

Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee

MEETING #10 MINUTES (WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED)

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

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ATTENDEES

Mr Roland Davies (Acting Chairperson), Latrobe Valley community

Mr James Faithful, Latrobe Valley mine operators (ENGIE Hazelwood)

Mr Ron Mether, Latrobe Valley mine operators (EnergyAustralia Yallourn)

Ms Sarah Gilbert, Latrobe Valley mine operators (AGL Loy Yang)

Mr Terry Flynn, Southern Rural Water

Mr Angelo Saridis, Gippsland Water (new member awaiting confirmation of appointment)

Ms Gail Gatt, Latrobe City Council (new member awaiting confirmation of appointment)

Mr Trevor Williams, Gippsland Trades and Labour Council (new member awaiting confirmation of appointment)

Mr Alan Freitag, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

Ms Jane Burton, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)

Ms Anna May, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) (new member awaiting confirmation of appointment)

Emeritus Professor Rae Mackay (Observer), Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner

Mr Brett Millsom (Secretariat), Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)

APOLOGIES

Ms Susan Lloyd, Latrobe Valley community

Cr Graeme Middlemiss, Latrobe City Council

Mr John Krbaleski, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) (new member awaiting confirmation of appointment)

GUESTS

Mr Jamie Lowe, Head of Regulation, ENGIE Australia

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Agenda Item	Minutes
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1	<p>ENGIE's Masterplan for Hazelwood</p> <p><i>Delivered by: Jamie Lowe, Head of Regulation, ENGIE Australia</i></p> <p>The presentation provided an overview of ENGIE's Masterplan for the Hazelwood site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGIE is currently preparing a Masterplan for its Hazelwood site and has requested to present to and seek feedback from the Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee as part of the consultation process. • The Masterplan seeks to articulate a shared vision for the future of the site and a coordinated set of initiatives regarding what ENGIE can legitimately do with the site and what the community wants. • The Masterplan aims to show what is possible for the site as well as the realistic constraints that apply to various land use options. • ENGIE's concept rehabilitation and closure plan for the Hazelwood site is due at the end of next year (2019). • It's important to identify the linkages that the site could provide, and those that already exist within Morwell – i.e. links to tourist hotspots in the east. • ENGIE has been approached by a number of companies regarding accessing small parcels of land within its Mining Licence area. • The infrastructure connectivity is a key strength of the Hazelwood site. • The Masterplan features five key themes for future land uses. The themes broadly align within those identified in Latrobe City Council's Strength-led Transition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agriculture is the most significant employer in Latrobe City (13.6 per cent of population). – Tourism, Sport and Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 million visitors to Latrobe City in 2016, spending \$131 million. ▪ Accommodation and food services currently account for 7.5 per cent of the employed population and this is projected to increase. – Circular energy economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 85 per cent of Victoria's electricity comes from the Gippsland region. – Defence, aviation and advanced manufacturing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large defence, manufacturing and aviation base centred around Regional Airport and GippsAero. ▪ Significant engineering capability and skill in the area. – Health and innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Third largest employer in Latrobe City (11.7 per cent of population). • There are opportunities for solar energy and energy storage to be incorporated in the circular energy economy theme. • ENGIE has previously explored the opportunity to establish pumped hydro power at Hazelwood with international experts. The economics of doing this at the Hazelwood site did not stack up; the project would be too challenging. • ENGIE is seeking to carve the site into smaller parcels of land and outline what may be possible to be done on each of those parcels over time, in line with the five themes listed above. • It was noted there's a number of planning groups currently working on mine rehabilitation in the Latrobe Valley. There needs to be a convergence of ideas in this space. • ENGIE is planning to circulate and consult more broadly on the masterplan once further work has been done to inform its preparation. • It was noted that there is currently a level of uncertainty regarding the future of the Hazelwood Cooling Pond. The Cooling Pond will be rehabilitated but the final landform is yet to be finalised.
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2	<p>Committee administration</p> <p>Minutes from last meeting and actions arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the previous meeting of the Committee (Meeting #09) were noted. • Apologies for Susan Lloyd, Graeme Middlemiss and John Krbaleski were noted.
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Project status update

Delivered by: Jane Burton, Director Coal Resources Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).

