

Submission Cover Sheet

North East Link Project EES IAC

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Request to be heard?: no

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1: SOPHIE_KERMANI

Attachment 2: FLOODING_PIC_2.

Attachment 3:

Comments: see attached submission and photo Please let me know if the photo has been received - if not i will resend

I am a resident of Millicent Avenue Bulleen.

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I have health complaints.

I was flooded as a child and am scared to death of being flooded again- especially after being flooded badly in Bulleen as an adult.

Being healthy, peaceful and comfortable in my own home, yard and nearby area is important to me. This is a basic human right.

There is a lot at risk with the proposed NE link plans for Bulleen

Do not push the freeway to the Bulleen side in Estelle St.

There is a green strip that protects us from the noise, pollution, - do not reduce it..

I live with my daughter- my concerns are the same as hers below.

The little green path along Estelle St is of paramount importance to us as it acts as a buffer from the freeway- noise, pollution and much more. It gives a sense of calm. . - Please protect it and maintain its size, even increase it- Do not reduce it, especially with what is being proposed. I do not want my breathing and health to get any worse.

After seeing the new NEL plans, the freeway is proposed to be pushed more towards Estelle Street Bulleen and robbing us of the tiny green buffer of protection.

Our green path buffer on Estelle st (about 15-19 metres at most, to much less in some areas) that has a walk path from Bulleen park to the bridge will either be severely reduced, to being completely taken away from us... with us facing the huge freeway wall- directly opposite homes- a prison. What is proposed is no path in some places and bicycle path being forced on the road the engineer said – This is so the huge 100-500 metre wide park opposite the freeway in north Balwyn (Koonung Creek reserve) can be preserved. Where is the justice in that? We only have 15 metres width of green space at most in Bulleen... we have nothing more to give other than to severely cripple our lifestyle and health. If a little more of the huge space opposite is taken in Koonung Creek reserve Nth Balwyn, it will still be massive- it won't impact the facility and its use- Most people use it occasionally, perhaps daily - . However robbing Estelle street of its tiny green buffer has massive 'direct 'constant 24/7 impacts on the residents. This cannot be ignored. Please protect us.

These are huge impacts to Manningham residents when there is so much space opposite. The bus lanes are now proposed to be pushed now to the Manningham side, along with the severely increased noise, pollution and reduction of trees so close to Bulleen residents. The neighbourhood character that once appealed to us to live in Manningham gone. Leave the green Bulleen strip alone- its already small enough.

The area is already is already flood prone... with Estelle street being flooded out only a few months ago. We were flooded severely in 2003 (see photos) and some residents needed to swim out of their homes. I was nearly waist deep in water. Reducing green, trees, permeability, reducing/removing the green buffer along Estelle St and increasing hard concrete surface areas will only aggravate this even further. This cannot happen. Also of concern is the piping Koonung Creek- where will the water go? Is this more of a flooding hazard? I live in a low lying unit and am paranoid every time it rains already- and have sandbags out all the time. I cannot live in even more fear.

What you're proposing will only aggravate this and increase my anxiety and increase the risk we will put under. If we get flooded again because you put us at risk- then who is liable? We will need to be compensated by the State.

North Balwyn residents opposite will have 10 Metre cascading, extremely effective sound walls, the engineer said..' they won't hear anything' He also said ' I don't know how effective the walls will be in Bulleen' Bulleen residents need even more effective sound protection because of the close proximity of the freeway to homes especially with more loud trucks using the fwy, the bus lanes running every 10 seconds (im told) and increased demand and the proposed monstrous size. More trees are also needed to help with noise pollution.

At the moment I have trouble sleeping with my bedroom window open because of the noise. Sitting outside – you can already hear loud traffic noise. Please do not handicap our lifestyle any further- but seek to improve it.

Being comfortable in your own home and yard is a basic human right- If this is removed – this would be considered a form of assault.

Because of my health, I cannot walk very far and use this green path for my daily walk. I stay in Bulleen. This path is important to me.

I walk along the green path Estelle street path daily. Please preserve this.

Please:

- retain and even increase our tiny green buffer along Estelle St as it is, with no reduction in size – I do not want to be a prisoner looking out to a big wall from my window.
 - More dense trees, understory of bushes, grass and walk/ cycle path as it is now
 - Have extremely effective 10 metre sound walls that are aesthetically pleasing and maintain neighbourhood character-
 - Trees along 51-55 Estelle street green path- not to be removed (this area will not be touched we have been assured.. please leave the mature trees as they are)
 - Need even more trees planted to compensate for the pollution and potential increased demand and fwy usage, noise protection off
 - We need an extremely Effective flood strategies and green, grass, trees to absorb water and increase permeability -to reduce hard surface area – and prevent flooding
 - To maintain street and neighbourhood character of Manningham
- Negotiate the bus lanes to the other side if possible
- Question- does the freeway need to be so wide at that point? The wider it is there, the greater the impact

Please protect the residents in Bulleen

Thank you.

