



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

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CLYDE ROAD, BERWICK

What's happening?

The Victorian Government has established the Level Crossing Removal Authority to remove 50 of the most dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne by 2022.

Clyde Road in Berwick is one of the 50 to be removed and we will be undertaking early site investigations in the area from January 2017.

WHY REMOVE THE BOOM GATES?

As Melbourne continues to grow we need to ensure our road and rail infrastructure can meet the extra demand, while also improving existing safety and congestion issues many of us face in our daily commute.

The removal of 50 dangerous level crossings across Melbourne will help ease congestion on our roads while also accommodating future service upgrades to our metro train network.

This means improved traffic flow on our roads, the opportunity for more train services in the future and improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Removing these 50 level crossings will also create thousands of jobs during construction.

The Clyde Road level crossing is one of Victoria's worst. The boom gates disrupt the flow of traffic for the 18,800 vehicles that drive through the level crossing each day, including vehicles travelling to and from health facilities in the area.





WHAT WE WILL BE DOING

We will be undertaking an initial assessment of the site and others along the Pakenham Line, including geotechnical investigations, service proving and initial environmental and cultural heritage studies. Most of this work will occur over an approximately eight week period, with groundwater monitoring ongoing for nine months. This work will help inform the initial assessment of different removal options.

All work will be carried out during the day and is unlikely to be disruptive to the local community. Most of the work will occur in the rail corridor, but some may also happen alongside Clyde Road. Access to local businesses and residences will be maintained at all times.

Removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings will transform the way people live, work and travel across metropolitan Melbourne and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

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HOW DO WE DECIDE ON A DESIGN OPTION?

The selection of a design option to remove a level crossing depends on the unique characteristics of each site, the benefits and impacts of the various options and feedback from the community and stakeholders, such as local councils, businesses and residents.

Community and stakeholder feedback

Community consultation is a critical part of the Level Crossing Removal Project and will help inform the development of design options. There will be numerous opportunities to get involved and provide feedback as the project progresses, so stay tuned by registering your interest.

Site characteristics

Site characteristics include the local geography and environment, groundwater levels and ground conditions, surrounding infrastructure and services, cycling and walking connections, potential need for land acquisition, current land use and planned future development.

Design option benefits and impacts

Design option benefits and impacts take into account things like how designs will affect the local community and connectivity to the rail, road and pedestrian/cyclist networks.

EARLY SITE INVESTIGATIONS

Early site investigations are an important part of the planning process. The information gathered will provide insight into the challenges and opportunities at a particular site and will help inform the design process.

Geotechnical investigations

Geotechnical investigations will involve drilling boreholes at different locations close to the level crossing to determine ground conditions and ground water levels. This will require the use of a drilling rig and vehicles and will lead to some noise during the drilling activities. Any ground disturbance will be reinstated to its original condition.

Service proving

Service proving works involve a team carrying out scanning activities and minor digging in the area in order to identify the depth and position of underground services, such as electrical, telecommunications, gas or water pipes.

Environmental and cultural heritage studies

Environmental and cultural heritage studies involve desktop and field surveys to establish if there are any areas of environmental or cultural heritage significance in the area.



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