



# Northern Business Liaison Group

We at the North East Link Project acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of the land on which the Project stands, and respectfully recognise Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of lands across Australia where we conduct business, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures and heritage.

**Welcome**

Jeni Coutts, Chair

# Agenda

1. Welcome and outstanding business
2. CPB works update
3. Spark and Tunnelling package
4. Northern Package Update
5. NBLG member feedback report
6. Open forum
7. Other business



# CPB early works update

Chris Logan and Kate Zisos  
CPB Contractors

# Overview

- Borlase Reserve
- Watsonia Station
- Telecommunication services
- Northern gas works

# Borlase Reserve and surrounds

- All service relocation works on Borlase Reserve and surrounding streets are nearing completion
- Reinstatement activities are well underway. This includes local roads, nature strips and the shared user path along Greensborough Road and Lower Plenty Road
- Still targeting completion for the end of March at Borlase Reserve
- Exception of the water pressure reducing station in Coleen Reserve - to be completed by the end of April
- Early Works program on Greensborough Road is complete, following 18 months of service relocations
- Road surface has been reinstated and line marked
- Some lane configuration changes near Lower Plenty Road intersection will remain in place for the next stage of works



# Ongoing work at Watsonia Station

- New car spaces at Watsonia Station installed and will be operational following installation of CCTV cameras and lighting
- At the end of March, minor changes to traffic and pedestrian signs will be made to reflect the new reconfiguration of the car park
- Pedestrian access is maintained safely through this area





