

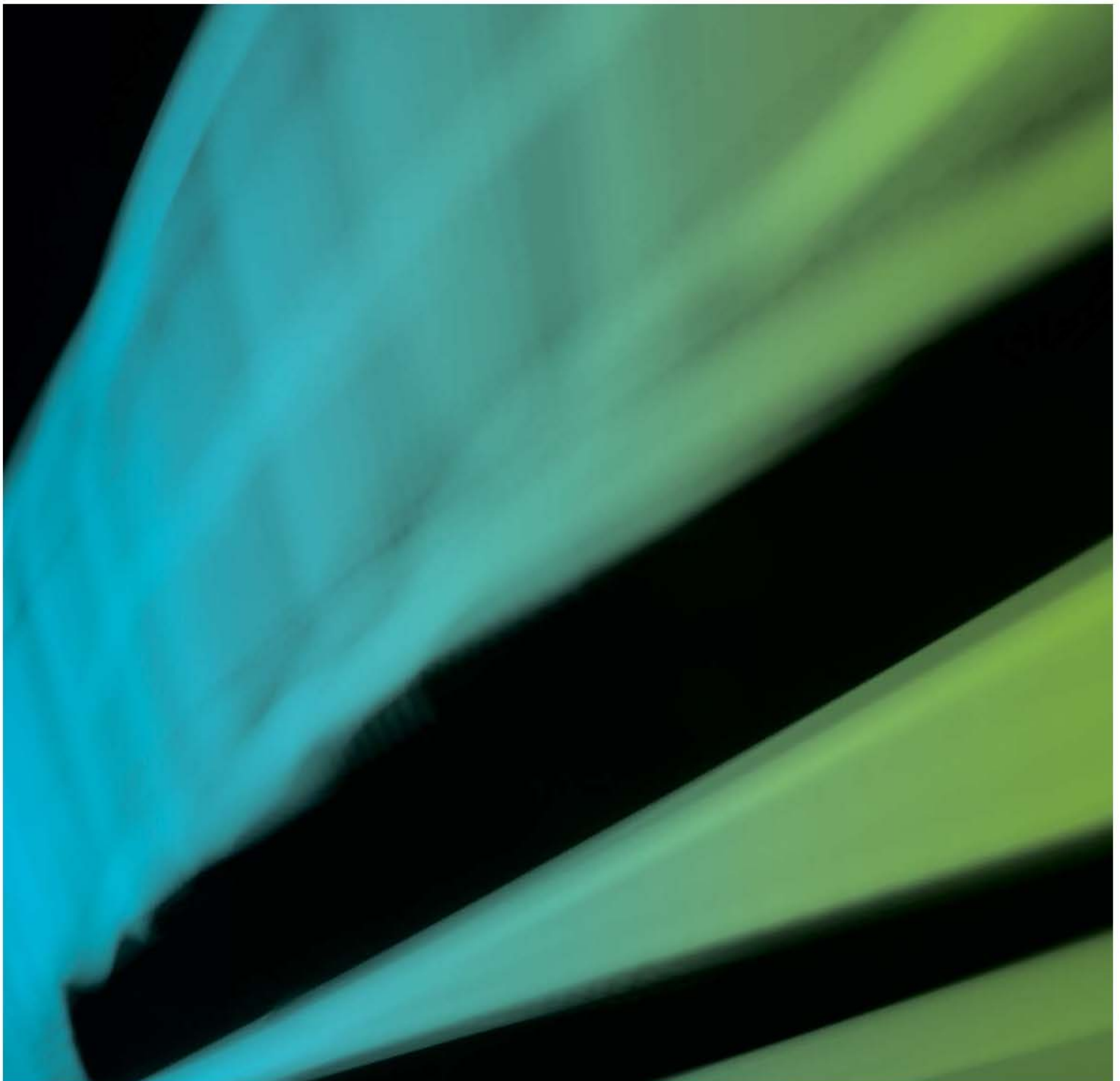


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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AMD	Acid Mine Drainage
BPEM	Best Practice Environmental Management
BWE	Bulk Water Entitlement
DEDJTR	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EOD	External Overburden Dump
ERR	Earth Resources Regulation
ET	Evapotranspiration
HM	GDF Suez Hazelwood Mine
Ha	Hectare
mAHD	Metres above Australian Height Datum
MRSDA	<i>Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990</i>
MT	Metric Tonnes
NPV	Net Present Value
PS	Power Station
RCB	Raw Coal Bunker
RL	Reduced Level
SECV	State Electricity Commission Victoria
URS	URS Australia Pty Ltd (now trading as AECOM Services Pty Ltd)

1.0 Introduction

Earth Resources Regulation (ERR), from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), engaged URS¹ Australia Pty Ltd (URS) in March 2015 to provide an estimate of the rehabilitation (closure) costs for the GDF Suez Hazelwood Mine (HM).

1.1 Aims and Objectives

The aim and objectives of the URS scope of works are:

- Provide an independent estimate of cost for closure based on the approved work plan and assumptions provided by ERR;
- Provide general advice to ERR to determine whether the existing Rehabilitation Bond lodged by the licence holder is appropriate to cover the cost of rehabilitation in accordance with the approved mine rehabilitation plan; and
- Support ERR in any negotiation for a change in the Rehabilitation Bond.

This report presents the results of the independent estimate of rehabilitation costs.

1.2 Exclusions

The work undertaken in generating closure costs does not include an assessment as to whether the closure strategy provided is viable or that it provides the best outcome to any of the various stakeholders.

The cost estimates generated herein use the information contained within the various documents provided and assumes the conclusions and assessments made are valid and will be achieved. Furthermore, the URS brief for this work was a desk top study of the rehabilitation costs and therefore did not include the following:

- Site inspections;
- Development of detailed closure data such as designs for final slopes, water quality modelling or closure criteria; and
- Collection of contractor quotations.

The estimate of costs has been largely based on URS experience and judgement, as well as rates included in the ERR rehabilitation bond calculator. In some instances individual cost estimates have been provided to URS by ERR for specific closure related activities. In addition URS compared a number of unit rates from that provided by the site's operators. The rates provided by the site operations generally fall within the range of rates that have been used for the URS cost modelling.

This estimate of closure costs is limited to areas within the current MIN and therefore excludes any power station or other operations or activities located outside the MIN.

It is also important to note that for the closure concepts costed URS has not considered the cumulative impacts or risks of the other Latrobe Valley coal mines closing at the same time and how this might impact concept and thus costs.

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2.0 Methodology

2.1 Data Acquisition

2.1.1 ERR Briefings

ERR provided a briefing (20 April 2015) to URS to confirm the scope and outline the data sources that would be made available. The core URS team and representatives from the ERR group attended the meeting.

A subsequent meeting held with DEDJTR on 20 July 2015 further clarified assumptions to be used in the closure cost estimates and the scope of the deliverable.

URS also facilitated a workshop (15 May 2015) in order to allow the URS and ERR technical teams to reach agreement on the status of progressive rehabilitation which has occurred to date and what assumptions to use for the closure of HM.

2.1.2 Information Sources

The documents used in generating the rehabilitations costs were limited to the following:

- Coffey Natural Systems, International Power, Hazelwood, Work Plan Variation Mining Licence 5004, Phase 2 of the West Field Development of Hazelwood Mine, April 2009
- GDF Suez, Hazelwood Mine, Declared Mines Report, January 2014 – December 2014, March 2015
- Response to Annual Activity and Expenditure Return 2013_14 letter
- Mine Rehab. Bond calculator_na07_min5004_briefing.xls
- Plan Areas for various mine batters – email from HM dated 26 June 2015
- Rehabilitation plans provided (extracted 12 November 2015) on:
<http://www.energyandresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resources/information-for-community-and-landholders/mining-and-extractives/latrobe-valley-coal-mines/annual-rehabilitation-reporting>

In addition, the following URS reports were reviewed as part of the data acquisition task:

- Mine and Power Station Closure under Contract for Closure, Implications and Costs (June 2012); and
- Water Resource Options for a Sustainable Coal Industry (August 2007)

The latest version of the ERR bond calculator², which was developed by ERR to address the need for a consistent methodology for estimating rehabilitation costs for the extractive, exploration and mining operations, was used as a key reference document.

In addition to the reports, URS was allowed access to ERR personnel in order to clarify key assumptions in relation to the proposed closure concepts.

LIDAR data was provided to URS, however as it only covered a small portion of the mine licence area it was not used in the estimates for areas, slopes, and void volumes. As a result URS generated its estimate of areas and volumes based on plans provided in the documents outlined above and then were able to compare and confirm these estimates with a specific data request sent to Hazelwood management in late October 2015.

2.2 Closure Cost Estimates

Cost estimates have been developed based on the 2009 WPV for two scenarios:

- End of Mine Life Closure – closure based on the predicted footprint for the approved mine plan with mining finishing in 2026.
- Early Closure – a “close tomorrow” scenario based on current mine footprint.

The cost estimates are based on the closure domains outlined in Table 1 which is generally consistent with the format of the ERR bond calculator. Where there are items, which are not considered in the bond calculator, a new domain has been developed: such as Domains 5, 6 and 7.

² Last updated – 24 February 2014.

