



What to consider when finding a new rental property

For residential tenants

Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) is a city and State-shaping project that will transform Victoria's public transport system, connecting our suburbs and making travel easier and more convenient.

It can be a difficult time for renters affected by the compulsory acquisition and relocation process required to enable the safe construction of major infrastructure projects such as Suburban Rail Loop, and some aspects may be hard to understand.

To support you in finding a new rental property, we have compiled a checklist of issues to consider before moving to a new location. These include due diligence requirements and other essential information from real estate industry leaders and associations.

What you should consider when looking for a new rental property

- What is your preferred area or suburb?
Are you familiar with the character of the area?
- Have you undertaken an inspection of the property?
- Have you obtained a property condition report?
- Does the property experience flooding or bushfire?
- Is the soil or groundwater affected or contaminated by previous land use?
- Did you check for other factors, such as access to transport or parking/amenities?

- Does the property fit your needs? Do you plan to make changes to the property?
- Is there appropriate heating and cooling?
- Have you checked if the property would have electricity, gas, a working phone line and internet?

You should check the local council's website to find out about the local amenities and services available for residents. Knowing what you want will help you avoid renting a property that does not meet your needs.

Budget before you rent

- Assess your current financial commitments
- Arrange for Bond and renters insurance
- How often can the rent increase?

Visit Consumer Affairs Victoria at consumer.vic.gov.au to know more about the expanded rights and responsibilities of renters.

Before moving to the new property

- Ensure the property is clean
- Get your spare keys from the real estate agent
- Consider how to support your pets during the move
- Organise house and contents insurance
- Start packing or book in your packing service
- Notify appropriate parties of the change of address
- Organise truck parking and lift bookings if required.

Sources: Consumer Affairs Victoria, consumer.vic.gov.au/housing/renting

After moving into the new property

- Change your address details where appropriate
- Check if your utilities are up and running
- Inspect your new home thoroughly
- Keep your property condition report safe and handy
- Find healthcare providers.

Contact us

Your Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Case Manager is the best person to guide you through your acquisition circumstances. You can find their contact details on the cover letter that accompanied your Notice of Intention to Acquire.

If you have any questions about the project or are unsure who your Case Manager is, contact the SRL Property team on **1800 105 105** or email property@srla.vic.gov.au.

More information

To find out more about Suburban Rail Loop:

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