



# Project Update

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Chunxing Corporation Pty Ltd is pleased to announce that it has established a Community Liaison Committee for the Used Lead Acid Battery Recycling Facility (ULAB CLC) at Hazelwood North.

The ULAB CLC is represented by a broad cross section of local stakeholders including representatives from EPA Victoria, Latrobe City Council, Worksafe, Fire Rescue Victoria, Latrobe Health Assembly, Committee for Gippsland and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. They will be joined by seven community members, including residents of Hazelwood North.

The first meeting of the ULAB CLC will be held this month and it is hoped the process will build community understanding and confidence in the operation of recycling used lead acid batteries through the provision of project progress updates, factual information, monitoring data, presentations and site tours.

The ULAB CLC is an important part of Chunxing Corporation's ongoing communication and consultation with the community.

All ULAB CLC meeting minutes and presentations will be publicly available on the Chunxing website at [www.chunxing.com.au](http://www.chunxing.com.au).

Meanwhile, Chunxing Corporation reaffirms its fundamental commitment to rigorous environmental standards of operation, particularly with regard to air pollutant emissions such as lead. Used Lead Acid Batteries must be recycled in a modern, high-technology and heavily regulated facility such as ours. Our commitment of zero impact to community health and environment from this project has been consistent from the beginning. There will be no health or environmental trade off.

The EPA has granted Works Approval to design, build and operate the facility within the most stringent limits of any similar facility in Australia and, most likely, the world.

Further to this, we have committed to a range of measures to enhance and maintain community confidence, which will be important to the functions of the ULAB CLC. These commitments go above and beyond anything required by the EPA and include:

1. Providing real time access to Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) data online to the public. The CEMS conducts emissions monitoring for major pollutants emitted from the stack, in real time.
2. Deploying community monitoring stations in the local area around the site, accessible by the public online.
3. Undertaking background soil and water testing for lead, at the site and in the surrounding area, prior to commissioning and after that, with periodic monitoring of these conditions over the lifetime of the plant.



4. Investigating the community's interest in participating in background and ongoing blood lead testing, funded by the company.

5. Sharing air emission results obtained from commissioning of the facility, including underlying laboratory reports, with Council and the ULAB CLC, in context with the Works Approval's emissions performance requirements.

We committed to items 1 and 2 above in our original Works Approval Application submitted to the EPA in December 2019. We have committed to items 3 and 4 after listening to community views in various forums and item 5 is a more recent decision that we have made.

In terms of the Works Approval Process, we have already begun the preparation of the documentation as conditions of the Works Approval and the planning requirements, intended to be submitted in early May 2021. Approval by the relevant authorities is required prior to the commencement of site construction works. In this regard, we have already engaged a significant number of experienced companies with the expertise to produce this documentation.

*Quotes from this statement can be attributed to Chunxing Corporation CEO, Dr Lakshman Jayaweera.*

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