

# Planning is underway

As part of our planning for the Epping Road Upgrade, we need planning approval.

## About planning schemes

A planning scheme is a statutory document which sets out objectives, policies and provisions for the use, development and protection of land in the area to which it applies.

We can seek an amendment to a planning scheme to achieve a planning outcome or support a new policy direction or project.

## Why we are seeking planning scheme amendment(s)

We will be seeking a planning scheme amendment to give us the required planning approvals under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and to be able to acquire the additional land needed to build this project.

## Planning scheme amendment process

We will seek approval from the Minister for Planning to amend planning scheme(s) across the project area. We'll request the Minister for Planning to prepare and approve planning scheme amendment(s) under Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

While we will be consulting with you over the next few years as we develop and deliver these projects, this is your only chance to tell us your thoughts about the proposed planning scheme amendment(s) for the project before we request the Minister for Planning to make a decision.

We'll combine your feedback in a report and submit it to the Minister for Planning for his consideration of the planning scheme amendment(s). This will also include feedback from councils and other stakeholders.

This will help us avoid delays and start work sooner.

## What our planning scheme amendment(s) seeks

We will be asking the Minister for Planning to amend the planning scheme(s) this project falls under to:

1. Exempt us from planning permits by applying a Specific Controls Overlay to the project area and inserting an Incorporated Document and with conditions for the project area into the affected planning scheme(s)
2. Applying a Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) on land required for the project, those properties directly affected by the proposed PAO we have already written to and are arranging meetings with these owners

## Have your say

As a resident or property owner near the proposed upgrade sites, we understand the project may affect you. We value what you say because it helps us understand your needs and shape the design of the project.

Have your say about our proposed planning scheme amendment(s). While we will be consulting with you over the next few years as we develop and deliver these projects, this is your only chance to tell us your thoughts about the proposed planning scheme amendments for the project before the Minister for Planning will make his decision.

To have your say about the project, visit [your.roadprojects.vic.gov.au](http://your.roadprojects.vic.gov.au) or call us on **1800 105 105** or email [contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@roadprojects.vic.gov.au).

We must receive your submission by **Sunday 28 October 2018**.