

MELBOURNE METRO PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment

**Written submissions on the exhibited documents are now invited.
Submissions close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 July 2015.**

The Project

The Melbourne Metro Rail Project ('the Project') includes the following key components:

- Twin 9 kilometre rail tunnels between Kensington and South Yarra, following the alignment of Swanston Street through Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD) and linking the existing Sunbury and Cranbourne / Pakenham railway lines.
- New CBD North and CBD South stations providing direct interchange with Melbourne Central and Flinders Street stations respectively.
- New stations at Arden, Parkville and Domain, with a new train/tram interchange at Domain.
- Train turnback facility at West Footscray.

The EES

The Victorian Minister for Planning determined on 3 September 2015, 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. Further information regarding the EES process can be found on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at delwp.vic.gov.au.

Planning Scheme Amendment

A draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) affecting the Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Maribyrnong Planning Schemes has been prepared and will be exhibited with the EES. The draft PSA will enable the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) to implement the Project including an exemption from the requirement to obtain a planning permit.

How to access the EES and draft Planning Scheme Amendment

The EES Main Report, Technical Appendices, Map Book and Summary Report together with the draft Planning Scheme Amendment are on public exhibition from Wednesday 25 May 2016 until Wednesday 6 July 2016 and can be inspected at the following locations:

- City of Maribyrnong offices: 61 Napier Street, Footscray
- City of Melbourne Library - North Melbourne: 66 Errol Street, North Melbourne
- City of Melbourne Library - CBD: 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
- Melbourne Town Hall - Administration Building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- State Library of Victoria: 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- City of Port Phillip Library - Emerald Hill: 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne
- City of Stonnington Library - South Yarra: 340 Toorak Road, South Yarra

The documents can also be accessed on the Melbourne Metro website at melbournemetro.vic.gov.au.

Copies of the EES Summary Report and a DVD of the complete EES Main Report, Technical Appendices and Map Book are available for free at all display locations or can be obtained directly from MMRA.

To purchase hard copies of the EES and supporting documents contact MMRA on 1800 551 927 or visit melbournemetro.vic.gov.au.

- Hard copy of the EES Main Report - \$50
- Hard copy of each Technical Appendix - \$75
- Hard copy of the Map Book - \$25

How to make a submission

Interested persons and organisations wishing to comment on the EES and draft Planning Scheme Amendment are invited to make written submissions by 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 July 2016.

Online submissions are preferred and can be lodged via an online form at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/melbourne-metro-rail-hearing.

Written submissions can be posted to Melbourne Metro EES Submissions, C/O Planning Panels Victoria, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001. For privacy reasons written submissions must be accompanied by a coversheet which can be obtained from www.delwp.vic.gov.au/melbourne-metro-rail-hearing or by calling 136 186.

Written submissions will not be processed unless, and until, accompanied by a 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

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

A Directions Hearing will be held on Tuesday 26 July 2016. At this hearing, the Inquiry and Advisory Committee will establish the necessary arrangements and a timetable for the public hearings.

Public Hearings are expected to commence the week of 22 August 2016 and will run for up to six weeks. Requests to be heard by the Inquiry and Advisory Committee may be made at the time of making a submission by indicating as such on the online form or submission coversheet. All submitters who wish to present to 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 timetable for the hearings will be published as it becomes available at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/melbourne-metro-rail-hearing.

Community information sessions

Melbourne Metro community information sessions will be held during the EES exhibition period at the following times:

- **Wednesday 1 June, 5-8pm:** State Library of Victoria, Experimedia Room, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- **Thursday 2 June, 11am-2pm:** University of Melbourne, Alan Gilbert Building (building 104), Room G20, 161 Barry Street (cnr Barry and Grattan streets), Carlton
- **Thursday 2 June, 5-8pm:** Rydges on Swanston, Level 4, 701 Swanston Street, Carlton
- **Saturday 4 June, 1-4pm:** Kensington Recreation Centre, cnr Kensington Road and Altona Street, Kensington
- **Tuesday 7 June, 5-8pm:** Punthill, 7 Yarra Street, South Yarra
- **Thursday 9 June, 5-8pm:** Lithuanian Club, 44 Errol Street, North Melbourne
- **Wednesday 15 June, 5-8pm:** Seasons Botanic Gardens, 348 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
- **Saturday 18 June, 11am-2pm:** Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- **Tuesday 21 June, 11am-2pm:** Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne
- **Friday 24 June, 5-8pm:** Kensington Recreation Centre, cnr Kensington Road and Altona Street, Kensington
- **Saturday 25 June, 11am-2pm:** Punthill, 7 Yarra Street, South Yarra
- **Tuesday 28 June, 5-8pm:** Seasons Botanic Gardens, 348 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Questions

For questions relating to the Inquiry and Advisory Committee process, including questions about submissions, please phone 136 186 (DELWP Customer Service Centre) or email melbournemetrorail.inquiry@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Questions relating to the EES process should be directed to the Impact Assessment Unit of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning by calling (03) 8392 5503 or email environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Questions relating to the Project and the EES documentation should be directed to MMRA by calling 1800 551 927.

More detail about the Metro Tunnel is available at melbournemetro.vic.gov.au.

