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BARWON HEADS ROAD DUPLICATION

MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT



We're upgrading Barwon Heads Road to make your journey safer and more predictable

We're designing the upgrade to identify, avoid, minimise and offset impacts to the environment.

Parts of Barwon Heads Road are located as little as one kilometre from the Barwon River and are on the edge of the Jerringot Wetlands, which is a sanctuary for wildlife, some of which is endangered. Much of the road is in the river's floodplain.

Environmental assessment

During the planning and development phase of the project we'll assess the potential environment, social, economic and cultural heritage impacts and how we plan to manage them.

We've engaged experts to conduct environmental assessments, looking specifically at:

- Biodiversity, including bird life and native vegetation
- Water, catchments and hydrology: how and where water flows in the area
- Cultural and Historical heritage, including European and Aboriginal heritage.

Image above: Jerringot Wetlands

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Being accountable for what we do

We're developing an Environmental Management Framework which will provide us with a structured approach to managing the local environment.

The framework includes the environmental outcomes to be achieved during the design and construction of the Barwon Heads Road project.

Protecting native trees, vegetation and wildlife

We share the value the community places on the environment, and we're working hard to minimise tree removal and disturbance to wildlife where we can. We're working with independent ecologists and arborists to identify trees that can be retained and trees that require protection during construction.

As part of our planning, we've assessed the surrounding areas through:

- On site surveys
- Mapping of existing trees and vegetation and wildlife habitat.

We're committed to:

- Retaining as many trees and native habitat as we can
- Inspecting trees before removal for the presence of wildlife
- Designating 'no go zones' and 'tree protection zones' where required to protect sensitive native vegetation and wildlife.

We'll also plant new trees and vegetation at the end of the project and will explore opportunities to re-use timber.

Construction near the Jerringot Wetlands

The Jerringot Wetlands have an important environmental value and we are committed to ensuring it continues to be a sanctuary for wildlife and an important nesting site for water birds, such as Latham's Snipe.

Environmental and community initiatives

Some of the local community opportunities we intend to explore include:

- Providing wood to local Men's Sheds, woodworking groups and schools for use in projects
- Planting Days with local children
- Reusing vegetation and tree logs to establish wildlife habitats
- Directing surplus mulch to local landscaping and revegetation projects.

Before construction

Before we start building, we'll:

- Complete an Environmental Management Framework (EMF) to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. This EMF will contain mandatory Environmental Management Requirements that regulate construction activities
- Install environmental measures for erosion and sediment controls
- Carry out tree and habitat surveys to identify and safely relocate any wildlife
- Work with our construction partners to develop an Environmental Management System and Construction Environment Management Plan. The purpose of these plans is to ensure works are planned and performed so any effects on the environment are either avoided or minimised.

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