

WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT

Public Comment Invited



Environment Effects Statement (EES), draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application

Written submissions on the exhibited documents are now invited. Submissions close at 5.00pm on Monday 10 July 2017.

The Project

The West Gate Tunnel formerly known as the Western Distributor (the Project) includes:

- upgrade and widening of the existing West Gate Freeway by two lanes in each direction between Williamstown Road and M80 interchange generally to provide overall capacity of six through lanes each way and auxiliary lanes as required, widening of the Princes Freeway between the M80 and Kororoit Creek Road, collector-distributor carriageways, elevated ramps, structures and surface road connections including new ramp connections to and from Hyde Street;
- two bored tunnels catering for three traffic lanes in each direction under Yarraville which include a road tunnel ventilation system, tunnel portals and ventilation structures
- bridges across the Maribyrnong River connecting the tunnels with twin viaducts above Footscray Road and connections to the Port of Melbourne, CityLink, Dynon Road and extension of Wurundjeri Way to Dynon Road and widening to Flinders Street
- improvements, extensions and upgrades to the existing pedestrian and bicycle network, as well as the creation of new public open space areas and relocation of services.

The Western Distributor Authority (WDA) is managing the Project on behalf of the Victorian Government.

The EES

The Victorian Minister for Planning declared on 18 December 2015 that an EES is required for the Project (then known as the Western Distributor Project) under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*. The Minister for Planning redeclared the Project on the 17 May 2017 for the new project name. The EES process will inform decision-making on the Project under Victorian legislation. Further information about the EES process can be found on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessment.

Planning Scheme Amendment

A draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) affecting the Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Port of Melbourne and Wyndham Planning Schemes has been prepared and is included in the exhibited documents. The draft PSA will enable the Project to be implemented in accordance with conditions contained within an Incorporated Document without the need for further planning permission. The draft PSA will also introduce controls to protect the operation and structural integrity of the tunnels and related infrastructure proposed to be developed as part of the project.

Works Approval application

A works approval is required under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* for the road tunnel ventilation systems included in the Project. An application for a works approval has been submitted to the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) and is included in the exhibited documents.

How to access the EES, draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application

The EES Main Report, Technical Appendices, Map Book, Development & Urban Design Plans, Summary Report together with the draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application are on public exhibition from **Monday 29 May 2017 to Monday 10 July 2017**.

The documents can be accessed on the West Gate Tunnel Project website at westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/EES.

They can be also be inspected free of charge at the following locations:

- Maribyrnong City Council, 61 Napier Street, Footscray

- Yarraville Library, 32 Wembley Avenue, Yarraville
- Hobsons Bay City Council, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
- Newport Library, 13 Mason Street, Newport
- Altona North Community Library, Corner Millers Road and McArthurs Road, Altona North
- North Melbourne Library, 66 Errol Street, North Melbourne
- Library at the Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands
- City Library, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- Melbourne Town Hall, Administration building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- Wyndham City Council, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee
- Brimbank City Council, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine
- City of Greater Geelong, 100 Brougham Street, Geelong
- City of Ballarat, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat

Copies of the EES Summary Report, and USB/DVD of the complete EES Main Report, Technical Reports, Attachments (including the Works Approval application and draft Planning Scheme Amendment), Map Book, and Development & Urban Design Plan are available free of charge at all display locations or can be obtained directly from WDA.

Hard copies of the documents may also be requested from WDA by calling 1300 280 939 or emailing westgatetunnelproject@wda.vic.gov.au

- Pricing: Main Report - \$50 per volume, Map book - \$100, Technical reports - \$75 each, Development & Urban Design Plans - \$100, EES Attachments including Works Approval application and draft Planning Scheme Amendment - \$50.

How to make a submission

Interested persons and organisations are invited to submit comments on the EES, the draft Planning Scheme Amendment and the Works Approval application by **5.00pm on Monday 10 July 2017**.

As this is a joint advertisement, comments on the draft Planning Scheme Amendment and the Works Approval application and its supporting documents are to be made as a submission on the EES, even if comments only relate to the draft Planning Scheme Amendment or the Works Approval application.

