

# Yallourn Draft Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP)

Yallourn has powered Victoria for over a century. As we prepare for the closure of the power station and mine in mid-2028, EnergyAustralia is committed to ensuring the site is rehabilitated in a way that is safe, stable, and sustainable.

The Draft Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan proposes to transform the former mine voids into an interconnected lake and is supported by technical studies including geology, ground water, climate, floods, water quality, flora, fauna, cultural heritage, seismic activity, environmental impact, community views, and stability risks.

Formal community and stakeholder engagement and consultation for the Draft Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan was undertaken over a 60-day period from **18 June to 18 August 2025**.

## Participation

During our 60-day consultation period, community members and stakeholders participated in a series of events and activities, as detailed below:

Activity	What	Participation
6x Community Events	Farmers Markets at Sale, Stratford, Traralgon, Trafalgar, Yallourn North (Old Brown Coal Mine Museum), MLRA	137
2x Webinars	Online presentation with Q&A	29
Website Visits	Visits to <a href="http://yallourn.transition.com.au">yallourn.transition.com.au</a>	2.9k website views and 2.1k unique visitors
Social Media	Visits and interactions on Facebook	Reach 13.7k, engagement 77, link clicks 94
Survey	Online and paper-based survey	38
Submissions	Formal Submission	22

## What We Heard

Feedback from the community and stakeholders has been grouped into several themes and summarised below:

### Energy security

We want to understand how Victoria will be powered post Yallourn.

### Water

We care about water use, how water is sourced to create a lake, and what the lake water quality will be.

### Morwell River Diversion

We want to understand more about the MRD and the Morwell River.

### Land use and future access

We would like there to be commercial and tourism opportunities.

### Ongoing community and stakeholder involvement

We want to continue to be involved in opportunities to shape and design the future of the site. We want to form traditional owner partnerships.

### Environment

We want to know more about how the lake will impact or benefit biodiversity and the surrounding environment.

### Stability

We want to understand how stable the land will be during and after lake filling.

### Social impact

We are interested in jobs, recreation and community benefits.



### How we used your feedback

Our aim is to deliver a Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) that reflects the values and aspirations of the Gippsland community while creating a safe, stable, and sustainable landform. We used your feedback to help shape the final rehabilitation approach and prepare the final DMRP.

We also submitted a Consultation Engagement Summary Report that linked community and stakeholder feedback to changes and amendments, showing how your input contributed to the final plan. This report, along with all formal submissions, accompanied the final DMRP.

### Next Steps:


Following the completion of public consultation in relation to the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) for Yallourn, EnergyAustralia Yallourn Pty Ltd (EnergyAustralia) has updated the DMRP and submitted it to Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (Resources Victoria) for approval by the Department Head in accordance with the requirements of the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Developments) Act 1990 (Vic). Consideration of the DMRP by the Department is ongoing, and so the DMRP remains subject to change.


### Ongoing Engagement

Although the formal consultation period has ended, we encourage the community to remain engaged. Questions about the rehabilitation process or other matters can still be directed to the contacts provided below.

#### Contact Us:

Visit us in person at our Community Hub – 228 Commercial Rd, Morwell  
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