

**MELBOURNE METRO RAIL PROJECT ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT**  
**INQUIRY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MMRA TECHNICAL NOTE**

**TECHNICAL NOTE NUMBER:** 044  
**DATE:** 19 August 2016  
**PRECINCT:** Parkville Station Precinct  
**EES/MAP BOOK REFERENCE:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Parkville Precinct Reference Group

**NOTE:**

1. The construction of the station and tunnel works in the Parkville area requires special consideration having regard to its proximity to special sensitive uses including hospitals and medical research uses.
2. The EES predicts potential noise and vibration impacts in this precinct and highlights the need for management measures and consultation during construction. There are also potential traffic and access issues during construction.
3. In the lead up to exhibition of the EES and post exhibition there has been substantial consultation between MMRA and the various institutions. Significant changes have already been made to the design and location of the Parkville station box as a direct result of this consultation. MMRA is continuing to consult with these significant stakeholders to understand their complex set of requirements, which are helping to develop the EPRs for noise and vibration. These EPRs will include a range of obligations including case management at particular facilities and for particular equipment.
4. Given the special circumstances of this precinct MMRA has established a dedicated forum, the Parkville Precinct Reference Group, to assist in the mitigation and management of construction impacts associated with construction of the tunnels and station in Parkville.
5. Membership of the Reference Group consists of senior representatives from MMRA, Project contractors, government agencies and key medical, research and academic institutions and organisations in the precinct with a current list provided in **Attachment A**.

6. The Parkville Precinct Reference Group will provide a forum at which:
  - a. MMRA and the appointed contractors will share with Reference Group members relevant information about the construction of the project in a timely manner;
  - b. the health, research and education institutions continue to inform MMRA and the appointed contractors of aspects of their operations that are sensitive to the impacts of construction;
  - c. the health, research and education institutions can be informed as to the upcoming construction activities within the Parkville precinct, and on the specific measures that will be implemented to address potential impacts on the operations of the institutions;
  - d. members can manage interfaces between the project and other local construction projects (both current and planned) and potentially affected events in the Parkville precinct; and
  - e. other project issues requiring stakeholder input can be raised and discussed.
7. It is also envisaged the Reference Group will help in coordinating information, understanding specific requirements of members, and how these requirements relate to the EPRs.
8. An Independent Chairperson with recognised experience in community consultation and management will be appointed by the State Government. The independence of the chairperson is intended to facilitate co-operation between various stakeholders while also having separation from the contractor and MMRA management.
9. Importantly, the Reference Group is not seen as a substitute for one-on-one consultation with the Parkville institutions as and when it is required. This will continue to be an essential feature of stakeholder consultation to address the institutions' specific issues and concerns.
10. The first meeting of the Reference Group was convened on 2 August 2016 at which representatives from the invited institutions attended. Draft Terms of Reference were discussed and notes were taken.
11. The formal protocols for the Reference Group will be resolved under the guidance of the Independent Chairperson. For present purposes MMRA proposes that the Reference Group meet every six weeks at the outset and more frequently as construction progresses.
12. MMRA suggests that the establishment of the Parkville Precinct Reference Group is also formalised by an EPR and this has been included in IAC Version 1.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Current list of Reference Group members

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Members of the Parkville Precinct Reference Group**

#### **Government agencies**

- MMRA
- Public Transport Victoria
- VicRoads
- Victorian Department of Health and Human Services
- Ambulance Victoria
- Yarra Trams

#### **Institutions / Organisations**

- Bio21 Molecular Science & Biotechnology Institute
- City of Melbourne
- Gene Technology Access Centre
- Melbourne Business School
- Melbourne Health (Royal Melbourne Hospital)
- Melbourne Private Hospital
- Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Royal Children's Hospital
- Royal Women's Hospital (Cushman & Wakefield)
- The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health
- The Graduate Union of the University of Melbourne (Graduate House)
- University High School
- University of Melbourne
- Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

#### **Contractors**

- Early Works – Senior representative(s)
- Tunnel and Stations Public Private Partnership (PPP) – not yet appointed
- Rail Systems Alliance (RSA) – not yet appointed