

LISTENING

POST SUMMARY

13 MAY 2016
ANGLESEA IGA

AIM

The purpose of the Listening Post was to explore 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 community was asked to provide input centered on the draft guiding principles: provide a safe and stable landform for future uses, value and complement the natural environment, support a diverse range of future uses and outcomes, honour the various cultural and heritage values of the area, and complement the future of the Anglesea Region.

Outside the Anglesea IGA was chosen as the location for Alcoa's second community listening post given its prominence and exposure to different community members, with a particular focus on permanent residents. Four Alcoa employees and one Bastion S&GO employee facilitated the Listening Post from 11am to 3pm.

ATTENDEES

Between 40 - 50 people participated in the Listening Post, a mix of permanent residents, non-permanent residents and holiday home owners.

Alcoa provided information on the progress of the decommissioning and remediation of the Alcoa site and answered questions about the historical operation of the mine. The community provided positive feedback about the opportunity to participate in the process.

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).

1. **Provide a safe and stable landform 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 IDEAS

The 45 specific ideas collected on the day can be summarised in the following key themes:

- **Establishment of recreational activities based around environmental attributes of the area.**
- **Ensuring the outcome is safe and stable.**
- **Creation of a lake.**

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

There was extensive feedback and numerous ideas provided by participants related to the future of the Anglesea site. Overall feedback indicated the general appropriateness of the draft guiding principles in determining the future use of the site.

A summary is provided below of the 75 ideas provided by community participants.

PROVIDE A SAFE AND STABLE LANDFORM FOR FUTURE USES

Participants emphasised the importance of this principle in ensuring the site is safe for the community, regardless of its chosen future use. The community understood the importance of the technical process to help inform this.

Ideas that focused on the site providing a safe environment for Anglesea included a ring road to allow another exit from Anglesea, and a lake or barrier to ensure there is a buffer zone for the town against bush fires.

VALUE AND COMPLEMENT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Many participants endorsed the utilisation of the natural assets Anglesea has to offer and incorporating the majority of the leased land back into the Great Otway National Park. The community raised the need for the natural environment to be maintained.

The most popular idea was to create a lake, and to allow eco-friendly activities, such as rowing and canoeing, on such a lake. A lake was seen as the most environmentally friendly option for the mine site.

SUPPORT A DIVERSE RANGE OF FUTURE USES AND OUTCOMES

There was widespread acknowledgment of the potential the site could have for multiple future uses to benefit different communities within the region and tourists. Maintaining the land for outdoor recreational activities was popular with suggestions ranging from camping, bike and walking trails, canoeing on the lake and fishing in the lake should it be permissible. It was noted by a number of participants that there should be a limit on residential development.

HONOUR THE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HERITAGE VALUES OF THE AREA

A small number of participants voiced interest in celebrating the cultural and heritage values of the area in its future use. It was raised whether maintaining the mine as a historical site was an option.

COMPLEMENT THE FUTURE OF THE ANGLESEA REGION

Participants referenced that they would like to see the revitalisation of the Anglesea site benefit and enhance the existing lifestyle and economy of the community. The future use of the site should focus on environmental infrastructure and rehabilitation, in order to maintain a growing economy in Anglesea.

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 ABOUT ANGLESEA AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION PLEASE VISIT:



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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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