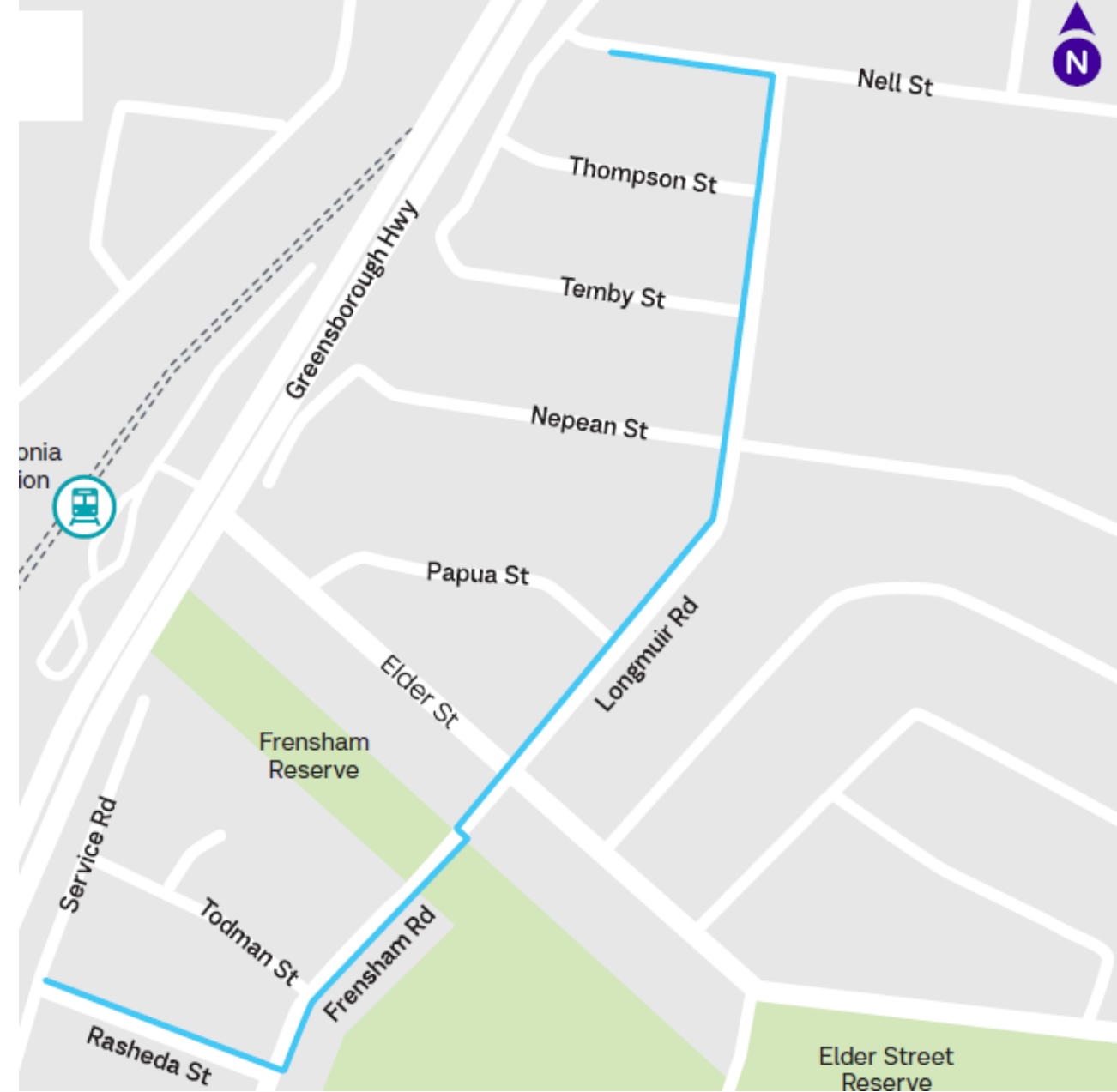
# Upcoming work at Watsonia Station

- We are expecting Telstra to start constructing their new tower in April
- Other telecommunication service providers also use equipment on this tower and we are working with them to obtain a schedule of works
- At this stage, at least 54 car spaces will be occupied by construction activity until mid year, however we are awaiting more information on this



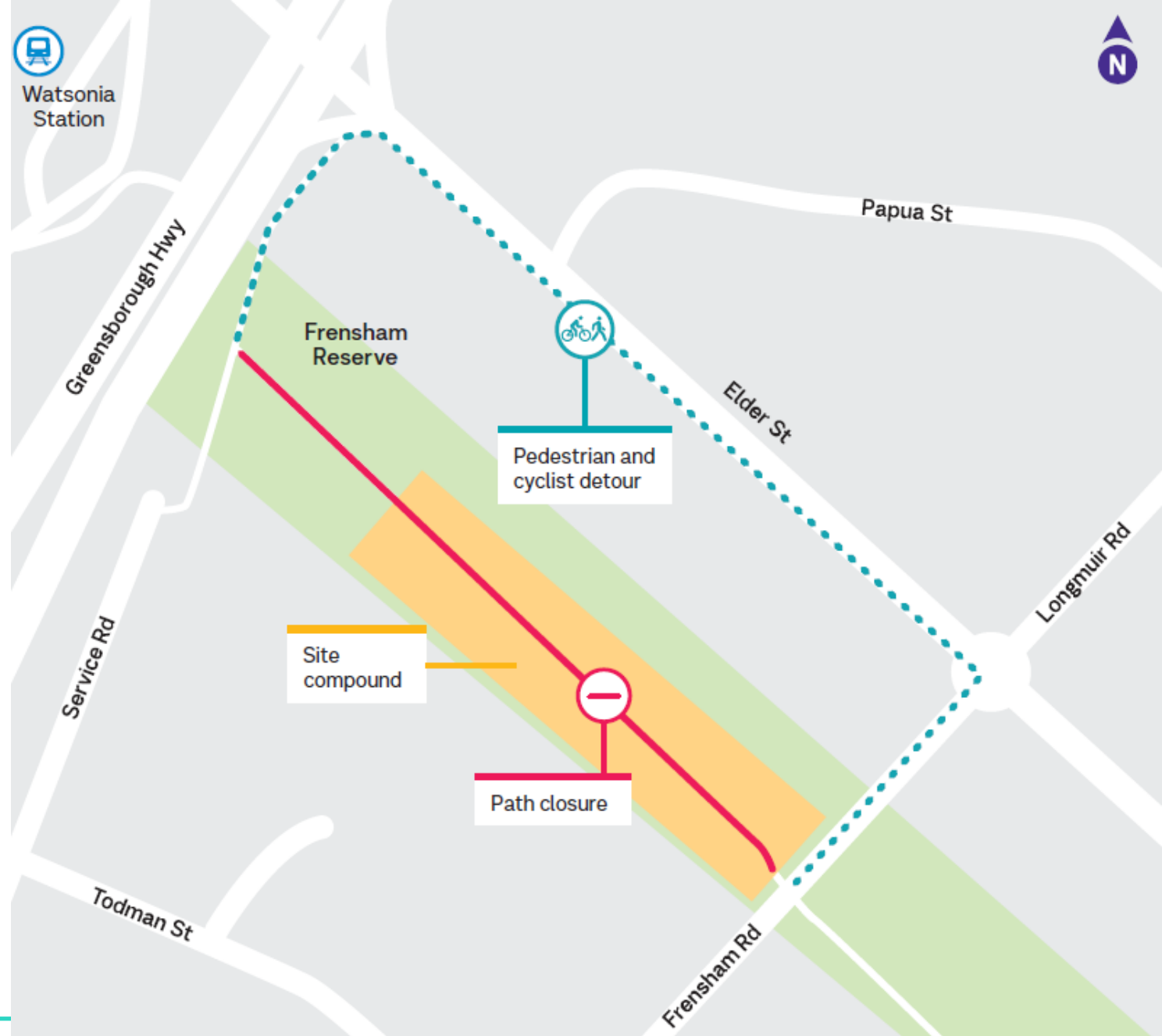
# Ongoing telecommunication service relocation

