

## **PUBLIC WORKS ORDER**

### **Declaration under section 3(1) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978***

#### **Suburban Rail Loop Stage One**

The Minister for Planning, being satisfied that works proposed in relation to the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) Stage One could reasonably be considered to have or be capable of having a significant effect on the environment, declares the works proposed to be undertaken by the Suburban Rail Loop Authority for the purposes of SRL Stage One to be public works for the purposes of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*.

The public works to which the order relates broadly comprise the following:

- twin-bore rail tunnels between Cheltenham and Box Hill, via a stabling yard in Heatherton, travelling beneath Clayton, Monash University, Glen Waverley and Burwood and generally following a proposed alignment depicted in Figure 1;
- six new stations constructed at Cheltenham, Clayton, Monash, Glen Waverley, Burwood and Box Hill proposed to be located generally in the areas identified in Figure 1, with interchanges to existing railway stations at Cheltenham, Clayton, Glen Waverley and Box Hill;
- stabling, train wash and maintenance facilities, an operational control centre and a power substation at the proposed stabling yard;
- dive structures and rail tunnel portals at either side of the proposed stabling yard;
- a power substation in the vicinity of the proposed Burwood Station; and
- an intervention and ventilation shaft between the proposed Glen Waverley and Burwood stations.

### **Procedures and requirements under section 3(3) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978***

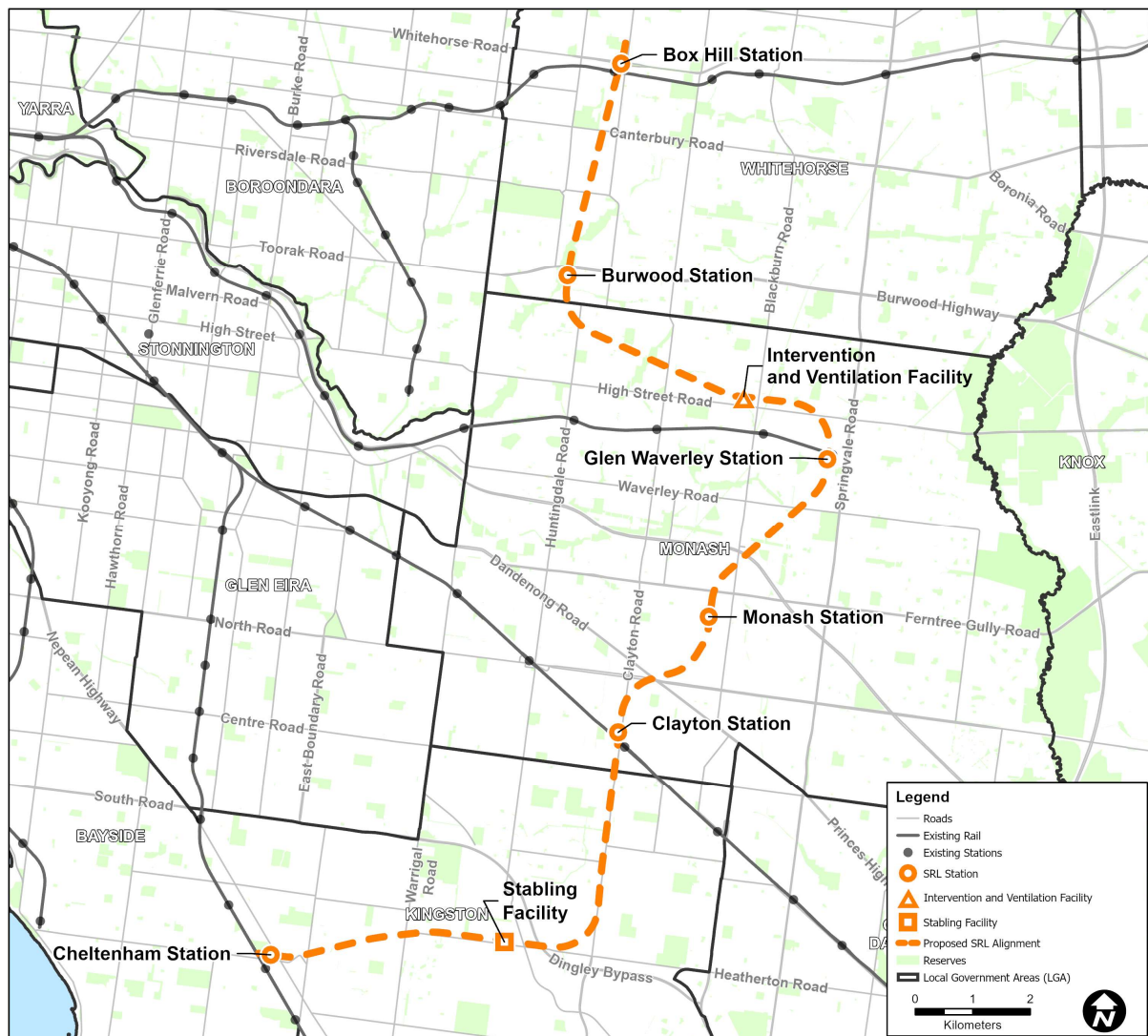
The following procedures and requirements are to apply to the environment effects statement (EES) for the proposed public works.

1. The EES is to document investigations of potential environmental effects of the public works, including the feasibility and effectiveness of design alternatives and environmental mitigation and management measures. In particular, the EES should document the potential effects of the proposed public works on:
  - a) amenity due to changes in visual, noise, vibration, air quality, transport and traffic and land use conditions;
  - b) social wellbeing due to residential acquisition, loss of access to public open space and community facilities and disruption to residents;
  - c) businesses and economic wellbeing due to acquisition of commercial and industrial land, changes in land use and disruption to business activities; and
  - d) disturbance of contaminated soils and groundwater, changes in surface water, geophysical conditions, including with respect to land stability, and the management of spoil.

2. The level of detail of investigation for the EES studies should be adequate to inform an assessment of the significance and acceptability of potential environmental effects and be commensurate with the aspects of the public works that have potential for greatest impact, as set out in the *Suburban Rail Loop Ministerial Guidelines for Assessment of Environmental Effects* (September 2020).
3. 'Initial works' (refer Schedule 1) are excluded from the declared public works. The cumulative effects of the initial works and the public works to which this order applies are to be assessed within the EES.
4. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority is to prepare and submit to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) a draft EES study program to inform the preparation of scoping requirements.
5. The matters to be investigated and documented in the EES will be set out more fully in scoping requirements. Draft scoping requirements will be exhibited for at least 15 business days for public comment. The Minister for Planning will consider the public submissions before finalising and issuing the scoping requirements.
6. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority is to prepare its proposed schedule for the completion of studies, preparation and exhibition of the EES, following review of the draft scoping requirements.
7. DELWP will convene an inter-agency technical reference group (TRG) to advise DELWP and the Suburban Rail Loop Authority, as appropriate, during the preparation of the EES. The TRG will advise on the scoping requirements, the design and adequacy of the EES studies and coordination with statutory approval processes.
8. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority is to prepare and implement an EES consultation plan for informing the public and consulting with stakeholders during the preparation of the EES, having regard to advice from DELWP and the TRG.
9. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority is to apply appropriate peer review and quality management procedures to enable the completion of EES studies to a satisfactory standard.
10. The EES is to be exhibited for a period of 30 business days for public comment, unless the exhibition period spans the Christmas–New Year period, in which case 40 business days will apply.
11. The EES information should be accessible to the public and may include an online interactive digital platform.
12. An inquiry will be appointed pursuant to section 9(1) of the Environment Effects Act to consider the environmental effects of the public works.

### **Excluded works**

The works specified in Schedule 1 hereof are excluded from the declaration of public works in this order.