All submissions must state the name and address of the person making the submission. Submissions will be treated as public documents.

Online submissions are preferred and can be lodged via an online form at www.planning.vic.gov.au/west-gate-tunnel-project-hearing

Hard copy submissions must be accompanied by a coversheet. This can be obtained by calling the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Inquiry hearing process

The Minister for Planning will appoint a joint Inquiry and Advisory Committee under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* and *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The Inquiry and Advisory Committee will review the EES, draft Planning Scheme Amendment, Works Approval application, public submissions, and investigate and consider the environmental effects of the Project in accordance with Terms of Reference approved by the Minister for Planning.

The Inquiry and Advisory Committee will convene a public information session during exhibition of the EES, draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application on **Friday 16 June 2017**. At this information session, the WDA will outline the content of the EES, draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application.

A Directions Hearing will be held on **Wednesday 19 July 2017** commencing at 10.00am at Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland Street, Footscray. At this hearing, the Inquiry and Advisory Committee will establish the necessary arrangements and a timetable for public hearings.

Public hearings are expected to commence in the week of **Monday 14 August 2017** and run for a period of approximately 5 weeks. Requests to be heard by the Inquiry and Advisory

Committee must be made at the time of making a submission through the online form or submission coversheet. All submitters wishing to be heard before the Inquiry and Advisory Committee are asked to note these arrangements and commence preparations in advance.

Information on the Inquiry and Advisory Committee process and the timetable for the hearings will be published as it becomes available at www.planning.vic.gov.au/west-gate-tunnel-project-hearing

Community information sessions

West Gate Tunnel Project information sessions by WDA will be held during the EES exhibition period at the following times:

Altona North

Saturday 3 June 2017
9.00am to 12.00pm
Italian Social Club,
71 – 79 Kyle Road, Altona North

Footscray

Tuesday 6 June 2017
5.00pm to 8.00pm
Croatian Club,
72 Whitehall Street, Footscray

Spotswood

Thursday 8 June 2017
5.00pm to 8.00pm
Spotswood RSL,
16 Mary Street, Spotswood

Yarraville

Saturday 10 June 2017
9.00am to 12.00pm
Yarraville Club,
135 Stephen Street, Yarraville

North Melbourne

Tuesday 13 June 2017
5.00pm to 8.00pm
Lithuanian Club,
44 Errol Street, North Melbourne

Werribee

Thursday 15 June 2017
4.30pm to 7.30pm
Wayaperri House, Wyndham
Community and Education Centre
3 Princes Highway, Werribee

Sunshine

Friday 16 June 2017
8.00am to 11.00pm
Brimbank City Council offices,
301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Docklands

Saturday 17 June 2017
9.00am to 12.00pm
Sheraton Docklands,
443 Docklands Drive, Docklands

Newport

Monday 19 June 2017
5.00pm to 8.00pm
Newport Hub,
13 Mason Street, Newport

West Melbourne

Tuesday 20 June 2017
5.00pm to 8.00pm
William Angliss Conference Centre,
555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Ballarat

Thursday 22 June 2017
4.30pm to 7.30pm
Town Hall Building, Level 1, Trench
Room, 225 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Footscray

Saturday 24 June 2017
9.00am to 12.00pm
Croatian Club,
72 Whitehall Street, Footscray

Geelong

Tuesday 27 June 2017
4.30pm to 7.30pm
Supper Room, Geelong West Town
Hall, 153 Pakington Street,
Geelong West

Questions

Questions relating to the West Gate Tunnel Project, EES documentation and the draft Planning Scheme Amendment should be directed to the WDA at westgatetunnelproject@wda.vic.gov.au or by calling 1300 280 939.

Questions relating to the EES process should be directed to the Impact Assessment Unit at DELWP at environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au or by calling (03) 8392 5503.

Questions relating to the EPA Works Approval application process should be directed to the EPA by calling 1300 372 842.

Questions relating to the Inquiry and Advisory Committee process, including the public information session and submissions, should be directed to the DELWP Customer Service Centre by calling 136 186.

More detail about the West Gate Tunnel Project is available at www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au

