



Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry

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Dear Damien

Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry

I refer to the hearing in relation to the Board of Inquiry's Terms of Reference 8, 9 and 10 commencing on 8 December 2015. The Inquiry is being conducted pursuant to Part 3 of the *Inquiries Act 2014* (Vic).

In preparation from the public hearing, the Board seeks from EnergyAustralia Yallourn Pty Ltd (**EnergyAustralia**) a witness statement from a senior manager who works at the Yallourn Mine which addresses the matters outlined below. The Board's expectation is that the maker of the statement will have made all appropriate inquiries so that s/he is able to make the statement on EnergyAustralia's behalf. You may decide that statements from more than one manager or employee are necessary to address the matters of interest to the Board.

Please provide the statement(s) no later than **Friday, 30 October 2015**, electronically in Ringtail format and in hard copy.

In addition to addressing the matters below, the witness may include in the statement any other matter that s/he considers will assist the Board in inquiring into the matters specified in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10 of its Terms of Reference. The statement should attach supporting documents including maps, plans, diagrams and photographs as necessary.

Background

1. Provide a brief overview of the ownership and management of the Yallourn Coal Mine (**Mine**).
2. Provide details of the mining licences granted to operate the Mine, including a plan of the licence area.
3. Provide details of the water licences or water entitlements held by the Mine, including details of the type and volume of water that the Mine is authorised to take and use under the licences or entitlements and any conditions governing the use of water, e.g. are the entitlements associated with power generation.
4. Provide details about the location and size of the Mine, the geological formation being mined including depth and footprint, and the characteristics of coal mined in the Mine.
5. Provide a brief history of the operation of the Mine including the variations and expansions to the mine, the mine's approved Work Plans including any Work Plan variation, and the relationship of the Mine with power generation.

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Rehabilitation

6. Describe the rehabilitation plans for the Mine to date pursuant to the Mine's mining licence and Work Plan (and Work Plan variations).
7. Describe the rehabilitation work completed at the Mine to date pursuant to the Mine's mining licence and Work Plan (and Work Plan variations).
8. Describe the future rehabilitation work to be done under the Work Plan, identifying the date by which rehabilitation of the Mine is required to be completed. Include any details of modelling (including ground stability, water modelling and fill times) or expert assessments undertaken concerning rehabilitation of the Mine.
9. Describe any limitations or matters that may affect the future rehabilitation work to be done under the Work Plan, including ground stability and water.
10. Provide details of whether there have been any risk assessments conducted with respect to fire hazards in relation to the rehabilitation undertaken to date or proposed to be done, including progressive rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation Liability Assessment

11. Provide details of the current and past rehabilitation liability assessments for the mine together with any variations to those assessments.
12. Provide details of any assessments obtained or undertaken by the mines in relation to the likely or estimated cost of the rehabilitation planned (including progressive rehabilitation).

Please contact me by email at justine.stansen@hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au or by phone on 8689 0576 if you have any questions concerning this request.

Yours faithfully



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