

Working with others

Barwon Water has a strong working relationship with the community and key stakeholders in the Anglesea catchment.

This includes projects such as the short-term water level management project in the Anglesea River, where Barwon Water transfers water on behalf of Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (Corangamite CMA) to support the management of the Anglesea River water level over the summer months.

Barwon Water is a member of the Anglesea River Working Group where regular updates on the activities Barwon Water are undertaking are provided to the community.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)

DELWP manages Victoria's groundwater, catchments and waterways, governance and water legislation, in partnership with a network of government agencies and water authorities.

Barwon Water holds a bulk entitlement issued by the Minister for Water and regulated by DELWP, which allows Barwon Water to access groundwater from the Anglesea borefield for drinking water supplies. The bulk entitlement sets the maximum volume of water that Barwon Water is allowed to pump from the borefield and the associated obligations and conditions. As part of these obligations, Barwon Water is required to have a Monitoring and Assessment Program approved by the Minister for Water.

DELWP coordinates the management of maintaining water levels in the Anglesea River over the drier summer period in response to Alcoa's closure and cessation of discharge into the river. For more information, please visit: www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (Corangamite CMA)

The Corangamite CMA is a statutory authority that works with land managers, communities and other agencies on a range of projects to improve land and catchment health. The CMA works with Barwon Water and DELWP to manage water for the environment, issue permits for estuary openings, engage the community in citizen science to monitor estuary and waterway health, conduct riparian planting, and much more. In Anglesea, the Corangamite CMA engages with the community through the Anglesea River Working Group. For more information, please visit: www.ccma.vic.gov.au/

Surf Coast Shire Council

Surf Coast Shire Council is the local planning authority, responsible for management of stormwater drainage and on-site domestic wastewater systems, emergency management, environmental health (including mosquitos) and some Crown land management (including Fairylands and Anglesea Riverbank reserves), which will be transferred to the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority in 2023. In Anglesea, roles include Chair and convenor of the community and agency Anglesea River Working Group, community advocacy; and the current permit holder for the artificial estuary mouth opening of the Anglesea River. For more information, please visit: www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Southern Rural Water (SRW)

Southern Rural Water is responsible for managing surface water (streams and dams) and groundwater (aquifers) in the entire south of Victoria, from the Great Dividing Range to the ocean. Southern Rural Water operates under the *Water Act 1989* and their responsibilities include:

- assessing licence applications and, if approved, issuing licences to construct new farm dams and bores
- managing new and existing groundwater and surface water licences
- ensure licence holders comply and operate within their licence conditions
- supporting the development and implementation of groundwater and surfacewater management plans

As part of its role, SRW is responsible for assessing and issuing the groundwater licence for Alcoa to access the Upper Eastern View Formation aquifer in Anglesea.

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For more information, please visit: www.srw.com.au

Alcoa

Since ceasing operations in Anglesea in 2015, Alcoa has been undertaking the rehabilitation and closure of the mine site, and the decommissioning and remediation of the power station. Community consultation and engagement continue to guide project activities. Key activities include:

- Draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan including water strategy
- Eden Project Anglesea concept
- Alcoa Freehold Concept Master Plan
- supporting DELWP by providing an onsite water storage pond to support its management of the Anglesea River

For more information, please visit: www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea