

Meeting Minutes

South Community Liaison Group

Date	17/07/2020	Time	10:00am -11:30am
Chair	Mike Marasco	Meeting no.	2
Location	Online (Zoom)	Minute taker	Jacinta Booth

Attendees

Attendees		Apologies	
Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Charley Woolmore (CW)	Wurundjeri
Tina Garg (TG)	Community representative	Paul McMorran (PM)	Community representative
Alexander Law (AL)	Community representative	Simon Exon (SE)	Yarra City
Ben Dawson (BD)	Community representative		
Frank Freschi (FF)	Community representative		
Glennys Jones (GJ)	Community representative		
Judith Voce (JV)	Community representative		
John Van Delft (JVD)	Community representative		
Clare Davey (CD)	Boroondara Council		
Liz Lambropolous (LL)	Manningham Council		
Leah McGuinness (LM)	Whitehorse Council		
Anita Viswanathan (AV)	VICROADS		
Mark Judge (MJ)	Dept of Transport		
Donna Groves (DG)	CPB		
Isolde Piet (IP)	CPB		
Matt Abdullah (MA)	CPB		
Carle Rutledge (CR)	CPB		
Chris Logan (CL)	CPB		
Katie Watt (KW)	NELP		

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Louisa Rendina (LR)	NELP		
Erin McPherson (EM)	NELP		
Vanessa Williams (VW)	NELP		
Emily D'Souza (ED)	NELP		
Nat Pearson (NP)	NELP		
Jacinta Booth (JB)	NELP		

Key discussion points/decisions

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Mike Marasco	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM welcomes everyone to the second meeting. • MM notes PM is an apology today and that this is JVD's first meeting on the new CLG, he was on the previous CLG as a community representative. • MM confirms with the group that they are comfortable with the previous meeting minutes and notes they have been adopted. • MM addresses outstanding matters from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MM advises that dissemination of community representatives contact details will be provided on an as needs basis ○ NP adds this is up to the individual CLG member whether their details are made public or not. Have spoken with members individually and details can be made available if needed. ○ MM notes that we have resolved on a 10am start for the meetings. ○ MM advises the question regarding the Eastern Freeway heritage listing will be addressed today. ○ NP adds that she will address question about air filters with BD directly • Introduces KW, Director of Land Planning and Environment, who has been with project for three years and is a direct report to Duncan. Prior to NELP, Katie worked on Metro rail. KW will talk about project approvals and give a general project update.
Katie Watt	<p>Project Approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW introduces herself, her role and time as Director of Land Planning and Environment at NELP. • KW gives a high-level overview of the different project assessments, approvals and documents and explains them in context to NELP. • Explains the four sections of the diagram including assessment pathways, principal approvals, state secondary consents and contractor responsibility. • Briefly outlines the Environment Effects Statement (EES) and how it was prepared. • Explains the Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) is the key planning approval for the project. • Outlines the key documents required to respond to the PSA, Environmental Management Framework (EMF), Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) and the Urban Design Strategy (UDS). • Explains that there is an EPR, SC4, which requires NELP to have a CLG to effectively engage with community and provide a channel for the project to share and receive information and concerns. • Explains that there are state approvals and commonwealth approvals, the Public Environment Report (PER), and that she will be focusing on the key state approvals. • Briefly outlines the Aboriginal Heritage Act (AH Act) and Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP). • Explains that the Minister for Planning approves the EES, PSA, EMF, EPRs, UDS and subsequent plans in the diagram.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines the EES process and its objectives and explains that the EPRs and urban design requirements are determined by the EES. • Defines EES as a process designed to provide an integrated assessment of the effect of a project that has the potential for significant impacts on the environment at a state level. • Explains what that a reference project is not a final design but demonstrates a feasible way to assess impacts and defines the outcome to be achieved. Explains why this approach was selected for NEL. • Explains EES preparation and community engagement. In early 2018, a whole lot of community engagement was conducted to help inform the scope of EES and what impacts to consider. These impacts are what defined the EPRs. EES took over 12 months to prepare and went on public display early 2019. • First CLG formed mid-2018. Unusual to have a CLG so early but it was required as NEL is such a large project. • Explains EES and PER assessment process including the EES submission and public hearing, and how that allowed us to achieve statutory approvals. • Explains the key approvals and documents in detail: • PSA – planning permission for project to be developed and approved by the Minister for Planning. Key document that outlines outcomes for project. Introduces consistent planning controls and conditions for the project. Key secondary consents required for the PSA are the EMF, UDS and construction compound plan (CCP). • EMF – went through the EES process. Key document which defines the EPRs, outlines how project will meet statutory requirements, ensures we deliver on the set objectives and how we will address environmental effects. All contractors are required to comply with the EMF. EMF outlines EPRS and defines the role of the Independent Environmental Auditor (IEA). • EPRs – 110 EPRs for the project which cover 18 different disciplines including design, construction and operation. Informed by the EES, community consultation and the panel hearing and approved by the Minister for planning. Designed to set minimum environmental objectives and outcomes the project is required to achieve. • IEA (early works) / IREA (PPP and secondary packages) – explains the role of the IEA/IREA and that it is a requirement of the EMF to appoint one for early works and one for the PPP and secondary packages. They review plans to confirm whether they comply with the EPRs and engagement has occurred, conduct compliance audits, prepare 6 monthly summary audit reports for the Minister for Planning. • UDS – looks at the project in three landscape character areas and landscape features and defines design requirements in an urban context setting. Sets detailed benchmarks in response to the environment and cultural sensitivities and provides good connectivity and user experience on the road and external to the road. • Explains where key approval documents can be found of the website: https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/planning/approvals/key-approval-documents • JV asked whether the final design has been developed and approved. • KW advised that the final design will be developed when we have a preferred contractor on board, the bidding process is currently underway. Explains there are two international consortiums that have provided tender submissions. NELP is going through the evaluation process now and is seeking a preferred bidder by the end of 2020. • BD discusses EPR SC4 which requires the monitoring of community feedback on mitigation measures and their effectiveness. Asked what meaning that statement has and whether we can expect to see it change. • KW explains EPR SC4 deals with noise levels applied for the project (NB1). NELP must work within the standards and policies that exist in the state at the time and the project is working within those. New road noise level is lower than upgraded road noise level, NELP has applied these conservatively so that new road standard has been applied to the whole project. • MM adds that BD questions regarding noise will be further addressed separately. • FF asked whether the decision of the final design has moved to a later date, as a decision on the preferred contractor will be made toward the end of this year, would we not have a final design at the

