

Appendix H

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Stakeholder Engagement Summary

Melbourne Water has developed a Communications and Engagement Plan for the Water for a Growing West project to address stakeholder engagement and communication activities for the planning, investigation, design and construction stages of the project. Stakeholders for the project have been identified and categorised in to different groups according to the level of engagement as per IAP2 best practice.

This report provides a summary of the engagement activities conducted to date, key outcomes and planned future engagement.

Engagement to date

The table below summarises the outcomes of stakeholder engagement conducted to date for the Water for a Growing West project. Where in principle approval for the pipeline alignment has been provided by a stakeholder, this has been noted.

Further engagement activities are planned during development of the detailed design and construction phase of the project.

Stakeholder	Engagement method	Engagement summary	Key outcomes
Brimbank City Council	Meetings and Approval Working Group	<p>The project was introduced to Brimbank City Council in February 2013.</p> <p>Following the initial introduction, council was invited to be part of the project's Approval Working Group. Subsequent meetings have also taken place regarding council's key community and stakeholder groups, affected council owned land and managed road reserves and with regard to the Planning Scheme Amendment process.</p>	<p>Council has given in principle support for the pipeline alignment.</p> <p>Consent from council has been obtained for the proposed planning scheme amendment and ministerial intervention.</p>
Melton City Council	Meetings and Approval Working Group	<p>Melbourne Water introduced council to the project in January 2013. Subsequently, council was invited and accepted to take part in the project's Approvals Working Group.</p> <p>Subsequent council meeting have also taken place regarding council's key community and stakeholder groups, affected council owned land and managed road reserves and with regard to the Planning Scheme Amendment.</p>	<p>Council has given in principle support for the pipeline alignment</p> <p>Consent from council has been obtained for the proposed planning scheme amendment and ministerial intervention.</p>
Wyndham City Council	Meetings and Approval Working Group	<p>In January 2013, Wyndham City Council was introduced to the project.</p> <p>Following this initial introduction, council was invited and accepted to take part in the project's Approval Work Group. Subsequent council meeting have also taken place regarding council's key community and stakeholder groups, affected council owned land and managed road reserves and with regard to the Planning Scheme Amendment process.</p>	<p>In principle support for the pipeline alignment is pending provision of further minor design details.</p> <p>Consent from council has been obtained for the proposed planning scheme amendment and ministerial intervention.</p>

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	Regular meetings. Invited participant to Approval Working Group Site inspection at Kororoit Creek	The project has had ongoing discussion with the department to discuss the scope of the project and its impact on native flora and fauna as well as planning for offset.	The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA) has been finalised and this prescribes salvage, translocation and offset requirements with the MSA. Key areas of interest outside the MSA are Kororoit Creek and Department of Justice land associated with the Ravenhall Prison Project. DEPI has advised in principle support for the pipeline alignment. Written endorsement from the department is pending.
Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (DTPLI)— Planning	Meetings and Approval Working Group	The project has consulted the department's planning group regarding the proposed planning scheme amendment and ministerial intervention.	DTPLI indicated they would support the implementation of an amendment, and requested each council provide letters of support for both the amendment and the process.
Commonwealth Department of Environment (DoE)	Regular teleconferences	Ongoing consultation has taken place with DoE to determine referrals under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and application of the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy to the project activities within the MSA.	Based on consultation to date with DoE, and given the small extent of impacts outside of the MSA, a referral under the EPBC Act is not expected to be required.
Regional Rail Link Authority	Meetings	The project has consulted with RRLA regarding the construction of pipeline sleeves, so that the pipeline can traverse the new railway line.	The authority has provided general support for the pipeline alignment.
VicTrack	Meeting	The project consulted with VicTrack regarding the relevant approval process for working within VicTrack land, as well as crossing the Ballarat railway line.	Project proposes to bore under the railway line, as per VicTrack preference.

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Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	Meetings	Liaison with AAV is ongoing regarding the project and our Cultural Heritage Management (CHMP). As a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) has not been appointed for the project, representatives from the Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung and Bunurong as former RAP applicants and Traditional Owners have also been consulted throughout the development of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project	Ongoing consultation will be required as the CHMP process is progressed. Standard assessment now complete. A complex assessment is due to commence shortly.
Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA)	Meetings	Meetings with MPA have occurred to discuss Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) in the areas of Melton and Wyndham and the pipeline's alignment.	MPA's preference is for siting the pipe with proposed future road reserves, designated within PSPs. MPA supports the alignment of the pipeline through the affected PSPs.
Department of Justice (DoJ)	Meetings	The project has met with the Department to discuss their upcoming construction works for the Ravenhall Prison Project. The Department have also been consulted and provided consent regarding site access for geotechnical investigations.	The Department has shared information gained through the detailed ecological assessments as contribution to the WGW project. The Department supports the siting of the pipe in their land.
VicRoads	Meetings	Consultation with VicRoads has focused on the pipeline alignment with regard to current and future VicRoads road reserve, especially around the Robinsons Road and the Western Freeway/Deer Park Bypass.	VicRoads have provided in principle approval for the project. VicRoads identified limitations with trenching through Deer Park Bypass, consequently, the alignment was modified to south of the bypass.
City West Water	Meetings	The first meeting with a City West Water representative occurred in mid-2013. Since this date, Melbourne Water has continued its close working relationship with City West Water, providing project updates and discussing issues and	Supports the project.

