

Submission 8

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

Have strong technical understanding.

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

Sustainable outcomes and ensuring that water resources are utilised for the benefit of all Victorians and not just to allow the mine operators to exit without properly rehabilitating the mine voids.

Pit lakes may be the safest and most stable options, but they can never be sustainable if they require up to 7GL (as reported) per mine per year to maintain. This is neither environmentally or economically sustainable..

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 more prescriptive about what will and will not constitute a sustainable outcome. This will benefit all stakeholders, including the Operators as this will remove ambiguity and investment of developing options that have no chance of meeting sustainability criteria.

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?

Plan the mines and extract in a sequence that leaves behind a stable landform rather than a landform that requires water or other material to be provided to achieve stability objectives.

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?

Promote the discussion about future beneficial use of natural resources.

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)?

Strongly 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 overview of the strategy reads as though filling of the voids with water is the preferred option. I think this section should be reconstructed to identify filling with water as a solution of last resort and provide detail as to how a future landform will fund the provision of this water in the absence of power generation. The feasibility of this should be assessed and unless there is a reasonable solution identified, pit lakes should not be an option to the Operators unless they can maintain equilibrium without additional raw water.

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

How economic and environmental sustainability of future rehabilitation plans is to be assessed by Government.

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

No response provided.

Stakeholder group

Farmer

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3820

Age Group

35-39

Gender

Male