



Heatherton Community Reference Group

Meeting #9

26 November 2024



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land
and pay respect to their Elders, past and present.



Welcome and updates

Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Actions	Kim
SRLA update	SRLA
Initial and Early Works update	Laing O'Rourke
Break	All
Tunnels South update	Suburban Connect
Forward program	All
Other business	SRLA
Questions	All

Actions

Action	Owner	Due	Status
Future presentation opportunities: 1. 631 bus route – Department of Transport and Planning - DTP 2. Traffic assessment process including Kingston Road traffic assessment 3. Urban Design Advisory Panel 4. Public Open Space offset process and timeline 5. Ground improvement scope update 6. Updated scope for each work package since the EES	SRLA	Future meeting	Ongoing

Suburban Rail Loop Authority update

Suburban Rail Loop Authority | Update

General

- Community Reference Group membership update
- SRLA will not pursue temporary off leash dog play park within Kingston Walk Linear Reserve

SRL East Tunnels North awarded

- The contract to deliver **Tunnels North** from Glen Waverley to Box Hill has been awarded to Terra Verde, a consortium of Webuild, GS Engineering and Construction and Bouygues Construction Australia.

Other major contract updates

- Contract procurement for the two stations packages and the Linewide package are progressing
- Three bidders are shortlisted to build the six underground stations
- Linewide contract award next year – includes design and construction of the Stabling Facility, train procurement, network operations.

SRLA update | Community Information Session

Report back: Wednesday 18 September – 4pm to 7pm, Clarinda Community Centre

Session was advertised on the SRL website and in the monthly works notification distributed to over 2000 properties in Heatherton and Clarinda.

No. of attendees: 15

Key themes:

- Kingston Road impacts and changes (related to upcoming LOR works)
- Western Tunnel Entrance site establishment and construction impacts
- Old Dandenong Road permanent closure
- Non-friable asbestos find within the western part of the site
- Communication with residents.

Project progress

Middle: Bridge beam placement in Box Hill
Right: Clayton Road reopen (Top), Whitehorse Linear Reserve Site (Bottom)
Left: D-wall construction at the Stabling Facility (Top) Burwood TAS (Bottom)



Project progress

Image: Stabling Facility Network support facility and Eastern Tunnel Entrance looking south towards Kingston Road



Communication and Engagement | Update

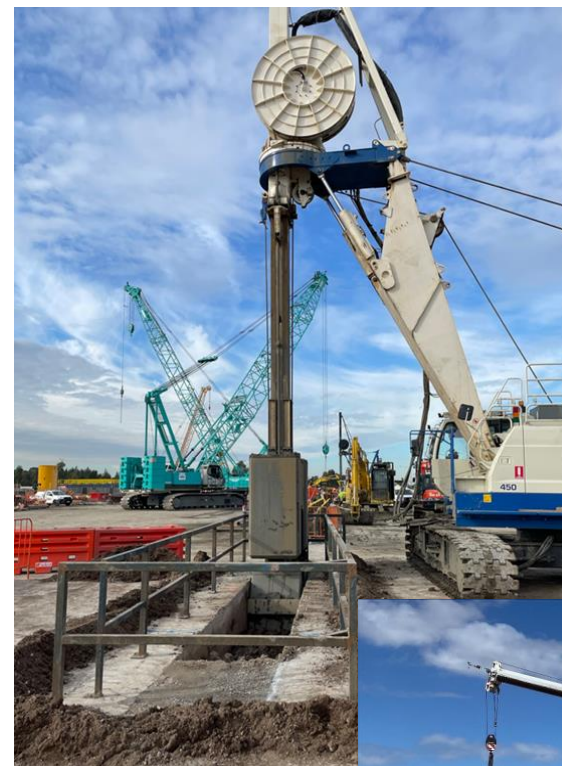
- Since last CRG (August), Laing O'Rourke received 67 complaints from 34 stakeholders (as at 18 Nov)
- Key themes included:
 - Closure of Old Dandenong Road
 - Temporary relocation offers and process associated with Kingston Road works
 - Kingston Road closures – traffic congestion, buses, timing, visibility from side streets, safety
 - Night works – noise, light spill
- Since last CRG, Suburban Connect received 12 complaints from 10 stakeholders (as at 18 Nov).
- Key themes included:
 - Traffic impacts due to the safety vehicle needed for survey works on Kingston Road
 - Asbestos enquires relating to site investigation works at the Stabling Facility.

