Dear owner / occupier

Update on North East Link Planning Process

As you may be aware, the North East Link Project is being assessed through an Environment Effects Statement (EES) – Victoria’s most thorough and transparent impact assessment process. The EES assesses the environmental, social and planning impacts associated with the construction and operation of a future North East Link.

When preparing the EES, we talked with people across the project area to understand their ideas, issues and concerns to reduce project impacts. We have also prepared a draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) which is on display for public comment as part of the EES.

Planning schemes set out how land can be used and developed. Changes to the planning scheme in your area are proposed to allow the proposed tunnels for North East Link to be built, and protect associated infrastructure and homes.

The North East Link tunnels will be Victoria’s longest twin road tunnels, protecting residential and sensitive environmental areas including the Yarra River, Banyule Flats and Warringal Parklands. The top of the tunnels would be at least 15 metres under residential properties and at least 20 metres under the Yarra River bed. At their deepest point, the top of the tunnels would be about 40 metres underground.

What this means for you

The EES and draft PSA will show the property you own or lease is within the proposed project area for the North East Link tunnels and will be affected by the Planning Scheme Amendment. The enclosed fact sheet provides more details about what this means.

Have your say

The EES exhibition period gives you a chance to have your views considered as part of planning approvals decisions for North East Link. The EES documentation and draft PSA are on public exhibition until Friday 7 June 2019.

You can view the EES and draft PSA at northeastlink.vic.gov.au/ees or read a hard copy or pick up a free USB at local council offices and libraries. For more information about where you can view the full document, plus details of upcoming community information sessions on the EES, please visit our website.

Submissions

You can get involved in planning approvals decisions for North East Link by making a submission to an independent inquiry and advisory committee which will be appointed to review the EES and public submissions. Submissions must relate to the information and topics covered in the North East Link Project EES, Works Approval Application or draft Planning Scheme Amendment.

Submissions must be made to Planning Panels Victoria by 5pm Friday 7 June 2019. See the enclosed fact sheet for more details on making a submission.