<http://www.energyandresources.vic.gov.au/earth-resources/licensing-and-approvals/minerals/guidelines-and-codes-of-practice/establishment-and-management-of-rehabilitation-bonds-for-the-mining-and-extractives-industries/bond-calculator>
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Table 1 Closure Domain Descriptions

Domain	Description	Inclusions/Exclusions
1	Infrastructure areas – includes the removal and demolition of conveyors, buildings, power lines	Includes: Mine Workshops, Administration buildings, Sediment dams, Fire reservoir, Conveyors, Fire services equipment and pipework, Access roads
2	Tailings and coarse rejects – includes capping, reshaping and landscaping of ash ponds	Hazelwood Ash Ponds (HAP1 and HAP4), Hazelwood Ash Retention Area (HARA), Hazelwood Ash Retention Embankment (HARE).
3	Overburden and waste dumps – includes overburden dumps	East Field Overburden Dump
4	Active Mines and Voids – includes the backfilling of mine voids, slope reshaping, fencing and landscaping	Includes: East Field Eastern Batters (EFEB), East Field Northern Batters (EFNB), West Field Overburden Dump (WFOD), South East Field Southern Dump (SEFSD), Main Field (MF), South East Field (SEF), Southwest Field Northern Batters (SWFNB), Southeast Field Western Batters (SEFWB), Southeast Field Southern Batters (SEFSB), West Field Southern Batters (WFSB), West Field Operating Batters (WFOB), Haul roads.
5	Execution management costs - including mobilisation and demobilisation	-
6	Fill pit with water - including all aspects of filling the pit with water	Includes: maintenance of extraction bores, water licence acquisition (if necessary) and annual fees
7	Post execution maintenance and monitoring – including all costs to conduct monitoring and maintenance post closure	-

3.0 Current Mine Status

The mine comprises the already mined South West, South East and East Fields and the currently active West Field within mining licence 5004 (MIN5004).

According to the current approved Work Plan Variation³ (WPV), West Field will extend to the northwest and west as part of the West Field Phase 2 mining works.

Overburden currently being excavated from the West Field is proposed to be placed into an in-pit dump in the South East Field and East Field.

Within the East Field, there is the Hazelwood Ash Retention Area (HARA), which is an EPA licensed facility for ash derived from the Hazelwood Power Station. This is separated from the Main Field by an embankment known as the Hazelwood Ash Retention Embankment (HARE).

The mine is dewatered by a series of dewatering bores located in the West Field to reduce groundwater pressures and minimise the potential for floor heave. The mine has a groundwater licence to extract until 2025. Additional pumping bores will be progressively add to the network as mining continues to the west and northwest.

The Hazelwood Power Station, Hazelwood Cooling Pond and Hazelwood raw coal bunker are beyond the scope of the mine closure modelling and are not considered in this costing since they are all outside the MIN.

The MIN5004 expiry date is 13 September 2026.

3.1 Current Approved Rehabilitation Plan

The most recent reference to mine closure and rehabilitation made available to EER is contained in the 2009 WPV. This document also includes a 2008 report on the progressive rehabilitation program which mostly relates to rehabilitation of the Eastern Overburden Dump (EOD).

The 2009 WPV strategic rehabilitation and mine closure goal is:

Provide a technically feasible, safe, stable and sustainable landscape that reflects the aspirations of stakeholders within the practical constraints of rehabilitation for a mine.

This stated goal is linked to closure meeting the following objectives listed in the 2009 WPV:

- A safe and stable self-supporting structure
- To maximise the opportunities for establishment of a self-supporting ecosystem
- To minimise the use of natural resources
- To minimise the cost of recovery of resources

The mine closure concept described in the 2009 WPV⁴ can be summarised as follows:

- Pit void will be actively filled with water to -22m AHD to achieve floor stability.
- Pit lake 'hydrological equilibrium' will be achieved at +8m AHD after 500 years of natural filling, where natural inflow equals evaporative and seepage losses
- Aquifer depressurisation will continue until pit water level reaches -22m AHD, at which point the pit floor will be stable and it is assumed groundwater extraction can cease.
- High Mg ash placed at eastern end of void in HARA and separated from the pit lake by the HARE
- Overburden batters are reshaped to max 3H:1V with safety berms at 20m vertical separation topsoiled and seeded
- Coal batters are reshaped to max 2.5H:1V (preferably 3H:1V) covered with overburden and revegetated
- Mining infrastructure is decommissioned and removed.
- No details are given on public access, but it is the documented intent to allow site access "if that is deemed required at the time"

³ Work Plan Variation Mining Licence 5004. Phase 2 of the West Field Development of Hazelwood Mine. April 2009

⁴ Section 6.4 Mine Closure Concept.

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- Revegetation options are constrained by lack of topsoil, thus site management has developed site specific species planting guide⁵
- A commitment to plant and maintain at least 2,500 native trees and shrubs each year
- Seven screening mounds (up to 10m height) between the Fifth Morwell River Diversion and West Field will be landscaped, topsoiled and progressively rehabilitated.

The following rehabilitation issues are noted in the 2009 WPV:

- Mine stability – floor weight to counter balance aquifer pressure
- Pit lake ‘hydrological equilibrium’ – assumed to be achieved at +8m AHD, where natural inflow equals evaporative and seepage losses
- Batter stability – currently achieved by horizontal bores – options for treatment include leaving batters untreated; dozing down and overburden capping; constructing flatter batters with overburden over coal faces; placing overburden on coal benches against batters
- Infrastructure – operating infrastructure restricts opportunities for progressive rehabilitation
- Shortage of topsoil because disturbed areas are greater than the footprint from which topsoil is removed:
 - Resources that may need to be preserved – power station ash and western batters as access to Driffield coal fields
 - Public safety – need to address public safety and amenity issues of final batter slopes, fire, access to final void lake and water quality

There is no indication in the 2009 WPV as to the source(s) of water to allow the pit to fill with water to -22m AHD and then to +8m AHD (hydrological equilibrium). There is also no indication that an assessment on the feasibility and sustainability of partially flooding the pit has been undertaken. Critical questions on water source(s) and long term water quality mean there is uncertainty as to whether the 2009 WPV strategy is viable.

It is understood that site management is reviewing its closure strategy and is considering the use of the Hazelwood Cooling Pond and associated catchment as options to more rapidly fill the pit void. No details have been provided to URS on the results of this work.

⁵ Appendix A of 2009 WPV: Code of Practice Revegetation Guide 2004
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4.0 Closure Strategy

4.1 Background

The closure concept for HM (based on 2009 WPV) is to partially fill the pit void with water and create a pit lake. However, the strategy to achieve this is limited in relation to the following:

- Water source(s);
- Filling time;
- Final land use; and
- Final water quality (whether there is a need for treatment to achieve target beneficial use).

The 2012 WPV provides limited details to many aspects of site closure. In generating the closure cost estimates it was therefore necessary for URS to develop assumptions and a broad strategy around a number of items within various domains. These are outlined below in **Section 4.2**.

4.2 Closure Activities Used as Basis for Closure Cost Development

4.2.1 General Land Use

Final land uses are assumed to be:

- Restricted access (pit lake); and
- Grazing (remainder of lease).

4.2.2 Domain 1 – Infrastructure Areas

The basis for Domain 1 closure costing are as follows:

- All major mining infrastructure including buildings, conveyors and dredgers will be decommissioned, decontaminated and demolished for sale as scrap. No salvage has been incorporated into the costs to off-set some or all of this task.
- All mobile plant and equipment will be decommissioned and decontaminated.
- Concrete structures will be decommissioned, decontaminated and demolished to a maximum depth of 1 m below ground. Costs for this task incorporate demolition, crushing and/or placement in an on-site location.
- Allowance for clean-up of localised zones of soil contamination of 500 m³. Cost includes excavation and transport to local off-site facility.
- All haul and access roads that will not be subject to lake inundation will be ripped and seeded, unless the road is deemed necessary for post closure land uses;
- Some access roads will be retained for the duration of the maintenance and monitoring phase, after which they will be ripped and seeded;
- Firefighting services will be decommissioned after attainment of target lake level or until approved by relevant authority;
- All exploration bores were appropriately decommissioned immediately post their installation.

4.2.3 Domain 2 – Ash Ponds

The Domain 2 facilities at HM are the HARA, HAP1 and HAP4. The closure costing bases for each is the same and as follows:

- Capping and closure in accordance with EPA Best Practice Environmental Management (BPEM) for landfills, including:
 - Evapotranspiration barrier;
 - Compacted inert fill cap of 0.75 to 1.0 m thickness;
 - Reshaping to slopes of >5%<20%;
 - Installation of growing medium and vegetation;
 - The final closed structure will require a Financial Assurance, which is outside the closure cost estimates.

4.2.4 Domain 3 – Overburden Dumps

Overburden is understood to be currently placed in-pit, with the former Eastern Overburden Dump (EOD) the only facility which will require rehabilitation works at closure. It is assumed all internally placed overburden will be utilised in covering exposed coal and/or left in-pit and submerged beneath the lake level.

The EOD closure concept is as follows:

- Minor reshaping and revegetation of the upper surface;
- Planting of overburden slopes with low maintenance, shallow rooted, native vegetation endemic to the region.

4.2.5 Domain 4 – Pit

The pit closure activities are as follows:

- Filling of the pit voids with water to -22m AHD within 28 years to produce a lake of acceptable water quality.
- Final overall pit slopes of 1:3 (V:H).
- The individual batter slopes to be re-shaped to approximately conform to the overall final slope.
- Progressive rehabilitation has been reported to have been achieved across the batters indicated in the Rehabilitation Report of (September 2015) and the following works are necessary for the remaining pit slope areas above final lake level:
 - Installation of a track rolled cover layer over pit slopes above target lake level (-22m AHD) comprising inert material with nominal 0.75 m (minimum 0.5 m) thickness to enable a water shedding and reduce fire risk.
 - Installation of 0.1 m thick topsoil or equivalent growing medium.
 - Planting of slopes (above -22mAHD) with low maintenance native vegetation endemic to the region.
 - Intermediate surface drainage works will be installed at 50 m vertical heights in the exposed final batters
- A 0.75 m thick rip rap zone will be installed in the final slope as a rim around the lake within a range of 2 m above and 2 m below target lake level to control wave erosion. Then, campaign (every 50 years) installation of additional rip rap zones between RL-22m and RL+8m due to assumed slow rise in lake level over the 500 year lake fill period.
- Installation of horizontal drainage bores to maintain long term slope stability
- Installation of an earth buttress to stabilise the East Field Northern Batter at closure for long term stability.

