

Public Comment Invited

Proposed Palmers Road Corridor – Western Freeway to Calder Freeway

Environment Effects Statement (EES)

Amendment C157 to the Brimbank Planning Scheme

Amendment C143 to the Melton Planning Scheme

Written submissions on the exhibited documents are now invited. Submissions close at 5.00pm on 31 August 2015.

The Project

VicRoads proposes to upgrade the Palmers Road Corridor to a six-lane divided road, with off-road shared bicycle and pedestrian facilities on both sides of the road, removal of two existing railway crossings and construction of two bridges over Kororoit Creek and a raised interchange at the Calder Freeway.

The EES

The Victorian Minister for Planning determined on 13 November 2009, that an EES is required for the Project under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*. The EES process will inform decision-making on the Project under Victorian law.

Planning Scheme Amendments

The Amendments will enable VicRoads to acquire private land and exempt the Project from needing a planning permit.

How to Access the EES and Planning Scheme Amendments

The EES Main Report, Technical Reports and Summary Brochure together with the Planning Scheme amendments C157 and C 143 have been placed on public exhibition from Thursday **30 July 2015** until Monday **31 August 2015** and can be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Brimbank City Council, Keilor Office, 704B Old Calder Highway, Keilor;
- Brimbank City Council, Sunshine Customer Service Centre, 6-18 Alexandra Avenue, Sunshine;
- Brimbank City Council, Watergardens Service Centre, Watergardens Town Centre (located within the Sydenham Library), 1 Station Street, Taylors Lakes;
- Melton City Council, Melton Civic Centre, 232 High Street, Melton;
- Melton City Council, Caroline Springs Civic Centre/Library, 193-201 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Caroline Springs;
- VicRoads Metro North West Region, 499 Ballarat Road, Sunshine; and
- State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The documents can be accessed on the following websites:

- www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/publicinspection; and
- www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/planning-and-projects/melbourne-road-projects/palmers-road-corridor.

Free copies of both the EES Summary Brochure and a DVD of the complete EES Main Report and Technical Reports are available at all display locations.

To purchase hard copies of the EES and supporting documents contact VicRoads on (03) 8391 7126 or email palmerscorridor@roads.vic.gov.au

- Hard copies of the EES Main Report - \$75
- Hard copies of the Technical Reports - \$75

How to Lodge a Submission

Interested persons and organisations wishing to comment on the EES and the Amendments are invited to make written submissions by 5.00pm on 31 August 2015.

Submissions can be made online at: www.delwp.vic.gov.au/palmers-road-corridor-ees

The online submission coversheet must be completed.

Parties wishing to post in a written submission will need to contact Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 6393 to obtain a hard copy of the submission coversheet.

All submissions must state the name and address of the person making the submission. Anonymous submissions will not be considered. Submissions will be treated as public documents.

Inquiry Hearing Process

The Minister for Planning will appoint an Inquiry under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* to consider the exhibited documents and public submissions in response to it and then prepare a report for the Minister. The same persons may also be appointed as a Panel under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The Inquiry will hold a Directions Hearing in the week commencing 21 September 2015 to establish necessary arrangements and timetable for the public hearing. Public hearings are expected to begin in the week commencing 19 October 2015. Requests to be heard by the Inquiry must be received by the end of the Directions Hearing. All submitters who wish to present to the Inquiry are asked to note these arrangements and commence preparations in advance.

Information on the Inquiry process and timetable for the hearings will be published on the Internet as it becomes available – www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/panels-and-committees/current-panels-and-committees.

Further Information

VicRoads community information display will be held on

- **Wednesday 5 August 2015** between 3pm-8pm meeting rooms 1 and 2 and
- **Saturday 15 August** between 10am - 1pm meeting rooms 3 and 4

at Caroline Springs Library and Civic Centre, 193-201 Caroline Springs Boulevard, Caroline Springs.

Questions relating to the Palmers Road Corridor – Western Freeway to Calder Freeway Project should be directed to VicRoads on (03) 8391 7126 or palmerscorridor@roads.vic.gov.au

Questions relating to the EES process and Planning Scheme Amendments should be directed to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on (03) 9223 5319 or environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au or you can visit www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environmental-assessment

Questions relating to the public Inquiry process and how to make a submission should be directed to Greta Grivas at Planning Panels Victoria on (03) 8392 6393 or planning.panels@delwp.vic.gov.au

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Further information

For further information call on 8391 7126 during business hours