

Stakeholder Contributions to Concepts

1. Introduction

Community and stakeholder perspectives continue to play an important role in the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, as they have since the commencement of the project in 2017.

Following works to decommission and demolish major infrastructure that was once part of the Hazelwood Power Station and Hazelwood Mine, ENGIE Hazelwood has actively engaged with the community and key stakeholders to create a rehabilitation plan focused on safety, stability, sustainability, and future productive land use.

General stakeholder input has been gathered as part of a comprehensive and transparent consultation approach designed to fulfil the requirements of the Project's longer running, bilateral Environmental Effects Statement (EES) and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwth) (EPBC) assessment process, which commenced in 2022 and continued up until recently. The Project's EES is expected to go on public exhibition in 2026.

Early, targeted consultation with prescribed stakeholders – directly relating to the development of this DMRP – commenced in May 2024 and is ongoing, with formal consultation planned throughout July and August. This early-stage engagement with prescribed stakeholders has sought to gather feedback specific to:

- proposed rehabilitation approaches;
- potential end land-uses for the rehabilitated site;
- potential risks and liabilities after ENGIE Hazelwood relinquishes the mine licence; and
- expectations for ongoing monitoring and site maintenance.

This Chapter summarises outcomes of this early-stage consultation and outlines how matters raised through these consultations have been considered and responded to as part of the development of the DMRP. It also includes a summary of planned future engagement activities to drive ongoing participation in the DMRP development process.

DMRP CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Consultation undertaken to inform the development of ENGIE Hazelwood's DMRP aligns with the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019 (MRSDMI Regulations), section 64G and the Ministerial Guidelines for preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plans Draft – November 2024

Following the release and exhibition of this Draft DMRP, ENGIE will initiate a formal consultation process to ensure both prescribed stakeholders and the broader public have a genuine opportunity to contribute to and participate in the planning and development of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project DMRP. Engagement tactics are outlined in the ENGIE Hazelwood Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan Stakeholder Engagement Strategy, see Appendix D.

2. Consultation Approach

The project has been developed with the belief that proactive, sincere, transparent and respectful consultation is an essential part of successful project development.

Stakeholder consultation on the Hazelwood DMRP has sought to:

- Inform prescribed stakeholders, neighbours, Traditional Owners and local communities about the proposed project, the DMRP process and opportunities for participation.
- Help statutory and non-statutory stakeholders understand the project by providing information about objectives, benefits, principles guiding design and development, and work done to identify, understand and address potential risks.
- Actively encourage prescribed stakeholder participation and seek targeted input during the preparation of the Draft DMRP to obtain specific feedback on measures that respond to identified risks, management controls and potential future land uses.
- Develop a formal process for broader community and stakeholder consultation and submissions on key elements of the DMRP plan.
- Demonstrate how feedback has been considered in the development of the project and the DMRP.

Engagement will continue beyond lodgement of the Project's Draft DMRP. For details of planned future engagement, see the ENGIE Hazelwood Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan Stakeholder Engagement Strategy, Appendix D. Consultation and community involvement will continue to be a key priority should the project be approved.

3. Key Stakeholders

ENGIE Hazelwood has identified individuals, organisations, communities, and groups that it considers should be involved in Project consultation activities based on:

- their potential interest in the Project and its development
- the likelihood that they will be affected by proposed Project activities
- their perceived ability to contribute to Project outcomes.

This includes prescribed stakeholders as specified in the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Mineral Industries) Regulations 2019 (MRSDMI Regulations)*, section 64G.

The following table provides details of those stakeholders that have been consulted as part of early-stage (informal) engagement to support the development of the Draft DMRP.

