Navigating the EES Map Book

An Environment Effects Statement (EES) has been released for the North East Link Project. An EES is the state’s most rigorous impact assessment process. It gives decision makers such as the Planning Minister and EPA Victoria the information they need to determine whether approvals should be granted and what conditions should apply.

The EES for North East Link includes information on how the project could affect the environment during construction and operation and how adverse impacts would be managed.

**What’s in the EES Map Book?**

The EES Map Book shows the reference project that has been used to assess impacts for the EES.

It includes drawings of the project including proposed construction methods, laydown areas, where major utility services would need to be moved, proposed locations for new and upgraded walking and cycling paths, the proposed project boundary and no-go zones to protect sensitive areas.

The reference project shown in the EES Map Book is not the final design for North East Link.

The reference project in the Map Book is one feasible way the project could be designed, constructed and operated.

Planning approvals, design work for the project and consultation with communities and stakeholders is still ongoing and components of the project design could change.

The final detailed design will be guided by an Urban Design Strategy that is on display as part of the EES.

→ See the back page for more information about the Urban Design Strategy.
The proposed project boundary shows the area where permanent structures and temporary above and below ground construction activities will take place. It includes surface works, underground works and minor works such as drainage and cut-off walls. Foundation works are shown on the cross sections.

The proposed project boundary for surface works is shown as a solid red line on the construction plan. The project boundary for underground works and minor works are shown as red dashed line. The builders would be required work within the project boundary and to minimise the footprint of any works within.

The Map Book shows where noise walls would be built or upgraded to protect residents and noise sensitive buildings such as schools. The location of new and upgraded noise walls shown in the Map Book is based on noise modelling for the reference project. Once the builders have developed a more detailed design, further noise modelling will confirm the best location and height of noise walls.

The Map Book shows potential construction compounds to be built North East Link. An indicative area for each is shown. The builders would be required to maintain the size of any compounds and the length of time the site is used.

The Map Book shows where walking and cycling paths also be developed during detailed design stages and are not shown in the Map Book.
Potential construction compounds

We’ve worked with local councils and land owners to identify potential locations for construction compounds. You can find them in the Map Book here:

- Page 3 - M80 Ring Road road reserve, Greensborough
- Page 6 - AK Lines Reserve, Watsonia
- Page 9 - Gabonia Avenue Reserve, Watsonia
- Page 12 - Winsor Reserve and corner Yallambie Road and Greensborough Road, Yallambie
- Pages 13-15 - Simpson Barracks and Botfase Reserve, Yallambie
- Page 19 - Corner of Manningham Road and Bulleen Road, Bulleen
- Page 22 - Part of Trinity Marles and Marcellin College playing fields and Veneto Club parking lot, Bulleen
- Page 27 - Chandler Highway road reserve, Kew
- Page 30 - Yarra Flats Reserve and Musca Street Reserve, Balwyn North
- Page 32-33 - Koornung Creek Reserve near Kampman Street and Kascusko Road, Balwyn North
- Page 35 - Doncaster Park and Ride and Koornung Creek Reserve near Gardiners Road, Balwyn North
- Page 37 - Katrina Street Reserve, Doncaster
- Page 37 - Elgar Park (north-east oval), Mont Albert North
- Page 42 - Eastern Freeway Linear Reserve near Springvale Road, Nunawading

The final locations will be confirmed following the EES process and informed by the final project design as well as ongoing consultation with councils and key stakeholders.

In preparation for construction we’ve also been working with local councils, sports clubs and community facilities to look at options for temporary replacement facilities during construction and, where needed, long-term relocation options. More information is in the EES Social Impact Assessment and Sport and Recreation Options fact sheet.

Urban Design

North East Link will feature design excellence and outstanding urban design.

The North East Link Urban Design Strategy sets the design vision and quality expectations for all elements of the project. It will guide the development and evaluation of concepts and detailed designs, and future planning for the project.

Celebrating local character and connecting communities

Urban design for North East Link will celebrate the unique and distinct identities of Melbourne’s north-east and eastern suburbs, enhancing local character and connecting communities.

It will employ best practice urban design and architectural design to ensure a lasting legacy for Melbourne.

In Melbourne’s north-east the project design will respond to views of green, leafy ridgelines, connect communities to local shopping, transport, employment and education hubs.

Along the wide green corridor of the Yarra River Valley, the project design will celebrate culturally significant places including Bolin Billabong, improve community access to open space, build new bus and commuter bike links and respect the design qualities of the existing Eastern Freeway.

Along the Koornung Creek Valley, the project design will maintain and enhance the network of walking and cycling paths, optimise and upgrade open space, create great bus journeys starting with an upgraded Doncaster Park and Ride and reinstate trees and other vegetation to the road corridor, open space, wetlands and waterways.

Developing the Urban Design Strategy

The Urban Design Strategy has been developed in consultation with local communities, local councils, an Urban Design Advisory Panel with specialists from the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, Transport for Victoria and VicRoads and a partnership with the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation that is a ‘Victoria first’ for a project of this size.

The Urban Design Strategy is on display for public comment with the EES.

Have your say on the Environment Effects Statement

This fact sheet is based on information in the Environment Effects Statement (EES) for North East Link.

The EES process gives you the opportunity to have your views considered in planning approvals decisions for North East Link.

The EES will be on display and open for public comment from 10 April to Friday 7 June 2019. There are seven community information sessions from 27 April where you can learn more and chat to our technical specialists.

You can find more details and read the EES on our website or see a hard copy at a display location near you. Visit northeastlink.vic.gov.au/ees or call 1800 105 105 for more information.

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