Do you know what day and time will it be?

Demolition of the chimneys is most likely to occur between late May and July 2020 on a day that has favourable meteorological conditions.

Information on the proposed day will be communicated with a minimum of seven days' notice prior to the demolition. Assuming the weather is appropriate, the final go/no-go decision is expected to be made two hours before the detonation time.

It is expected the chimney demolition will occur during the daytime hours (consistent with Australian Standard - AS2187.2 - Explosives - Storage and Use, Part 2 Use of Explosives), with the specific time to be confirmed dependent upon weather conditions.

If the weather forecast is unfavourable, the demolition will be postponed.

Why are the weather conditions so important?

The safety of workers and the surrounding communities is our primary concern. We must wait for favourable weather conditions on the day of the event.

Extensive modelling has been undertaken to identify the weather conditions for demolition of the chimneys, particularly from the perspective of the minimisation of local air quality impacts.

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This means the date and time of the demolition exercise could change a number of times and, if necessary, at the last minute.

What happens if it doesn't go as planned?

Contingency plans are in place in the unlikely event that the demolition does not go as planned. National and international engineering subject matter experts will be available to provide engineering direction for rectification in the unlikely event of any issues.

The exclusion zone around the area and some road closures will remain in place until the chimneys have all been demolished and the area is declared safe.

