

# Alcoa Point Henry Environmental Action Notice Status Report

1 June 2025



## 1. Introduction

- With the completion and submission to the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) of the Environmental Site Assessment (31 October 2019) for the Pt Henry site, Alcoa's key objective is to complete an environmental audit report for the site prepared in accordance with section 53X of the *Environment Protection Act 1970* (VIC) and consistent with the EPA approved audit scope by 1 December 2027.
- Alcoa will ensure compliance to the requirements of the Environmental Action Notice EAN-00003154 (Notice) as issued to the location by the EPA on 25 October 2022. The Notice requires the submission of six-monthly reports updating the EPA on how the clean-up and ongoing management of the premises has been or is likely to be achieved to comply with the Notice requirements. In the event of identifying any imminent risk to human health or the environment, Alcoa must notify the EPA and advise what measures have been put in place to respond to such risks.

## 2. Environmental Performance

- No environmental non-compliance incidents identified during the period.

## 3. Identified Imminent Risks

- No imminent risks to human health or the environment identified during the period.

## 4. Recent Activities

- Auditor review of the Point Henry Industrial Site Remediation Options Review Data Gap Sampling memo was completed during the reporting period with all Auditor comments addressed. The memo incorporated the most recent soil quality data and detailed the soil remediation options by area for the Pt Henry site.
- Recovery, transport and placement of waste from the Industrial Site Hot Spots into the new containment cells at Alcoa's Moolap Landfill site commenced in March 2025, consistent with the Auditor reviewed Hot Spot Remediation Work Plan and the Solid Media Management Remediation Action Plan.
- Post April 1 2025, works to recover the small remaining area of impacted soil at the CPL Landfill commenced with placement of the impacted soils in the Moolap Landfill. An interim CPL Landfill Validation report, reflective of the works completed in 2024 was prepared and submitted to the Auditor for review; with further test pitting completed to increase the sampling density. Imported backfill soil quality data has been reviewed with additional sampling and analysis conducted to characterise the soil, confirming its suitability for onsite use.
- Capping works on Cell 6 at the Moolap Landfill site were completed with the re-vegetation plan now being implemented to coincide with the growing season.
- Continued progress on the collation of validation and backfilling data for the Rolling Mill and the associated soil quality QA/QC data by Alcoa's environmental consultants in preparation for Auditor review.
- Work continued with Alcoa's environmental planning consultants in preparation for the proposed remediation works in the Point Henry Constructed Wetlands Area. Following a pre-application meeting with council, a Planning Report and Marine and Coastal Act Consent was prepared and reviewed by Alcoa. These reports are to be finalised and submitted to Council in early June 2025. Work also progressed on the preparation of the work package by Alcoa for potential remediation contractors.
- The Development Licence Exemption application for the remediation works and capping of the Original Landfill (Old SPL/ Salt Dross and General Refuse Landfill) was submitted to the EPA in early December

2024. A request for information was received from the EPA in May 2025 seeking a small number of clarifications/ further details to complete its assessment. Alcoa is currently preparing a response to the Authority's queries with a submission expected in late May / early June 2025.

- The remaining Groundwater Interpretative Reports for the Original Landfill and Grasslands/Wetlands Areas were reviewed by the Auditor with minor comments received on both reports. These are currently being addressed by Alcoa's environmental consultants.
- The draft 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Event reports were received and reviewed by Alcoa and its environmental consultants.
- Works continued on the Hays Road Brine ponds, with remediation and the removal of brine and residual sediment completed in the northern most pond. Works are now underway for the removal of the pond liner and validation sampling in parallel with remediation planning for the broader area. Confirmation was received from Council that a planning permit was not required for the earthworks required to remove the pond features.
- Discussions with the EPA Victoria and the EPA appointed Auditor commenced on the auditing approach for the vast majority of the Farmlands zone and the Grasslands / Wetlands zone. Both areas have not been used as part of Alcoa's operations and are considered low risk in terms of future land use.

## 5. Planned Activities: 1 June 2025 – 1 December 2025

- Continued recovery and transport of impacted soils as part of the Hot Spot remediation works is expected. The recovered soils will be placed in the Moolap Landfill, compliant with the requirements set out in the Operating Licence. As Hot Spot areas on the Industrial Site are completed, the soil quality Validation Reports will be developed by Alcoa's environmental consultants, ready for Auditor review.
- Submission of the Rolling Mill area validation report, inclusive of the QA/QC data for Auditor review.
- Engagement with Council and other relevant stakeholders and authorities will continue in parallel with council's planning department review of Alcoa's planning and MACA consent applications for the proposed remediation works in the eastern foreshore Constructed Wetlands. It is anticipated that works will commence by the end of 2025 (as they need to be completed during the summer period to minimise rainfall impacts), subject to regulatory approval and timeframes.
- The 2025 Groundwater Monitoring Event is expected to be completed.
- Auditor review of the remaining Groundwater Interpretative Reports will be completed.
- Pond liner removal and soil validation will be completed for the north pond, with the broader remediation activities expected to commence at the Hays Road site. The Site Condition report detailing the soil and groundwater quality for the area will be developed for Auditor review.
- Planning for a small number of discreet remediation tasks on the Farmlands zone will progress.

## 6. Community Engagement

- During the period Alcoa continued to engage with key stakeholders about a developer Expression of Interest process being run related to possible future development of the Pt Henry site, consistent with the Alcoa Freehold Concept Master Plan and the DELWP Moolap Coastal Strategic Framework Plan for the Pt Henry site.
- A community update was provided to the Alcoa Pt Henry Community Advisory Board database in December 2024 and was published on the [Alcoa website](#). Another update is planned for June 2025.
- Alcoa continued to brief government agencies and key stakeholders on the status of onsite activities.

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- A copy of this report will be published on the [Alcoa website](#).

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