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	<p>end of this year or very early next year. When will the industrial triangle know what the final design will be and from here, when would compulsory acquisition begin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW explains the program is still on track and NELP is working to get a final design by the end of this year. That design will then be released to the community next year. We will need to work through this with the final bidder as to whether this will be in Q1 or Q2 of 2021. Added that NELP is speaking to the Bulleen Industrial Precinct (BIP) businesses regularly, started talking to them in 2017. If businesses are seeking to be acquired, we are discussing that with them. We have a land and engagement team that speaks to all properties identified for acquisition, there are no properties being acquired along the Eastern Freeway corridor. Proceeding with compulsory acquisition on the project currently. • MM added that he chairs the Business Liaison Group (BLG) which was developed around two years ago. This group has representatives from the 110 businesses in the BIP and each business has been visited by NELP. Businesses who have decided to leave early are being supported. Regarding the process for compulsory acquisition, there is a Notice of Intention to Acquire (NOITA) issued to businesses and a Notice to Acquire (NTA) issued, businesses then have two years to move. Issuing of NOITAs is currently underway, businesses who requested to move early have already been issued with those. • FF asked if the final design impacts further down the corridor, when would the timing between the final design being released and potential notices of acquisition be issued to other non-identified businesses (along the Eastern Freeway). • KW confirms with FF that he is referring to Boroondara Tennis Centre, the Swim Centre, Veneto Club, Eastern Freeway Golf Club and Schools (Trinity Grammar, Marcellin College and Carey Grammar). • KW explains the bidders are working within the project area as defined through the EES. Adds that a key point to know is, NELP has made it clear they want bidders to stay within this area and try to minimise footprint as this was a key recommendation from the Minister for Planning. Currently in discussions with businesses about timings for acquisition. Once we have the final design, we will update all businesses and schools. • KW adds that they have been working with all three schools for the past two years to work through how we can manage and minimise impacts. • KW advised that we will not have specific timelines until we have a preferred contractor, we would then need to work through their program. As we get closer and have more information, we will update the group. • GJ asked whether it's possible to have a map of where the construction compounds will be and roughly when we will expect to hear about those compounds regarding the timing of when they will commence. • MM notes that the early works update will provide information about the site compounds relating to those works near the Bulleen industrial area. • KW adds that for the overall project, the map book appended to EES contains all the potential compound areas which have been identified. We don't have timings for those yet but will provide details of anything relevant that is in the map book. • MM confirms we will send out the link and as we get closer to the construction and final design, we will have a clearer idea of timelines and update the group. <p>Heritage update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Transport (DOT) nominated the Eastern Freeway to be on the state heritage register. • Directions hearing for the nomination held on the 09.07.2020 to outline process for the main hearing. • The nomination is for the section of the freeway from Hoddle Street to Bulleen Road • Main hearing will be held for one day on 28.08.2020, publicly available process anyone can attend. Presenters include NELP, DOT, Natural Trust and some individuals and community groups. • Through the EES we did a heritage assessment, this assessment identified the Eastern Freeway to be of state heritage significance and therefore, is going through the process to see whether it qualifies. NELP wants to make sure our final design respects and responds to heritage values. The UDS already assumes that it is of heritage significance.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GJ comments that as the hearing is open to the public, is it possible to have a link to this so she can communicate the details to community members who have a particular interest. KW advises this will be released by the heritage council closer to the date and we will share the details once we have them. <p>Sports and rec approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains that part of the EES and project, impacts to sporting clubs are assessed. Oval 1 at Bulleen Park is one of the most significantly affected sporting grounds and sporting clubs will need to relocate. Outlines the clubs that will be relocated from Bulleen Park to a site on Templestowe Road where the current Bulleen Driving range is located. Adds that a PSA is required to acquire and redevelop the site to build new sporting facilities. Consultation for the Templestowe Road PSA for the soccer facilities are on public display until the 21.07.2020. You can make a submission online: www.engage.vic.gov.au/north-east-link/templestowe-road-soccer-facilities FF asked for further information on where he could get access to some of the details relating to facilities and amenities in this project. KW explains the details of what is being proposed in the facility can be found on the engage.vic website (via the above link). <p>Tree planting program update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains the project will have an impact on trees. Outlines that NELP will deliver one of the most significant tree planting programs in the state to offset and mitigate impacts. Working on minimising that impact in our bids. Explains there are two EPRs relating to tree removal. NELP will be replacing every tree that is removed with two so that more than 30,000 trees will be planted, not only within the project corridor but also adjacent to the project. Explains we will be offsetting native vegetation in accordance to state guidelines. Outlines tree planting priorities - Inside project boundary, as close as possible to project boundary and in the six council areas the project passes through. Mentions there will be a community survey to understand what areas the community would like us to focus on, how trees would benefit their area and where they can be planted. This will help create a shortlist of suggested locations and help us work with councils to deliver as best we can. Further details to come when the survey is available. CD adds that Monday night Boroondara council considered a canopy replacement plan which was adopted and endorsed. The plan responds directly to the EPRs about locations of trees and we will share this with NLEP shortly. This is good news and the plan includes arboretum in Musca Street Reserve area. MM confirmed with CD that this was an open council meeting and the report would be available online. GJ asked for a link to the of council documents to be included with the minutes. Link: https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/special-meeting-council-13-july-2020 <p>Upcoming works and tree removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that early works is continuing in the north section of the project at Borlase Reserve and Simpson Barracks. There will be tree removal required with some of those works and NELP is working with CPB to minimise tree impacts as much as possible. Outlines the EPRs these works must comply with including, keeping as much vegetation as possible, minimising tree removal, and only remove trees necessary for the works etc. Outlines that there is a tree removal plan, tree protection plan and tree replacement plan which the contractor must provide, and the IEA then reviews to minimise tree impacts.

