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**REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*
(REFERRAL NUMBER 2026-003)**

Proponent

Victoria Infrastructure Delivery Authority

Project

Brunswick Level Crossing Removal Project

Description

The project will upgrade a section of the Upfield train line between Tinning Street, Brunswick and Park Street, Parkville, through a rail-over-road construction. Eight level crossings will be removed, and the space beneath the rail corridor will be repurposed for parkland, shared user paths, and/or public amenities, subject to public consultation.

Decision

The Minister for Planning has decided that an environment effects statement (EES) is not required for the Brunswick Level Crossing Removal project, as described in the referral accepted on 23 January 2026.

Reasons

The project has potential for significant effects on the amenity of a substantial number of residents and on historic places and inventory sites listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. However, these likely effects are either temporary and/or can be managed, and can be addressed through separate statutory processes under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and *Heritage Act 2017*.

Other potential effects on the environment, such as effects on native vegetation and biodiversity, cultural heritage, land and water are unlikely to be significant and should be readily addressed through respective statutory processes and requirements.

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