

Submission 4

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?

No response provided.

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?

No response provided.

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?

No response provided.

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?

No response provided.

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

No response provided.

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

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.

The relinquishment processes and conditions are not sufficiently detailed in the Overview.

For example, there is no mention of them in the Strategy principles (p14). Is not relinquishment a goal of at least some of the parties involved?

Yes, of course they must meet the tests that are generally referred to in other areas of the Overview, but in the final analysis the end game is not clear.

Rehabilitation means that the mine operators are expected to engage in a protracted process since a mines may take many decades to fill with the possibility of many coal exposures (eg through fluctuating water levels or batter slippages) during this time.

Even after relinquishemnt, adverse conditions or events may well create coal exposures and fires, or perhaps land instability.

So I would prefer more clarity about what the relinquishment sign-off standards are going to be (including appropriate monitoring periods) and whether and how a Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan might be revised if it no longer can be met.

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 response provided.

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

Stakeholder group

Community Member

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3842

Age Group

65-69

Gender

Male