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# 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Public Open Space Framework (POSF) is to guide the process of managing the effects of the rail and infrastructure components of the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East (also referred to as ‘the Project’) on public open space through:

- The identification of principles and actions for the Project to mitigate effects on public open space having regard to the SRL Urban Design Strategy;
- A process to ensure that potential effects and mitigations are considered by the Public Open Space Advisory Panel (POSAP);
- The preparation of specific Public Open Space Management Plans (POSMPs).

Compliance with the POSF, and the preparation of POSMPs, is an Environment Performance Requirement (EPR) for the SRL East Project, within both EPR LUP4 *Develop and implement a Public Open Space Framework* and EPR SC3 *Minimise impacts on public open space and recreational infrastructure*. Please refer to the Environmental Management Framework (EMF) for details of these EPRs.

# 2. Implementation steps

The finalisation of the POSF and POSMPs will include the following steps:

1. Appointment of the POSAP.
2. Finalisation of the POSF after review of the Minister’s Assessment and advice from the POSAP. The POSF is to be approved by the Minister for Planning in accordance with the requirements of the SRL East Incorporated Document.

3. Preparation of POSMPs in accordance with the finalised POSF and SRL East Incorporated Document. The Heatherton (Stabling Facility) POSMP must be approved by the Minister for Planning in accordance with the requirements of the SRL East Incorporated Document.

# 3. Public Open Space Advisory Panel

As set out in the SRL East Incorporated Document, the POSAP is to be chaired by an independent expert and comprise independent experts with specialist expertise in open space, urban design, community consultation and landscape architecture, and local council representatives for matters within their respective municipalities.

The POSAP will be informed by engagement with stakeholders, the community and users of the public open spaces.

The POSAP will inform Suburban Rail Loop Authority’s (SRLA’s) approach to implementing the POSF and development of the POSMPs. They will also have a broader role in regard to the planning process for open space in the SRL Precincts as it affects the implementation of the POSF.

The POSAP will advise SRLA on the finalisation and any amendments of the POSF and preparation and implementation of POSMPs in accordance with the requirements of this document.





# 4. Principles

The principles articulated within Section 4.1 guide the identification of initiatives and mitigation measures that can be implemented to address impacts to public open space that are a direct impact of the construction and operation of the rail and infrastructure component of SRL East.

## 4.1. Public open space principles

The principles must be read in conjunction with the Summary Table in Section 5. Where relevant, the Summary Table describes specific actions that are required to achieve the principles.

### 1. Active public open space facilities:

1.1 No loss of facilities used for sporting (e.g. basketball) or physical activities requiring specific infrastructure (e.g. skate parks, running tracks).

1.1.1 Where active public open space facilities are impacted, equivalent facilities will be provided within the same catchment prior to the removal of existing facilities.

### 2. Passive public open space:

2.1 Where passive public open space, including any part of an area of existing passive public open space is permanently removed, provide:

2.1.1 Enhancement of remaining passive public open space to ensure access and amenity are maintained during and following construction activities, and

2.1.2 New passive public open space of a similar size and equivalent or better quality, that is responsive to its context and guided by relevant local, regional and state policies, and in accordance to the following hierarchy:

- Adjacent to the existing open space;
- If it is not practicable to provide adjacent new public open space, within 1.6km of the relevant SRL station; or
- If (a) or (b) are not practicable, in an alternative location within the same region served by that open space.

The new public open space must be provided prior to the removal of existing public open space, or where not practicable, prior to the commencement of operation of the Project.

2.2 Where an area of passive public open space is temporarily removed:

2.2.1 Provide enhancement of remaining passive public open space to ensure access and amenity are maintained during and following construction activities; and

2.2.2 Provide new passive public open space as required by the actions specified in the Summary Table at Section 5 of this Framework.

### 3. Planned future public open space:

3.1 Where an area of planned public open space is impacted, work with stakeholders to identify alternatives that meet the strategic objectives of the planned public open space.