- Telecommunication service works commenced last month
- Currently drilling conduit down Longmuir Road, with a road closure between Temby Street and Nell Street currently in place. Detour via 'Old' Greensborough Road
- All works are during the day
- Works and reinstatement expected to be finalised by the middle of the year



# Frensham Reserve Site Compound

- Works are ramping up this week at Frensham Reserve
- The shared user path was closed yesterday and is being detoured around Elder Street
- Increased truck movements to site as rock is delivered to construct the site's haul road and hard stand
- The compound will be operational at night for the Watsonia Road gas relocation works. Neighbouring residents have been notified



# Watsonia Road Gas Relocation

- Ongoing discussions between CPB, NELP, utility provider APA and their subcontractor
- Works are anticipated to start from mid April
- Trader feedback regarding working hours has been raised with APA and their subcontractor
- NELP and CPB anticipate a program of works from APA next week and will provide further information following review of the program

# Tunnelling package

Holly Havers, SPARK

# Spark – working with traders

## Trader impact assessments

- Working to identify traders who may be impacted
- Plans to meet and undertake impact assessment surveys from April
- Data used to develop Trader Engagement Plan

## Trader involvement

- BLGs and trader representative organisations will be involved in developing Trader Engagement Plan
- Full consultation throughout
- Initiatives will include marking / promo support traders know will work for them
- Plan regularly updated in consultation with trader community.

# Urban Design and Landscape Plan - engagement

- The UDLP communicates the vision, look and feel for what communities will experience when the project is complete and beyond
- Public exhibition to commence after Easter
- UDLP public exhibition will be promoted widely online and we'll be hosting sessions at NELP Watsonia Hub and the Veneto Club
- UDLP consultation will be hosted on Engage Victoria website.



