

The Minister for Planning invites public comment – Suburban Rail Loop East

ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT (EES) AND DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT (DRAFT PSA) GC197

Written submissions on the exhibited documents can be made from today (5 November) and closing at 11:59pm on Thursday 16 December 2021.

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment (draft PSA) GC197 for SRL East (Cheltenham to Box Hill) will be on public exhibition for 30 business days from **Friday 5 November 2021 to 11.59pm Thursday 16 December 2021**. During this time, members of the public are invited to make online submissions about the EES and draft PSA.

The project

Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) will transform Victoria's public transport system, connecting our suburbs and making travel easier and more convenient. It will connect every major train line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line via Melbourne Airport, improving access to housing, jobs, schools, universities and hospitals for all Victorians.

SRL East will connect our growing health, education, retail and employment precincts in Melbourne's east and south east. It includes:

- Twin 26-kilometre rail tunnels
- Six new underground stations, including four with links to existing stations at Cheltenham, Clayton, Glen Waverley and Box Hill, and two at Monash and Burwood
- A train stabling facility and operational control centre at Heatherton
- A power supply substation near the proposed SRL station at Burwood
- Supporting infrastructure for the safe operation of the new tunnels and stations including an emergency support facility between the proposed stations at Glen Waverley and Burwood
- A dedicated fleet of modern and high-tech automated trains

Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) is responsible for the planning, design and delivery of SRL East on behalf of the Victorian Government.

How to access the EES and draft PSA

A fully digital EES has been prepared to make it as simple as possible to understand the potential impacts of the Project. The EES, and associated technical reports, attachments, map book, summary report and draft PSA can be accessed online at suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/EES. The EES is in the form of an interactive web site with downloadable pdf files available for EES technical reports, attachments, map book, summary report and draft PSA.

The SRL East EES can be viewed on any computer, tablet or mobile device. It can also be viewed on a computer at the following public locations:

- Cheltenham Library: 12 Stanley Avenue, Cheltenham
- Highett Library: 310 Highett Road, Highett
- Clayton Library: 9-15 Cooke Street, Clayton
- Glen Waverley Library: 112 Kingsway, Glen Waverley
- Mount Waverley Library: 41 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
- Box Hill Library: 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

These locations may change and access at these locations will be subject to current public health guidelines. Please check suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/EES for up-to-date details of where you can view the digital EES.

If you would like to receive a free printed copy of the EES Summary Report, you can request one by:

- Calling SLRA on **1800 105 105**
- Emailing us at contact@srla.vic.gov.au
- Filling out the online contact form on our website (suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au)

Find out more about SRL East, the EES and the draft PSA

Community information sessions will be held by SRLA during the EES exhibition period. Further information will be available as dates are confirmed on suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/EES. These sessions will be subject to current public health guidelines.

How to make a submission on the SRL East EES and draft PSA

Submissions can be made on the EES and draft PSA from today and must be in writing to Planning Panels Victoria (PPV). Submissions must be received by **11.59pm on Thursday 16 December 2021**. Each submission will be treated as a submission about the EES and draft PSA. Only one submission is needed to address all of your views about the project, its effects and the EES and draft PSA.

Online submissions are preferred and can be made via the Engage Victoria website: engage.vic.gov.au/srl-east-iac

If you are unable to make a submission online and need to submit in hard copy, you can contact PPV through the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) Customer Service Centre on **136 186** (select option 6) and request a hardcopy submission coversheet for privacy reasons. Each hardcopy submission must be accompanied by a coversheet issued by PPV.

All submissions must include the name and address of the person making the submission. Petitions and pro-forma responses will be treated as a single submission and only the first name from a petition or pro-forma submission will be registered and contacted.

Submissions will be treated as public documents and will be published on the Engage Victoria website. Do not include personal information in the body of your submission (such as your address or phone number, or photographs of people, particularly children). Your submission and your name will be made public.

The submission process is independently managed by PPV and any inquiries regarding the management of submissions and the Hearing process should be directed to them.

Inquiry and Advisory Committee Process

The Minister for Planning will appoint a joint Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC) under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* and *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to hold an inquiry into the Project and its environmental effects.

The IAC will review the EES, draft PSA and public submissions, and will consider the environmental effects of the Project in accordance with Terms of Reference issued by the Minister for Planning.

Following the exhibition period, the IAC will hold a Directions Hearing on **Friday 28 January 2022**, where the necessary arrangements and timetable for the public hearing will be confirmed.

Further information about the Directions Hearing arrangements (including whether it will be held in person or conducted online by video conference) will be published on engage.vic.gov.au/srl-east-iac when determined. The IAC will follow the current public health advice in making this decision.

The public hearing will commence in the week beginning **Monday 28 February 2022** and continue through to the end of April 2022. If you would like an opportunity to speak at the hearing, you are required to make a submission and must indicate this when you lodge your submission.

Information about the IAC hearing process and timetable for the hearings, will be published as it becomes available at engage.vic.gov.au/srl-east-iac.

Questions

Questions relating to SRL East and the EES documentation can be directed to SRLA on **1800 105 105** or at contact@srla.vic.gov.au.

Questions relating to the IAC process, including making a submission, should be directed to PPV by contacting the DELWP Customer Service Centre on **136 186 (select option 6)** or emailing srl.iac@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Questions relating to the EES process should be directed to the Impact Assessment Unit of DELWP on **(03) 8392 5503** or at environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au