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Isolde Piet, Matt Abdullah & Donna Groves	<p>CPB Works Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IP gives an early works overview and status update of current works. IP outlines the scope of Yarra East Sewer Main (YEMS) works. IP gives an overview of the YEMS new alignment, how it will be built using three micro Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) and that there will be seven launch and retrieval sites. IP explains the methodology used to construct the YEMS tunnel including the equipment and machinery that will be used. IP explains the three methods used to build the shafts involved with YEMS, ring and timber method, underpin method and caisson method. IP explains the environmental controls (EPRs) they need to put in place to build YEMS including tree protection zone, groundwater monitoring and location of existing services. IP explains in more detail the types and stages of construction required to build YEMS including shaft, sewer and manhole construction. IP provides details about the YEMS site compound located at Greenaway Street. It will be established a month from now (mid-August), is not a construction site but rather a support facility for the works, a site office with amenities for staff and also contains an offset car park and laydown area. IP explains a construction compound plan (CCP) has been developed and is ready to be reviewed by the Minister of Planning, will be available to the public once approved. IP outlines timings of when works can occur at the site. Notes that any works taking place outside of set hours are subject to approval by NELP and then the IEA. IP details impact management of works in the CCP for the YEMS site compound including EPR compliance (ref 6.2), risk assessment (ref 6.3) and their respective plans and documents. IP outlines works area and activities at Trinity Grammar including the site establishment from August, car park and storage area. Works include Basin fill, YEMs manhole, retic line and manholes, gas checks. IP outlines works area and activities at Marcellin College including the YEMs manhole and Marcellin retic. Also explains the access required at the site and the traffic impact assessment. IP outlines the works area at Greenaway Street occurring from Q3 2020 to mid-2021. Site activities include, site establishment, Bulleen road realignment, traffic management, shaft construction and tie in of new sewer into existing. IP outlines the works area at Avon Street occurring from Q3 2020 to mid-2021. Site activities include, Avon Street closure, pedestrian and bike path diversion, shaft construction, TBM launch and retrieval site, waste pick up TG asked if there will there be footpath access allowing pedestrians to travel right when leaving Avon street. IP answers yes and advises the existing footpath will be retained. IP outlines the works area at Bulleen Road (East) occurring from Q3 2020 to Q4 2020. Site activities include, construction of three retic shafts, traffic control, vegetation removal, pedestrian and bike detour, reticulation sewer and manhole construction. CPB has developed a traffic impact assessment for these works to be delivered safely, signs will be installed for the duration of works to inform road users. IP outlines the works area at Bulleen Road (West) / Ilma court occurring from Q3 2020 to Q4 2020. Site activities include, vegetation removal, temporary access road off Bulleen Road, reticulation sewer and manhole construction.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV asked whether NEL will letterbox drop residents in the immediate vicinities to the nine locations along the Eastern Freeway. EM advised that we will definitely be doing this. JV asked whether works for the high-tension cables going under the freeway near the Eram road area, how is that handled on the Freeway Golf Course side. CL advises that on the northern side, access is difficult as it is in the Koonung Creek Linear Park so it's not close to the golf course however, it is a congested area, so we are currently looking at a number of access options. We are working through all of the issues regarding access to the site and site establishment with council on the Northern side of the Freeway. There's a fair bit more work to happen still. MM asks CL to liaise directly with JV, as she is president of the harp golf club, on this matter. CL advises that as things develop CPB will update JV. MM adds that NELP is to provide JV contact details to CL.
Mike Marasco	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV asks whether the issue regarding air filters along the stacks on Bulleen Road was answered. MM confirms that NP will distribute answer to the group separately. JV notes that she is an apology for the next meeting. MM advises that a recording of the meeting will be sent to those who cannot attend. NP advised the next meeting likely to be on Zoom again and is scheduled for the 28 August. MM wraps up meeting and thanks everyone who participated.