Table 4.1 Key Project Stakeholders – Prescribed

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	STAKEHOLDERS
Rehabilitation Authority	Independent authority working with community, industry and government to facilitate the rehabilitation of declared mine sites	Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority (MLRA)
Ministers	The Minister responsible for administering the EES Act and the Minister for Crown Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Planning • Minister for the Environment
Neighbouring landholders	Non associated residences and businesses within 5km of the proposal or direct adjoining land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbouring Landowners within 5km of the site
Responsible authorities	A responsible authority for the area in which the declared mine land is located	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latrobe City Council
State and Federal Government Agencies	Any public sector body that is responsible for the authorisation or oversight of a matter in the declared mine rehabilitation plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department Energy, Environment and Climate Action • Earth Resources • Department Transport and Planning • Fire Rescue Victoria • West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority • Worksafe • EPA • Southern Rural Water • Heritage Victoria • Department Health • First Peoples State Relations
Traditional Owners	Registered Aboriginal Parties and Traditional Owner groups within the area in which the declared mine is located	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC)
Communities	Local communities with an interest in the project	<p>The communities in the Gippsland Region set out in column 2 of Schedule 2 to the Regional Development Victoria Act 2002 (Vic), being communities within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bass Coast Shire Council • Baw Baw Shire Council • East Gippsland Shire Council • Latrobe City Council • Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort • South Gippsland Shire Council • Wellington Shire Council

A dedicated community engagement database (Consultation Manager) was established at the beginning of project feasibility. The details of each community and stakeholder member or group have been captured in this database and subsequent

interactions have been recorded as a means of tracking and evaluating stakeholder feedback.

In line with MRSD Regulations, r 64J(a) a register of early consultations undertaken is also attached in Appendix A.

4. Engagement Tools

Early consultation with prescribed stakeholders has utilised one on one briefings, meetings, correspondence and information packs to collect initial feedback and input into the DMRP. Forward engagement will continue to utilise a variety of tools and methods to provide stakeholders with flexibility in how they can interact with the DMRP or engage with the project team.

Table 4.2 – Engagement Mechanisms

ENGAGEMENT MECHANISM	DESCRIPTION	TARGET STAKEHOLDER GROUPS
Informal meetings	Opportunities for initial introductions and to encourage open dialogue and discussion	Neighbours, community groups
Formal briefings	Structured meeting opportunities, usually with a set agenda, to provide a specific briefing, update on the Project and seek feedback on key elements of the plan.	Rehabilitation Authority, Ministers, Responsible authorities, State and Federal Government Agencies, Traditional Owners
Site tours for groups	Onsite briefings provide an opportunity for neighbours and key stakeholders to meet with the project team to express concerns, provide feedback and receive updates	All stakeholder groups
Letters	Dedicated correspondence to share project updates, news and offer personal briefings.	All stakeholder groups
Presentation packs	Detailed explanatory information packs to support project briefings and meetings	Rehabilitation Authority, Ministers, Responsible authorities, State and Federal Government Agencies, Traditional Owners
Website updates	Online portal to provide ongoing project updates, information, and channels to contact the project team.	All stakeholder groups
Fact Sheet	Informative bulletin to outline the project location, concept design and DMRP development process.	All stakeholder groups
Newsletters	Periodical community updates on project highlights, developments, key findings. Will also promote channels for getting in touch with the Project team.	All stakeholder groups
Technical Reference Group	A formal working group of state government agencies and authorities to supply advice to DTP and the project team throughout the EES process – including briefing on the DMRP	Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project TRG
Technical feedback sessions	In-person, public events to explain the technical work that informs the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project and the EES	Gippsland community
Webinar	As above, but online	All stakeholder groups
Feedback forms	Open and closed questions to obtain specific feedback and responses, usually from the general public.	Gippsland community
Drop-in sessions, community open days, industry events	Unstructured public events to introduce the project team, share project information and updates, and capture feedback	Gippsland community
Advertisements	Paid promotions in local papers and social media to reach a broader audience (out to 50km) across Gippsland.	Gippsland community
Written submissions	Formal channel to receive public feedback and input into the DMRP	All stakeholder groups
Phone & email enquiries	Project email launched in to respond to enquiries and send project updates.	All stakeholder groups

5. Engagement Activities to Date

The following engagement and consultation activities have been carried out to gather a range of prescribed stakeholder interests, views and concerns, and to inform the development of this DMRP.

