

Submission Cover Sheet

North East Link Project EES IAC

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Request to be heard?: no

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Organisation: Australian Plants Society Victoria

Affected property:

Attachment 1: letter_of_support

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Comments: See attached file



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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 Chris Long and I am President of Australian Plants Society, Victoria. We have 1300 members who are all interested in growing and protection of Australian native plants in the environment.

I am concerned about the published impacts of the North East Link project on waterways, flora and fauna, as well as residential and business properties.

I am 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.

I 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, I believe it is entirely appropriate that the North East Link project support the proposed Centre as part of the offset of its impacts.

Such 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.

Yours sincerely

Chris Long

Chris Long
President

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