### 4. Construction:

4.1 Where construction impacts to public open space, including where any element or facility within that public open space can no longer provide a reasonable level of amenity, are greater than 18 months, apply Principles 1,2 and 3.

4.2 Where construction impacts to public open space, including any element or facility within that public open space, are less than 18 months implement the construction mitigation measures in the EMF.

## 4.2. Public Open Space Management Plans

Prepare POSMPs to apply the POSF Principles, having regard to the advice of the POSAP, to address specific areas in accordance with the POSF. The POSMPs must:

- Be prepared in accordance with the requirements of EMF EPR LUP4 *Develop and implement a Public Open Space Framework* and EMF EPR SC3 *Minimise impacts on public open space and recreational infrastructure*, and other EPRs where relevant, including as EPR LV1 *Designs to be in accordance with the Urban Design Strategy*, EPR LV2 *Plant trees early to re-establish amenity* and EPR SC6 *Minimise disruption and impacts on residents of Uniting AgeWell at Box Hill*.
- Detail how the principles and actions within the Summary Table of the POSF have been considered and will be achieved.

Additionally, the Heatherton (Stabling Facility) POSMP must:

- Be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the SRL East Incorporated Document.
- Detail the open space offset outcome that will provide alternative open space that is commensurate with the values and quality of the open space planned for the stabling facility location.
- Establish and implement a process for the acquisition of the land.



# 5. Summary table

This table identifies the open space affected by the project and the actions and consultation requirements to be addressed in the POSMPs for each site.

Table 1: Summary requirements for Public Open Space Management Plans

## Sir William Fry Reserve

Description	
Park, grassy open areas, children’s playground, and lake. Also includes active facilities such as a skate park and basketball half court.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
4.37ha (51%)	Relocate the skate park within Sir William Fry Reserve or within walking distance of the Southland Shopping Centre prior to the removal of the facility.  Relocate other active recreation facilities within the same catchment prior to removal of the existing facilities.  Provide alternative spaces and amenities to support community events and activities, such as farmers markets, prior to removal of existing facilities.  Enhance the remaining open space at Sir William Fry Reserve to ensure access and amenity are maintained during and following construction activities.
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
1.14ha (13%)	<b>Sir William Fry Reserve:</b> Returned open space is to be provided within the Project Land, in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.  The design detail of the returned open space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).  <b>Offset public open space:</b> Prior to the commencement of construction activities (excluding preparatory works and minor utility works) in the Sir William Fry Reserve provide new public open space of a similar size and equivalent or better quality to that portion of Sir William Fry Reserve that will be permanently removed, according to the following hierarchy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— On neighbouring land:</li><li>— At one or more locations within 1.6km of the Cheltenham SRL; station, including but not limited to the Highett Gasworks site;</li><li>— Within the same region served by that open space.</li></ul>

## Henry Street Reserve and Kingston Linear Walk Reserve

Description	
Linear parks adjacent to the proposed stabling facility including children’s playground and shared user paths, trees and landscaping	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	Ensure construction activities are managed in accordance with the EMF.  Consider upgrades to facilities such as children’s playground and alignment of shared user paths to minimise impacts.
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	Deliver outcomes in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.  The design detail of the returned public open space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).

Clayton rail corridor/ Clayton Community Space

Description	
Hard landscaped, multi-use urban park with playground under rail viaduct.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
0.27ha (100%)	Relocate open space to the same general size and standard on a new site in close proximity to the existing location and/or relocate facilities to a suitable location/s.
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
0.01ha (3%)	<p>Returned public open space is to be provided within the Project Land, in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.</p> <p>The design detail of the returned public open space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).</p>

Djerring Trail

Description	
The Djerring Trail is a 17km shared use pathway trail that runs alongside the Cranbourne and Pakenham railway lines from Caulfield to Dandenong stations.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
120m of trail	Temporarily reroute the trail to avoid the construction site and maintain connectivity (without the need to travel along a road) of the trail to the either side of the site.
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
120m of trail	The design detail of the trail will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document). The Urban Design and Landscape Plans will ensure the final trail maintains connectivity generally along the rail corridor.