Initial and Early Works

Current works

Eastern tunnel entrance

- D-wall construction started in early- April and now complete
- 57 panels installed to support tunnel excavation works
- Excavation works expected to commence in late January and will continue through to late 2025



Stabling Network Support Facility

- Completed in-situ walls for permanent structure
- Power conduit installation in progress
- Delivery of 22kv building expected in January



Current works

Western Stabling Facility heavy vehicle access

- Works underway to replace approx. 200 metres of drainage to construct the new western heavy vehicle access
- Building a temporary pedestrian safety crossing including installation of infrastructure for future permanent crossing
- Permanent pedestrian safety crossing expected to be operational in late April 2025
- Pavement works between Nicholas Grove and temporary pedestrian crossing

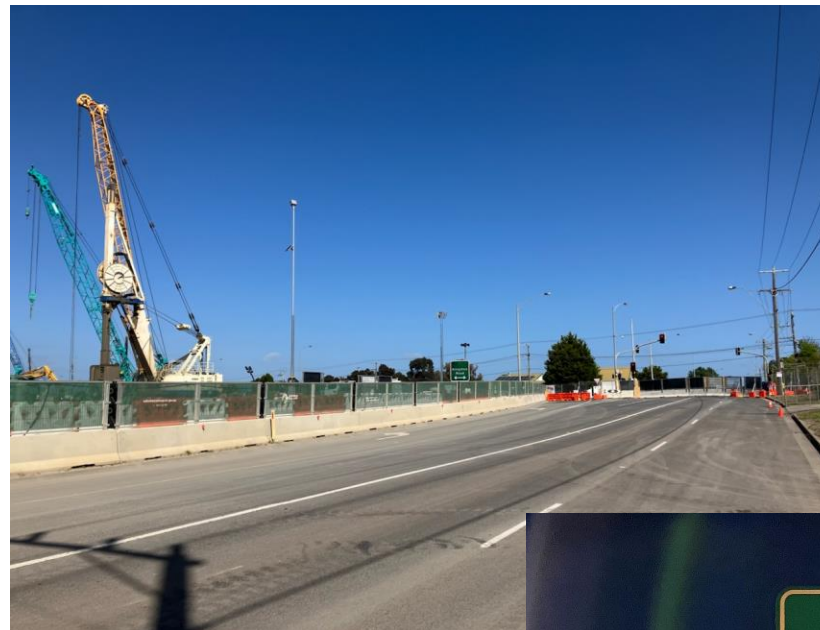
Utility relocations

- Water, power and telecommunication relocation works have commenced.



Key milestones

- Diaphragm walls completed in preparation for Eastern Tunnel Entrance excavation works
- Old Dandenong Road permanently closed on 1 October
- Started Kingston Road service utility relocations and western heavy vehicle entrance construction.



Noise monitoring

- The project is continuing to monitor noise levels 24 hours per day at various locations around the Heatherton and Clarinda sites
- A monitor has been placed near Nicholas Grove to monitor noise associated with current Kingston Road works
- Environment team is monitoring noise at various locations during the course of Kingston Road works
- Between August and November there have been **zero** exceedances of noise levels



Break

Tunnels South update

Asbestos containing material | Update

- Testing around Western Tunnel Entrance site continued through November, included digging test pits up to 3m deep
- Scattered fragments of bonded, non-friable asbestos discovered in the fill – likely remnants from construction waste
- No risk to public or workers – material being removed safely by specialist teams under stringent precautionary conditions
- Air monitoring is in place and will continue - **no air-borne asbestos has been detected**
- Minor find of non-friable fragments at site of Clarinda Network Support Facility near Alex Fraser. Material was safely removed at no risk to community or workers
- We are working with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and WorkSafe Victoria as works continue.



The detection of materials containing asbestos is common at Victorian construction sites. As such, there are well established safety protocols in place as well as technical expertise for its treatment and safe removal.

