



**NORTH  
EASTLINK**  
PROJECT



# Navigating the Public Environment Report (PER)

The North East Link Project is being assessed under the **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999** (the EPBC Act). A draft Public Environment Report (PER) has been released to inform approval under the EPBC Act and is now open for public submissions.

The EPBC Act is the Australian Government's central piece of environmental legislation. It provides a legal framework to protect and manage nationally and internationally important flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places.

The draft PER includes information on how the project could affect matters of national environmental significance, such as federally listed threatened species and communities, migratory species and the environment on Commonwealth land during construction and operation and how adverse impacts would be managed.

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Commenting on the draft PER gives you a chance to have your views considered in decision making for Commonwealth approvals. The draft PER is on display for public comment for 30 business days from Tuesday 16 April to Thursday 30 May 2019.

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## What's in the draft PER

The draft PER includes a main report with:

- An executive summary
- A description of the project and its objectives
- A description of the existing environment
- An assessment of impacts on listed threatened species and ecological communities, migratory species, water and the whole of the environment on Commonwealth land
- Proposed measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.

The draft PER also includes detailed technical reports and attachments, including information on who we have consulted with to prepare the draft PER and how we have considered their input and issues raised. The following technical reports are included in the draft PER as attachments:

- Flora and Fauna
- Groundwater
- Surface water
- Commonwealth land

## Where to view the draft PER

You can view the draft PER online at [northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc](http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc)

The draft PER is also available in hard copy at the following locations.

- Banyule City Council, 1 Flintoff St Greensborough
- Department of Environment and Energy, Canberra; email the [Department at EPBC.Referrals@environment.gov.au](mailto:Department.at.EPBC.Referrals@environment.gov.au) to arrange a copy to be available for viewing at the department.
- Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham
- Ivanhoe Council Library, 255 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
- Rosanna Library, 72 Turnham Ave, Rosanna
- The State Library of Victoria, Cnr Little Lonsdale St and Russell St, Melbourne
- Watsonia Community Information Hub, 17 Watsonia Rd, Watsonia

## Comment on the draft PER

Commenting on the draft PER gives you an opportunity to have your views considered in decision making for Commonwealth approvals.

You can get involved by making a submission to the North East Link Project which will help us finalise the PER before we submit it to the Minister for the Environment.

## How to make a submission

Submissions must be made in writing to the North East Link Project by 5 pm Thursday 30 May 2019.

Online submissions are preferred and can be made at [jointheconversation.northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc](http://jointheconversation.northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc)

Hard copy submissions can be made at by sending your submission to:

Environment Manager North East Link  
GPO Box 4509  
Melbourne Vic 3001

If you are having difficulty with your submission, please call us on **1800 105 105** or email us at [community@northeastlink.vic.gov.au](mailto:community@northeastlink.vic.gov.au)

## Next steps

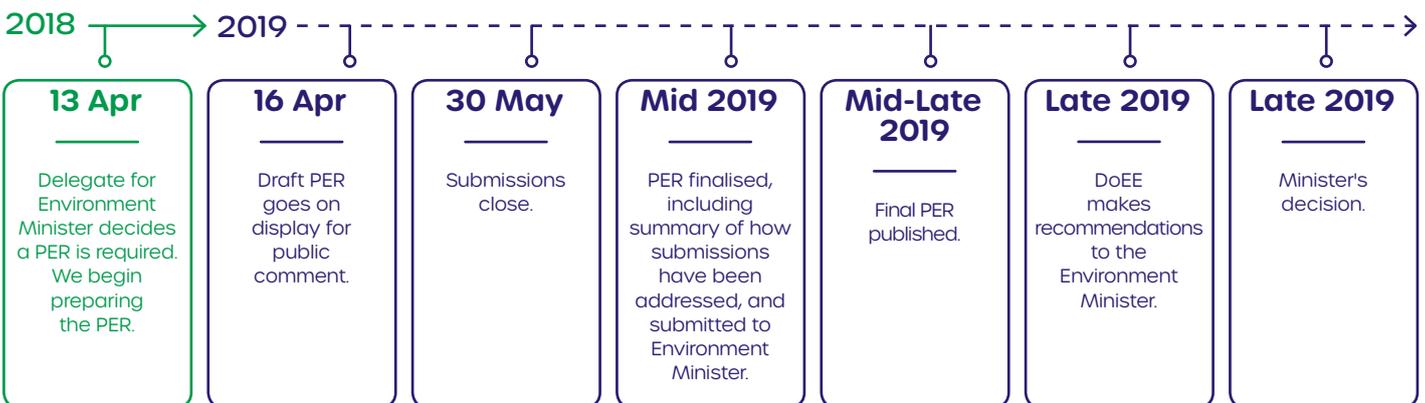
We will review all submissions, finalise the PER and submit it to the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE).

The final PER will include a summary of how we have responded to submissions and be published publicly.

DoEE will then make recommendations to the Minister for the Environment who will decide whether to approve the project and what conditions should apply.

For more information on the EPBC process, the PER and how you can get involved visit [northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc](http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc)

# Key steps in the PER process



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