

# **Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing removal project**

## **Report of Ricky Feldman**

### **1 Introduction**

My firm, Andrew Long and Associates Pty Ltd, prepared the technical report titled 'Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Projects, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment' (**Technical Report**) dated 23 February 2018 which is included as Technical Report M to the Environment Effects Statement (**EES**) for the Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project (**Project**)

The role that I had in preparing the Technical Report was lead author.

I adopt the Technical Report, in combination with this document, as my written expert evidence for the purposes of the Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing removal project Inquiry and Advisory Committee's review of the EES and draft planning scheme amendment.

I support the relevant Environmental Performance Requirement to 'comply with and implement any Cultural Heritage Management Plan approved under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 that applies to the projects'. I consider this to be an appropriate approach to manage and/or mitigate adverse environmental effects arising from development of the Projects.

### **2 Qualifications and experience**

Appendix A contains a statement setting out my qualifications and experience, and the other matters raised by Planning Panels Victoria 'Guide to Expert Evidence'.

A copy of my curriculum vitae is provided in Appendix B.

### **3 Further work since preparation of the Technical Report**

Since the Technical Report was finalised, I have not undertaken any further work in relation to the matters addressed in the Technical Report relevant to the Project.

### **4 Written Submissions**

#### **4.1 Submissions Received**

I have read the public submissions to the EES, draft planning scheme amendment and identified those that are relevant to the Technical Report and my area of expertise. These include the following submissions:

- Nil

#### **4.2 Summary of Issues Raised**

The submissions have raised the following issues relevant to my area of expertise:

- Nil

#### **4.3 Response to Issues Raised**

Set out below are my comments and response to the issues raised by the written submissions relevant to the area of my expertise.

- Nil

### **Declaration**

I have made all the inquiries that I believe are desirable and appropriate and that no matters of significance which I regard as relevant have to my knowledge been withheld from the Inquiry and Advisory Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a cursive flourish.

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**Signed**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

## Appendix A Matters Raised by PPV Guide to Expert Evidence

- (a) the name and address of the expert;

Ricky Feldman, 137 Westbury Close, Balaclava VIC 3183

- (b) the expert's qualifications and experience;

Bachelor of Arts (Honours in Archaeology), University of Melbourne 2001

Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne 1999

Professional archaeological and heritage consultant since 2003

Recognised as Heritage Advisor for the purposes of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*

- (c) a statement identifying the expert's area of expertise to make the report;

My area of expertise is cultural heritage management

I have sufficient expertise to make/support this report because I have more than 10 years' experience in undertaking cultural heritage assessments within the State of Victoria and I am a qualified Heritage Advisor for the purposes of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

- (d) a statement identifying all other significant contributors to the report and where necessary outlining their expertise;

Dr Michael Green (Andrew Long and Associates) – Co-authored the report.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Australian National University

PhD, Australian National University

David Mathews (Andrew Long and Associates) – Co-authored the report.

Bachelor of Arts (First class Honours), Archaeology, University of Calgary Canada

Dr Josara de Lange (Andrew Long and Associates) – Prepared and outputted the data for the predictive model.

Master of Geographic Information Technology, the University of Melbourne

Doctor of Philosophy (Archaeology), La Trobe University

Master of Arts (Prehistoric Archaeology), Leiden University, the Netherlands

- (e) all instructions that define the scope of the report (original and supplementary and whether in writing or oral);

I have been instructed to undertake the following work:

Review the public submissions referred to me to the extent relevant to my area of expertise.

Prepare an expert report that:

- responds to the public submissions relevant to my area of expertise;
- address my previous report and any changes required arising out of the issues raised in the public submissions; and
- address any other matter relevant to my area of expertise.

- (f) the identity of the person who carried out any tests or experiments upon which the expert relied in making this report and the qualifications of that person;

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The Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Inc. (WTLCCHC)

Traditional Owner Group

Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC)

Traditional Owner Group

Boon Wurrung Foundation Ltd (BWF)

Traditional Owner Group

- (g) a statement setting out the key assumptions made in preparing the report;  
I have assumed that all submissions relevant to my area of expertise have been allocated to me and have assessed that none have any direct relevance.
- (h) a statement setting out any questions falling outside the expert's expertise and also a statement indicating whether the report is incomplete or inaccurate in any respect.

Nil

**Appendix B CV**

## Ricky Feldman Executive Director

### Higher Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts (Honours in Archaeology), University of Melbourne 2001

Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne 1999

### Areas of Specialisation:

With over fifteen years of professional experience Ricky has effectively delivered high profile heritage programs for Government and major companies. He specialises in managing Aboriginal and historical archaeological assessments, major project planning, stakeholder engagement, risk assessments, EES and predictive modelling. He regularly provides expert witness for Planning Panels.



### Professional Experience:

**2001 – current:** Executive Director (formerly Associate and Project Manager) (Andrew Long + Associates Pty Ltd)

Duties include project management, strategic growth, consultation with Aboriginal communities, government departments and private developers. Field assessments archaeological surveys, monitoring, excavation. Documentation of sites & report writing.

**2000:** Research Archaeologist (Melbourne University)

Managing and undertaking research into Aboriginal sites in north east Australia as part of an Australia Research Council grant. Included extensive Aboriginal community consultation, surveying and large-scale intra-site excavation of Aboriginal sites and taphonomic analysis. Documentation of results presented to the Aboriginal community and published in a research journal.

**1999:** Research Archaeologist (Heritage Victoria)

Faunal analysis of excavated material from Heidelberg. Included identification of species, identification of cut marks and interpretation of butchering techniques.

**1998 - 1999:** Assistant Archaeologist (Melbourne University).

Survey and excavation as part of a research project examining post-contact Aboriginal places in the Western District, Victoria.

### Prominent Projects:

**Longford LNG Pipeline - 2014 - current**

**Hastings to Longford, WorleyParsons – Utilities**

**Lead Heritage Consultant**

Managing all aspects of this high profile project, achieving effective time and cost management on both the delivery of two separate cultural heritage management plans and salvage components.

**Western Highway EES - 2012 - 2013**

**Regional Victoria, VicRoads – Transport**

**Senior Heritage Consultant**

Conducting an impact assessment and alignment options assessment in a sensitive heritage landscape involving a detailed programme of stakeholder consultation and the preparation of an Aboriginal site predictive model and cultural values mapping.

**Regional Rail Link - 2009 - 2015**

**Regional Victoria, Boulderstone Leighton Joint Venture (BLJV) - Transport**

**Lead Heritage Consultant**

Managing all aspects of this high profile project, achieving effective time and cost management on both the delivery of seven separate cultural heritage management plans and salvage components.

**Melbourne-Geelong Interconnector - 2009 - 2011**

**Regional Victoria, Barwon Water – Utilities**

**Senior Heritage Consultant**

The assessment included two cultural heritage management plans and dealt with both Aboriginal and historical cultural heritage issues.

**Melbourne Growth Areas - 2009 - 2011**

**Melbourne, Growth Areas Authority – Planning Heritage and Community Consultant**

Providing a foundation for a strategic solution to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage within Melbourne's four growth areas.

**Bellarine Safe Harbour - 2007**

**Bellarine, Parks Victoria – Planning**

**Senior Heritage Consultant**

The objectives of the assessment were to identify Aboriginal and historical archaeological sites, identify landforms of archaeological potential, and to make appropriate management recommendations for their future preservation.