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### **Mine Rehabilitation — 60 minutes Moderator Led Panel & 30 Minutes Audience Q&A**

*Focus: The Valley Future Vision and aspirations, what are the energy sector and government's big picture plans for the region? What can we do to make the valley more livable? What are some barriers we face when designing our future?*

**Ask the panel a question, submit online or raise your hand during the Q&A section**

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### **Moderator**

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**Dr Jess Reeves (She/They) — Future Regions Research Centre, Federation University**

#### **Bio**

Jess Reeves is a place-based sustainability science researcher. With a background in geology, she is passionate about the interplay between humans and their environment through time – including recent industrial pollution and long-term human modification of landscapes. She is particularly interested in elevating community voices around environmental stewardship, incorporating multiple ways of knowing place. She teaches and conducts research at the Gippsland Campus of Federation University Australia.

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I would like to give a shout-out to my project, funded by CRC-TiME, which will be seeking 30 Latrobe City

Council community members to participate in a citizen jury on future land uses for the mine lands. This will be kicking off in June. I also recommend people be directed to the MLRA website for updates and further info.

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## **Panellists**

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**Bronya Lipski (She/Her) — Environmental law and policy nerd**

### **Bio**

Bronya Lipski is a lawyer and activist who grew up on the land of the Braiakulung people of the Gunaikurnai Nation. Her parents instilled in her a wonder and respect for the environment, and she spent many years wondering what the Latrobe Valley looked like before colonisation. As a kid she watched the Latrobe Valley economy decline when Victoria's power industry was privatised and started eroding the community's social fabric.

Throughout her career, she has worked with communities around Australia to fight for a healthy environment using law and policy. From air pollution, CSG, mine rehabilitation and contaminated land matters through to stopping native vegetation clearing and protecting the Murray-Darling Basin from over-extraction, Bronya consistently sharpens her nerd skills to support her two main passions: community empowerment and engagement in environmental decision-making, and reforming law and regulation to safeguard against irreversible climate change and biodiversity loss.

Bronya is currently a senior policy officer at the Clean Energy Council, focussing on legal and policy barriers in environment and planning regimes throughout Australia that slow down the renewable energy transition. She is currently obsessed with her front-line work that seeks to resolve the rapid implementation of the renewable energy transition without causing additional environmental harm.

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## **Rhonda Hastie** — Yallourn Rehabilitation Leader, Energy Australia

### **Bio**

Rhonda is an environmental engineer with 15 years' experience in industrial site remediation and rehabilitation. As Yallourn's Rehabilitation Leader, she is passionate about ensuring that Yallourn's future rehabilitated landscape will enable ongoing opportunities for the region and including community in the process.

Rhonda's career started remediating sites all over Australia before moving into Government, advising on rehabilitation for all Latrobe Valley mines, which gives her an in-depth understanding of the entire region's rehabilitation needs.

Rhonda is a Latrobe Valley local who can often be seen riding her bicycle to work or her horse out on the trails. She loves a good chat and will happily talk all day about mine rehabilitation.

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## **Antonia Scrase** — Technical Director, Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority, Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority

### **Bio**

Antonia has 20 years' environmental experience in the UK and Australia, working in mine closure, geo-environmental industry, risk and approvals, and brown field development. For the last 11 years, she has focused on mining, specifically mine closure. She has worked for the mining industry, consultancies, and government.

Antonia is passionate about mine closure and has driven interstate government knowledge sharing by launching and chairing the interstate government closure discussion group. She was also a key part in a closure focused legislative change process in South Australia.

Over the last 4 years, Antonia has focused on the closure of lignite coal mines in the Latrobe Valley, where she worked for industry before joining the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority (MLRA) as Technical Director in October 2022. She is keen to employ her knowledge and experience in this area, to assist in ensuring there is a smooth pathway to mine rehabilitation for industry, government, and community, that

enables easy transition to secondary land uses to facilitate the growth and prosperity of the area.

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<https://www.mineland.vic.gov.au/>

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**Anthony Feigl** — Director Rehabilitation & Innovation, Resources Victoria, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

#### Bio

With a background in environmental science and natural resource management, Anthony is passionate about finding innovative solutions that benefit communities and the environment.

Anthony's role as Director of Rehabilitation and Innovation at Resources Victoria includes leading programs to support successful rehabilitation of Latrobe Valley's three coal mines.

Anthony enjoys collaborating with stakeholders and the community to achieve positive change.

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**Dwayne McAlpine** — Civil Engineer, Loy Yang Civil and Development, AGL Loy Yang

#### Bio

Dwayne is AGL Loy Yang's water specialist who is a key technical expert working on rehabilitation planning and delivery at Loy Yang. He has worked at AGL Loy Yang for four years, and previously spent 8 years managing critical water assets at Gippsland Water.

Dwayne completed engineering studies at Monash University, Gippsland.

He is a lifelong Gippslander who grew up in Yaram and has lived in Traralgon for 15 years, and is now raising his two children here in the Latrobe Valley.

Dwayne is passionate about achieving best practise rehabilitation and water management at the Loy Yang site.

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<https://www.agl.com.au/about-agl/how-we-source-energy/loy-yang-power-station>

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## **Adam Moran** — Corporate Environment and Technical Specialist Leader — Energy, Water, Climate, and Sustainability

### **Bio**

Adam has over 20 years' experience across large global corporations in the energy, natural resources and mining space providing innovative and strategic risk management advice. His experience was gained in a variety of industry sectors working for leading companies such as Boeing, Bosch, and Rio Tinto on environment, climate policy, adaptation, and engineering process improvements in manufacturing.

Working for French energy organisation ENGIE, Adam manages the environment and planning for large projects within Australia, including the Hazelwood Environmental Effects Statement.

Over the last several years, Adam has worked extensively in the mining environment, particularly focused on achieving sustainable water outcomes for both operation and closure requirements across both the Latrobe Valley and also South America and Africa. The importance of involving all stakeholders in the approach is key to achieving outcomes that can be advantageous to the local community.

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