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### Final track shift in Mine

The final track shift for the M520 face conveyor in the Hazelwood Mine was a significant milestone for the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project.

Over the mining life of Hazelwood, track shifts occurred on the coal and overburden face conveyors with some 22 track shifts each year.

When a dredger reached the end of a coal or overburden face, the conveyor would be moved parallel – 50 metres on coal and 33 metres on overburden - to enable the dredger to undertake another pass, loading directly onto the conveyor.

Once a face or a batter was mined out, the conveyor was moved closer to that face to enable the next dig pass by the dredger.

Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project's Mine Production Manager, Rob Dugan, said this was the final shift for the M520 face conveyor as there was enough overburden in this pass to complete the Eastfield Eastern Batters Toe Surcharge work by the end of May.

"The track shift was successfully carried out by our 1x7 services crew and our 2x12 operators," Rob said.

Once this final dig is completed, Dredger 25 and its smaller back-up, Dredger 24, will be moved to the back of the M520 conveyor and positioned on a rock pad ready for decommissioning and demolition. The mobile slew conveyor S94 will join them.

Decommissioning involves de-energising the large plant, removal of fuel, extensive cleaning and finally making the machinery safe.

TS2 stacker, which distributes the overburden carried by the conveyor, will be positioned half-way along M308 on a rock pad ready for decommissioning and demolition.

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