**Figure 1: SRL Stage One overview.**

**HON RICHARD WYNNE MP**  
**Minister for Planning**

Date:

## Schedule 1 Excluded works

### All locations in study area

Proposed initial works	Description
Investigative works	Geotechnical and environmental investigations, site surveys and locating existing utilities and services.
Protection works	Protection works of in situ services to avoid damage and interruption to existing customers, in consultation with utility service providers.
Undetected services	Relocation of services identified during initial works in collaboration with utility service providers.
Temporary construction facilities	Temporary construction facilities including site offices, worker amenities, site access, gates, fencing, hoarding, car parking, equipment storage, laydown areas, and environmental, traffic and safety controls, or other ancillary activities necessary to undertake the initial works.
Vegetation removal	To the minimum extent necessary, removal of vegetation to undertake the initial works.

### Stabling Facility

Proposed initial works	Description
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	<p>Relocation of electrical cables and assets from Old Dandenong Road into Kingston Road, Dingley Bypass and Elder Street South Road.</p> <p>Relocation of telecommunication cables and assets from Old Dandenong Road into Kingston Road, Dingley Bypass and Elder Street South Road.</p> <p>Relocation of gas pipelines within Kingston Road.</p> <p>Relocation of telecommunication cables within Kingston Road.</p>
New underground powerline	<p>Installation of a power connection between the Heatherton Terminal Station and the Stabling Facility within road reserves and public land.</p> <p>Installation of a power connection from the Springvale South Zone Substation to the Stabling Facility within road reserves and public land.</p>

Ground improvement works	<p>Site levelling of the property at 91-185 Kingston Road, Heatherton including earthworks, excavation, placement of controlled fill, compaction and levelling the site up to RL 30.</p> <p>Dewatering and construction of a flood basin at the north-east of the property at 91-185 Kingston Road, Heatherton and associated flood mitigation and onsite drainage infrastructure to maintain the existing flood regime.</p> <p>Ground improvement trials, including associated testing, monitoring and management, of piling techniques at four locations and surcharge embankments at four locations. All trial locations are within 91-185 Kingston Road, Heatherton.</p> <p>Site establishment works of the property at 217-227/229 Kingston Road, Heatherton including temporary construction facilities, site grading, drainage works and removal of existing temporary or transportable buildings or structures (such as park benches and sheds).</p>
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### Clayton

Proposed initial works	Description
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	Installation of sewer pipeline in Clayton Road and Dunstan Street, Clayton.

### Monash

Proposed initial works	Description
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	<p>Relocation of electrical cables and assets and telecommunication cables within Howleys Road.</p> <p>Relocation of electrical cables and telecommunication cables within Normanby Road.</p> <p>Relocation of gas assets in Ferntree Gully Road.</p>
Minor road modifications	Widening of the Ferntree Gully Road/Howleys Road intersection.
New underground powerline	Installation of a power connection from Notting Hill Zone Substation on Gilby Road to Howleys Road, Notting Hill, within road reserves and public land.

### Glen Waverley

Proposed initial works	Description
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	<p>Relocation of overhead/underground electricity and telecommunication cables from Montclair Avenue to underground in the unnamed rear laneway (parallel to Kingsway), Bogong Avenue and Myrtle Street.</p> <p>Relocation of overhead electricity and telecommunication cables within Myrtle Street.</p> <p>Installation of underground electricity cables within Montclair Avenue.</p> <p>Installation of underground telecommunication cables within Montclair Avenue.</p> <p>Relocation of electricity and telecommunications assets and cables</p>

	<p>within Coleman Parade and VicTrack land.</p> <p>Relocation of water pipeline within Coleman Parade and VicTrack land.</p> <p>Relocation of gas pipeline within Coleman Parade and VicTrack land.</p>
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## **Burwood**

<b>Proposed initial works</b>	<b>Description</b>
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	<p>Installation of sewer pipeline in McComas Grove and Burwood Highway.</p> <p>Relocation of telecommunication cables within Burwood Highway.</p> <p>Relocation of overhead powerline within Burwood Highway.</p> <p>Relocation of electrical and telecommunication cables within Highbury Road and Sinnott Street.</p> <p>Relocation of gas pipeline within Burwood Highway.</p>
New underground powerline	Installation of power connection from Malvern Terminal Station to Sinnott Street, Burwood within road reserves and public land.

## **Box Hill**

<b>Proposed initial works</b>	<b>Description</b>
Utility relocations, installations and protection works	Relocation of underground electrical cables within Whitehorse Road.