



Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into the Closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations

Hearing Date: 24 November 2021

Questions taken on notice

Directed to: Ms Nina Burke, President and Mr David Langmore, Vice-President, Great Latrobe Park Group

1. Mr MEDDICK Page no. 27

Question asked.

Provide a copy of: The 'Lusatia Charter'.

Response:

The relevance of quoting the "Lusatia Charter - 10 Propositions for the handling of Post Mining Landscapes" is that stakeholders, from the Lusatia region, from spheres of business, academia, politics and civil society came together to discuss a wide range of ideas and initiatives from the region in order to formulate a concrete proposal that would accommodate a broad spectrum of interests. Potentially a "blueprint" for the Latrobe Valley Region.

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The Lusatia Charter

10 Propositions for the handling of Post Mining Landscapes

1. Setting an example

The development of a post mining landscape must be exemplary. As a consciously planned treatment of a cultural landscape, the development has a model character and must contribute to the implementation of international goals and standards of sustainable development.

2. Using Resources

The legacy of mining, land, buildings and infrastructure are industrial heritage resources for a sustainable development. The preservation and reuse of typical components creates special places that shape the look of a region and build a bridge between the past and the future.

3. Fostering Identity

A post mining landscape must have its own new characteristics. The original landscape and the lost home cannot be reproduced. New developments must begin at meaningful locations, with the goal of promoting identification and shaping a new identity.

4. Broadening the Planning Horizon

The planning for a post mining landscape must begin before mining lays claim to the land. From the beginning, planning must represent goals for the future design and development and must make possible new options for temporary use. Planning must accompany mining processes and react flexibly to changing framework conditions.

5. Shaping the process

The process of redesign must be tangible. Information, staging of changes, and intermediate uses are important elements of the process that convey change and provide departure points for a change of identity.

6. Allowing for creativity and innovation

The creation of new cultural landscapes requires a vanguard and creativity, exchange of insider and outsider perspectives, as well as open decision making structures. The process must be organised in such a way as to facilitate innovative solutions and new pathways.

7. Generating pictures

Pictures and outlines of a future development are important as eye-openers and vehicles for imagining the future. Even at the beginning of the conversion process, events and constructed images are indispensable as landmarks to manifest the goals and perspectives of development.

8. Ensuring transparency

The development of post mining landscapes must be open and transparent. The triad – comprehensive participation by those who are affected, common decision making, and implementation of planning with the participating actors – must be guaranteed in stages of planning.

9. Building the organisational structure

The implementation of the planning goals must be secured by an organisational structure that is capable of acting and sufficiently equipped with funding and personnel. The organisational structure takes over the process management, establishes networks, and organises funding and promotions. The requirement for these functions is a binding legal framework that identifies planning levels, tasks and responsibilities.

10. Taking responsibility

The polluter-pays principle applies to rehabilitation. The task of qualitative development that produces added value cannot be solved on the local level alone. It must be supported by entrepreneurial and higher level public responsibility, as well as by cooperation among local authorities and additional partners.



2. The Chair and Ms BATH Page no. 30

Question asked.

To provide copy of book which Mr Langmore had written: "Planning Power: The Uses and Abuses of Power in the Planning of the Latrobe Valley".

Response:

I am very happy to provide the Committee with a copy of the book "Planning Power: The Uses and Abuses of Power In the Planning of the Latrobe Valley". I will arrange for a copy of the book to be provided to the Committee, some time before the Committee's next hearings.