Remembrance Gardens, Clayton Road

Description	
Small grassed, treed, civic space with some seating. Located on Clayton Road, forecourt to Clayton Hall.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
0.2ha (60%)	<p><b>Remembrance Gardens:</b></p> <p>Maintain accessibility and minimise temporary occupation during construction.</p> <p>Work with Council to minimise impacts and duration of open space occupation.</p> <p>Maintain safe access to Clayton Hall.</p> <p>Maintain a reasonable level of amenity and shade cover during interim availability period, in consultation with Council.</p> <p><b>Offset Open Space:</b></p> <p>Where a closure of Remembrance Gardens exceeds 18 months (excluding preparatory works and minor utility works), provide a new offset open space of a similar size and quality to the area temporarily unavailable during construction. The offset open space should be provided within or surrounding the Clayton Activity Centre in consultation with Council until such time that the area is re-provided to a standard in alignment with the relevant Urban Design and Landscape Plan.</p>

Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
0.04ha (12%)	<p>The public open space at the Remembrance Gardens is to be reinstated in accordance with the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.</p> <p>The design detail of the returned public open space, including seating and trees, will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).</p>

Gardiners Creek Reserve

Description	
Public open space on the west side of Gardiners Creek.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	N/A
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	<div>Reinstate the Gardiners Creek Reserve to the same or better standard following re-naturalisation of Gardiners Creek, in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.</div> <div>The design detail of the returned public open space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).</div>

Sinnott Street Reserve, Burwood

Description	
Local grassed park with children’s playground and BBQ area.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
0.86ha (100%)	Provide a temporary playground or play space within the catchment of the existing playground.
Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	<div>Provide new permanent public open space within the station precinct in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.</div> <div>The design detail of the returned public open space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).</div>

Box Hill Gardens

Description	
Box Hill Gardens is a large community park with high-quality amenities including hardstand multi-activity area with courts, table tennis, and shade shelters, playground, two public bathroom facilities, 1km walking / running track with distance markers, small lake, wide expanses of passive turf grass well shaded by mature trees. It includes an underground water harvesting system used for irrigation.	
Temporary Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
1.67ha (24.9%)	<div><b>Box Hill Gardens:</b> Create an attractive edge to the construction site that minimises amenity impacts.  As per EMF EPR SC6 <i>Minimise Disruption and Impacts on residents of Uniting AgeWell at Box Hill</i>, provide a minimum 10 metre separation from the Uniting AgeWell facility during construction to assist in addressing amenity impacts on the facility and to provide safe and amenable access to the Box Hill Gardens from Station Street.  Provide a shared path connecting to the walking and running tracks within the Box Hill Gardens from Station Street during construction.  Prior to the commencement of construction activities (excluding preparatory works and utility works) in the Box Hill Gardens, enhance the area of the gardens which will not be occupied to accommodate increased utilisation during construction.</div> <div><b>Offset open space:</b> Prior to the commencement of construction activities (excluding preparatory works and utility works) in the Box Hill Gardens provide:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) New open space in one or more locations within 1.6 km of the Box Hill SRL station with a total area of at least 1 hectare; or</li><li>b) If new open space cannot be provided within 1.6km of the Box Hill SRL station, enhancements to existing passive open space within 1.6km of the Box Hill SRL station; or</li><li>c) A combination of (a) and (b).</li></ul>All new/upgraded existing open space should have particular regard for Principle 2.1.2.</div>

Permanent Impacts	
Estimated area affected	Actions
Oha	<div>Restore existing Box Hill Gardens assets such as the looped trail and reinstate landscaping and trees to equivalent or better-quality following construction in accordance with EPR HH7.</div> <div>Create an inviting and attractive restored space which responds to the cultural values of the local community.</div>



Whitehorse Road Linear Reserve

Description

The west portion between the Box Hill tram station and Station Street, is a grassed plaza and trees. The area to the east of Station Street features a small, paved plaza area and war memorial.