4.2.6 Domain 5 – Management

Domain 5 includes all the costs for the third party implementation of closure, such as:

- All necessary investigations, studies and detail design for closure
- Mobilisation and demobilisations of contractors
- Project management of all on-site works and contractors
- Necessary audits at closure

Costs for Domain 5 have been generated as follows:

- Mobilisation – 5% of total execution costs
- Engineering, procurement and construction management – 15% of total execution costs

4.2.7 Domain 6 – Pit Lake Filling

Integral to the closure of HM based on the 2009 WPV is the partial filling of the pit void with water to -22m AHD and allowing natural inundation to slowly fill over 500 years to +8 mAHD, thus achieving a 'hydrological equilibrium'.

The following, based on the 2009 WPV, have been used as the basis for the costs of filling the pit void with water:

- Water needs to fill to -22m AHD to achieve floor stability

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- All water used to fill the pit void to -22m AHD will be from the Bulk Water Entitlement (BWE) of 15 GL/year and the current groundwater extraction total of 12 GL/year⁶, further:
 - There will be no cost to transfer the BWE and GEL for use in closure;
 - The annual fees for use of the BWE and GEL will be the same as currently paid;
- End of Mine (EoM) and Early Closure (EC1) time taken to fill the pit void to -22m AHD is estimated to be 28 years and 21 years respectively.

Closure is to fill the mine void with water to a level which achieves floor and batter stability. This effectively creates a lake for which the long term water balance will be dominated by incident rainfall and evaporation as well as any local inflows. For maintenance of water levels a balance of rainfall and inflows over evaporation is required.

No water balance study has been included in the HM's 2009 WPV. However, a water balance study undertaken at the neighbouring Yallourn Mine (TRUenergy, 2012) appears to have considered the differential between rainfall and evaporation on a long term annual basis and concluded there is a slight positive balance, or equivalence, in rainfall falling to the ground and evaporation.

URS has reviewed likely rainfall/evaporation for the filling and finally filled pit lake as well as local catchment inflows. Based on this analysis, URS considers that it is possible that there will be a water deficit in the filling phase and therefore costs have been included for supplementary water supply in the risk costs.

It should also be noted that for the purpose of the water accounting, it was assumed that there is no seepage or other groundwater loss from the void as it fills.

4.2.8 Domain 7 – Maintenance and Monitoring

Domain 7 includes all the costs associated with maintaining the necessary infrastructure during closure and the various monitoring such as the following:

- Maintenance. Cost to maintain the following for period of closure:
 - Rehabilitation areas, based on an assumed 15% vegetation fail over 5 years
 - Fire services until exposed coal is covered
 - Site security
 - Erosion repair
 - Council rates
 - Site services (buildings, power water etc)
- Monitoring. The scope of monitoring includes: surface water (flow and quality), groundwater (level & quality), geotechnical stability, ecological (including rehabilitation) fire, dust, and odour.
- Management. To cover the costs for managing and procuring the contracts a sum has been generated based on 3% of total maintenance and monitoring cost.

4.3 Timing of Closure

A costing has been generated for two closure timeframes:

- End of mine life – within the model this is referred to as EoM
- Early closure (closure based on current footprint) – within the model this is referred to as EC1 (refer to **Figure 1**)

The main difference between the current and end of mine closure costings is the mine's footprint and the effect of discounting.

Figure 1 Costed Early Closure Schedule

Major Earth works and demolition	Maintenance & Monitoring		
	Active Lake Filling (RL-22m)	Slow Fill to Equilibrium (RL+8m)	
2015	2018	2036	
			2516

⁶ It is noted that the mine's Groundwater Extraction Licence (GEL) (22.5 GL/yr) is greater than its current use (12.5 GL/yr). However, the assumption is that current usage is approved and increasing to the licence limit would require agreement from the licencing agency (Southern Rural Water).

4.3.1 Execution Phase

The closure execution phase is assumed to run for 3 years and commences in the year after production shutdown. It comprises the period of intense closure activity, including rehabilitation, slope shaping, slope soil cover, decommissioning, decontamination and demolition of infrastructure and general site clean-up.

4.3.2 Void Filling Phase

The void filling phase is the period over which the mine pit will fill with water based on the assumed water balance:

- EoM – an active void filling phase of 28 years
- EC1 – an active void filling phase of 21 years

Both options allow for the subsequent 500 year natural filling phase.

4.3.3 Post Execution Maintenance and Monitoring Phase

This phase begins after the closure execution phase (Year 4), with the activities during this phase comprising the following:

- Ongoing water level, surface water quality, groundwater quality, ecological, slope stability, fire risk and rehabilitation monitoring;
- Ongoing maintenance including erosion repair, replacement of failed rehabilitation areas, sediment dam and fire reservoirs maintenance, security, Council rates and upkeep of monitoring/maintenance infrastructure and equipment.

Maintenance and monitoring costs have been developed for two phases, a more intensive and higher cost period for 5 years following closure execution, and a less intensive phase extending for the remainder of the 500 year period until lake equilibrium is achieved.

4.4 Summary of Assumptions

In preparing this costing for closure of the Hazelwood Mine the following has been assumed:

- End of mine life of 2026, based on no extension to the current mining licence expiry date;
- A portion of the batters have been reshaped and rehabilitated;
- 15% of the planned vegetation will fail within the first 5 years of the maintenance and monitoring phase;
- Final pit slopes of 1V:3H will have long-term geotechnical and erosional stability;
- No major cut-backs of slopes are required;
- Final pit water is of an acceptable water quality;
- The East Field Northern Batters buttress will require approximately 2.5 million m³ of in situ material to be sourced;
- There is no groundwater contamination present which would present a human/ecological risk;
- No seepage or groundwater loss from the voids on filling;
- Current power station bulk water entitlements can be used for void filling;
- Current groundwater pumping water can be used for void filling
- Monitoring will confirm compliance with the closure criteria and performance assumptions.

4.5 Exclusions

The following items have been excluded from the closure cost estimates:

- Community costs associated with managing the closure transition
- Asset recovery amounts from sale of scrap, recoverable metals, oils etc
- Reimbursement/sale of water allocation rights.

4.6 Key Risks

If the assumptions indicated above are not correct then they represent risks within the closure costing and have been incorporated into our closure costing as risk events, with estimates of degrees of likelihood of occurrence and consequence.

In addition, the following key risks have been identified for each closure concept:

- Seepage of acid mine drainage (AMD):
 - The risk event is that AMD and/or other contaminants, primarily from EOD, impact on surface water and groundwater to the extent that clean-up and treatment is required.
 - The consequences were estimated as the capital costs for interception wells and a treatment plant plus ongoing operational costs for 20 years
 - The likelihood was judged on the basis that there is a possibility groundwater treatment will be required
- Batter failure in an area where infrastructure is affected;
 - The risk event is that a slope failure occurs on a batter where there is major public/private infrastructure that requires stabilisation.
 - The consequence includes estimates of costs for both long term slope stabilisation, rehabilitation and compensation
 - The likelihood was based on whether there had been any historic events and other information provided on geotechnical stability of the batters
- Batter failure in an area where no infrastructure is affected;
 - The risk event is that a slope failure occurs on a batter where there is no major public/private infrastructure.
 - The consequence is stabilisation of batter for long term and rehabilitation of slope.
 - The likelihood was based on whether there had been any historic events and other information provided on geotechnical stability of the batters
- Coal fire;
 - The risk event is that a coal fire occurs during the closure period that requires management and land requires subsequent rehabilitation.
 - The consequence is both the management of the fire when it occurs and rehabilitation post the event.
 - The likelihood was judged on the basis that there is a possibility an in-pit or bush fire within the MIN will occur prior to closure being completed
- Pit water quality is unsuitable;
 - The risk event is specifically if the water quality of pit lake does not meet standard for its target beneficial use.
 - The consequence is that lake water requires treatment.
 - The likelihood was based on the chance that the non-spilling lake may generate unacceptable water quality impacts overtime
- Inability to secure existing water licences;
 - The risk event is that the existing BWE and current groundwater usage limit is not able to be used in filling the pit void.
 - The consequence is that all water sources need to be purchased on the open market at commercial rates.
 - There is a chance that the existing licences will not be able to be transferred as mine closure was not explicitly included as the intended use

- Requirement for water sources to maintain lake level:
 - The risk event is that the 2009 WPV water balance conclusion is inaccurate and there are significant periods post shutdown where there is a net water deficit there is significant periods post closure where there is a net water deficit.
 - The consequence is that other water sources to maintain the lake level need to be purchased on the open market at commercial rates.
 - There is a chance that overall water balance for the pit lake is in the deficit and additional water is required in perpetuity.

It is considered that most of the risks for the early and end of mine life closure scenarios are similar in terms of likelihood and consequence.

Each closure concept has been costed and the predicted risk cost has been listed in addition to the cost estimates for proposed closure activities.

