

Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce – Surf Coast

Meeting # 1 – 14 November 2014 – Surf Coast Shire Offices

MEETING OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

Attendees:

Craig Lapsley EMC (Chair)	Kylie White DSDBI	Rob Kelly VWA	Margot Smith Surf Coast
Chris Rolland Alcoa	Warren Sharp Alcoa	Lisa Mills Alcoa	Rowan McKenzie Surf Coast
Virginia Morris Surf Coast	Mick McGuinness CFA	Sunil Bhalla Surf Coast	Peter Schmidt EMV

Apology: Jason Young EPA

Welcome and Background

EMC Craig Lapsley commenced meeting by providing a background on the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry outcomes and the formation of the Latrobe Valley Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce and reasons for the requirement to develop a similar body in Surf coast in relation to the Alcoa mine at Anglesea.

A background document provided prior to the meeting was discussed. This also identified Taskforce membership and noted the requirement to also engage DEPI for their engagement in the process. This has been completed and Mr. David Rourke will now join the Taskforce.

Terms of Reference – Revised from those applied to the Latrobe Valley to more specifically address the matters relating to the Anglesea mine, now being:

- Key Principle, Review the fire/emergency preparedness of the four Victorian brown coal mines
- The Taskforce will oversee the preparedness, implementation of relevant affirmations from the Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire Inquiry and assist the implementation of improvement plans to support improved interoperability and capability, between coal mine industry, Surf Coast Shire, government agencies and the community.

Key Points of Note:

- Taskforce will operate until December 2015
- Need for collaborative approach
- Communications strategy, Taskforce to be key communicator
- Mine operators capacity to combat fire from outside the mine
- Differences between the mines and risks to be highlighted
- That the Taskforce is to deal with the mine fire emergency preparedness, not the power station

Implementation Process – The following priority matters for attention:**Schedule of meetings/exercises to be determined to address:**

1. Common understanding of Anglesea mine and its associated fire risks- Alcoa
2. Fire mitigation program – DEPI, Surf Coast Shire, CFA
3. Anglesea Coal Mine Emergency Management Plan – Alcoa
4. Community connection plan – Surf Coast Shire
5. Communications plan – Surf Coast Shire/EMV/Alcoa

Further set of work to be addressed:

1. Operational response capability / plan – CFA, DEPI, Alcoa
2. Environmental management plan – EPA
3. Learnings from Hazelwood report – EMV, DEDBI VWA, Alcoa
4. Exercise plan – all
5. Communications plan - General - all