

# SUNBURY LINE UPGRADE



Artist impression of new substation on Willaton Street, St Albans

## Urban design update St Albans substation

As part of the Sunbury Line Upgrade, we're building an electrical substation on Willaton Street, St Albans to allow bigger, more modern trains to run along the line - improving the capacity, reliability and frequency of services.

The project team has progressed building and landscaping designs for the new substation using feedback gathered from the St Albans community in late 2020.

This update provides an overview of how we have used your feedback and how you can have your say on the updated designs.

### Design overview

Our proposed urban design and landscaping plans for the new substation aims to deliver:

- a design that reflects the characteristics of the surrounding residential area
- materials and colours that minimise the visual impact of the substation
- high quality landscaping, including native shrubs, grasses and flowers to provide amenity and screening.

We invited the St Albans community to provide feedback on the overall look and feel of the new substation via an online community survey from 23 November to 6 December 2020. The survey included options for the colours, materials, screening and landscaping that could be adopted for the building and planting around the substation.

### What we heard and how we are using your feedback

The community has asked for a more natural design using materials and colours that would blend into the environment, rather than a bold design that did not prioritise planting and vegetation. Responses also requested well-maintained features that will blend into the local area.

Based on this feedback, the substation building and landscape designs have been refined to focus on:

- quality landscaping and planting using a variety of indigenous species and decorative plants from the local environment
- increasing screening of the substation using trees and plants
- using more natural colours and materials for the external elements of the substation building to ensure it fits within the environment
- an abstract landscape pattern to assist the decorative screen to blend into the local context
- reusing removed tree materials such as branches of trees to provide habitat for local wildlife
- the use of feature volcanic rocks to highlight the geology of the local area.



Artist impression of the new substation, looking south from Willaton Street, St Albans



Artist impression of the new substation from St Albans Road, St Albans

## Project timeline

### 2020

#### November

Community engagement on building concept design

### 2021

#### Early 2021

Updated building design released

#### Mid 2021

Construction site establishment and final building design released

#### Late 2021

Substation building construction begins

### 2022

#### Early 2022

Substation building construction completed

Project completion\*

\*The expected completion date may change once the construction program is finalised.

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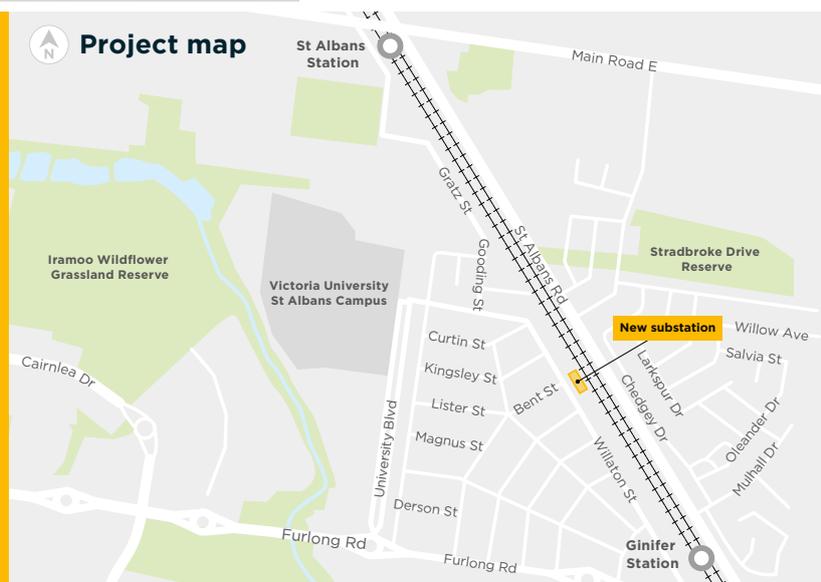
## Have your say

The project team wants to know what you think about the updated design of the substation being constructed on Willaton Street, St Albans.

View updated designs and complete our online survey at [bigbuild.engage.vic.gov.au](https://bigbuild.engage.vic.gov.au)

Call us on 1800 105 105 if you would like to receive a survey form via the post.

The survey will be open from **15 February until 5pm, 28 February 2021.**



### More information

To find out more about the Sunbury Line Upgrade:

 [railprojects.vic.gov.au](https://railprojects.vic.gov.au)

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