5.0 Cost Estimates for Closure

5.1 Methodology

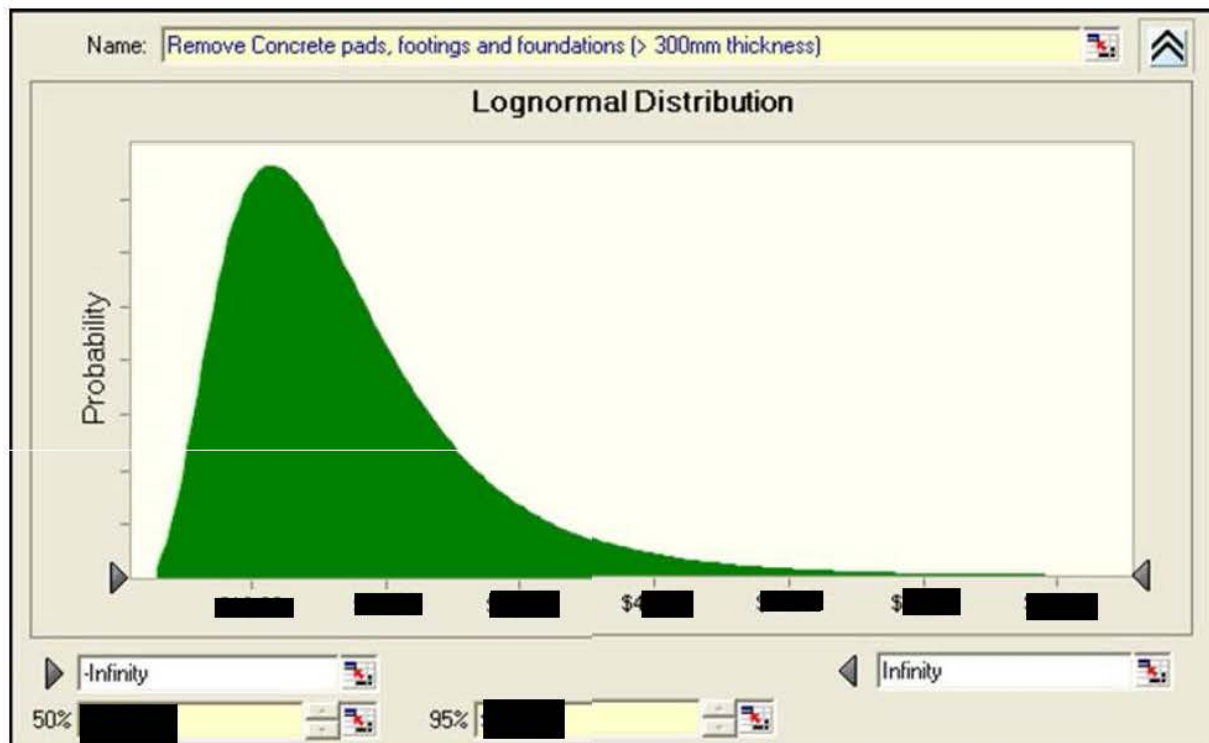
A probabilistic costing model was developed in Excel using URS' previous experience of mine closure costings and the information from the documents provided by ERR. The costing model built upon the costing work, which was conducted in 2012 for the former Department of Primary Industries (DPI). The costing model incorporated Monte Carlo simulation, which is a statistical technique that uses random numbers to account for uncertainty in a mathematical model. URS uses the spread sheet add-in, Crystal Ball™, to run the Monte Carlo simulation.

The basis of Monte Carlo simulation is that it recognises variables (in this case the cost of individual mine closure items) as probability distributions rather than single numbers. The probability distribution chosen for cost estimates is lognormal as this assumes the following conditions in relation to costs and other variables such as length, area and volume:

- Costs are strongly skewed towards high values;
- Variable (cost) can increase without bound but is confined to a finite value at the lower limit i.e. the costs cannot be less than \$0; and
- The distribution can be defined by two cost estimates (the P50, or 50% confidence level estimate and a P95, or 95% confidence level estimate) provided by a relevant specialist; the P50 estimate is a best estimate (50% chance that the given cost would not be exceeded) and the P95 is a very conservative estimate (95% chance that the indicated cost would not be exceeded, or conversely, a 5% chance that the cost would be exceeded).

Figure 2 shows an example cost distribution where the specialist judged that a best estimate of the cost to remove relatively thick concrete pads etc. would be \$15/m², and a very high estimate that would have around a 5% chance of being exceeded would be \$35/m². The relatively large difference between the P50 and P95 shows that the specialist considered that there is a high degree of uncertainty in the potential cost outcome. The spread of potential costs across the chart also shows that although there is no theoretical upper limit to the cost, the specialist also considered that a practical upper limit to the cost could be \$60 to \$70/m².

Figure 2 Example Probability Distribution for Infrastructure Cost Item



For each closure concept and for both of the closure scenarios (close tomorrow and end of mine life) expert judgement was used to derive cost estimates at a 50% probability (best estimate) and 95% probability (very conservative, high estimate), for each cost component. The decisions were informed by discussions with ERR technical staff. The inputs for each of the mine closure concepts are provided in Appendix C.

The Monte Carlo simulation was run at least 2,000 times and a curve of total project costs was obtained for each closure option.

The time value of money was factored into the model using net present value (NPV) calculations. NPV is the net present value of an investment over a period of time, calculated using a discount rate and a series of future payments and incomes. The discount rate adopted is a real NPV discount rate of 3% as instructed by ERR.

5.2 Model Results

5.2.1 Overall Costs

The results of the Monte Carlo simulation for total project costs for early closure concept at a range of confidence levels are provided in Figure 3. A summary of the 50%, 80% and 95% Confidence Level outputs for both early and end of mine life closure concept is provided in Table 2.

Figure 3 Early Closure Liability and Risk Costs

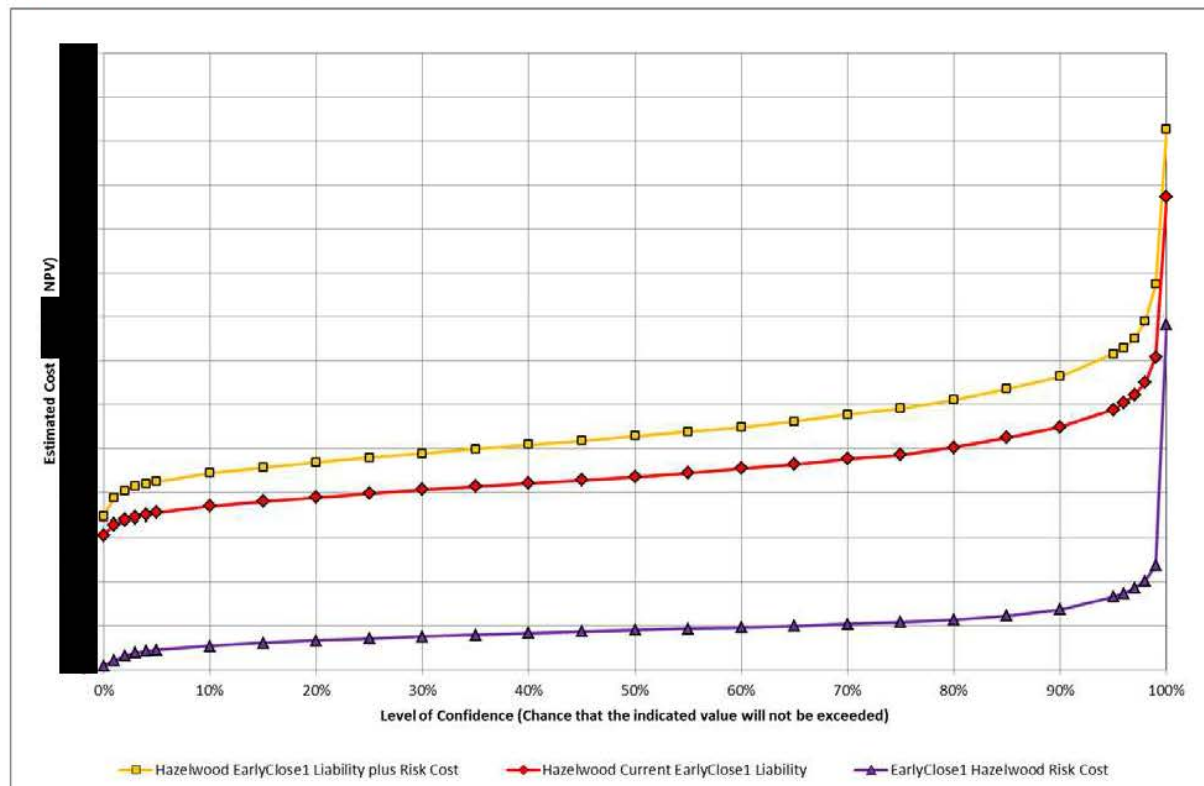


Table 2 Summary of Closure Costs

CONFIDENCE LEVEL	P50 OPTIMISTIC	P80 CONSERVATIVE BUT REALISTIC	P95 VERY CONSERVATIVE
Early Closure Liability Cost			
Early Closure Liability Plus Risk Costs			
End of Mine Life Liability Costs			
End of Mine Life Liability Plus Risk Costs			

It should be noted that the end of mine life cost estimates are significantly lower due to the fact that all estimates are discounted costs. That is the cost is based on expenditure in the future at a present value discounted by 3%⁷.

In 80% of the 2,000 trials for early closure concept (closure tomorrow) the estimated cost (liability only) was less than \$██████████. That can be interpreted as there being an 80% chance that the rapidly filling closure cost will be less than \$██████████. Alternatively, the same result shows that according to the simulated results, there is a 20% chance that the cost will be more than \$██████████.

This way of interpreting the results makes it possible for decision-makers to link any of the estimated cost outcomes with its associated confidence level, and to select cost estimates that reflect their level of conservatism. For example, a decision-maker might feel that a 20% chance that an allocated cost would be exceeded is too high, and that a 5% chance would be more appropriate. In that case, the decision-maker would select the 95% confidence level estimate, which for the early closure (current footprint – with risk costs) is \$██████████. On the other hand, a much less risk-averse decision-maker might select the cost (\$██████████) that has a 50-50 chance of being exceeded.

In essence, the simulation results allow ERR (and any other stakeholder) to assess the full range of potential cost outcomes and to choose allocated costs at the confidence level that most suits their position.

