Agenda

Community Liaison Group (North)

Date	Friday 29 March 2019	Time	10:00am – 12:00pm
Chair	Mike Marasco	Notes	Erin McPherson
Location	Watsonia Neighbourhood House		

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Mike Marasco (MM)	Independent Chair	Erin McPherson (EM)	North East Link Project
Kim Jordan (KJ)	North East Link Project	Gemma Boucher (GB)	North East Link Project
Noel Treacy (NT)	North East Link Project	Melanie Clarke (MC)	North East Link Project
Adrian Carter (AC)	North East Link Project	Jenny Klaster (JK)	North East Link Project
David Hall (DH)	Community representative	Allan Hunter (AH)	Community representative
Jeremy Richards (JR)	Business representative	Michael Girdler (MG)	Community representative
Gabrielle Callahan (GC)	Business representative	Fred Buono (FB)	Community representative
Dennis O'Connell (DO)	Friends of Banyule	Paul Bellis (PB)	Banyule Council
Michelle Giovas (MG)	Warringal Conservation Society		
Mahesh Kaudal (MK)	VicRoads		

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Item	Agenda	Lead
1	Welcome and introduction	Mike Marasco, Chair
2	EES Update	Noel Treacy, NELP
3	Social Impact Assessment	Dr Pallavi Mandke, NELP
4	Sport and Recreation Options Assessment	Julia Jenvy, NELP

Minutes

Item	Meeting notes
Welcome and introduction	• Mike Marasco (MM) welcomed the group to the CLG north meeting • MM introduced Adrian Carter (AC) and Jenny Klaster (JK) from NELP who will be attending future meetings
EES Update	• Noel Treacy (NT) gave an overview of the EES timeline • NT noted the role of the IAC, Inquiry Advisory Committee - He advised the IAC will be appointed in the first quarter of 2019 under DELWP develop the terms of reference for the EES panel hearing process • NT noted if the group wanted to see past examples of the panel and developed terms of reference they should look the West Gate Tunnel and Metro Tunnel projects • NT noted the EE will be approximately 10,000 pages • NT confirmed it will be available on USB sticks that can be collected at libraries and information sessions • Michelle Giovas (MG) asked if this would be available at the hub - NT confirmed it will be • NT advised the group on the process for speaking to the panel and confirmed the panel hearings will take place at one location relevant to the project • NT confirmed that the panel hearings process will take 6-7 weeks • Jeremy Richards (JR) asked given the scale of the EES itself, if the panel can look to NELP for technical advice or to their own team for subject expertise - NT confirmed that the panel are also able to ask further questions from the submitter and legal assistance is also provided.

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	• NT introduced Dr Pallavi Mandke and the Social Impact Assessment
Social Impact Assessment	• Dr Pallavi Mandke (PM) introduced her role as technical lead of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) • PM noted that this presentation will not include the findings of the report however this will be made public as part of the EES process shortly • PM noted that the SIA focuses on issues that affect people in their day to day lives due to the construction and operation of the tunnel • PM gave an overview of the legislative requirements that guide the SIA, considerations of council plans and strategies, as well as industry best practise guidelines • PM noted for the project they have looked at an area of approximately 100 metres either side of the project to look at the immediate neighbourhood of the project • PM explained the SIA incorporates information from other technical reports included in the EES. Including noise and traffic and transport impacts • PM explained that impacts are very subjective, for example, people in a household may experience an impact differently • PM explained EPRS and their role in major projects • She noted there are some specific EPRS that have been developed out of the SIA • Fred Buono (FB) asked when the SIA started to be developed, as it seems that much of this info could have fed into the reference design. - PM noted they are given a brief from which they develop the SIA. • Michelle Giovas (MG) asked what the referenced best practise guidelines were - PM noted they looked at IAIA – International Association for Impact Assessment - PM confirmed that the SIA has been tailored as per the IAIA guidelines • MG asked where the Public Environment Report fits into this process - NT confirmed that this is a concurrent process, and this follows a different process to the EES and has a public exhibition period, but it is the national level assessment as opposed to the State Government. - NT noted this is aligned with the EES period • **ACTION:** follow up exhibition period for PER and if it will be released at the same time • NT confirmed that the panel members advise the period of time they need to review all of the submissions • NT noted for previous projects this was 5 weeks for West Gate Tunnel and 6 weeks for Melbourne Metro - MG noted that this is a larger project so may be a longer process • NT confirmed it is likely to be approximately 6-7 weeks • Dennis O'Connell (DO) asked how many pages the EES will be - NT noted that it will be between ten and eleven thousand • FB asked how much would be relevant to this municipality - NT noted that there will be a lot of crossover in each chapter

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	• NT confirmed NELP will be as helpful as we can in helping the community navigate the EES however we are not able to assist in writing submissions
	• JR asked if the SIA incorporated the Watsonia alternate design that wasn't included part of the early reference design
	  - NT noted that the Watsonia Alternate Design is not in the main EES report, as this is based off the reference design, however will go through its own process
	• MG asked about early works and how these happen prior to approval
	  - NT noted that early works are minor works and do not require approvals

Sport and Recreation Options Assessment	• Julia Jenvy (JJ) from NELP, introduced the Sport and Recreation Options Assessment noting it falls as an appendix to the Social impact assessment
	• JJ noted that the message for the sporting clubs is business as usual and the goal is to allow clubs to continue as normal during construction and relocation
	• JJ confirmed NELP have been looking at temporary and permanent relocations for clubs
	• JJ noted in relocation and reinstatement, facilities will need to comply within relevant standards so there are some good opportunities for clubs
	• JJ noted they have worked closely with councils and their sports teams as these are council owned sites they need to work with councils to understand options and upgrades required
	• JJ noted that at the beginning of the options assessment the clubs were involved in the assessment process and now are being engaged in the lead up to the EES
	• JJ advised that they will continue to work on the SIA Sport and recreation options assessment through the EES process to ensure a smooth transition for clubs and allow them to continue to play sport through the project
	• Gabrielle Callahan (GC) asked what kind of construction we would see at these work sites
	  - JJ noted we don't have specific details of what would be there, but when contractors come on board they can be more detailed about what areas would be required
	  - GC noted that with works comes changes to traffic and congestion and noise and may impact residents around the work sites
	  - JJ noted that the next step is doing some SIA about the relocation sites
	
	• NT noted that each of the reports in the EES speaks to the construction laydown areas and the impact to residents and nearby stakeholders
	• MG asked if there would be tree protection zones
	  - NT noted that there is an ecology and arborist report that assesses how trees may be affected by laydown areas
	  - NT noted that in previous projects there has been an EPR requirement
	
	• MG asked if there would be a limit to the hours of operation for example regular construction hours
	  - NT noted that there are timeframes and restrictions in place for noise impacts, he recommended looking at traffic and transport reports
	  - NT noted that at each chapter of the EES, EPRS are recommended
	  - KJ noted that EPRS are developed out of SIA are around community engagement

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	• JJ noted that NELP are preparing a summary report of the Sport and Recreation Options Assessment • Alan Hunter (AH) asked about relocating Watsonia Sporting Club if there was any discussion of Vinac park • JJ noted at this stage there have been several options that have been assessed but have not been progressed

Actions

	Action	Lead	Status
1	Follow up exhibition period for Public Environment Report (PER) • The PER is on display until 30 May, online submissions can be made to jointheconversation.northeastlink.vic.gov.au/epbc	Erin McPherson, NELP	CLOSED