



# Monitoring and Evaluation Framework Consultation

## Feedback Report

The Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority (MLRA) is required to develop and maintain, in consultation with the community, stakeholders, public sector bodies and Latrobe Valley mine licensees, a framework for:

- the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of rehabilitation planning activities and the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy (LVRRS); and,
- the achieving of the outcomes set out in the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (MEF).

This is in accordance with our requirements under the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*. In June and July 2024, a consultation process was held, and stakeholders were invited to make submissions.

### What We Did

The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework consultation survey was open from Monday 24 June to Friday 19 July 2024. The consultation survey was promoted via:

- print media adverts in the Latrobe Valley Express,
- 21 social media posts on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn,
- email to over 300 mailing list subscribers, and
- direct email to 100 individual stakeholders and community groups.
- face-to-face meetings with industry, community and government stakeholders.

In addition, one webinar and two face-to-face roadshow events were held. In total 14 people attended the webinar and around 50 people attended the face-to-face events. The webinar recording was made available on the MLRA website after the event.

## What We Heard

As part of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework consultation process, we received eight formal submissions comprising a total of 66 submission comments.

Analysis of the submissions identified the following main feedback themes relating to the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework:

### Scope

Of the submission comments, 27 related to scope. These submissions related to ensuring the introduction and scope sections of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework were broad and thorough enough to ensure understanding. Submitters also wanted to ensure that the introduction and scope sections focussed beyond the LVRRS to give a larger context of mine rehabilitation. When referring to the LVRRS, submitters wanted to see clarity around LVRRS leadership, implementation and timelines.

### Reporting

A further 5 submission comments related to reporting. Submitters wanted to see clarity around reporting relating to the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and its implementation plan.

### Research plans

Four submission comments related to research plans. As the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* refers to the MLRA's function to review any research plan in relation to the rehabilitation of declared mine land prepared by a declared mine licensee and make recommendations, submitters wanted to see clarity around the definition of research, research plans and studies and what the MLRA is required to do.

### Engagement

In addition, three submission comments related to the need for further clarity around the MLRA's engagement work as it relates to the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.



## What We Do Next

The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is in the process of being updated to reflect feedback received as part of the consultation process. Consultation data was collated and promoted to our mailing list and on social media.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Framework is a living document and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. We now move on to developing a Monitoring and Evaluation implementation plan to match the Framework. This will be informed by the feedback received through this consultation and will involve continuing to work with evaluated stakeholders.

## Want to know more?

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact us by calling 1800 571 966, emailing [contactus@mineland.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@mineland.vic.gov.au), following us on social media, or subscribing to our mailing list at [www.mineland.vic.gov.au](http://www.mineland.vic.gov.au) .