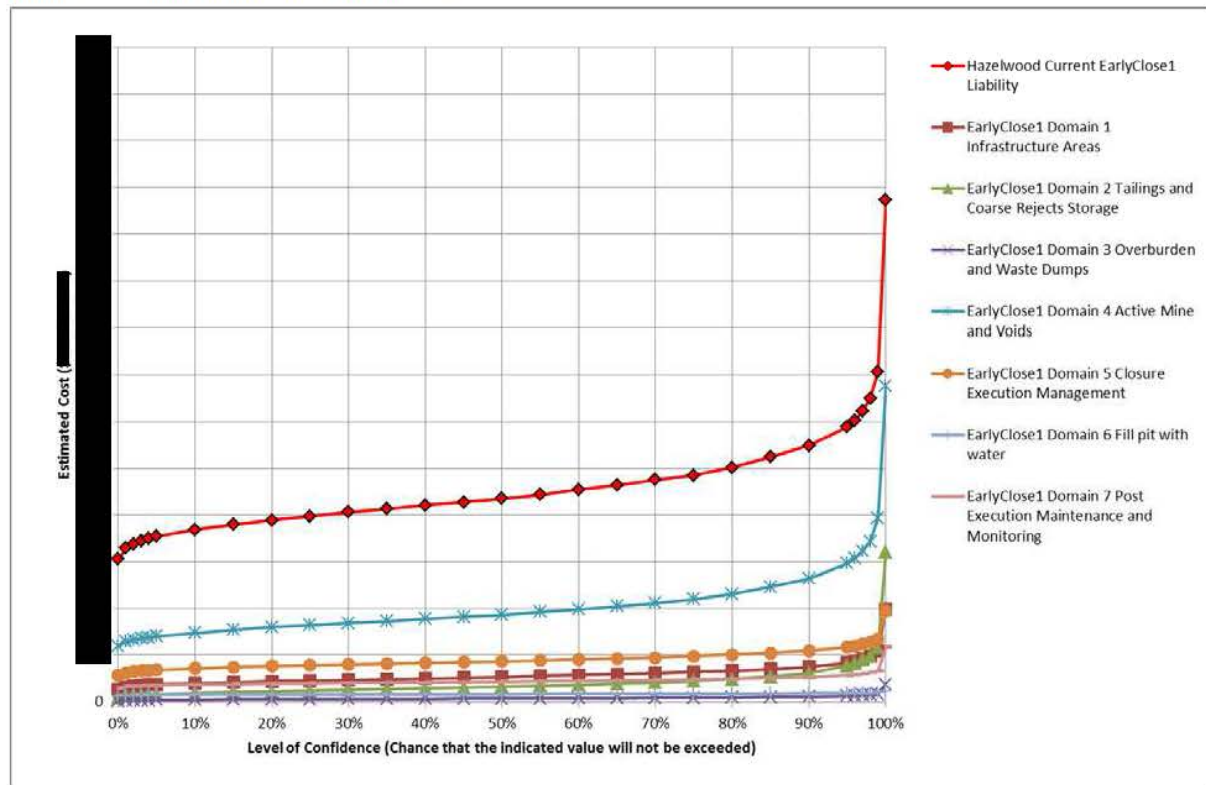
The wide range of cost estimates for each option is indicative of the degree of uncertainty inherent in the risk model. This is a function of the lack of precise data available to URS which meant that the inputs at a probability of 50% and 95% were often wide ranging.

5.2.2 Early Closure Contributor Costs

Domains

The liability costs (excluding risk cost) for each early closure scenario domain is presented in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 Domain Liability Costs - Early Closure



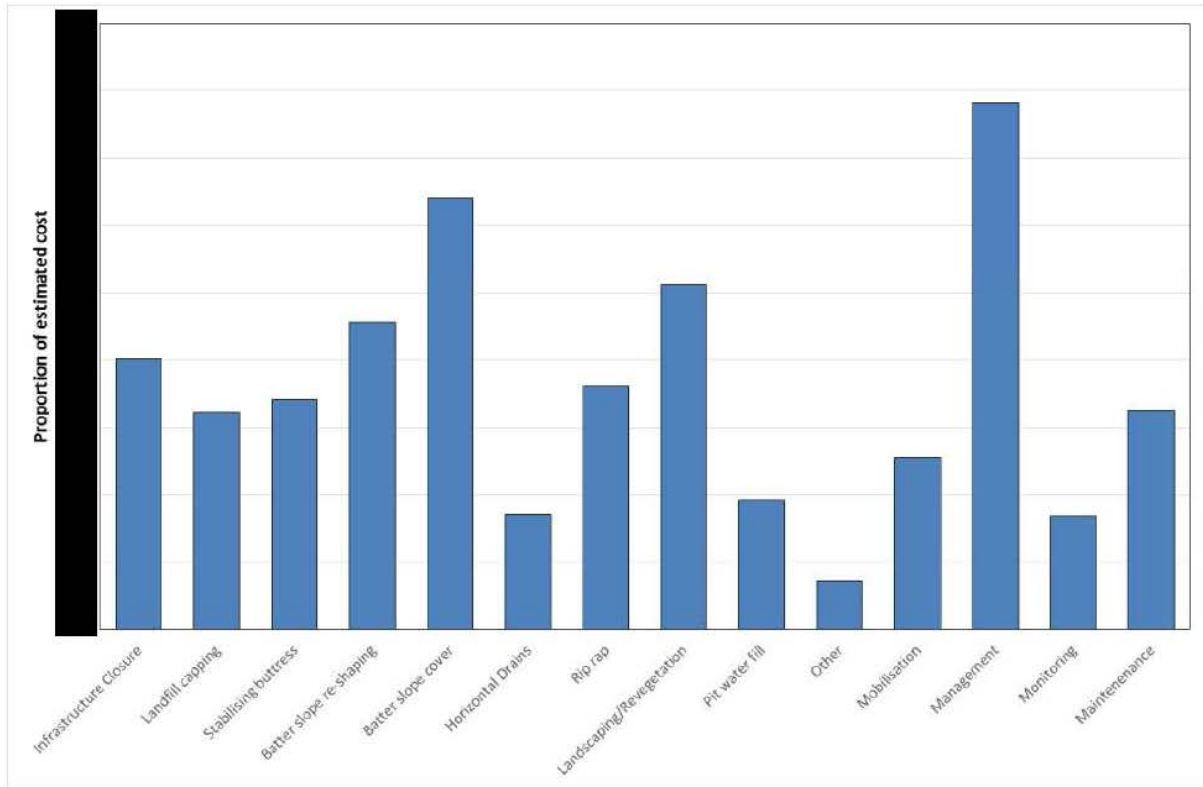
Key Contributors to Costs

The key contributor items to the overall liability cost for early closure at HM are summarised in

Figure 5. This shows that the major contributors to the overall discounted closure cost are for the batter slope cover and closure management. Other major cost activities include landscaping/revegetation, reshaping of batter slopes, installation of rip rap, the stabilising buttress, HARA capping and infrastructure decommissioning/decontamination/demolition.

⁷ Based on published wage discount rate: <http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/Publications/Government-Financial-Management-publications/Financial-reporting-policy/Wage-inflation-and-discount-rates>

Figure 5 Key Contributors to Early Closure Liability Costs (P50)



5.2.3 Early Closure Uncertainty

Sensitivity analysis of probabilistic models is calculated as part of the Crystal Ball Monte Carlo simulation process where the outputs show which assumptions most affect the uncertainty in the result for a given forecast (in this case the estimated early closure liability).

Figure 6 shows the proportion that each of the identified assumptions contributes to the total variance of the given forecast result.

In order to have an impact on the forecast result the assumption usually has to have an impact on both the quantum of the result and the spread (uncertainty) of the result. This analysis only considers the uncertainty (not magnitude) caused by assumptions. For example, an assumption that has a big impact on the quantum of the answer, but is very well known (input as a single value, or close to that) would not feature in this sensitivity analysis.

The sensitivity analysis identifies which assumptions in the model would reduce the overall uncertainty of the result, if the issue (represented by the assumption) was better understood by further investigation.

Figure 6 Key Contributors to the Variance - Early Closure

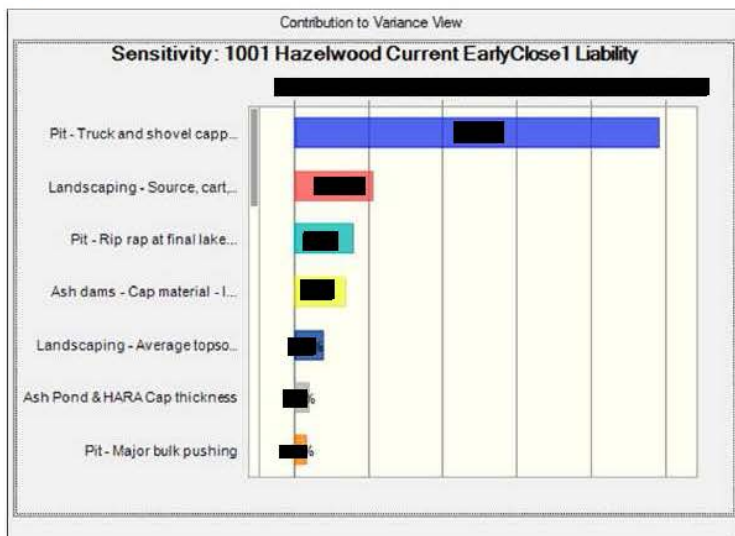


Figure 6 shows that the rate for truck and shovel capping of the pit batters and floor is highly uncertain (P50=\$█ and P95=\$30) and has a very large influence (responsible for █ of the variance) on the total uncertainty of the estimated early closure liability.

In summary, the key contributors to the variance associated with early closure liability are the following.

- Active Mining Pit or other Voids (including the voids and any internal benches or mine strips):
 - Load, haul and place soil cover on batter slopes.
- Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area:
 - Source, cart, spread and lightly rip topsoil (>5km).
 - Average topsoil thickness
- Rip rap material at lake level:
 - Source, cart, and place
- Ash Dams:
 - Cap material, load, haul place.

