

# Submission Cover Sheet

North East Link Project EES IAC

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**Request to be heard?:** no

**Full Name:** Daniyela Rob

**Organisation:** Cultivating Community

**Affected property:** Sustainable Gardening Australia, Manningham Rd W, Bulleen VIC 3105

**Attachment 1:** Cultivating\_Comm

**Attachment 2:**

**Attachment 3:**

**Comments:** Attached

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Submissions on North East Link Environmental Effects Statement  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Offsetting EES Impacts by establishing a North East Link Sustainability Centre**

My name is Daniyela Rob and I am the CEO of Cultivating Community. We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to work with diverse and low-income communities to create fair, secure and resilient food systems. We do this through activities spanning food systems advocacy and support, urban agriculture, community food centres, school food gardens, food waste management and environmental education.

We are concerned about the published impacts of the North East Link project including on waterways, flora and fauna, native vegetation, trees, as well as residential and business properties.

We are also concerned at the impact of the project on the location and future viability of valued community and sustainability assets in the construction zone including Sustainable Gardening Australia who are co-located at the Bulleen Art And Garden Nursery.

We understand that Sustainable Gardening Australia would like a Sustainability Centre to be established with partners to continue and expand their range of training, education and information projects. These together with demonstration projects would provide people with the knowledge and techniques to live more sustainably.

Given the investments and offsets made as a result of the West Gate Tunnel and other major projects, we believe it is entirely appropriate that the North East Link project seek to offset its impacts by supporting this Centre.

This is because a Centre with the relevant partners and innovative service delivery would contribute to community-wide reduction of carbon emissions, chemical pollution and food miles. It would also contribute to water conservation and water quality improvement; to waste minimisation and, at the same time, grow social capital.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Regards



Daniyela Rob  
Chief Executive Officer