

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SUMMARY

10 MAY 2016

ANGLESEA SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

AIM

This workshop was designed to capture community views and aspirations for the future use of the Anglesea Power Station and Coal Mine to assist in the development of the:

1. **Revised Mine Closure Plan**, and
2. **Draft Master Plan** for the power station freehold land.

The workshop was facilitated by Bastion S&GO, and consisted of a presentation by Warren Sharp (Alcoa) followed by discussions led by facilitator Phil Martin (Bastion S&GO).

Participants were asked to contribute by discussing their understanding of the draft guiding principles and their aspirations for the site.

This was the second community workshop held as part of Alcoa's community engagement process. Other activities include community listening posts and an online engagement platform.

ATTENDEES

A total of five community members participated in the workshop, a mix of local residents and holiday home owners.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Alcoa, in collaboration with the Alcoa Community Consultation Network (CCN), Anglesea Futures, the State Government and the Surf Coast Shire, has developed five draft Guiding Principles which will be used to help inform the development of the Revised Mine Closure Plan and Draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land (which will also, importantly, be informed by the technical studies to be completed this year).

The draft Guiding Principles are:

1. **Provide a safe and stable land-form for future uses.**
2. **Value and complement the natural environment.**
3. **Support a diverse range of future uses and outcomes.**
4. **Honour the various cultural and heritage values of the area.**
5. **Complement the future of the Anglesea Region.**

KEY THEMES

The key themes arising from the discussion at this workshop included:

- **The site should be utilised for active community activities that link into the greater Anglesea township.**
- **The natural attributes of Anglesea should be reflected and celebrated in future land uses and activities.**
- **Future land use should develop Anglesea's economy and stimulate the town's tourism.**
- **The future use of the site should contribute to developing or enhancing a unique identity for Anglesea, and/or considerate of Anglesea's place on the Great Ocean Road.**
- **Economic viability of any ideas will be an important factor to consider.**

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Participants took part in a group discussion while a scribe recorded feedback relating to each draft guiding principle. There was productive feedback and ideas provided by the group and a summary of the discussion is provided below grouped under each draft Guiding Principle.

PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE LAND-FORM FOR FUTURE USES

Considerations that were important to the group to achieve a safe and stable land-form included keeping any recreational activities such as bike trails separate from the mine. It was also noted that maintaining the quality of the mine water was important.

It was emphasised that technical assessments are critical to determine what the land can be used for in the future, and should also be shared with the community when undertaken.

VALUE AND COMPLEMENT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Participants felt strongly about the need for the future use of the site to tie in with Anglesea's natural environment, particularly the bush and ocean. The main ideas were to include open spaces and the facilitation of outdoor recreational activities such as walking, bike trails or camping.

SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF FUTURE USES AND OUTCOMES

There were multiple suggestions that supported the principle of using the land for a diverse range of uses. While the ideas mostly focused on community recreational activities, many of the ideas had the potential to simultaneously provide economic growth for Anglesea through increasing tourism.

The development of a lake was a popular suggestion as it could facilitate activities such as boating, a yacht club and swimming, depending on the water quality in any lake. Cafes, a conference centre and an accommodation facility could all feature on the outskirts of the lake to build the tourism opportunities.

Other ideas included a renewable energy hub, creating a ring road as an alternate route out of Anglesea, and building upon the existing bike and hiking trails in the surrounding area.

HONOUR THE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES OF THE AREA

Participants highlighted the community's commitment to the environment and that this should be a key theme in future land uses. It was suggested that the preservation of the site's existing buildings could recognise the history and significance of the site, whilst also building upon the community's identity. For example, the power station steel structure could be reused for recreational activities such as climbing.

Some however suggested that they had no desire to see any of the buildings retained as long as a good alternative use for the site was found.

Participants also raised their appreciation of Alcoa's good corporate citizenship to the community.

COMPLEMENT THE FUTURE OF THE ANGLESEA REGION

Participants indicated that the future use of the site should benefit the community in the long term by helping to enhance or create a unique identity for Anglesea. This is a once in a life time opportunity and the process should not be rushed, Alcoa and the Government should think broadly about the options.

The site should give people 'a reason to stop' and activities should link in and connect with other activities already on offer in Anglesea. A popular suggestion was to repurpose the site so it has the potential to generate tourism that 'value adds' the Great Ocean Road and generates economic benefit to the town.

Specific ideas included education and recreation facilities, as well as tourism activities utilising and supporting the natural environment.

Participants noted that the economic viability of the ideas would be an important factor to consider.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The feedback from this workshop, along with the technical studies, will help inform the development of the Revised Mine Closure Plan and the Draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land.

To find out more and join the conversation visit www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea.

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Recording feedback

The workshop participants' feedback was carefully transcribed by representatives of Bastion S&GO, however we cannot guarantee the verbatim accuracy of these notes.

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