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		opportunities in regards to providing adequate water and sewerage services to the expanded Urban Growth Boundary.	
SP AusNet	Meetings	Location of pipe in easement and constructability issues are the main focus of consultation.	Melbourne Water has gained an in-principal agreement from SP AusNet to install the pipeline within the existing power easement.
Private landowners and occupiers along the pipeline alignment	Combination of phone conversations/emails/doorknock and property visits	Melbourne Water has had individual discussions along the pipeline's alignment that include private landowners, occupiers, corporations or agents acting on behalf of landowners, who may be impacted by the project construction corridor, regarding the scope of the project and gaining access agreement for geotechnical investigations. An invitation was distributed to a large number of residents to meet with the project team and attend a community information session.	Main issues raised by landowners to date has been, noise and traffic during construction, construction access agreements and ongoing management of agricultural activities during construction.
Brimbank residents	Geotechnical investigation bulletin, doorknocks, community information session bulletin, community information session and door knocks, community planting days	Melbourne Water issued a community bulletin to approximately 400 households along the pipeline's alignment to provide a project introduction and also advise about geotechnical works. Additionally, the project team doorknocked residents in direct vicinity of where the pipeline will cross Kororoit Creek to advise of geotechnical works and further discuss the project. Two community information sessions were also held for residents in the northern and southern section of the alignment in October 2013. Melbourne Water has also conducted community planting days with Friends of Kororoit Creek (see below).	Traffic management is the key issue for residents. Melbourne Water have advised they will notify residents of road closures in due time.

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Wyndham residents	Geotechnical investigation bulletin, community information session bulletin and community information session	Melbourne Water issued a community bulletin to approximately 400 households along the pipeline's alignment to provide a project introduction and also advise about geotechnical works and provide an invitation to meet with the project team and attend a community information session.	Traffic management is the key issue for residents. Melbourne Water have advised they will notify residents of road closures in due time
Friends of Kororoit Creek	Friends of Kororoit Creek planting day. Ongoing project updates via Melbourne Water's River Health Officer	Melbourne Water attended a Friends of Kororoit Creek planting day, where relationships were initiated with the group and a general project overview was provided.	Protection of the Kororoit Creek environmental assets.

Future engagement activities

A number of engagement activities will be conducted with stakeholders throughout the life of the project. These activities are briefly summarised below.

Brimbank, Melton and Wyndham City Councils

Further consultation with council required to discuss potential visual amenity considerations from valves; traffic management plans; road opening permits and impacts to dry stone walls.

Councils will also be consulted during the preparation of the project Environmental Management Plan (EMP), particularly with regard amenity impacts such as dust and noise. Ongoing consultation will occur during preparation of Traffic Management Plans, required for construction phase. Communication with council is frequent and ongoing via email, telephone calls and meetings.

Department of Environmental and Primary Industries (DEPI)

The project will continue to engage with DEPI in regards to biodiversity management, offsets and to participate in salvage and translocation of striped legless lizard and protected flora. DEPI will also be consulted during the development of the EMP, for which they are the authorising agency. Consultation will be in the form of regular meetings, phone calls and emails.

Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (DTPLI)

The project will continue to consult with the department with regard to the amendment process.

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria

When the complex assessment for the CHMP is commenced, consultation with AAV will be required. As a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) has not been appointed for the project, representatives from the Wurundjeri, Boon Wurrung and Bunurong as former RAP applicants and Traditional Owners have also been consulted throughout the development of the CHMP for the project. This consultation will be on going throughout the complex assessment phase.

Department of Justice (DoJ)

Further consultation may be required to discuss construction management issues.

Parks Victoria

Parks Victoria is the manager of the Ravenhall Nature Conservation Reserve (RNCR) which is adjacent to the project area on Robinsons Road. Consultation with Parks Victoria will be necessary prior to and during construction to ensure that the project maintains access to the RNCR for Parks Victoria. Consultation will be in the form of phone calls, meetings and email.

Parks Victoria has offered to supply a park ranger to provide a pre-work brief to the Contractor on the importance of protecting the environmental assets within RNCR.

VicRoads

VicRoads will be the authorising agency for final design approval for any works undertaken in existing or future road reserves under their control.

VicRoads is also an authorising agency of road opening permits and project Traffic Management Plans which will be required for road closures as part of the project.

Engagement will be ongoing via meetings, phone calls and emails.

Private landowners and occupiers along the project's alignment in the municipalities of Brimbank, Melton and Wyndham

Construction activity related concerns were the main issues raised at the community information session. Melbourne Water will continue their engagement with local residents by updating the project website, through the community hotline and via further community information sessions and door knocks.

Melbourne Water will have a dedicated consultant who will manage any construction related community impacts as per the approved Communications and Engagement strategy. This will be an ongoing role during the construction phase of the project.

Melbourne Water will engage with affected landholders with regard to easement agreements on their land as part of the project. These preliminary discussions will begin in December 2013 and negotiations will be ongoing throughout the life of the project.