

**FACT SHEET**

# NORTH EAST LINK

## HOW WE CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENT

We know how important the environment is to people living in Melbourne’s north-east.



Our studies begin with the existing environment and how it’s expected to change over time.

To find the best route for North East Link our studies looked for the most sensitive areas in each of the potential corridors. The first focus was on areas of high ecological value, sensitive landscapes, open spaces, recreation areas and places with cultural and historic heritage.

Over the next year or so there will be environmental assessments completed as part of planning for North East Link including:

- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Air quality
- Arboriculture
- Business including agriculture
- Ecology (flora, fauna and aquatic)
- Greenhouse gas & climate change
- Groundwater
- Ground movement
- Human health
- Historic heritage
- Land contamination
- Landscape and visual
- Social and community
- Land use planning
- Noise
- Surface water and flooding
- Traffic and transport
- Vibration

Studies like surface water, ground water and flooding help us understand construction techniques and challenges.

Many, like noise, vibration and human health will be most important when we have a preferred corridor and know more about how the road would be built.

As we gather information we’ll be sharing it with the community – let us know if we’ve missed anything.

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