

## Submission 9

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**1. What is your level of knowledge of mine rehabilitation in general?**

Have some understanding.

**2. What is important to you when you think about the rehabilitation of the Latrobe Valley coal mines?**

Stability to urban infrastructure and water availability.

**3. What do you feel are the most important things Government can do as part of the planning, rehabilitation, and post-rehabilitation stages of the Latrobe Valley coal mines?**

Be prepared to finance what it takes to provide sufficient water in an appropriate time frame to make good the objective of a suitable partial fill of the mine voids.

**4. What do you feel are the most important things the coal mine operators can do as part of the planning, rehabilitation, and post-rehabilitation stages of the Latrobe Valley coal mines?**

Be prepared to finance at least in substantial part the technical solutions to the mine rehabilitation.

**5. What do you feel are the most important things community and stakeholders can contribute as part of the planning, rehabilitation, and post-rehabilitation stages of the Latrobe Valley coal mines?**

Insist to the appropriate authorities that timely measures are taken in the rehabilitation processes and that the mine voids are not left to constitute a hazard to the community.

**6. How would you like to be engaged in the rehabilitation process for the Latrobe Valley Brown Coal mines?**

By regular information by all platforms on the progress of the rehabilitation processes.

**7. Overall, do the principles outlined in Section 4 of the LVRRS Overview meet your expectations (considering the important issues you identified above)?**

Neither agree nor disagree.

**8. Are there any changes you would suggest to the proposed principles outlined in Section 4 of the LVRRS Overview? If so, please provide a short explanation as to why you have suggested these changes.**

Water is the going to be a primary determinate of a successful. This should be accepted and emphasised.

**9. Are there any specific elements of the LVRRS Overview that were not clear, or need further information to be provided in the LVRRS?**

No.

**10. Do you have any further comments on the LVRRS Overview?**

It is evident that a crucial issue in the rehabilitation strategy will be the availability of sufficient water to reduce fire risk, prevent ground movement (see geo-technical reports). Question is though where is the very large quantities of water going to come from in a timely manner? As climate change continues to exacerbate shortage of available ground water across Gippsland any program of fill will become impossible to achieve without augmentation from outside sources. The only solution will be to draw water from the sea. Seawater partially desalinated to provide quality of say 1000 ppm dissolved solids would suffice. A transportation pipeline corridor to and from the Latrobe Valley would be required. Not an engineering impossibility. Admittedly expensive.

**Stakeholder group**

Community member

**Postcode**

3844

**Age Group**

85 and over

**Gender**

Male