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Appendix A

Mine Plan

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Appendix A Mine Licence Area

Hazelwood (aerial Nov 2014)

Legend

- Mining Licence Boundary
- Water Body



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Appendix B

Model Inputs

Appendix B Early Closure (Current Footprint)

EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

HAZELWOOD Early Closure 1	Total Costs
EarlyClose1 Domain 1 Infrastructure Areas	
Disconnect and terminate services Demolish and remove buildings Remove concrete pads & footings (of buildings) Decommission access and haul roads Waste disposal Removal and disposal of contaminated water from bunded areas and sumps Removal and disposal of contaminated soils Removal of USTs Demolish and remove conveyors Decommission, decontaminate and demolish crusher and raw coal bunker Decommission, decontaminate and demolish dredgers Remove fire services equipment and pipework Remove fire services reservoir Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation Water Ponds Removal of power lines Other disturbed areas	
EarlyClose1 Domain 2 Tailings and Coarse Rejects Storage	
HARA/HAP1/HAP4capping Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation	
EarlyClose1 Domain 3 Overburden and Waste Dumps	
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area Lime dosing	
EarlyClose1 Domain 4 Active Mine and Voids	
East Field (Northern Batters) Buttress of portion of EFE Northern Batters East Field (Eastern Batters) and Southeast Field (Southern Batters) Southeast Field (Western Batters) West Field Southwest Field (Northern Batters) Horizontal Drains Rip Rap Rip Rap subsequent 50 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 130 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 195 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 255 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 320 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 385 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 455 yrs Rip Rap subsequent 500 yrs Erect a security fence around site Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area Create public access	
EarlyClose1 Domain 5 Closure Execution Management	
Mobilisation/Demobilisation Engineering Procurement & Construction Management	
EarlyClose1 Domain 6 Fill pit with water	
O&M of dewatering facilities (until OB equilibration is achieved) Re-install dewatering bores, then decommission existing bores Supplementary & other water charges	

EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

EarlyClose1 Domain 7 Post Execution Maintenance and Monitoring		
Post execution monitoring		
Post execution maintenance		
Management		
EarlyClose1 Liability		3
EarlyClose1 Domain 1 Infrastructure Areas		
Disconnect and terminate services		
	disconnect and terminate services	
	Number of services	
	Total	
Demolish and remove buildings		
	Industrial and mine site (m2)	
	Proportion removed	
	Cost per m2	
	Total	
Remove concrete pads & footings (of buildings)		
	Industrial and mine site (m2)	
	Cost per m2	
	Total	
Decommission access and haul roads		
	Length of roads (m)	
	Average width of roads (m)	
	Area of road (m2)	
	Area of road (ha)	
	Cost per ha	
	Total	
Waste disposal		
	General waste (\$)	
	Waste oils and chemicals (L)	
	rate (\$/kL)	
	waste oil disposal (\$)	
	Total	
Removal and disposal of contaminated water from bunded areas and sumps		
	Volume (kL)	
	Pump/truck (\$/kL)	
	Total	
Removal and disposal of contaminated soils		
	Volume estimate(m3)	
	Cost per m3	
	Total	
Removal of USTs		
	Number of USTs	
	Cost per UST	
	Total	
Demolish and remove conveyors		
	Conveyor length (m)	
	Cost \$/m	
	Total	
Decommission, decontaminate and demolish crusher and raw coal bunker		
	Total	
Decommission, decontaminate and demolish dredgers		
	number	

P95

EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

	P50	P95
DDD rate (\$)		
Total		
Remove fire services equipment and pipework		
length (m)		
removal rate (\$/m)		
Total		
Remove fire services reservoir		
removal		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation		
total disturbed footprint (ha)		
<i>Levelling of minor excavations and batters, final trim, rock rake and deep rip</i>		
% of disturbed footprint		
Rate (\$/ha)		
Levelling		
<i>water management works, banks, drains, rock lined waterways, sediment dams</i>		
% of disturbed footprint		
Rate (\$/ha)		
Structural works		
Revegetation		
Revegetate rate (\$/ha)		
Revegetate cost (\$)		
Water Ponds		
<i>Embankment Length</i>		
Total length (m)		
Average embankment height (m)		
Average embankment width (m)		
Total volume of material (m3)		
Excavate embankment and place in pit (\$/m3)		
Total Cost		
<i>Area of pond</i>		
Total area (m2)		
Average sludge depth (m)		
Total sludge volume (m3)		
Remove into ash ponds (\$/m3)		
Total Cost (\$)		
Revegetate rate (\$/ha)		
Revegetate cost (\$)		
Removal of power lines		
Length (km)		
Cost (\$)		
Other disturbed areas		
Total area (ha)		
Revegetate rate (\$/ha)		
Revegetate cost (\$)		
EarlyClose1 Domain 2 Tailings and Coarse Rejects Storage		
HARA/HAP1/HAP4capping		
HARA area		
HAP1 area		
HAP4 area		
Area of required capping (m ²)		
Cost of capping (\$/m2)		
Capping		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation		
Hara/HAP1/HAP4 area (ha)		
<i>Levelling of minor excavations and batters, final trim, rock rake and deep rip</i>		
% of disturbed footprint		
Rate (\$/ha)		
Levelling		

EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

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Structural water management works, banks, drains, rock lined waterways.
 % of disturbed footprint
 Rate (\$/ha)
 Structural works
Revegetation
 Revegetate rate (\$/ha)
 Revegetate cost (\$)

EarlyClose1 Domain 3 Overburden and Waste Dumps

Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area

Levelling of minor excavations and batters, final trim, rock rake and deep rip
 Area (ha)
 Rate (\$/ha)
 Total
Structural water management works, banks, drains, rock lined waterways, sediment dams
 Area (ha)
 Rate (\$/ha)
 Total
Revegetation
 Revegetate rate (\$/ha)
 Revegetate cost (\$)

Lime dosing

Lime dosing of acid run-off (\$/yr)
 Number of years
 Total

EarlyClose1 Domain 4 Active Mine and Voids

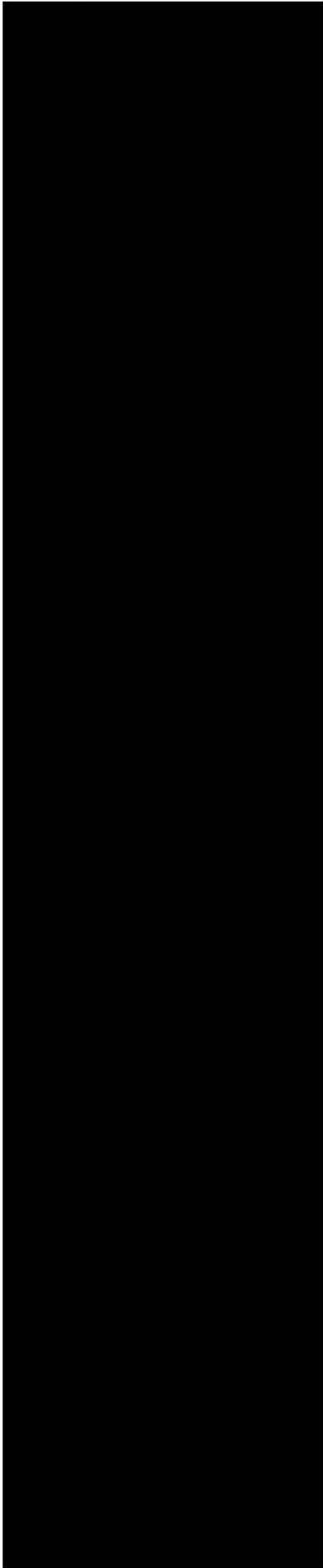
East Field (Northern Batters)

Existing Overall Slope (degrees)
 RL of stabilised floor
 RL Ground Surface at top of slope
 Exposed slope vertical height (H)
 Surface area of exposed slope (m²/lineal m)
 Batter area exposed at that water height (m²)
 Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
 Batter area requiring rehabilitation (m²)
 Slope Length (m)

Reshaping of individual batters
 Number of benches exposed (at ave 20m height)
 Average reshape volume (m³ / bench / m slope)
 Reshape rate (\$/m³)
 Full reshape cost (\$)
 Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
 Reshape cost (\$)

Cover
 Thickness of cover
 Volume of cover material (m³)
 Cover material rate - load haul place
 Total required cover (\$)
 Total cover (\$)

Rip Rap
 final slope



EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

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- vertical height of rip rap (m)
- surface area of rip rap (m2/m)
- rip rap thickness (m)
- rock requirement per linear metre (m3)
- rip rap length along batter (m)
- rip rap area (m2)

Buttress of portion of EFE Northern Batters

- Volume of Buttress (m3) in situ
- Bulking factor
- Buttress material requirement LCM
- Buttress cost (\$/m3)
- Total Buttress Cost

East Field (Eastern Batters) and Southeast Field (Southern Batters)

- Existing Overall Slope (degrees)
- Stabilised floor water level
- RL Ground Surface at top of slope
- Exposed slope vertical height (H)
- Surface area of exposed slope (m2/lineal m)
- Batter area exposed at that water height (m²)
- Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
- Batter area requiring rehabilitation (m²)
- Slope Length (m)

Reshaping

- Number of benches exposed (at ave 20m height)
- Average reshape volume (m3 / bench / m slope)
- Reshape rate (\$/m3)
- Full reshape cost (\$)
- Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
- Reshape cost (\$)