Table 4.3– Early-stage consultation activities, Prescribed Stakeholders

FORMAT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
STAKEHOLDER: DEECA		
Meeting	12/15/2021	Meeting to discuss Traditional Owner current and future usage
Meeting	3/8/2022	Meeting to discuss Morwell River Flood Diversion and project communications
Meeting	4/14/2022	Meeting to discuss the project. DEECA interested to see MFRD works and gain understanding of the site ahead of EES process.
Email	8/16/2022	Email sent to stakeholders promoting community sessions in Traralgon and Morwell about EES process.
Meeting	10/12/2022	Meeting to discuss Victorian Native Vegetation Removal legislation and revegetation actions throughout life of the Hazelwood mine project and how this should be considered as part of EES.
Meeting	10/28/2022	Meeting to provide details of proposed hydrological modelling approach for the catchments, rivers and wetlands assessment, specifics of the Latrobe Source model.
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and the EPA statutory audit currently underway.
Email	7/11/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and the EPA statutory audit currently underway.
STAKEHOLDER: DEECA, WEST GIPPSLAND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, GLAWAC		
Meeting	6/18/2020	Meeting to discuss project.
STAKEHOLDER: DEECA, DCCEW, DTP, MLRA, EPA		
Meeting	5/15/2023	Meeting with Office of Water Science in Morwell to discuss groundwater, water regulation in Victoria, surface water, water quality, alternatives, and cumulative impact assessment approach.
STAKEHOLDER: DTP		
Meeting	4/8/2022	Meeting to discuss issues involving MMD. Referenced EES and issues to be identified during scoping.
Email	4/24/2024	Email sharing details of an upcoming Technical Conversation Session and requesting the stakeholder shares the email with Technical Reference Group (TRG) members.
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).
Meeting	6/17/2025	Provided an update on the DMRP, its purpose and timing, noting that ENGIE will go to public exhibition from in July 2025.
STAKEHOLDER: EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL		
Email	10/17/2022	Email providing EES update regarding DELWP draft scoping requirements and other environmental matters of interest.
Email	4/19/2023	Email announcing release of Draft Scoping Requirements and opportunity for community to provide feedback. Shared details of upcoming community sessions and pop-ups.
Email	9/26/2023	Email requesting participation in socioeconomic impact assessment.
Email	4/24/2024	Email sharing details of upcoming Technical Conversation Session.
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).
STAKEHOLDER: EPA		
Email	8/16/2022	Email promoting community sessions in Traralgon and Morwell about EES process.
STAKEHOLDER: FPSR		
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and the EPA statutory audit currently underway.

5. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO DATE

FORMAT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
STAKEHOLDER: FRV		
Meeting	5/13/2021	Meeting to discuss upcoming emergency service issues and demolition activities.
Email	8/16/2022	Email promoting community sessions in Traralgon and Morwell about EES process.
Email	4/19/2023	Email announcing release of Draft Scoping Requirements and opportunity for community feedback. Shared details of upcoming community sessions and pop-ups.
Email	4/24/2024	Email sharing details of upcoming Technical Conversation Session.
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).
STAKEHOLDER: GIPPSLAND WATER		
Meeting	11/11/2022	Site tour to gain better understanding of the rehabilitation project.
STAKEHOLDER: GLAWAC		
Email	11/17/2021	Email sharing slides from EES referral meeting and Traditional Owner involvement during investigations. DELWP invited GLaWAC to nominate a representative to the technical reference group for the EES.
Meeting	11/17/2021	Meeting to provide project update, discuss artefacts, provide update on demolition and rehabilitation works, provide outline on EES process.
Meeting	8/11/2022	Meeting to discuss updates on internal structure with key appointments being made.
Meeting	8/11/2022	Meeting to discuss providing an out of session briefing to Council (ie not public meeting).
Email	11/29/2022	Email requesting conversation about GLaWAC representation in EES Technical Reference Group. Discussions were arranged regarding TRG, CHMP, and additional matters including the organisation of a site tour.
Meeting	4/17/2023	Meeting regarding water sources for filling the mine void and importance of healthy waterways to Country, rich history of Aboriginal land use in the area.
Meeting	4/18/2023	Meeting to discuss concerns about water use to fill the mine and impacts on the wider Gippsland water system.
Email	4/19/2023	Email to announce release of Draft Scoping Requirements and opportunity for community to provide feedback. Shared details of various community sessions and pop-ups.
Meeting	5/5/2023	Meeting to discuss subsurface investigations.
Email	5/29/2023	Email thanking GLaWAC for their time at the Hazelwood site. Requested follow up meeting to understand how GLaWAC may like to participate over the next year or so in the EES preparation.
Email	6/9/2023	Email thanking the project for site meeting to discuss challenges and opportunities. Noted GLaWAC working on strategic position for this project.
Email	6/28/2023	Email inviting GLaWAC to additional dedicated session on water assessments being prepared for the EES. Meeting requested with Socioeconomic EES specialists and shared details for technical conversation sessions.
Email	8/1/2023	Email sharing details of meeting at Latrobe Valley GovHub. Shared information pack from recent site tour with GLaWAC representatives.
Meeting	8/2/2023	Meeting to provide update on project and EES progress. Discussion regarding water sourcing and quality issue, catchments and waterways, including managing downstream impacts, water testing and modelling to date in the pit lake.
Email	8/17/2023	Email to discuss further discussions between GLaWAC and the project. Site meeting at the wetlands and sit down meeting in Sale with technical experts suggested.
Meeting	3/15/2024	Meeting with GLaWAC to discuss the project, provide an update and understand the new GLaWAC position on mine rehabilitation and their involvement moving forward.
Email	4/2/2024	Email sharing meeting actions and resources. Provided update on site tour request, including viewing arrangements and site maps.
Email	4/24/2024	Email sharing details of upcoming Technical Conversation Session.
Email	6/20/2024	Email requesting support with map showing land management arrangements.
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
Meeting	8/26/2024	Meeting to discuss 'Pathways to Partnership' document ahead of its launch.
Email	10/9/2024	Email inviting the project to the Deadly in Gippsland Aboriginal Business Expo.
Meeting	5/3/2025	Meeting to discuss disturbance across the site and likelihood of previously registered places being relocated.
STAKEHOLDER: HERITAGE VICTORIA		
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.