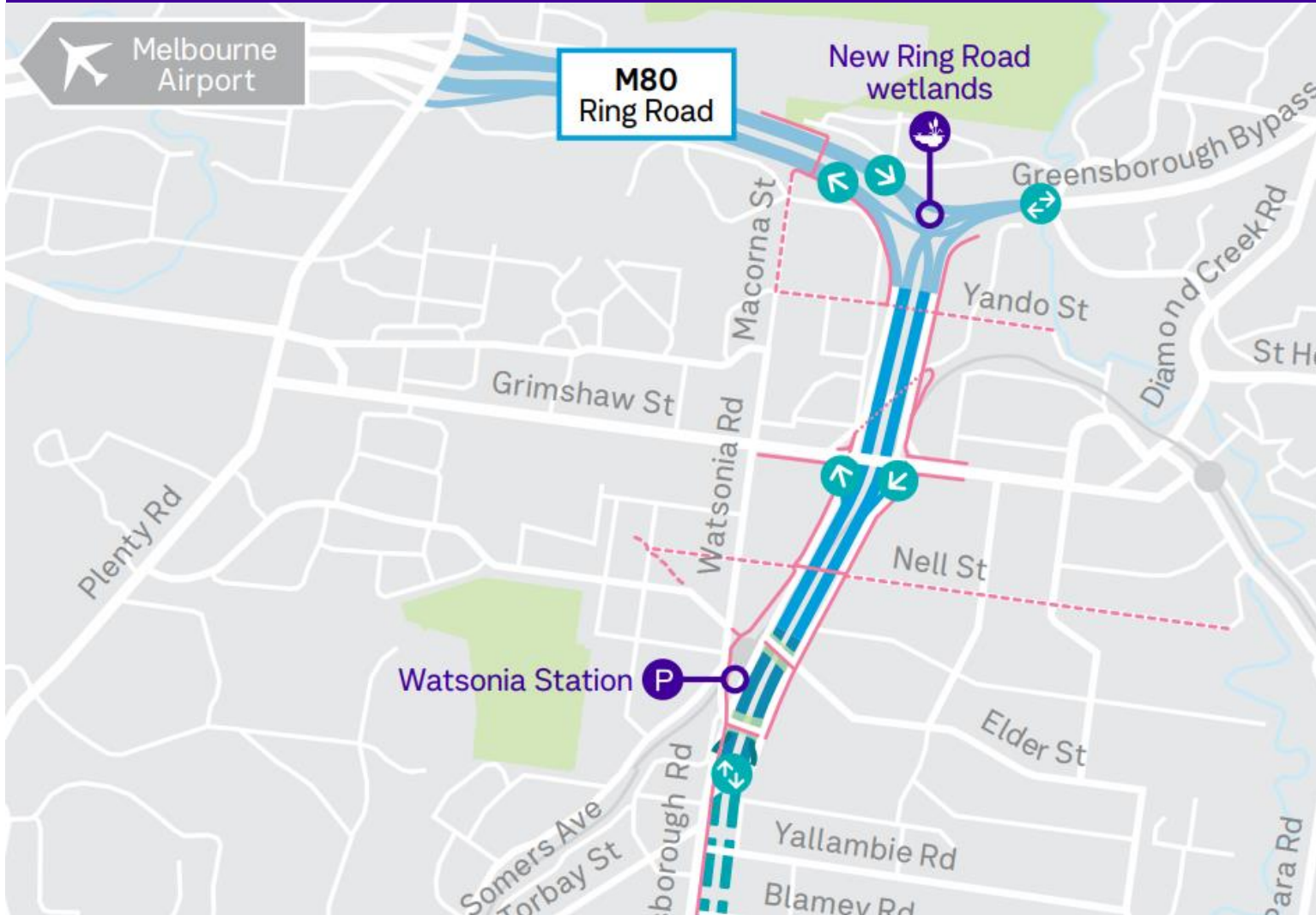
Artist's impression of Borlase Reserve

# Northern Package update

Christopher Woodroffe, NELP



# Project Scope – Northern Package



**Seamless interchange** between M80, Greensborough Bypass and new North East Link

New and upgraded **walking and cycling** paths

New **Yando Street** walking and cycling underpass

New **Grimshaw Street** interchange, improving traffic flow and local access

New **Nell Street** walking and cycling overpass

Direct connections for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians at **Elder Street** and **Watsonia Road**

