted technical discussions around the Eastern Overburden Dump (EOD) and Hazelwood Ash Retention Area (HARA) as part of assessing closure and rehabilitation planning.

Among the EPA group was EPA Gippsland Regional Manager, Stephen Lansdell and members from the EPA Licensing, Landfill Licensing and the Landfill Financial Assurances teams.

The Hazelwood Project's Environmental Manager Regulatory, Ross Brooker, said detailed technical discussions took place between the EPA, members of the ENGIE Hazelwood Project Team and environmental consultants, ERM.

"These were around the proposed landfill closure planning, proposed site rehabilitation works and the establishment of a new working asbestos landfill required for the Hazelwood demolition program," Mr Brooker said.

"The site visit gave the EPA officers the opportunity to understand the size and complexity of the Hazelwood Closure Project and particularly the issues around the closure and rehabilitation of the EOD and HARA areas."

ERM Consultants presented technical details on the EOD and HARA structures and leachate management issues, the interface with local regional aquifers and future water management strategies to manage both leachate and area surface water.

"The site visit will aid in the EPA determining and agreeing with ENGIE on the final rehabilitation requirements for the landfills and ultimately the value of a Financial Assurance Bond required under legislation to underpin the closure and rehabilitation plan execution," Mr Brooker said.

