

## What is the Planning Scheme Amendment?

A Planning Scheme Amendment is a change to the relevant Planning Scheme (in this instance the Moreland Planning Scheme) to conduct works in the area. This process is commonly used for infrastructure projects and has been used for previous level crossing removal projects in Melbourne.

Before works commence for the level crossings at Bell Street, Munro Street, Reynard Street in Coburg and Moreland Road in Brunswick, the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) will make a request to the Minister for Planning to amend the Moreland Planning Scheme to facilitate the project.

## Why is further consultation taking place on the Planning Scheme Amendment?

The level crossings at Bell Street and Moreland Road were part of the initial 50 level crossings nominated for removal. The LXRP conducted consultation on the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment based on these two sites in mid 2018.

In late 2018, the Victorian Government announced that the level crossings at Reynard and Munro streets, Coburg – located between Bell Street and Moreland Road – would also be prioritised for removal.

Given the project now includes level crossing removals at Reynard Street and Munro Street, LXRP is undertaking further consultation, with people who live or own property in the area, on the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment.

In reviewing the land required during construction, the project area has also expanded to include additional land temporarily required for construction, car parking and access to the road and rail corridor. LXRP is undertaking further consultation with land owners and occupiers within the vicinity of the expanded project area proposed to be included in the Planning Scheme Amendment.

Feedback from this round of consultation, as well as from the initial consultation in 2018, will be provided to the Minister for Planning as part of the formal Planning Scheme Amendment request.

## I previously made a submission on the Planning Scheme Amendment in 2018. Do I need to make another submission?

If you have previously provided a submission from the first round of consultation in 2018, your original submission will continue to be considered as part of the request for the Minister for Planning to amend the Moreland Planning Scheme.

However, you can make another submission if you feel that your original submission needs to be revised in light of the addition of the level crossings at Munro and Reynard streets or the expansion of the project area.

## How will these level crossings be removed?

The four level crossings will be removed by raising the rail line over the road, delivering new community open space, better east-west connectivity and improvements to the Upfield Bike Path.

More information about the design is available at [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

## What does the Planning Scheme Amendment apply to?

Most of the works to remove the level crossings at Bell Street, Reynard Street, Munro Street and Moreland Road can take place without the need to obtain any planning approvals.

The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment introduces site-specific controls in the form of an incorporated document and Special Control Overlay (SCO). This means the project can progress without the need for additional planning approvals, so long as conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. The conditions may include aspects such as environmental management, urban design and local heritage.

The proposed incorporated document and SCO will apply to land within the rail and road corridors as well as any land temporarily required for construction, car parking and access to the rail corridor. The proposed incorporated document and SCO will only apply for the purpose of delivering the level crossing removal project and does not impact the underlying planning scheme zones and overlays for purposes unrelated to project delivery.

A draft incorporated document and other relevant project information is available from [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

## Will you be conducting further consultation on the project?

The project team is currently refining the design for removing these four level crossings, including further technical and engineering investigations. These works, along with further community consultation will help us finalise the design.

In the coming months we'll be talking to the local community about the project and providing more details and giving you an opportunity to provide further feedback on the open space areas.

You can be kept informed about the project by subscribing to email updates at [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe](http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe)

## How can a Planning Scheme Amendment request be submitted when there is not a final design yet?

The Planning Scheme sets out objectives, policies and provisions for the use, development and protection of land during the project.

Regardless of the final design, the proposed incorporated document would put in place specific conditions that will need to be completed in accordance with the conditions required by the Minister for Planning.

## Who can make a submission?

Any interested parties can make a submission. Letters and forms have been mailed out to residents and landowners in close proximity to the level crossings at Bell Street, Munro Street, Reynard Street and Moreland Road and expanded project area. However, anyone with an interest in the project can also make a submission online at [your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

## What can submissions be about?

Submissions may provide feedback on the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment or any other aspect of the project such as amenity considerations or construction impacts.

## How can I provide a submission?

You can provide a submission by completing the hard copy form or online at [your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)  
Your submission must be received by **5pm Friday 2 August 2019**.

## Does the Planning Scheme Amendment apply to heritage sites or assets?

The Planning Scheme Amendment, if approved, would not provide approval for works affecting State heritage listed sites or assets. Any change to a site or asset on the State Heritage Register requires approval from Heritage Victoria.

## Where can I find more information?

Information about the project and Planning Scheme Amendment is available at [your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://your.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au) or by calling **1800 105 105**.

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