Asbestos containing material | Update

What's next

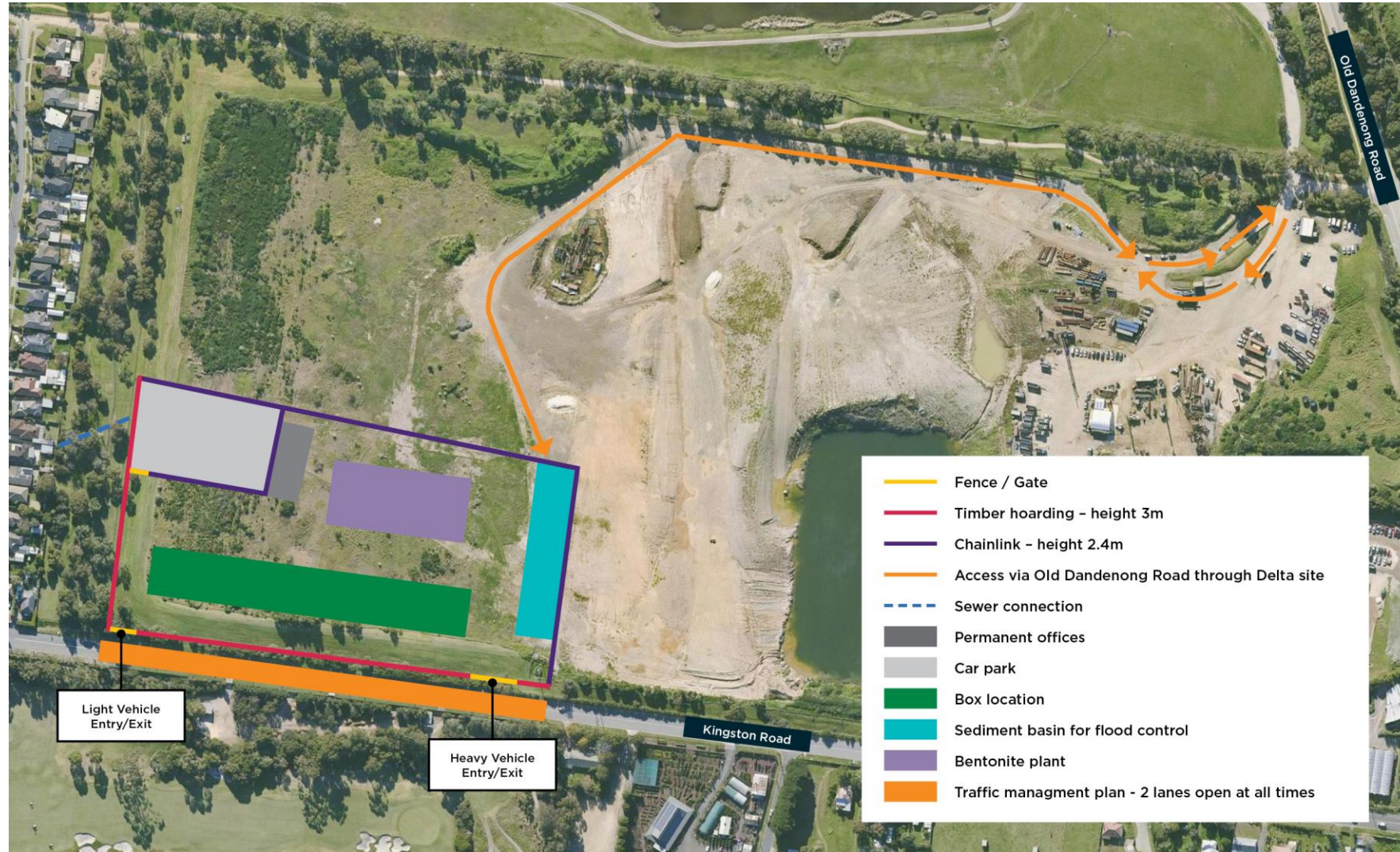
- **Safety of the community and workers is our highest priority**
- All activity related to asbestos removal errs on the side of caution
- Planned works to level the Western Tunnel Entrance site including significant earthworks will begin from January 2025
- The site level will be lowered between two and three metres
- In line with WorkSafe regulations, work will be carried out under 'asbestos conditions' – safest and most stringent way to remove the material and safeguard community and worker health
- Air quality monitoring will remain ongoing
- **Detailed methodology for safe removal is under review and will be communicated to the community in coming weeks.**
- Contaminated material will be loaded onto trucks, sealed, and safely disposed of at an accredited facility.

