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REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978*

Project name: Yan Yean Road Stage 2 Upgrade: Kurrak Road to Bridge Inn Road

Proponent: Major Road Projects Victoria

Description of project

Major Road Projects Victoria (the proponent) proposes to duplicate (from two to four lanes) approximately 5.5 kilometres of Yan Yean Road between Kurrak Road, Yarrambat, and Bridge Inn Road, Doreen.

The proposed works include: provision of shared user paths (three metre wide shared user path on one side of the road and 1.2 metre wide footpath on the other side of the road); continuous safety barriers along the project length; one new roundabout at Jorgensen Avenue; four new signalised intersections; upgrades to one existing signalised intersection; new street lighting at intersections; road signage and landscaping; new drainage and utility service upgrades/relocations; and construction of a centre median.

Decision

The Minister for Planning has decided that an environment effects statement (EES) is required for the Yan Yean Road Stage 2 Upgrade: Kurrak Road to Bridge Inn Road proposal, as described in the referral accepted on 6 August 2018.

Reasons for decision

- The project has potential for significant effects on biodiversity values as a result of the proposed clearance of a very large number of trees and habitat, including its contribution to potential cumulative effects on the critically endangered *Lathamus discolor* (Swift Parrot) listed under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (FFG Act) and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
- Assessment of aspects of the design and potential refinements is required to understand their associated impacts, including where further avoidance and minimisation of tree loss is possible (in particular loss of preferred foraging trees for Swift Parrots and high retention trees of ecological and cultural value).

Date of decision

14/10/18