Planning for rehabilitation

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In line with the planned closure of the Loy Yang A Power Station in 2035, we are now preparing a Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) for the Loy Yang Mine for submission to the Victorian Government.

The DMRP will outline the pathway to closure and rehabilitation of the mine, and will follow the foundational policy, principles and actions guiding rehabilitation planning set out in the Victorian Government's Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy.

The DMRP will propose that we will begin filling the mine void with water after closure of the power station to create a pit lake.

We will be required to undertake further environmental and regulatory assessments during the closure and rehabilitation planning process.

Key content of the DMRP

- Closure criteria, including measures to address risks to public health and safety, the environment and infrastructure and actions to convert the mine land to a safe, stable and sustainable condition.
- Post closure plan for the mine, including monitoring and maintenance activities, risk management plan and supporting information for the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority.
- Stakeholder engagement plan including milestones for ongoing engagement
- Detail of proposed outcomes for land use and proposed post-mining land use
- Description of all legal approvals and permissions required for rehabilitation and closure
- Any use of passive controls to maximise the outcome that landforms are safe, stable and sustainable
- Rehabilitation and closure objectives and milestones relevant to ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the mine
- Identification and assessment of rehabilitation risks and hazards and a risk management plan
- Report on consultations undertaken with regulators and communities





Progressive rehabilitation

When parts of the mine and external overburden area are no longer needed for mining or operations, we rehabilitate this land and aim to return to productive use.

We smooth the land, cap with clay and apply topsoil and seeds to grow grass.

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