Western Tunnel Entrance, Heatherton

Western Tunnel Entrance | Key activities

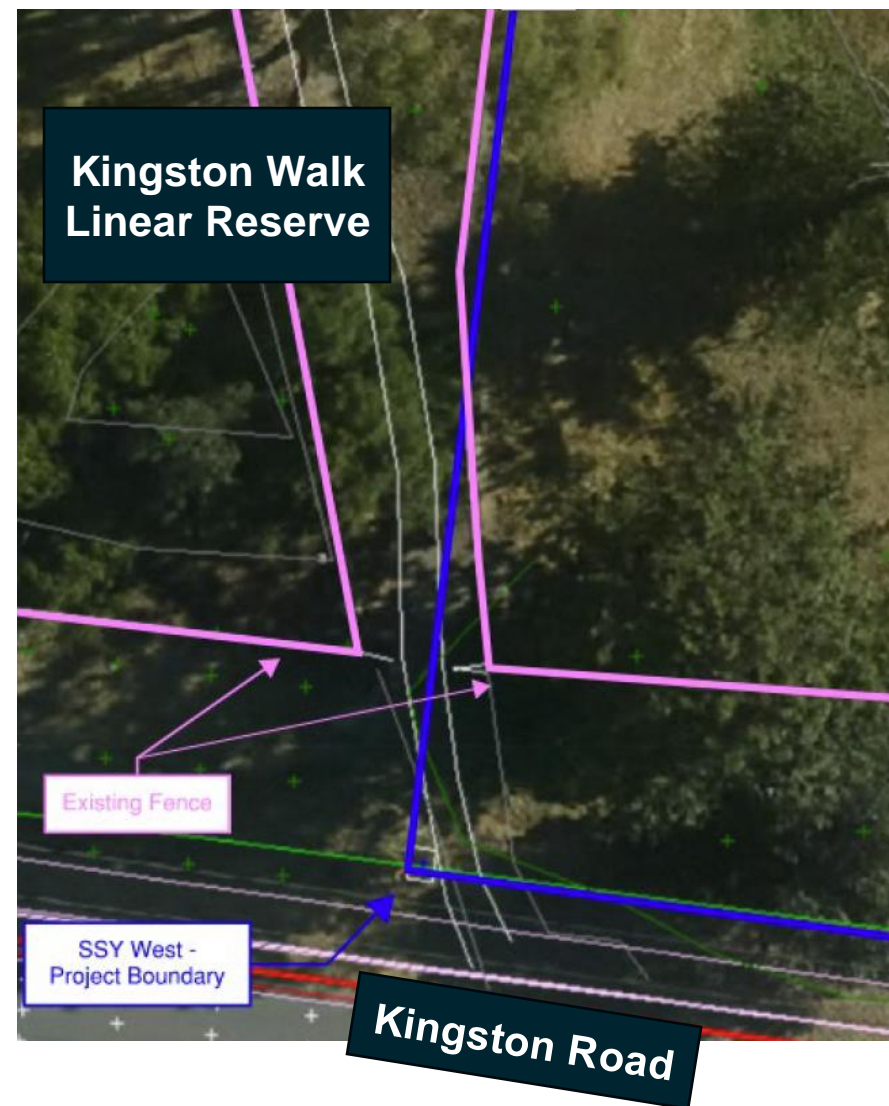
Description	Impacts	2024		2025		
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Site Mobilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased construction activity within the site Truck access via Old Dandenong Road / Henry Street intersection end of site until April 2025 					
Tree Removal – within site and along western boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some increase in noise 					
Site leveling and excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truck access via Old Dandenong Road through Delta site until April 2025 					
Water connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingston Road westbound lane closure from late Jan 2025 for 2 weeks 					
Western Tunnel Entrance – Kingston Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree removal Hoarding installation Light vehicle entrance Utility connection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingston Road Eastbound lane closure from Nicholas Grove to Old Dandenong Rd (TBC) 3 nights of full road closure to enable set up 8pm to 6am, access to Nicholas Grove maintained 2 lanes remain open 24/ 7 					