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FORMAT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
STAKEHOLDER: LATROBE CITY COUNCIL		
Meeting	7/16/2021	Meeting to provide update on HCP situation, to fulfill Council requirement for desktop feasibility study on the future of the HCP.
Email	7/21/2021	Email sharing update about Hazelwood Cooling Pond.
Phone call	10/28/2021	Phone call letting Steve know about EES referral and process.
Meeting	2/4/2022	Meeting with Latrobe City Council to discuss Gippsland Water site tour for its senior executive staff, to gain a better understanding of the rehabilitation project.
Email	2/17/2022	Email about relocation and preservation of Hazelwood signage
Meeting	2/18/2022	Meeting to inform Latrobe City Council of Morwell Main Drain works.
Meeting	4/20/2022	Meeting to discuss community grants as part of EES process so community groups could engage their own research and studies.
Email	7/13/2022	Email providing update on Morwell Main Drain works.
Meeting	8/11/2022	Meeting to discuss long term opportunities provided with 4,000 hectares of land on mine licence.
Email	8/16/2022	Email promoting community sessions
Email	8/16/2022	Email promoting community sessions
Meeting	8/31/2022	Meeting to discuss project. Council provided overview of existing policy, zoning, overlays and amendments of relevance.
Email	9/12/2022	Email sharing content for Council website. Requested meeting with councillors and update on recent EES information sessions.
Email	12/16/2022	Email sharing December 2022 Community Update and providing EES process update.
Email	4/19/2023	Email announcing release of Draft Scoping Requirements and opportunity to provide feedback. Shared details of various community sessions and pop-ups.
Email	7/31/2023	Email from Council asking about attending Technical Conversation Series
Email	9/26/2023	Email about participating in social impact assessment
Meeting	10/19/2023	Meeting to discuss social impact assessment
Meeting	1/23/2024	Meeting to discuss project. Key topics included Council interfaces with state run projects, ground stability, Latrobe Valley transition Plan and Rehabilitation Strategy Amendment, 2022 Regional Sustainable Water Strategy, and the Industrial Interface Assessment.
Email	2/22/2024	Email about briefing on catchments, wetlands and rivers
Email	4/9/2024	Email to promote upcoming Technical Conversation Sessions and share updated project collateral.
Email	4/24/2024	Email promoting upcoming Technical Conversation Sessions.
Email	7/11/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
Meeting	7/16/2024	Meeting to inform Council understanding of the site, for Council's formal policy on mine rehabilitation.
Email	11/21/2024	Email providing update on plans to develop a public viewing area near the Hazelwood mine site, and requesting Council letter of support for funding application.
STAKEHOLDER: LILY D'AMBROSIO MP		
Email	7/18/2023	Email inviting Minister to upcoming technical conversation sessions.
STAKEHOLDER: MLRA		
Meeting	7/16/2020	Introductory meeting and site tour for Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority Board.
Meeting	7/6/2021	Meeting to discuss project. Discussed sign, water supply, site tour.
Meeting	12/2/2021	Meeting to discuss remediation and rehabilitation, current and proposed works.

