

# Submission Cover Sheet

North East Link Project EES IAC

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**Request to be heard?:** No, but please email me th

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**Organisation:** Sustain: The Australian Food Network  
**Affected property:** 555 La Trobe Street  
**Attachment 1:** Submission\_to\_N  
**Attachment 2:**  
**Attachment 3:**  
**Comments:** See attached pdf letter.

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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**

I am the Executive Director of Sustain: The Australian Food Network. Sustain is one of Australia's leading not-for-profit organisations working in the field of sustainable food systems. We provide thought and practice leadership for the organisations and institutions that share our goal of supporting the transition to a food system that is fair, sustainable, resilient and delicious: a food system that benefits all Australians, now and far into the future. I am also a lecturer in food systems and food governance in the Bachelor of Food Studies and Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy (William Angliss).

I am writing to express my concerns about the published impacts of the North East Link project including on waterways, flora and fauna, native vegetation, trees, 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 and programs. These together with demonstration projects would equip thousands of residents and visitors 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 seek to offset its impacts by supporting this Centre. This Centre, with the involvement of 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. It would make an invaluable and lasting contribution to the societal imperative to embrace more sustainable ways of living.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Regards



**Dr Nick Rose**  
Executive Director