Cover

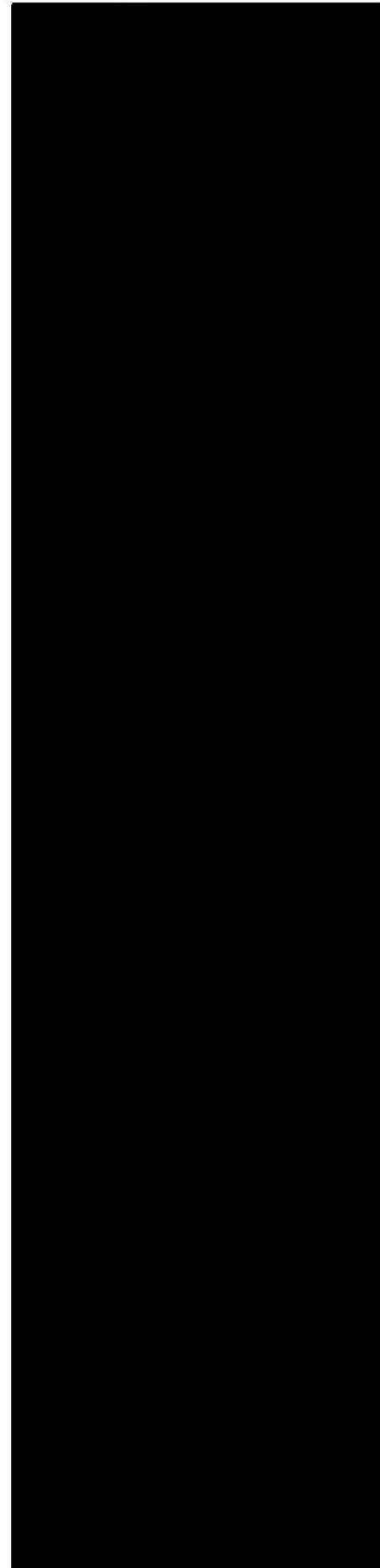
- Thickness of cover
- Volume of cover material (m3)
- Cover material rate - load haul place
- Total required cover (\$)
- Total cover (\$)

Rip Rap

- final slope
- vertical height of rip rap (m)
- surface area of rip rap (m2/m)
- rip rap thickness (m)
- rock requirement per linear metre (m3)
- rip rap length along batter (m)
- rip rap area (m2)

Southeast Field (Western Batters)

- Existing Overall Slope (degrees)
- Stabilised floor water level
- RL Ground Surface at top of slope
- Exposed slope vertical height (H)
- Surface area of exposed slope (m2/lineal m)
- Batter area exposed at that water height (m²)
- Proportion already rehabilitated (%)



EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

P50

P95

Batter area requiring rehabilitation (m²)
Slope Length (m)

Reshaping

Number of benches exposed (at ave 20m height)
Average reshape volume (m3 / bench / m slope)
Reshape rate (\$/m3)
Full reshape cost (\$)
Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
Reshape cost (\$)

Cover

Thickness of cover
Volume of cover material (m3)
Cover material rate - load haul place
Total required cover (\$)
Total cover (\$)

Rip Rap

final slope
vertical height of rip rap (m)
surface area of rip rap (m2/m)
rip rap thickness (m)
rock requirement per linear metre (m3)
rip rap length along batter (m)
rip rap area (m2)

West Field

Existing Overall Slope (degrees)
Stabilised floor water level
RL Ground Surface at top of slope
Exposed slope vertical height (H)
Surface area of exposed slope (m2/lineal m)
Batter area exposed at that water height (m²)
Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
Batter area requiring rehabilitation (m²)
Slope Length (m)

Reshaping

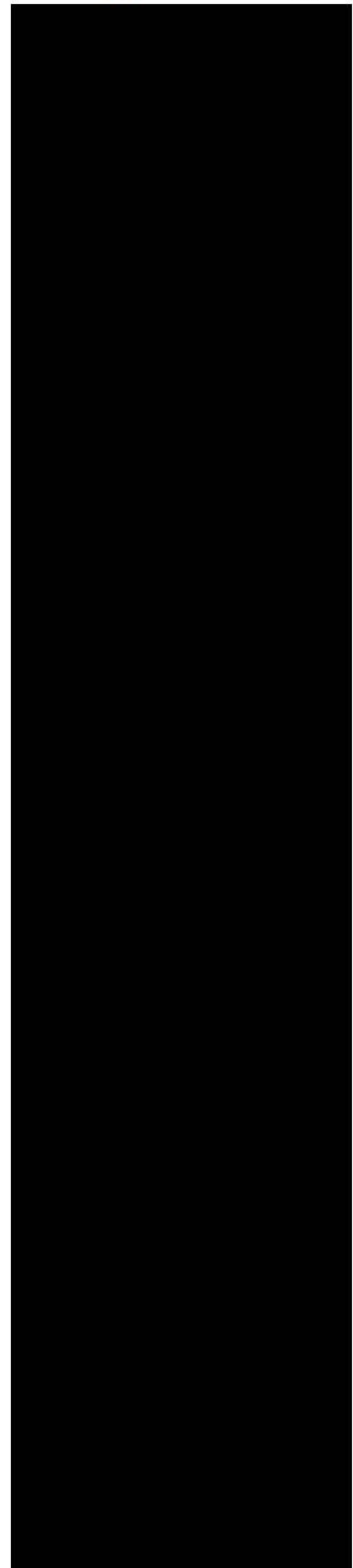
Number of benches exposed (at ave 20m height)
Average reshape volume (m3 / bench / m slope)
Reshape rate (\$/m3)
Full reshape cost (\$)
Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
Reshape cost (\$)

Cover

Thickness of cover
Volume of cover material (m3)
Cover material rate - load haul place
Total required cover (\$)
Total cover (\$)

Rip Rap

final slope
vertical height of rip rap (m)



EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

P50

P95

surface area of rip rap (m2/m)
 rip rap thickness (m)
 rock requirement per linear metre (m3)
 rip rap length along batter (m)
 rip rap area (m2)

Southwest Field (Northern Batters)

Existing Overall Slope (degrees)
 Stabilised floor water level
 RL Ground Surface at top of slope
 Exposed slope vertical height (H)
 Surface area of exposed slope (m2/lineal m)
 Batter area exposed at that water height (m²)
 Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
 Batter area requiring rehabilitation (m²)
 Slope Length (m)

Reshaping

Number of benches exposed (at ave 20m height)
 Average reshape volume (m3 / bench / m slope)
 Reshape rate (\$/m3)
 Full reshape cost (\$)
 Proportion already rehabilitated (%)
 Reshape cost (\$)

Cover

Thickness of cover
 Volume of cover material (m3)
 Cover material rate - load haul place
 Total required cover (\$)
 Total cover (\$)

Rip Rap

final slope
 vertical height of rip rap (m)
 surface area of rip rap (m2/m)
 rip rap thickness (m)
 rock requirement per linear metre (m3)
 rip rap length along batter (m)
 rip rap area (m2)

Horizontal Drains

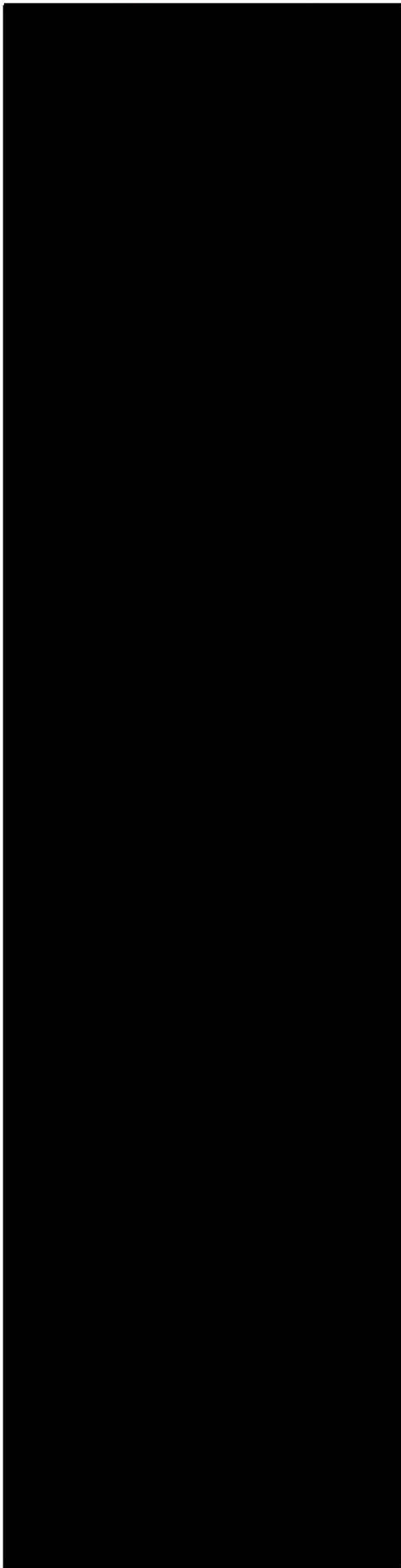
Exposed slope area (ha)
 No required (#/ha slope)
 No required
 Installation cost for required horizontal drains(\$)
 Total horizontal drain cost (\$)

Rip Rap

total rip rap area (m2)
 rip rap rate (\$/m2)
 Total Rip Rap

Erect a security fence around site

Length of fence (m)
 Construct (\$/m)
 Total



EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

	P50	P95
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area		
Total area (ha)		
Revegetate rate (\$/ha)		
Revegetate cost (\$)		
Create public access		
Number of areas		
Cost per area		
Total		
EarlyClose1 Domain 5 Closure Execution Management		
Mobilisation/Demobilisation		
Total Execution Cost		
% of total execution cost		
Engineering Procurement & Construction Management		
Total Project Cost		
% of total execution cost		
EarlyClose1 Domain 6 Fill pit with water		
O&M of dewatering facilities (until OB equilibration is achieved)		
Annual cost (\$/an)		
Duration (yrs)		
Total		
Re-install dewatering bores, then decommission existing bores		
Length of elevated pad (m)		
Width of elevated pad (m)		
Height of elevated pad (m)		
Sectional volume of pad (m ³ /m length)		
Volume of pad (m ³)		
Construct elevated pad (\$/m ³)		
Pad		
Construct dewatering bore (\$/bore)		
Number of new bores		
Connection pipeworks (m)		
Connection pipeworks (\$/m)		
New bores		
Number of existing bores		
Decommission existing bores (\$/bore)		
Existing bores		
Total		
Supplementary & other water charges		
Required supplementary water supply for filling period (GL/yr)		
Allocation purchase (\$/GL)		
Allocation purchase (\$)		
Annual fee (\$/yr)		
Fill duration (yrs)		
Supplementary & other water cost (\$)		
EarlyClose1 Domain 7 Post Execution Maintenance and Monitoring		
Post execution monitoring		
Annual rate - first 5 yrs after execution phase (\$/yr)		
Number of Years		
Cost (\$)		
Annual rate - wind-down monitoring phase (\$/yr)		
Number of Years		
Cost (\$)		
Post execution maintenance		
Annual rate - first 5 yrs after execution phase (\$/yr)		
Number of Years		
Cost (\$)		
Annual rate - wind-down monitoring phase (\$/yr)		
Number of Years		