Temporary Impacts

Estimated area affected	Actions
7.9ha (100%)	Ensure construction activities are managed in accordance with the EMF.  Consider where Interim Land Uses may be able to be incorporated, to be delivered through the EPR LUP2 <i>Interim Land Use Plan</i>

Permanent Impacts

Estimated area affected	Actions
0ha	Returned public open space is to be provided within the Project Land, in accordance with the public space requirements in the Urban Design Strategy and within the public realm areas as shown in the Surface and Tunnel Plans.  The design detail of the returned open public space will be provided through the Urban Design and Landscape Plans (as per the relevant clauses of the SRL East Incorporated Document).

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Chain of Parks

Description

Current land fill site identified in the ‘Chain of Parks’ proposal to rehabilitate former land fill sites to public open space.

Temporary Impacts

Estimated area affected	Actions
N/A	N/A

Permanent Impacts

Estimated area affected	Actions
To be confirmed as part of finalising the design of the Stabling Facility and the area of land it requires.	As a matter of high priority, work with the City of Kingston, the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning and other stakeholders to identify alternative land to be included in the Chain of Parks concept, such as land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— having similar land area;</li><li>— having direct connections to existing open space in the Chain of Parks or allowing connections into land identified for future open space;</li><li>— providing opportunities to deliver passive and active open space.</li><li>— availability to support the establishment of the new open space prior to the operation of the stabling facility</li></ul> The optimal offsetting solution might not result in one single site but might involve the acquisition of a number of sites that could perform different roles in the network of open spaces.





# Appendix A – Statement of Corporate Intent

## 1. Purpose

This Appendix summarises the public open space assessment that was undertaken to inform the draft Public Open Space Framework (POSF) prepared for Exhibition for the EES. It provides an overview of the public open space impacted by the project and a description of the public open space context for each relevant station precinct.

The preparation of the Public Open Space Management Plans (POSMPs) as required by the POSF, should not rely on the information contained within this Appendix, noting public open space provisions change over time and this Appendix is not a 'live' document documenting changes over the design and construction phases of the Project.

## 2. Public Open Space Descriptions

### 2.1. Cheltenham

Land uses in the SRL station at Cheltenham are predominately commercial, public open space, rail and public road. The area generally sits between Kingston and Bayside local government areas and comprises Sir William Fry Reserve, Southland Shopping Centre and associated car parking,

rail infrastructure including an existing rail line and Southland railway station, commercial buildings including offices, retail businesses and services, residential dwellings and apartment buildings.

There is approximately 40.21 ha of public open space within 1.6km of the proposed SRL station at Cheltenham, see Figure 1.

Figure 1 Open Space within 1.6km radius of proposed SRL station at Cheltenham



### 2.1.1. Sir William Fry Reserve

Sir William Fry Reserve, originally part of the old Highett Gasworks site, is a regionally enjoyed open space used for recreation such as walking, a playground, a skate park and also community events such as the Kingston Farmers Market. It is characterised by its gently undulating topography, open grassy areas and a lake. Large eucalypts provide significant canopy cover and contribute to the well-established landscape.

It includes a range amenities, including a half basketball course, as well as a well utilised skatepark, as detailed below.

#### Cheltenham Skate Park

Cheltenham Skate Park is located within Sir William Fry Reserve. The skate park is used for skateboarding, BMX, rollerblading and scooter activities. Competitions are also held at the skate park as part of an initiative to engage young people.





2.2. Stabling Facility

The Stabling Facility would be located on land with a diversity of land use including a former quarry and current clean fill site, plant nursery, dog play park, materials site and two residential dwellings. The site is situated north of Kingston Road with Dingley Bypass to the east and residential properties to the west. The main access to the site would be from Old Dandenong Road.

