

Recovery Communication update # 11 - 8 Feb 2025

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Good afternoon, all,

Security update

Following Thursday's decision by Victoria Police to remove their mobile camera for an event in Frankston, council contacted our security contractors, who installed a replacement camera on Friday. This complements the two existing cameras, all of which have licence plate recognition technology. Security patrols are occurring nightly – 4 patrols of 20–30-minute duration between the hours of 11.00pm and 5.00am. Victoria Police has committed to ongoing surveillance of the area.

Formal Transition to Recovery

On Thursday, after negotiations, via Council's and SES's lawyers were settled, I signed the Transition to Recovery document. The signing of the Transition to Recovery document has not affected the activities taken so far, nor has it impeded any actions that could have been taken. A formal handover meeting will occur on Monday where SES will detail the exact actions they took during the initial response phase.

Investigation update

Geotechnical engineers are continuing their work on site, with additional monitoring and survey equipment scheduled to be installed early next week. Council staff have made, or attempted to make contact with residents from whom the geotech engineers require permission to enter properties. These calls will continue on Monday.

Repatriation plan

We have made enquiries with utility services on the process for the reconnection of electricity and gas. This includes discussions about site safety and the approvals they require to conduct the reconnection works. We are also finalising a plan for the cleaning of any potential biohazards (i.e., spoiled food in refrigerators) to implement when people are able to return their homes. Your safety is central to these discussions and decisions.

The McCrae Recovery Consultative group met today, including Cr Max Patton (via dial in) and A/CEO Bulent Oz (in person). The minutes of today's meeting, along with last week's will be circulated on Monday. We thank you for your contribution to these meetings through your elected representatives – Michael O'Neill and Richard Bendell.

The next update will be provided on Monday the 10th of February.

Thank you



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