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NEW MEMBERS FOR NORTH EAST LINK'S COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUPS

Some new faces have joined with previous members of North East Link's community liaison groups to be the people's voice on the state's biggest road project.

Representatives from a range of backgrounds and community groups have been selected, including traders, local residents, sports clubs, schools, environmental advocates, disability representatives, businesses and council representatives.

The refreshed groups will represent the interests of the local community during construction of North East Link.

Two Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) have been formed to represent the north and the south of the project area.

The CLG's will meet regularly with an independent chair to discuss a variety of topics including ways to minimise project impacts during construction, urban design and sustainability initiatives.

People who know and love their local area are represented on the CLG's and will play an important role in providing key information to the North East Link team, and keeping the local community up to date, as the long-awaited project gets built.

North East Link Project is the biggest road transport project in Victoria's history – finally fixing the missing link in Melbourne's freeway network, connecting the Eastern Freeway to the M80 Ring Road.

It will slash travel times between Melbourne's north and south-east by up to 35 minutes and take 15,000 trucks off local roads – every day.

The North East Link Project team have been working closely with the local community and businesses for over two years, with over 6,000 people attending community drop-in information sessions since 2018.

Early works on the project are continuing and include protecting and moving more than 34 kilometres of gas, water and sewer pipes and drains, and over 95 other utilities, ahead of major construction starting next year.

The health and safety of our workers and the community is our key priority as we continue to deliver the North East Link Project, as is supporting physical distancing measures in line with current health advice.

We have strict protocols in place to protect the safety of our construction workforce, including enhanced industrial cleaning arrangements, provision of personal protective equipment and measures to reduce staff contact, including staggered shifts.

QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO NORTH EAST LINK CEO DUNCAN ELLIOTT

“North East Link is a long-awaited project that will transform how people move around the north-east.”

“It’s exciting that we have a great representation of local people working with us to help shape North East Link during construction.”

“I want to thank the members for putting themselves forward to help North East Link leave a positive legacy that will benefit the community with improved open space, less time in cars, safer roads, more and better-quality trees and new sports grounds.”

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