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## **Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri announces CMA Contracting as Demolition Contractor**

*Hydro has appointed CMA Contracting to demolish the smelter infrastructure, a 2-3 year project that is a significant step towards future redevelopment of the site.*

Following the closure of its Kurri Kurri smelter, Hydro Aluminium is continuing to prepare the Kurri Kurri smelter site and buffer zone for redevelopment that will ultimately provide increased economic activity and employment in the local area. A key part of this work is in the demolition and remediation of the smelter site to allow for future business and industrial development.

Hydro Kurri Kurri Managing Director, Richard Brown, is pleased with the announcement.

“The tendering process for this part of the project has taken around 18 months, with key criteria being [safety standards, experience with similar large projects, and environmental management, as well as commercial considerations. We have taken some time to review proposals from a number of organisations, as we believe that safety and environmental management are key to this work”. He said.

“CMA will mobilise with a specialist demolition working crew which includes locally based personnel. There is opportunity for this local involvement to grow throughout the course of the Project, with the use of additional labour and / or subcontractors for specific work elements both on and off site.”

CMA Contracting has operated for more than 30 years in large-scale industrial demolition and resource sector plant deconstruction, including the demolition of steel works, chemical and petrochemical plants and power plants.

CMA Contracting has developed and uses an integrated Occupational Health Safety, Environment and Quality management system meeting the elements of AS/NZ 4801, ISO 9001, and ISO 14001. CMA's Management Plans for the project are required to be submitted to Cessnock City Council for review and approval prior to demolition commencing.

Representatives of CMA addressed the ReGrowth Kurri Kurri Community Reference Group meeting on Thursday night, explaining the planned demolition process and answering questions from the group.

The demolition of the Kurri Kurri smelter site is planned to start in May this year, and take between 2 and 3 years to complete. Local residents will be informed about specific impacts such as truck movements closer to the start of the demolition.

The first stage, Stage 1 demolition, includes most of the buildings on site, apart from those still being used, but does not include the tall chimney stacks and water towers.

Hydro is applying to have the Stage 2 demolition approved under a separate Development Application with Cessnock City Council. This includes other major infrastructure onsite such as the stacks and underground

infrastructure, and would reduce downtime between demolition stages, and also speed up this part of the project. If this is approved, CMA expects to be planning the removal of the stacks in around 18 months' time in Q4 2018.

### **Other activities on the Hydro site and buffer zone**

While a significant part of the ReGrowth Kurri Kurri project, the demolition of the smelter site is just one of several activities being undertaken.

Other activities include:

- The early clean up and remediation around the smelter buffer zone is well underway.
- Rezoning applications have received endorsement from both Cessnock and Maitland councils. Gateway Determination requires several issues to be resolved before the rezoning can be approved, such as the completion of biodiversity certification and a flood study being conducted by Maitland City Council. The councils will then exhibit the rezoning plans and seek feedback from the community. This includes rezoning for business and industrial development on and around the smelter site, and rezoning for residential development along Cessnock road near Cliftleigh and Gillieston Heights.
- Biodiversity certification for around 85% of the buffer zone is underway. This will see around 1250 hectares of land conserved, and a significant portion will be an offset area for clearing in the rezoned residential and business zoned land.
- Hydro has committed to the reuse or recycling of all materials from the site where feasible. Aluminium, steel, oil and various other materials are being recycled as part of the current demolition process, and recycling options are being assessed for the spent pot lining material that is presently stored on site. Hydro is working towards a three-to-four-year timeline to have the spent pot lining recycled.

Hydro encourages questions and feedback on all parts of the project from all community members, and contact mechanisms include: Community line 1800 066 243; Email address [community.kurri@hydro.com](mailto:community.kurri@hydro.com); and Mail to: Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri, PO Box 1, Kurri Kurri NSW 2327.