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FORMAT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Meeting	3/17/2022	Site tour for Rachel Wilton, Ministerial Advisor to the State Resources Minister Jaala Pulford, accompanied by Rhonda Hastie from the Mine Lands Rehabilitation Authority and Jane Burton from Department of Jobs Precincts and Regions (DJPR).
Meeting	5/12/2022	Meeting to discuss the project and potential work with RMIT Landscape Architecture design students.
Meeting	6/14/2022	Meeting to discuss the project. Discussed consultation, local connectivity, timeframes for rehabilitation, and EES exhibition engagement.
Information session	9/1/2022	Information session in Morwell to discuss project and EES process.
Information session	3/14/2023	Information session / forum with RMIT landscape architecture program.
Meeting	4/3/2023	Site tour including overview of EES process, HARA, HBESS, and MRFD.
Email	4/4/2023	Email thanking MLRA for participation in Hazelwood site tour, confirming approvals for social media post, sharing a site map and confirming preparation of notes.
Email	7/17/2023	Email inviting MLRA to upcoming technical conversation sessions and requesting MLRA promote session with network.
Meeting	2/11/2024	Meeting with MLRA about site tour for new staff.
Meeting	4/23/2024	Site tour for MLRA staff with information provided about works status and long term plans.
Email	6/28/2024	Email sharing most recent community update.
Email	7/11/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
STAKEHOLDER: SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL		
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).
STAKEHOLDER: SOUTHERN RURAL WATER		
Meeting	4/6/2022	Meeting to inspect the mine area with ENGIE site representatives and view the MRD works area.
Email	7/11/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
STAKEHOLDER: WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL		
Email	7/26/2022	Email update on EES
Email	8/16/2022	Email promoting community sessions
Meeting	10/4/2022	Meeting to discuss the project. Key items raised included how void will be filled, water source, road closures and ENGIE's ongoing role.
Email	12/16/2022	Email sharing December 2022 Community Update and EES process update.
Email	4/19/2023	Email announcing release of Draft Scoping Requirements and opportunity for community feedback. Shared details of upcoming community sessions and pop-ups.
Email	7/17/2023	Email promoting Technical Conversation Sessions
Email	9/26/2023	Email requesting participation in socioeconomic impact assessment.
Meeting	10/16/2023	Meeting to discuss social impact assessment
Email	3/6/2024	Email organising project briefing to discuss catchments, rivers and wetlands with specialists.
Meeting	3/20/2024	Meeting to discuss management of downstream impacts
Email	3/27/2024	Email thanking Council for recent meeting, shared resources and Technical Conversation Session information.
Email	4/24/2024	Email promoting upcoming Technical Conversation Sessions.
Email	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).
STAKEHOLDER: WEST GIPPSLAND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY		
Email	8/17/2023	Email following up offer to connect project with interested stakeholders in the Lower Latrobe and Gippsland Lakes.
	7/10/2024	Email offering briefing on the preparation of Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), Environment Effects Statement (EES) process and EPA statutory audit currently underway.
STAKEHOLDER: WORKSAFE		
Email	5/30/2025	Email offering briefing on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP).

5. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Engagement and consultation with neighbours has also been a key aspect of both the rehabilitation project and DMRP planning, with feedback from these stakeholders gathered primarily through email, face to face meetings and phone calls.