EarlyClosure1 Cost Components

		P50	P95
Management	Cost (\$)		
	Subtotal maintenance & monitoring (\$)		
	Management (%)		
	Management (\$)		

Appendix B End of Mine Life

EoM Closure Cost Components

HAZELWOOD End of Mine Life Footprint	Total Costs	
EoM Domain 1 : Infrastructure Areas		
Disconnect and terminate services		
Demolish and remove buildings		
Remove concrete pads & footings (of buildings)		
Decommission access and haul roads		
Waste disposal		
Removal and disposal of contaminated water from bunded areas and sum		
Removal and disposal of contaminated soils		
Removal of USTs		
Demolish and remove conveyors		
Decommission, decontaminate and demolish crusher and raw coal bunker		
Decommission, decontaminate and demolish dredgers		
Remove fire services equipment and pipework		
Remove fire services reservoir		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation		
Water Ponds		
Removal of power lines		
Other disturbed areas		
EoM Domain 2 Tailings and Coarse Rejects Storage		
HARA/HAP1/HAP4capping		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation		
EoM Domain 3 Overburden and Waste Dumps		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area		
Lime dosing		
EoM Domain 4 Active Mine and Voids		
East Field (Northern Batters)		
Buttress of portion of EFE Northern Batters		
East Field (Eastern Batters) and Southeast Field (Southern Batters)		
Southeast Field (Western Batters)		
West Field		
Southwest Field (Northern Batters)		
Horizontal Drains		
Rip Rap		
Rip Rap subsequent 50 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 130 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 195 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 255 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 320 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 385 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 455 yrs		
Rip Rap subsequent 500 yrs		
Erect a security fence around site		
Landscaping, minor earthworks and revegetation throughout domain area		
Create public access		
EoM Domain 5 Closure Execution Management		
Mobilisation/Demobilisation		
Engineering Procurement & Construction Management		
EoM Domain 6 Fill pit with water		
O&M of dewatering facilities (until OB equilibration is achieved)		
Re-install dewatering bores, then decommission existing bores		
Supplementary & other water charges		
EoM Domain 7 Post Execution Maintenance and Monitoring		
Post execution monitoring		
Post execution maintenance		
Management		
EoM Liability		

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Closure Costs
Estimation of Rehabilitation Costs – GDF Suez Hazelwood Mine
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Appendix C

Unit Rates and Parameters

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GENERAL PARAMETERS USED IN COSTING			
		NPV Discount Rate	3.0%
			As per Vic gov wage inflation and discounts file
Final Void			
			EoM
			Early Closure 1
Overall Pit Slope Angle (V:H)			
	Angle	degrees	
	Vertical	ratio	
	Horizontal	ratio	
Final lake level		RL m	
Stabilised floor water level		RLm	
East Field (Northern Batters)			
	Ground Surface	RL m	
	Batter Lengths	m	
Buttress of portion of EFE Northern Batters (HARA)			
	Ground Surface		
	Batter Lengths		
East Field (Eastern Batters) and Southeast Field (Southern Batters)			
	Ground Surface		
	Batter Lengths		
Southeast Field (Western Batters)			
	Ground Surface		
	Batter Lengths		
West Field			
	Ground Surface		
	Batter Lengths		
Southwest Field (Northern Batters)			
	Ground Surface		
	Batter Lengths		
Average Batter Height		m	
Execution Phase General Rates			
Mobilisation/Demobilisation		% of total execution costs	
Engineering Procurement & Construction Management		% of total execution costs	
Monitoring & Maintenance Phase Rates			
Post execution monitoring - initial phase			
	surface water	\$/yr	
	groundwater	\$/yr	
	geotechnical	\$/yr	
	ecological (inc. rehabilitation)	\$/yr	

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	fire	\$/yr	
	Total monitoring - initial	\$/yr	
Post execution monitoring - subsequent			
	surface water	\$/yr	
	groundwater	\$/yr	
	geotechnical	\$/yr	
	ecological (inc. rehabilitation)	\$/yr	
	fire	\$/yr	
	Total monitoring - subsequent	\$/yr	
Post execution maintenance - initial phase			
	fire	\$/yr	
	rehabilitation	ha	
	rehabilitation fail rate	% / yr	
	rehabilitation rate	\$/ha	
	rehabilitation	\$/yr	
	erosion repair	\$/yr	
	lease costs	\$/yr	
	security services	\$/yr	
	securit maintenance	\$/yr	
	Council rates	\$/yr	
	site services (demountables, power, water)	\$/yr	
	Total maintenance - initial	\$/yr	
Post execution maintenance - subsequent			
	fire	\$/yr	
	rehabilitation	ha	
	rehabilitation fail rate	% / yr	
	rehabilitation rate	\$/ha	
	rehabilitation	\$/yr	
	erosion repair	\$/yr	
	lease costs	\$/yr	
	security services	\$/yr	
	securit maintenance	\$/yr	
	Council rates	\$/yr	
	site services (demountables, power, water)	\$/yr	
	Total maintenance - subsequent	\$/yr	
Management		% of total monitoring/maintenance costs	
Timelines			
Year of current assessment			
	Year number		
Mine Shutdown			

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Year closure execution to commence					2026	2015
Year number						
Duration of Closure Execution phase			years			
Duration of post execution maintenance/monitoring - initial phase			years			
Duration of post execution maintenance/monitoring - subsequent phase			years			
<i>Effective duration of post execution maintenance/monitoring - subsequent phase</i>			years			
Duration of lake fill to achieve floor stability (RL-22m)			years			
Duration of full lake fill to final level			years			
Lime dosing for acid runoff control			years			
Other Costs and Parameters (not in Bond Calculator)						
Bulking factor for earthworks						
Summary adopted earthworks rates						
Externally sourced topsoil			\$/m ³			
Externally sourced cover & cap material			\$/m ³			
Internally sourced buttress / fill material			\$/m ³			
Reshaping			\$/m ³			
Lime dosing			\$/year			
Horizontal bores for slope stabilisation						
No required			#/ha slope			
Installation cost			\$/bore			
Dewatering bores						
Connection pipeworks			\$/m			
Rip Rap						
thickness			m			
vertical height			m			
Ash Pond & HARA Cap						
thickness			m			
rate (load, haul, dump, compact)			\$/m ³			
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Annual dewatering costs						
Hazelwood			\$/annum			
Bulk Water Entitlement						
Current Hazelwood BWE			GL/yr			
Supplementary Water Costs						

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Allocation Purchase	\$/ML			\$		
Allocation Purchase	\$/GL			\$		
Annual groundwater fee	\$/ML/yr			\$		
Annual groundwater fee	\$/GL/yr			\$		
Annual Bulk Water Entitlement	\$			\$		
Total annual fees	\$/yr			\$		
BWE annual cost	\$/GL/yr			\$		

Activity	Unit	FROM BOND CALCULATOR	Adopted Rates- green/yellow highlight means value used in model		Distribution	Comment on Changes to Bond Calculator Rate
			P50	P95		
Disconnect and terminate services	item				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Demolish and remove industrial buildings such as workshops and large sheds	m2				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Remove Concrete pads, footings and foundations (> 300mm thickness)	m2				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Demolish and remove overland conveyors, transfer stations & gantries (scrapping only - does not include dismantling for re-use at another site).	m				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Decommission, decontaminate and demolish dredgers	ea				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Pipework removal	m				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Reshape, deep rip and ameliorate sealed/unsealed roads	Ha				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Has a Contaminated Site Assessment been undertaken for the site? If not this item applies	item					
Removal and disposal of oil contaminated water from bunded areas and sumps.	L				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Load, cart and dispose of low-level contaminated soil off site to a licensed landfill. Assumes cartage to a local landfill. Add \$50/m3 for cartage to regional landfill.	m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Removal of underground fuel storage tank (UST) above 5,000L and below 15,000L capacity (include all site facilities and is to include pipes, bunds, etc)	@				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Source, cart, spread and lightly rip topsoil (>5km)	\$/m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Average topsoil thickness	m				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Direct seeding (native tree species OR using native grasses), with single application of fertiliser	\$/ha				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Overall topsoil and revegetation rate	\$/ha					
Shaping or levelling of minor excavations, batters and stockpiles, final trim, rock rake and deep rip	\$/ha				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Structural water management works, banks, drains, rock lined waterways, sediment dams	\$/ha				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Truck and shovel capping to batters and floor	m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Buttress material	m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Major bulk pushing (Stiff Clay or Soft Rock with ripping) to achieve grades nominated in the approval/permit (i.e. < 18o) 50-100m	m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Erect a 6' chain mesh security fence around the top face where the final pit will include steep faces	m				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Reshaping volume per m exposed batter height per lineal m of batter slope	m3 / bench / lineal m slope				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Final cover material over pit slope to control fire and minimise surface water infiltration	m				Lognormal Distribution applied; 1m applied as 99th percentile	
Rip rap at final lake level	\$/m2				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Cap material - load, haul place	\$/m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Cap material - compact	\$/m3				Lognormal Distribution applied	
Removal of powerlines (this includes disconnection, rolling up the wires and removing the poles). It does not include the removal of substations.	km				Lognormal Distribution applied	