Public open space adjacent to the site includes the Henry Street Reserve and Kingston Walk Linear Reserve.

The Site was reserved via a Public Acquisition Overlay and was to form part of the progressive implementation of the “Sandbelt” Chain of Parks.

There is approximately 57.81 ha of public open space within 1.6km of the proposed Stabling Facility, see Figure 2, below.

Figure 2 Open Space within 1.6km radius of proposed Stabling Facility



2.2.1. Chain of Parks Concept

The Stabling Facility site is within the Kingston Green Wedge and is included in the Chain of Parks concept. The Chain of Parks is a series of interconnected parklands stretching from Warrigal Road, Heatherton to Springvale Road, Dingley. It reimagines the future of closed landfill sites, includes 355 hectares of “core parkland”, and is interwoven with a shared bicycle and pedestrian network.

2.2.2. Henry Street Linear Reserve and Kingston Linear Walk Reserve

The Henry Street reserve (part of the Kingston Walk Linear Reserve) provides a linear reserve that connects to Karkarook Park to the north. The Kingston Walk Linear Reserve and walking trails offer a passive recreational community asset which includes the Henry Street playground.

Figure 3 Kingston Open Space Framework Plan, showing Chain of Parks (Clause 02.04 of Kingston Planning Scheme) (retrieved September 2022)





2.3. Clayton

Land uses in the SRL station at Clayton Study Area are predominately residential, commercial and transport, including public roads and the Pakenham/Cranbourne rail line.

Clayton is designated as a Major Activity Centre in Plan Melbourne 2017-2050, with Clayton Road being a focal point of the Activity Centre and providing local shopping and services.

There is approximately 45.82 ha of public open space within 1.6km of the proposed SRL station at Clayton, see Figure 4, below.

Figure 4 Open Space within 1.6km radius of proposed SRL station at Clayton



2.3.1. Clayton Remembrance Gardens

Clayton Remembrance Gardens is a small, treed civic space with some seating. It is located on Clayton Road and is the forecourt to Clayton Hall, including a semicircular driveway providing an access point to the hall.

In front of the hall is the Remembrance Gardens, a small garden originally created with a cenotaph to host ANZAC and Remembrance Day services. The cenotaph was relocated in 2018 to a new location adjacent to the Clayton RSL following the rebuild of Clayton railway station. Following the removal of the cenotaph, all Remembrance Day Services moved from the Remembrance Gardens to the RSL Memorial and Remembrance Space in Carinish Road.

2.3.2. Djerring Trail and Clayton Community Space

The Djerring Trail is a 12-km shared walking and cycling path from Caulfield to Dandenong, located along the Cranbourne-Pakenham rail line. The trail connects existing paths and recreational areas such as Noble Park’s aquatic centre and skate park. The trail is used for walking, running, bike riding and dog walking.

The Djerring Trail was built as part of the Level Crossing Removal Project that removed nine level crossings between Caulfield and Dandenong.

Clayton Community Space is an urban community park located under the rail viaduct and was also built delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Authority. The colourful design includes climbing/ bouldering, ping pong tables, skateable features and basketball courts.





2.4. Burwood

The area comprises residential dwellings, Deakin University, Burwood Highway, industrial and utilities sites and public open space including Bennettswood Reserve, Sinnott Street Reserve, the Burwood Skyline Drive-In Playground, the Local History Park and the Gardiners Creek Reserve. The residential areas typically feature tree-lined streets with medium to large blocks and detached housing, with the areas to the west of Gardiners Creek having more consolidated developments including townhouses and apartments.

The areas has a leafy character with patches of native and planted trees providing canopy cover. Part of the area is affected by a Heritage Overlay (HO281) which relates to the Burwood Skyline Drive-In Cinema, Australia’s first drive-in cinema. While much of the cinema infrastructure has been demolished or removed, there are a series of remnant buildings and structures which remain from the drive-in period.

