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ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT
YAN YEAN ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 2**

Aboriginal Cultural and Historical Heritage

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) for Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2 examines the potential environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the Project and identifies how they will be avoided, mitigated or managed.

To inform the EES for the Project, we completed a series of technical investigations.

We engaged a team of independent technical experts to carry out these investigations that included field surveys, non-destructive digging, desktop modelling and assessments.

The results of these investigations helped us to develop plans to effectively manage, or in some instances mitigate, the potential impacts the Project could have on Aboriginal cultural and historical heritage in the area.

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What the studies found

To inform the Aboriginal Cultural and Historical Heritage Impact Assessment technical report, the technical specialists completed a series of assessments, including a Preliminary Cultural Heritage Appraisal assessment.

The results of these assessments allowed us to develop a draft Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Project, which will be submitted for approval once the EES process is complete.

The impact assessment identified two Aboriginal places within the Project area and an additional four Aboriginal places within 50m of the Project area.

The Preliminary Cultural Heritage Appraisal assessment identified two historical heritage places within the Project area, which are recorded in the local government Heritage Overlay. A site inspection did not identify any further heritage places.

The six Aboriginal places identified in the assessment consist of one area of stone artefact scatter and five areas of sparse artefacts.

The two historical heritage places identified during the PCHA are the two River Red Gum trees on the corner of Doctors Gully Road and Yan Yean Road, and St Michael's Anglican Church.

The project could possibly have a minor impact on the church grounds but not the church building. This detail will be managed during the detailed design of the Project.

Preliminary Cultural Heritage Appraisal (PCHA)

A desktop assessment that involves searching relevant databases for cultural heritage sites and reviewing literature relating to any cultural heritage sites identified during the search.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)

A plan that assesses the potential impact of a proposed activity on Aboriginal cultural heritage and outlines measures to be taken before, during and after an activity to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area.

Minimising the impact

We've identified the construction and maintenance activities that have the potential to disturb or impact Aboriginal places and historical heritage places. These activities include:



Tree and vegetation removal



Establishing construction site compounds and earthworks



Removal of hazardous material



Protecting and relocating utility services



Widening the road, building roundabouts and upgrading intersections



Drainage and pavement works and landscaping



Road and landscaping maintenance once the upgrade is complete

As part of the Project's Environmental Management Framework (EMF), we'll put Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) and controls in place to manage Aboriginal cultural and historical heritage respectfully and appropriately, both during construction and after the road is operational.

Some examples of EPRs for responsibly managing Aboriginal cultural and historical heritage that are included in the EMF for the Project are:

- comply with and implement the CHMP approved under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006
- carry out a cultural heritage induction with the Project workforce before construction begins
- if a previously unidentified Aboriginal archaeological place is discovered during construction, follow the contingency management protocol outlined in the CHMP to avoid and minimise any impacts
- the protocol for dealing with a previously unidentified Aboriginal archaeological place must include procedures for stopping work immediately if human remains or archaeological artefacts are discovered, notifying Heritage Victoria of the find, obtaining consent to deal with the remains or artefacts, and dealing with the remains or artefacts in accordance with that consent
- the management protocol of all historic heritage sites in the Project area must be consistent with the requirements of the Heritage Act 2017. This includes making sure that:
 - design of permanent and temporary works avoids adverse effects on the two River Red Gum trees identified within the Heritage Overlay
 - a heritage impact statement is developed in consultation with Nillumbik Shire Council for land impacted within a Heritage Overlay
 - implement No-Go Zones (NGZs) to minimise impacts, including restricting parking over structural root zones of protected trees
 - apply for any permit required to impact listed heritage items, as stated in Clause 43.01 of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.





Our commitment

We understand and share the value the community places on the local environment and the history of the area. We've developed an Environmental Management Framework (EMF) that provides a transparent and integrated framework for managing the Project's environmental impact.

The EMF establishes Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) that set the environmental outcomes that must be achieved during design, construction and operation of the new road.

EPRs have been developed to address the Project's identified impacts and deliver environmental benefits.

You can view this as part of the EES documentation available for the Project.

We're committed to preserving the natural environment and protecting Aboriginal cultural and historical heritage while we deliver this important and much needed road upgrade.

EES Documentation

The EES, including the Aboriginal Cultural and Historical Heritage Impact Assessment, is available to view and on display for public comment from 31 August to 9 October 2020.

Commenting on the EES gives you a chance to have your views considered as part of the planning approvals decisions for Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2. You can read the EES on our website. Copies are also available on USB by request.

More Information

For more information about the EES process, where to read the document and how to make a submission visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/yyr-ees.

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