

Notification for Publication of Public Environment Report under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) – North East Link Project, Melbourne, Victoria (EPBC 2018/8142)

The following notice is published pursuant to Section 99(4) of the EPBC Act.

The proposed action, identified as the North East Link Project, Melbourne, Victoria (EPBC 2018/8142), will be developed by the Victorian Government's Department of Transport.

The North East Link Project is a new motorway connection between the M80 Ring Road in Greensborough and the Eastern Freeway in Bulleen. It includes:

- Above, below and at surface roads between the M80 Ring Road and Lower Plenty Road with new interchanges at the M80, Grimshaw Street and Lower Plenty Road.
- Twin tunnels under residential areas, Banyule Flats and the Yarra River and a new interchange at Manningham Road.
- Tunnels south of Bridge Street to south of the Veneto Club with interchange connections to the Eastern Freeway.
- Upgrades to the Eastern Freeway from around Hoddle Street in the west to Springvale Road in the east including widening works and dedicated bus lanes.

The proposed action is a controlled action under the EPBC Act. The controlling provisions are listed threatened species and communities (section 18 and 18A), listed migratory species (section 20 and section 20A) and the environment on Commonwealth land (section 26 and 27A).

On 13 April 2018, a delegate of the Minister for the Environment determined that North East Link Project would be assessed by a Public Environment Report. The Public Environment Report details assessments on the presence and relevant impacts on listed

threatened species and communities, listed migratory species and the environment on Commonwealth land.

Public comment on the draft Public Environment Report in relation to the proposed action was invited between 16 April 2019 and 30 May 2019 and the comments received within the period for comment have been addressed in finalising the Public Environment Report.

A hard copy of the finalised Public Environment Report may be viewed, without charge, from 1 October until 12 November 2019 at the following locations:

- The State Library of Victoria, Cnr Little Lonsdale St and Russell St, Melbourne
- Manningham Council Offices, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Banyule City Council, 1 Flintoff St, Greensborough
- Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham
- Balwyn Library, 336 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn
- Department of Environment and Energy, Canberra; email the Department at EPBC. Referrals@environment.gov.au to arrange a copy to be available for viewing at the department.

The documents can also be viewed or obtained online at <https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/EPBC>

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