



Our role in mine rehabilitation

The Latrobe Valley is changing. As coal-fired power stations close, mine operators must rehabilitate the mine voids and surrounding land to make them safe, stable and sustainable for the future.

For the Hazelwood, Yallourn and Loy Yang mines, the operators - ENGIE, Energy Australia and AGL - plan to fill the mine voids with water to create pit lakes.

We provide bulk water to major customers across Gippsland, including industries of state and national significance.

We could be asked to supply water for mine rehabilitation in the future. If so, we could provide untreated water to help fill the mines more quickly and reduce potential community and fire safety risks.

Our organisation is not a deciding authority for mine rehabilitation.

The three mines are at different stages of closure and rehabilitation. The Victorian Government has indicated that the filling of these mine voids will be complete by 2065.

Why is mine rehabilitation important?

Rehabilitation makes the mine voids safe and stable.

Creating pit lakes can allow the voids to be transformed for future community use as the region moves away from coal mining.

How could we be involved in mine rehabilitation?

If we are asked to supply untreated water for mine rehabilitation we would endeavour to avoid any impact on customers or the environment by:

- Prioritising town water, industry and environmental needs
- Only supplying water within our existing entitlements
- Reducing or stopping water supply during drought conditions or low water availability if required
- Continuing to plan for future growth

We currently supply water for fire services at Hazelwood mine site.

Current modelling shows there is enough water in Moondarra and Blue Rock reservoirs to accommodate mine rehabilitation while supporting the above principles.

Why would we consider supplying water for mine rehabilitation?

Revenue from supplying water for mine rehabilitation could assist with offsetting costs which would help to put downward pressure on customer bills.

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