There is approximately 92.67ha of public open space within 1.6km of the proposed SRL station at Burwood, see Figure 5, below.

Figure 5 Open Space within 1.6km radius of proposed SRL station at Burwood



2.4.1. Gardiners Creek Reserve and Local History Park

Gardiners Creek Reserve is a bushland reserve in Burwood managed by the City of Whitehorse. The reserve follows the path of Gardiners Creek, west of Station Street and continuing south-west between Deakin University down to Burwood Highway. Gardiners Creek itself, begins further north-east at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and eventually flows into the Yarra River in Toorak. Gardiners Creek Reserve features walking and cycling tracks on either side of the creek as well as shaded rest areas. The Gardiners Creek Reserve also include a shared path used by the local community as well as cyclists and other people traveling north south through Burwood.

There are several local tourist attractions at the Local History Park such as the Early Settlers Shelter which is located across the heavy timber bridge. The park was the site of Australia’s first drive-in cinema which opened in 1954 and closed in 1983.

2.4.2. Burwood Skyline Drive-In Playground and Sinnott Street Reserve

The site is the historical location of the entry to the drive-in cinema and the site has some interpretive signage explaining the history of the retained ticket booth structure, trees and entry driveway.

The site has a playground for young children, passive grass area, walking path and a BBQ/ picnic area which utilises the historical theatre ticket booth.





2.5. Box Hill

Box Hill is a Metropolitan Activity Centre, providing a hub of employment, education, health, dining, retail and entertainment uses in Melbourne’s east. Box Hill is also a major transport interchange.

Box Hill is anchored by the major retail shopping area at its core. Main Street and Market Street (Box Hill Mall) provide pedestrian-focused public spaces lined by retail shop frontages and eateries. These spaces link into the Box Hill Central shopping centre and its mix of anchor retail outlets, a fresh food market and smaller retail providers.

The area also includes the Box Hill Institute and a number of hospitals and health services.

Box Hill is experiencing strong demand for high density living with numerous residential and mixed-use developments of significant size in recent years.

Box Hill Gardens is also located to the north of the activity area.

There is approximately 54.2ha of public open space within 1.6km of the proposed SRL station at Box Hill, Figure 6, below.

2.5.1. Box Hill Gardens

Established in the 1920s, this large multi-purpose park provides valuable amenity to patients, hospital staff, residents of a local aged care facility and the wider community. The park provides for a range of passive and active recreational uses including a 1km running track (Wrightes Run), exercise stations, sports courts, playgrounds and manicured gardens. There are also barbeque and toilet facilities as well as an ornamental lake and more formal gardens.

ANZAC Day commemorative services are held at the war memorials located in the south-west corner of the Box Hill Gardens. Box Hill Gardens also hosts community events such as Global Fiesta.

2.5.2. Whitehorse Road Linear Reserve

Whitehorse Road/Maroondah Highway Linear Reserve is located within the road corridor, with the highway running on either side. The west portion between the Box Hill tram station and Station Street, is a grassed plaza and trees. The area to the east of Station Street features a small, paved plaza area and war memorial. The Box Hill Ballet Centre is located on the linear reserve.

