

Meeting minutes

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Date: Thursday 17 February 2022 **Time:** 3:00PM-4:30PM
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Program: Suburban Rail Loop (SRL)
Title: SRL Burwood Precinct Reference Group
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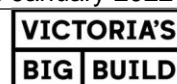
Attendees

- Louisa McPhee, GHD
- Sheila O'Sullivan, Community Representative
- John Wilson, Community Representative
- Tali Borowski, Mount Scopus Memorial College Foundation
- Michelle Mayur, Whitehorse Ratepayers & Residents Association
- Mark Coffey, Melbourne Water
- Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council
- Lissa van Camp, Director, Land Planning & Environment, SRLA
- Sham Sara, Deputy Director Strategic Communications and Engagement, SRLA
- Jesse Overton-Skinner, Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement, SRLA
- Charles Windeyer, Precinct Director, SRLA
- Adam Mellino, Senior Project Manager, SRLA
- Liam Morkham, Engagement Advisor, SRLA
- Will Roberts – Deputy Director SRLA Sarah Lane, Deakin University
- Hamish Blair – Presbyterian Ladies College
- Nathan Mattinson, Melbourne Water
- Charlotte Wang, Office of Will Fowles MP
- Lisa Rae – Communications and Engagement Manager (Laing O' Rourke)
- Jason Sweeney – Delivery Director (Laing O' Rourke)

Apologies: Will Fowles MP

Key discussion points

Sub-heading	Description
Welcome and housekeeping	<p>Louisa McPhee (LM) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the agenda items.</p> <p>Louisa McPhee (LM) reviewed the agenda and put the previous meeting minutes up for agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRG links sent re: information session bookings• Conflict of interest declarations (If required)
EES Update (LC)	<p>SRLA discussed the EES process and the public hearing process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submissions closed 16 December 2021• Total of 364 submissions received, ~20 submissions were received relating to the Burwood Precinct.• Directions Hearing took place via zoom on 28 January 2022



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Hearing to begin on 28 February via zoom. To run for approx. 10 weeks (until 5 May 2022) Noted that 150-200 of the submissions received wish to be heard during the public hearing <p>Action: SRL to send PRG the link to the hearing program.</p> <p>SRLA provided high level breakdown of the hearing program timeline (by week) and availability of expert witness statements.</p>
Q&A	No questions from PRG at this time.
Initial works update (WR)	<p>SRLA provided overview of Initial works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Works planning and approvals Overview of the scope and purpose of Initial and Early Works <p>Laing O'Rourke (LOR) team introduced the managing contractors to PRG and explained involvement from Laing O'Rourke</p> <p>LOR outlined key activities at Burwood in the coming months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that site investigations which include geotechnical investigations, locating underground services and soil sampling will all be part of the key activities. Timing for services relocation works is TBC. The Early Works (EW) are works that are being assessed via the EES process. <p>LOR shared site investigations area at Burwood with PRG</p> <p>LOR shared initial works map at Burwood with PRG</p>
Q&A	<p>Hamish Blair (HB) asked about interruptions to traffic at Burwood during early works, and if they will be disruptions to traffic.</p> <p>LOR response: LOR noted the disruptions which related to utility and site investigation works.</p> <p>Blair requested to be notified in advance of works to notify parents of local schools.</p> <p>Action: SRLA committed to sharing updates as program is finalised and working with local stakeholders to understand impacts.</p> <p>John Wilson (JW) asked when a case manager would be instated regarding acquisitions. A resident who contacted John had been told end of 2022, but he was under the impression it was mid-2022.</p> <p>SRLA response: SRLA noted the regulatory framework of the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 is the first step of the acquisition process and noted the key steps following this.</p> <p>JW: Noted that two neighbours had lost their husbands since project was announced, and the lack of clarity or engagement was causing distress among stakeholders.</p> <p>Action: SRLA thanked JW for raising the sensitive circumstances to SRLA's attention and advised that SRLA Manager, Landowner and Business Support would make it a priority to follow up with relevant individuals.</p> <p>John Wilson (JW) asked what happens in the event there is a change of government in Q4 regarding acquisition process?</p>

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	<p>SRLA response: noted that planning decision is expected to occur Q3 this year. Project staff not in a position to speculate.</p> <p>Sheila O'Sullivan (SoS) noted she understands there are formal public statements in relation to this project and purchase of land from opposition MPs (Specific to Monash and Burwood areas), Requested for those on-record statements to be shared with the PRG.</p> <p>SRLA response: noted project staff are not best placed to provide PRG members with research of this nature but could advise on the planning and delivery of the project.</p> <p>Sheila acknowledged that public servants may not be best placed to respond as appropriate. Sheila will take up with local member.</p> <p>Michelle Mayur (MM) asked if the 1.6km precinct radius was an exact control area and how much it might change as project progresses.</p> <p>SRLA response: Noted the 1600m is a starting point for the investigation.</p> <p>SRLA response: noted That this will be a subsequent process with additional consultation. SRLA thanked reference group for questions. Acknowledged many of the answers the community want will be available as the project progresses through the impact assessments, environmental requirements and the EES process.</p> <p>Mark shared the Yarra Strategic Plan had principles within the plan for catchment management, traditional owners and relevant to planning principles that reflected the approach SRL is taking.</p>
Actions and next steps	<p>Louisa McPhee shared a meeting outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 2 – Mid May • Meeting 3 - Early September • Meeting 4 – Mid December <p>The PRG stated a preference for PRG to be held in person. (4 votes for in-person, 3 for evenings)</p>

Actions – new

#	Action	Owner	Due	Status	Update
1.	SRLA to share the disruptions and impacts timeline for initial works with PRG.	SRLA		Pending – will be shared once program is confirmed	
2	SRL to send PRG the link to the hearing program	SRLA		Complete	Shared in meeting chat
3	SRLA Manager, Landowner and Business Support to follow up with John Wilson and other residents regarding land acquisition process	SRLA		Complete	Manager, Landowner and Business Support

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					Followed up with JW via phone on 18/2
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