- Since the last meeting, the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy (LVRRS) Project Team has received comments on the scenarios, water and geotechnical metrics reports from a number of stakeholders. The Project Team is collating these comments with the verbal feedback received at Meeting #9 of the Advisory Committee.
- Technical specifications have been completed for the water resource modelling, pit lake water quality and environmental effects studies. These specifications have been issued to external service providers to progress, in particular:
 - Surface water modelling being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).
 - Regional groundwater modelling being undertaken by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).
 - Mine-scale groundwater modelling.
 - Pit lake modelling.
 - Environmental flows assessment for the Lower Latrobe River, as part of the aquatic environment effects assessment.
- A 'Water Supply Options Feasibility Assessment' is also being undertaken and work has progressed including initial stakeholder/custodian consultation.
- Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) has been engaged to undertake a cultural heritage assessment, and arrangements have been made with GLaWAC for an Aboriginal Waterways Assessment.
- Several land use planning workshops have been held across the region with communities in Moe (6 August 2018), Traralgon (13 August 2018) and Morwell (14 August 2018). DELWP, is awaiting the final report of findings and key themes from these workshops.
- Staff from the Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner's Office and DEDJTR's LVRRS Project team recently attended the Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Conference in Leipzig, Germany (3-7 September 2018). The team is preparing a debrief of learnings from the conference and site visits.
- The Project Team will be looking to source a considerable amount of data to inform the regional geotechnical and water studies in coming months.

Update from the Commissioner

Delivered by: Emeritus Professor Rae Mackay, Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner

- The Commissioner recently attended the Mine Closure 2018 Conference in Leipzig in Germany. There were lots of useful contributions from across the globe regarding approaches to mine rehabilitation, particularly regarding building consensus around approaches to rehabilitation. A summary of the key learnings is being prepared.
- The Commissioner recently presented to Engineers Australia's Water Group with Brett Davis, Senior Manager, Latrobe Valley Regional Water Study, DELWP.
- A key area of focus for the Commissioner has been to complete the monitoring and evaluation framework which he is obliged to prepare under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*. The Framework is separated into four parts – LVRRS, Integrated Mines Research Group (IMRG), licensees and public sector bodies.
- The Commissioner is currently recruiting for a communications and engagement officer.
- The Commissioner's inaugural Annual Report is being tabled in Parliament this coming Thursday (20 September 2018).
- The Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA) has offered to set up an exhibition space at the front of its building for information regarding mine rehabilitation to be displayed.

3 Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee skills and stakeholder representation assessment

In accordance with the *Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Management Procedures* and the commitment made in the Committee's 2017/18 Annual Report, members discussed the representation of

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stakeholder groups on the Committee.

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Round-the-table updates

James Faithful, Latrobe Valley mine operators (ENGIE)

- James has recently returned from the Mine Closure 2018 Conference in Leipzig in Germany. A short overview presentation of some of the key learnings was presented with greater detail to be provided at the next meeting.

Ron Mether, Latrobe Valley mine operators (EnergyAustralia)

- Yallourn recently hosted the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining during a visit to the Latrobe Valley.
- Yallourn has also recently hosted a visit from the Deputy Secretary, Resources within DEDJTR during a visit to the Latrobe Valley.
- Work is about to commence on another two kilometres of walking track that will extend from Toners Lane to the Highway.

Alan Freitag, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

- The first parcels of land identified to have their respective coal overlays removed as part of the Coal Overlay Review Project could have notices gazetted as early as next week.
- Work is also progressing to review the Latrobe, Wellington and Baw Baw Planning Schemes. Consultants are working across the three councils and this work will feed into a broader statewide process known as smart planning that is seeking to deliver greater integration between state and local planning policy.

Emeritus Professor Rae Mackay, Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner

- The second reading of the Amendment Bill to establish the Declared Mines Rehabilitation Authority occurred yesterday. The Bill won't make it through the passage of parliament prior to the election.

Gail Gatt, Latrobe City Council

- Latrobe City has provided feedback on the reports presented to the last meeting of the Advisory Committee.
- Latrobe City is currently developing an investment prospectus focusing on three key precincts – food manufacturing, logistics and aero. Council is promoting opportunities in these sectors and the removal of coal protection overlays on key sites south of Morwell will assist in progressing heavy industrial opportunities.
- Discussions are progressing regarding the establishment of an asbestos cell to support demolition activities at the Energy Brix site. Council's view is that this is currently a matter for Energy Brix and ENGIE to resolve. The matter will likely come back to Council for another decision.

Sarah Gilbert, AGL

- AGL also hosted the Deputy Secretary, Resources within DEDJTR during his recent visit to the Latrobe Valley.
- AGL participated in the Environment Protection Authority's 20(b) conference regarding the extension of the power station licences. The overarching message was that people want broader engagement on issues related to mine rehabilitation.
- Loy Yang's Sustainability report is now available via AGL's website.

Anna May, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

- A large amount of work is currently being undertaken as part of the Regional Water Study including groundwater modelling, surface water modelling and a water supply assessment workshop scheduled for next week.
- A large amount of work being done with GLaWAC to progress the Aboriginal Waterway Assessment.

Roland Davies, Latrobe Valley community

- Important to identify whether gaps in the Committee membership are gaps that impact the Committee being able to
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acquit its responsibilities within the Terms of Reference or whether these are stakeholders and stakeholder groups that need to be targeted with information about the project.

- There is a need to identify pathways into the groups that are proving difficult to reach.

5 Other business and next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 11 October 2018.
