



# Media Release

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The two southern chimney stacks at the former Morwell Power Station are planned to be felled on Sunday as part of the Energy Brix Australia Pty Ltd (EBAC) Demolition Project.

An exact time of the chimney fell cannot be given as the process is heavily dependent on several variables beyond the control of EBAC and its lead demolition contractor, Delta Group, including weather forecasts.

If the chimney stack fell does proceed, EBAC Remediation General Manager, Barry Dungey, said they would be the first structures to be demolished in what was expected to be the first key milestone in the demolition of the former power station site.

“The 94 metre high chimney stacks have been part of the region’s skyline for decades and we understand and respect the history behind them, and why people may want to witness the demolition,” he explained.

For those interested in viewing the felling of the chimney stacks, a safe line of sight is available from the former EBAC employees’ carpark, outside the boundary fence.

Mr Dungey said this option was safer than using public roads. Entry to this area is via Commercial Road, Morwell.

“We know there will be some within the community who would like to witness the felling of the chimneys and safety for us is paramount,” Mr Dungey said. “We recommend people use the former EBAC employees’ carpark as their viewing area to ensure they stay off the main roads surrounding the power station site.”

It is expected that once the felling process has commenced, the chimneys will be felled in less than five minutes.

Although the chimneys do not contain asbestos, the demolition project’s independent hygienist, Prensa, will be managing and monitoring dust suppression during the chimney fell as an extra precaution.

“We know that dust suppression is a major concern for residents and Delta Group has one of the highest safety records in the world for mitigating dust,” Mr Dungey explained.

One of the significant positives for the EBAC Demolition Project is the size of the site and the empty space surrounding the chimneys.

“Delta Group will be using its quality dust suppression technique that it uses for projects in built-up areas within Melbourne’s CBD,” Mr Dungey said. “The amount of space around the power station site adds an extra barrier of protection for the community.”

The approved method of demolition has been successful for use on industrial project sites across Australia and will involve the induced collapse of the chimney stacks. This is done by making detailed cuts at the base of each chimney stack and utilising heavy duty cables drawn by an 87 tonne excavator to pull the chimneys down. No explosives will be used at any time. A Chimney Stack Demolition Fact Sheet outlining the demolition and dust suppression process is available on the EBAC Demolition website at [www.ebacdemolition.com.au](http://www.ebacdemolition.com.au).

Those interested in witnessing the chimney fell are urged to stay up to date with the project’s progress via local media channels and the EBAC Demolition Project website.

People can also contact Barry Dungey directly on 0419 354 408, Delta Group Communications Manager, Damien Hanger, on 0403 609 379 or email [damien.hanger@deltagroup.com.au](mailto:damien.hanger@deltagroup.com.au) or EBAC Communications Consultant, Lynne Smith, on 0437 918 234.

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**Note: Delta can provide video and still photographs of the felling if requested by the media. These will be available on Monday.**