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

Information on the exhibits are now invited until 5:00 pm on Monday 10 July 2017.

The Project

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

• widening and upgrading of the existing West Gate Freeway by two lanes to Williams Town Road and M80 Interchange;
• development of approximately six through lanes each way and auxiliary lanes as required, widening of the Princes Freeway from Gertrude Street to the Kororoit Creek River, collector-distributor carriageways, elevated ramps, and ramps and road connections including new ramp connections to the West Gate Tunnel Street;
• two road tunnels catering for three traffic lanes in each direction under Yarraville which include a road tunnel portal and ventilation structures; under the Yarra River a river tunnel connecting the tunnels with two river tunnels, road tunnels to and from West Gate Road and connections to the Port of Melbourne, City Link, Dynon Road and Dynon Road and Dynon Road widening to and from West Gate Tunnel Street;
• improvements, extensions and upgrades to the west gate tunnel portal and bicycle network, as well as the creation of new public open space area creating the new project name. The West Gate Tunnel Project is available at westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au.

Planning Scheme Amendment

A draft Planning Scheme Amendment is being developed as part of the project. The EES process will inform the Planning Scheme Amendment.

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

The EES Main Report, Technical Appendices, Map Book, Development Assessment Unit 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 and hard copies may be collected from:

• Yarraville Library, 22 Warrigal Road, Yarraville
• Hobsons Bay City Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
• Newport Library, 920 Harbour Road, Newport
• Altona North Community Library, Corner Millers Road and McArthur Road, Altona
• North Melbourne Library, 66 Errol Street, North Melbourne
• Library at the Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands
• City Library, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
• Administration building, 182 Swanston Street, Melbourne
• State Library of Victoria, 828 Swanston Street, Melbourne
• Wyndham City Library, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee
• Brimbank Library, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine
• City of Greater Geelong, 100 Bellarine Highway, Geelong
• City of Ballarat, 25 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat
• Copies of the EES Summary Report, and USB/ DVD of the complete EES Main Report and Technical Appendices are available free of charge at all display locations or can be obtained from the EPA.

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

This is a joint advertisement, comments on the draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application by 5:00 pm on Monday 10 July 2017.

As this is a joint advertisement, comments on the draft Planning Scheme Amendment and Works Approval application will be treated as a submission on the EES, even if not directed to the EPA.

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 1300 372 842.

Inquiry hearing process

The Minister for Planning will appoint an Inquiry and Advisory Committee under the Environment Effects Act 1978 and Planning Act 1989 and the Inquiry and Advisory Committee will convene a public information hearing. The Inquiry and Advisory Committee will conduct an inquiry into the environmental effects of the Project in accordance with Terms of Reference approved by the Minister for Planning.

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