Table 4.4 – Early stage consultation activities, Neighbours

WHEN	ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TO DATE
May 2020	Phone calls with adjacent landowners about chimney works at Hazelwood site Letterbox drop to adjacent landowners to inform them of chimney works at Hazelwood site Phone calls to discuss the project and upcoming works with nearby neighbours
October 2020	Email to provide an update on the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Demolition Program
November 2020	Email to provide an update on the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Demolition Program Letterbox drop to adjacent landowners to inform them of works at Boiler Demolition site
December 2020	Letterbox drop to adjacent landowners to inform them of works at Boiler Demolition site
May 2021	Multiple meetings with nearby neighbour to discuss demolition activities completed to date and future planned activities
June 2021	Email with nearby neighbour about the location of monitoring equipment on site
October 2021	Meeting with nearby landholders to discuss long-term plans, preserving heritage and future land use at Hazelwood
February 2022	Project letter box drop about the revegetation plan.
August 2022	Project emailed nearby neighbour promoting community sessions in Traralgon and Morwell about EES process Phone calls and meetings with nearby neighbours about water levels near site following rainfall
September 2022	Discussion with nearby neighbour at public information session about water levels near site following rainfall and Morwell River Flood Diversion Meeting with nearby neighbours about water levels near site following rainfall
November 2022	Project called nearby neighbour to alert them that they will be receiving NOI letters in the mail, and that the project will not require access any time soon
June 2023	Project called nearby neighbours to request a time for a site discussion with the EES Cultural Heritage specialist and test interest in a project and EES update at the site over lunch or morning tea
October 2023	Nearby neighbours invited to participate in a site tour Project hosted nearby neighbours for a site tour of the Hazelwood site
September 2024	Phone call with nearby neighbour about preservation of the Hazelwood sign
May 2025	Meeting with nearby neighbour about preservation of the Hazelwood sign Project emailed nearby neighbours to provide an introduction to the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) and welcome feedback / offer a briefing
June 2025	Project emailed nearby neighbours to provide an introduction to the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), offering a briefing and providing questions prompting feedback. Project emailed nearby neighbours to follow up on previous correspondence about the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), offering further discussion and providing questions to prompt feedback Project called nearby neighbours to follow up on previous correspondence sent regarding the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) Meetings with nearby neighbours to discuss the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) and future land use

6. Amendments to the concept in response to matters raised

Matters raised by prescribed stakeholders and neighbours via early-stage consultation have been considered and compiled into key themes. These are set out below in the following graph:

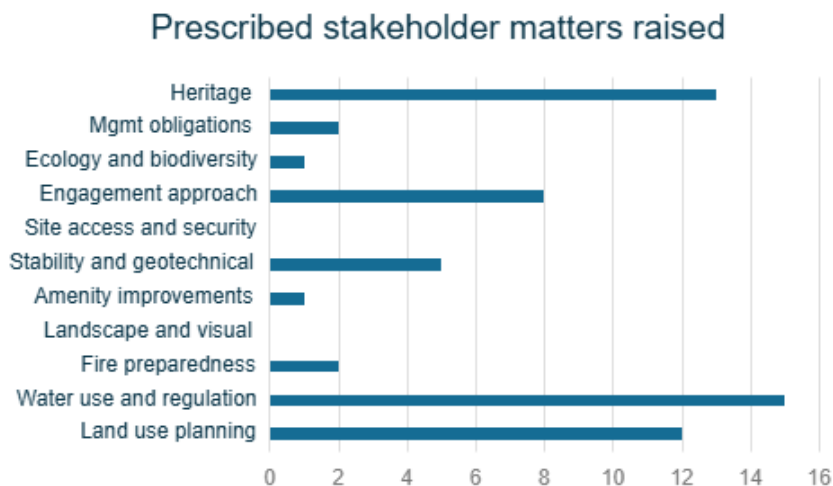


Figure 4.1 Matters raised - Prescribed Stakeholders

Each of these matters has been considered and addressed during the development of the DMRP.

Further, ENGIE Hazelwood has sought to utilise material feedback and matters raised through the Technical Reference Group convened as part of the ongoing Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project EES process. This Technical Reference Group is an inter-agency group to advise ENGIE Hazelwood and the Victorian DTP on the scoping and adequacy of EES studies during the preparation of the EES.

Given the EES process and EES technical studies directly focus on the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project's potential effects on the environment and approaches to manage those effects, this feedback was considered material and useful to inform the development of the DMRP and specific actions and strategies for rehabilitating the Hazelwood mine site.