Actions – new

No.	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1	Provide link to map book appended to EES regarding potential construction compound site areas.	JB	30/07/2020	Complete	Links provided in email distributing meeting minutes.
2	Air filters query to be addressed with BD individually and answer distributed to CLG members.	NP	30/07/2020	Complete	Information to this question provided in email distributing meeting minutes.
3	NELP to provide JV's contact details to CL (CPB) for liaison regarding eastern freeway works as they affect the Freeway Golf Course.	JB	30/07/2020	Complete	Contact detaild have been provided to CL from CPB.
4	Main hearing details for eastern freeway heritage listing being held on 28 August to be distributed to the group when available.	KW	TBC	Complete	Details on how to register to observe the hearing were provided to the group via email on 04/08/20.
5	Provide link to Boroondara council meeting agenda and minutes for 13 July .	JB	30/07/2020	Complete	Link provided. https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/special-meeting-council-13-july-2020

Actions – previous

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1	NP to get approval of dissemination of community representatives contact details.	NP	17/07/2020	Complete	Details to be provided on an as needs basis. Will discuss in next meeting.
2	JB to send round email poll post meeting where decision will be made on best meeting time.	JB	12/06/2020	Complete	Poll to be circulated with minutes. Meeting's to be held at 10am.
3	NP to provide answers to questions in the last two dot points in 'Other Business'.	NP	17/07/2020	Complete	Answers will be provided at the next meeting.