Figure 6 Open Space within 1.6km radius of proposed SRL station at Box Hill





# Glossary and abbreviations

<b>Environment Effects Statement (EES)</b>	The Environment Effects Statement (EES) is a detailed assessment of the environmental impacts during construction delivery and operational phases of SRL, including mitigation measures and environmental performance requirements. The EES process is the most extensive level of formal planning and environmental assessment available in Victoria. The Suburban Rail Loop Ministerial Guidelines for Assessment of Environmental Effects (September 2020) set out the guidelines for assessment of environmental effects of the Project.	<b>Project Land</b>	The Project Land is the land described on maps to which an incorporated document applies to facilitate the delivery of the Project through a Planning Scheme Amendment.
<b>Environmental Management Framework (EMF)</b>	<p>The Incorporated Document requires the Project to comply with an Environmental Management Framework (EMF) approved by the Minister for Planning. The EMF includes Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) that define environmental outcomes that must be achieved during the design, construction, and operation phases of the Project.</p> <p>Compliance with the EMF and EPRs are monitored by an Independent Environmental Auditor and enforced through the contractual requirements for delivery and operation of the Project.</p>	<b>Public Open Space Advisory Panel (POSAP)</b>	As set out in the SRL East Incorporated Document, the Public Open Space Advisory Panel (POSAP) is to be chaired by an independent expert and comprise independent experts with specialist expertise in open space, urban design, community consultation and landscape architecture, and a local council representative for impacts on Public Open Space within their municipalities.
<b>Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs)</b>	Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) define the environmental outcomes that must be achieved during design, construction and operation of the Project. The EPRs are intended to minimise impacts and the risk of harm to human health and environment so far as reasonably practicable.	<b>Public Open Space Framework (POSF)</b>	This document.
<b>SRL East Incorporated Document (Incorporated Document)</b>	The SRL East Incorporated Document, incorporated into a planning scheme under section 6(2)(j) of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> , facilitates the use and development of land to deliver the rail infrastructure for SRL East. It includes conditions that must be complied with, including conditions relating to public open space and the Public Open Space Advisory Panel.	<b>Public Open Space Management Plans (POSMPs)</b>	Plans prepared as set out within the Public Open Space Framework.
<b>Project</b>	SRL East - The first stage of Suburban Rain Loop from Cheltenham to Box Hill.	<b>Offset public open space</b>	New public open space that is to be provided as set out within this document (Public Open Space Framework) and to be delivered in accordance with the relevant Public Open Space Management Plan.
		<b>Returned public open space</b>	<p>Public open space that has been occupied for the purpose of the construction of the project, but that is to be returned to public open space to the equivalent or better quality than what was occupied during construction, in accordance with this document (Public Open Space Framework) and the SRL Urban Design Strategy.</p> <p>The returned public open space is to provide outdoor recreation, leisure and/or environmental benefits and/or visual amenity and may include open spaces, parks, plazas and other urban public spaces (but excludes roads, laneways and corridors that primarily function to support movement of people and/or vehicles). Refer to Chapter 5.3 of the SRL East Urban Design Strategy for the attributes and characteristics required for SRL public spaces.</p>

**SRLA**

Suburban Rail Loop Authority was established in 2019 an administrative office of the Department of Transport that is responsible for the planning and delivery of the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL), on behalf of the Victorian government, from Cheltenham to Melbourne Airport. Following the proclamation of the *Suburban Rail Loop Act 2021*, SRLA became a statutory authority and took over all functions from the administrative office.

**Urban Design and Landscape Plans (UDLPs)**

Plans prepared as required within the Incorporated Document must be prepared in accordance with the Urban Design Strategy and generally in accordance with the surface and tunnel plans approved under the Incorporated Document.

**Suburban Rail Loop East Urban Design Strategy (Urban Design Strategy)**

The Incorporated Document requires an urban design strategy that has been approved by the Minister for Planning. The Project must be carried out in accordance with the approved urban design strategy. The Suburban Rail Loop East Urban Design Strategy establishes the urban design requirements for the Project.

The Urban Design Strategy:

- Sets out what contractors and delivery partners must achieve through the Project’s design
- Seeks to ensure consistently high-quality urban design and context appropriate urban design outcomes
- Provides a performance-based design brief that drives high quality design and offers opportunities for innovation in response to criteria
- Provides a design quality assessment and evaluation tool.

The Urban Design Strategy has been developed to ensure:

- Positive outcomes that benefit places and communities
- Avoidance, minimisation and mitigation of impacts arising from the Project.