The following table summarises key matters raised by the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Technical Reference Group.

Table 4.5 will continue to capture the summary of feedback and concerns and will be completed at the submission of the final DMRP submission.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONCEPT IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED

Table 4.5 – Matters raised by Hazelwood Technical Reference Group and amendments made in response to feedback

THEME (AND COUNT)	SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK/CONCERNS	AMENDMENTS MADE IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK
Post closure requirements (6)	There needs to be documentation, clarity, specificity, and data-backed analysis of post-rehabilitation impacts, residual risks, and mitigation measures. A more detailed and focused assessment is needed to ensure long-term public safety and environmental stability.	Agreed and actioned.
Monitoring (8)	Monitoring is not a standalone mitigation tool. It is ENGIE Hazelwood 's responsibility to proactively define and implement the necessary physical works, monitoring, and maintenance, rather than deferring this responsibility to future regulators or advisory groups.	Agreed and actioned.
	There is a need for transparency and accountability in monitoring data and risk management.	Noted.
Identifying risk (36)	Risk identification and assessment frameworks lack consistency across reports (e.g., varying risk matrices, terminology inconsistencies like "baseline", "impact" vs. "risk").	Considered as part of risk workshop outcome documentation.
	Risk assessments often omit or inadequately explore certain hazards (e.g., geotechnical instability, cumulative hydrological/ecological impacts, mine fire risks, legacy contamination).	Considered as part of risk workshop outcome documentation.
	Methodologies (e.g., assumptions around "residual impacts", mitigation effectiveness, lack of probabilistic sensitivity) are unclear or unjustified, undermining credibility.	Considered as part of risk workshop outcome documentation.
Maintenance (2)	It is ENGIE Hazelwood 's responsibility to identify future monitoring maintenance works at the site.	Agreed and actioned.
Site management responsibility (4)	ENGIE Hazelwood's site management responsibility includes ensuring the final landform design complies with the geotechnical stability and fire safety requirements. This includes managing risks throughout the life of the project and post-closure, through mandated reviews, risk mitigations and adherence to licence conditions, all of which are critical for licence relinquishment.	Understood.
Relinquishment (3)	ENGIE Hazelwood must demonstrate it will meet all of the licence conditions in order to gain licence relinquishment	Noted.
Reporting (1)	All feedback related to specific reports to be referenced	Noted.
Engagement and communication (4)	Records of stakeholder engagement and how feedback has been used must be included	Provided within DMRP.
	Information presented to community must be robust as it is likely to be challenged	Agreed and developed accordingly.
Future land uses (9)	Future land use is fundamentally constrained by the need to create a safe, stable, and sustainable landform that meets requirements under the MRSD Act, including managing key risks such as geotechnical instability and fire	Agreed.
	The report must consider and compare more than one final landform option (e.g., partial vs. full pit lake fill; connected vs. unconnected water bodies), as each significantly influences the feasibility and type of future land use (e.g., agriculture, recreation, development).	This is not relevant to the DMRP.
Stability (12)	Geotechnical stability is foundational to the rehabilitation process and must be supported by a comprehensive body of knowledge on mine geotechnical hazards. This includes addressing risks like batter collapse, long-term subsidence, and erosion.	Agreed.

7. Future Engagement

Communications and engagement will continue throughout the formal DMRP exhibition and assessment period. This will include public exhibition of the DMRP for a minimum of 60 days. In addition to prescribed stakeholders consulted in early-stage engagement as part of the development of this plan, engagement will also seek to inform relevant local communities, as specified in the table below:

Table 4.6- Local communities for engagement

Local communities	The communities of the Gippsland Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communities within• Bass Coast Shire Council;• Baw Baw Shire Council;• East Gippsland Shire Council;• Latrobe City Council;• Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort;• South Gippsland Shire Council; and• Wellington Shire Council.
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Throughout this time, ENGIE Hazelwood will also continue to offer and provide dedicated consultation to adjacent neighbours, Traditional Owners and Councils to enable their ongoing input into concept design and suitable mitigation measures for any rehabilitation impacts they have high interest in.

A copy of the DMRP will also be available via link on the Project website.