New **Watsonia Station** car park and better bus connections

New **planting and landscaping**, including Ring Road wetlands

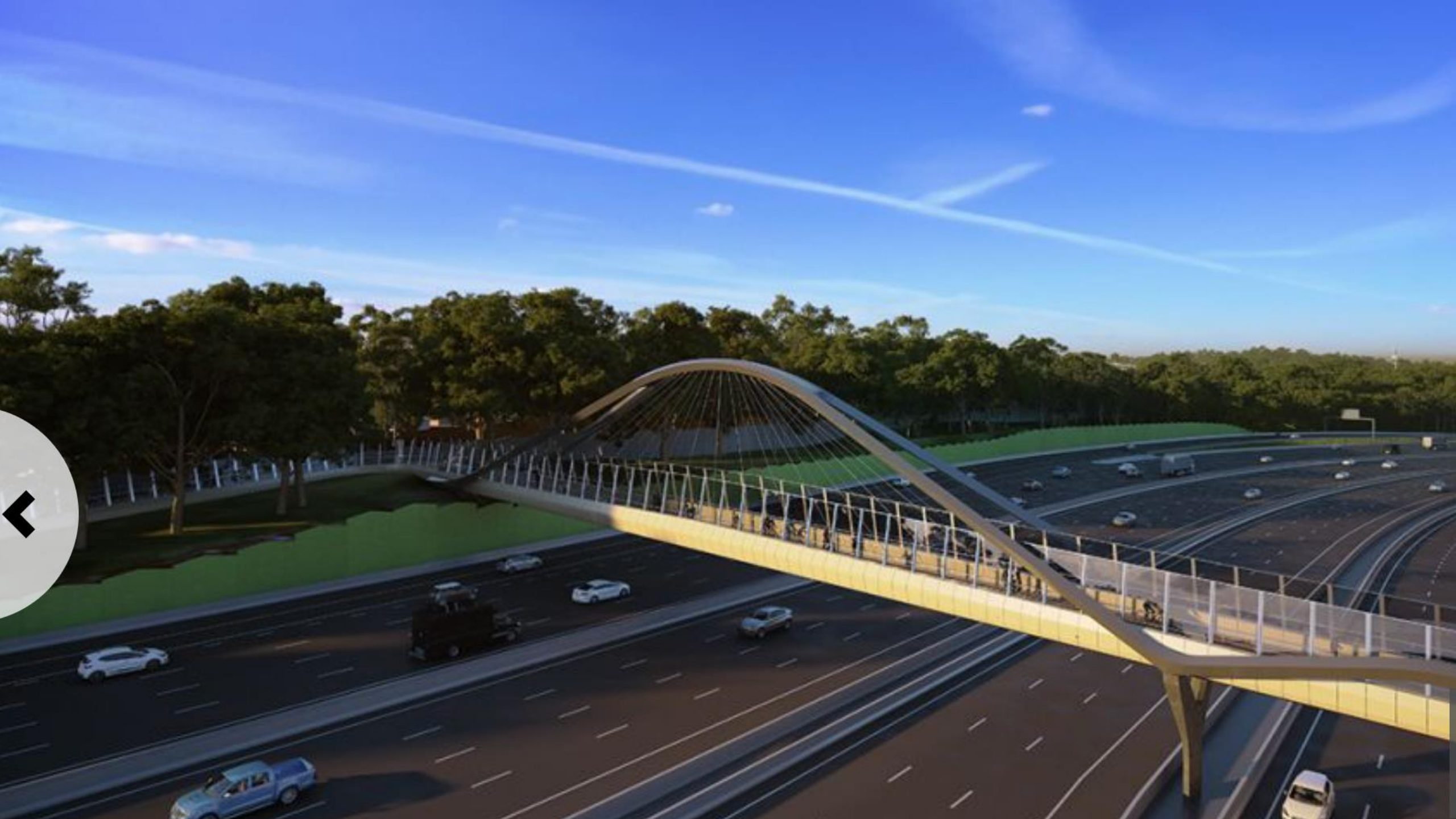
# Expected timing – Northern Package

## M80 Ring Road Completion

- 2017** North East Link announced
- 2017-21** Community consultation, planning and EES to inform whole-of-project design
- 2022** M80 Ring Road Completion design and planning continues  
Seeking project builders
- 2023** Successful bidder expected to be appointed  
Opportunity for community feedback
- 2024** Major works expected to start
- 2027/28** Road opens with tunnels

*Dates are subject to change*





# Questions



# Member feedback report

Renato Marnich, NELP

# Member feedback

## Time

- Early start time suits business owners/operators

## Frequency

- Current six weeks schedule is suitable
- Look to align meeting with major milestones
- Review frequency once construction has begun

# Member feedback

## General Feedback

- Interactive engagement
- Case studies of successful methods used in other major projects.
- Draw on other successful MTIA initiatives to promote local business.



# Open Forum

Jeni Coutts, Chair

# Other business

Jeni Coutts, Chair



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