

Response to Anglesea Mine Term of Reference (Paragraph 11)

Sustainable, practical and effective options that could be undertaken by the mine operator to decrease the risk of fire arising from or impacting the Anglesea Mine for the 2015/2016 summer season, noting the impending closure of the mine on 31 August 2015;

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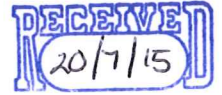
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ANGAIR Submission to Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry (Anglesea)

ANGAIR (Anglesea, Aireys Inlet Society for the Protection of Flora and Fauna Inc.) is a community group of more than 600 members located in the Eastern Otways in Victoria and centred on Anglesea and Aireys Inlet townships. A major focus of ANGAIR is volunteer work to remove environmental weeds from the Great Otway National Park and other nature reserves in the Surf Coast Shire. We have also worked with Alcoa for many years on their leased Crown Land and freehold land adjacent to Anglesea. The Lease which is known as the Anglesea Heath has National Heritage listing. Regular working bees of members are held weekly to control environmental weeds at many sites in the above mentioned areas.

With respect to the mined areas that are to be rehabilitated, ANGAIR expects this land to be revegetated to pre-existing Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs). We consider that the fire risk from this revegetation site will be about the same as existed before the mine was established and that the responsibility for handling this risk will eventually be taken by Parks Vic/DELWP as it is now for the other areas of the leased Anglesea Heath. We expect the final void will have a lake and hence reduce the overall fire risk in the longer term.

We recognise that Anglesea has an existing high fire risk due to its location surrounded by native vegetation. Rehabilitation of the mine is unlikely to increase that risk.

In view of the 2014 Hazelwood mine fire, ANGAIR considers it critical that all exposed coal seams at the Anglesea open cut mine are made safe well before the start of the next fire danger period.

Peter Forster
President
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July 10th, 2015

