

Community consultation

The CO2CRC Otway Project in south-western Victoria is Australia's first demonstration of carbon dioxide storage, with one of world's most comprehensive monitoring and verification programs.

A community consultation program has been established to inform the public on carbon capture and storage technology, assure the local community of the safety of the project, establish good working relationships with landowners and share the results of CO2CRC research.

The program follows the values and best practices of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2).

Community reference group

The Otway Project community reference group encourages two-way communication and includes local landholders, regulators such as the EPA, local government representatives and community groups.

The group holds regular public meetings that:

- provide a regular update of project progress
- provide opportunities for sharing of opinions and ideas
- encourage commitment from all concerned
- provide the opportunity for immediate feedback



Community liaison

Josie McInerney is the Otway Project Liaison Officer and provides a local contact for landholders, researchers, visitors and the local community.



Josie is a local resident who works closely with landholders and researchers to ensure good relations on site operations such as monitoring and sampling surveys.

Visits and events

With other project staff, the Otway Project Liaison Officer also runs events and regular tours of the project for community and industry groups, students, researchers, the media and VIPs.

Visitors can see how carbon dioxide is stored underground, hear about the comprehensive monitoring program and find out more about carbon capture and storage.



The latest news

To keep the community up to date on the Otway Project and developments in carbon capture and storage, CO2CRC publishes regular community newsletters, fact sheets, brochures and booklets; provides speakers for social and community groups; briefs local government; provides educational resources to local schools; accesses wider audiences through media coverage and maintains an informative website.

More information at www.co2crc.com.au