Western Tunnel Entrance | Key site items



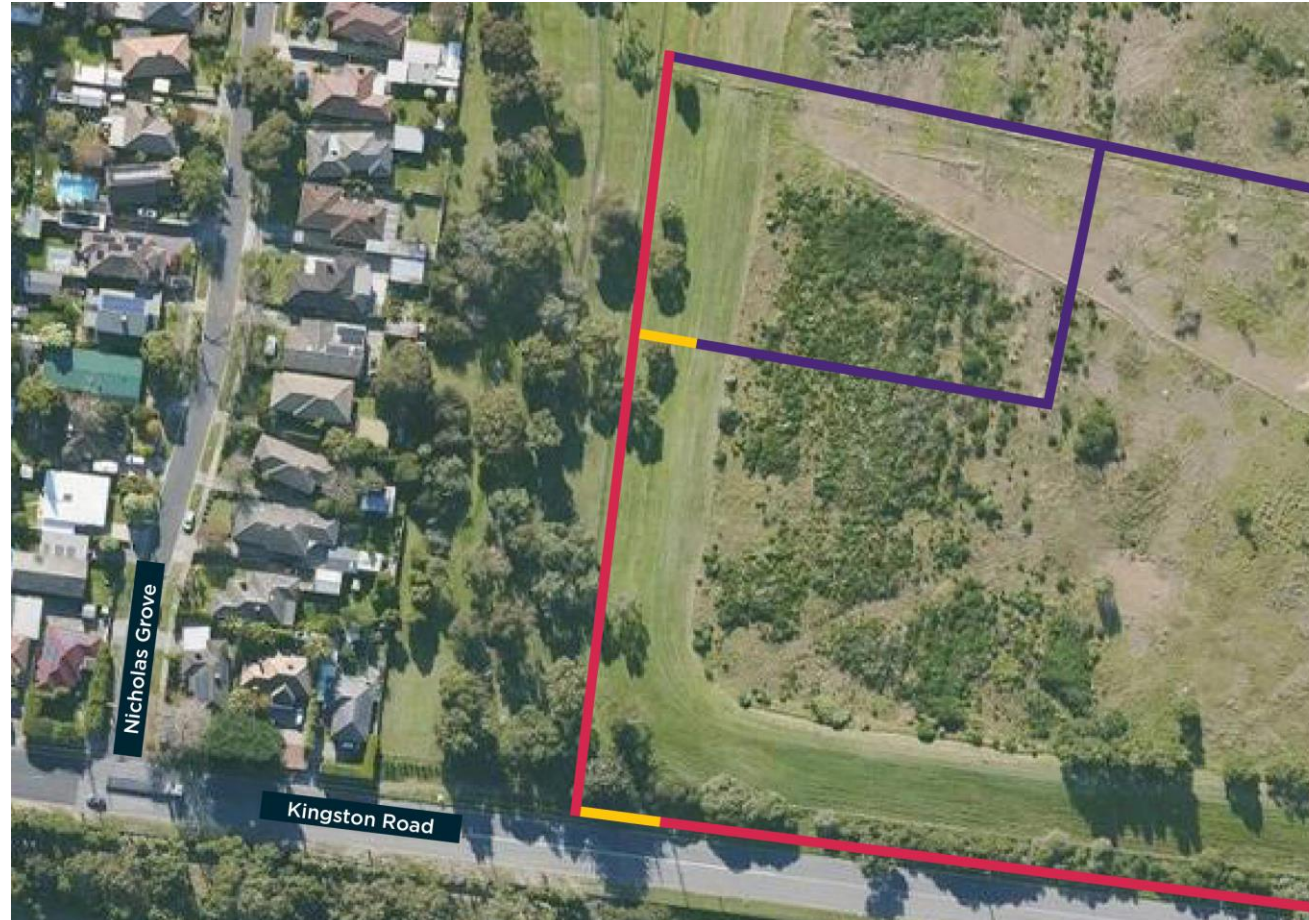
Kingston Linear Reserve | Boundary alignment

- The entry to Kingston Linear Reserve will likely be realigned as the existing fence appears to not sit on the title boundary
- This will be confirmed early next year
- Suburban Connect will build 3m high hoarding on the title boundary.



Hoarding installation

- Solid hoarding built from February
- **Red** shows 3m wooden hoarding
- **Purple** shows chain link fencing
- **Yellow** shows gate locations



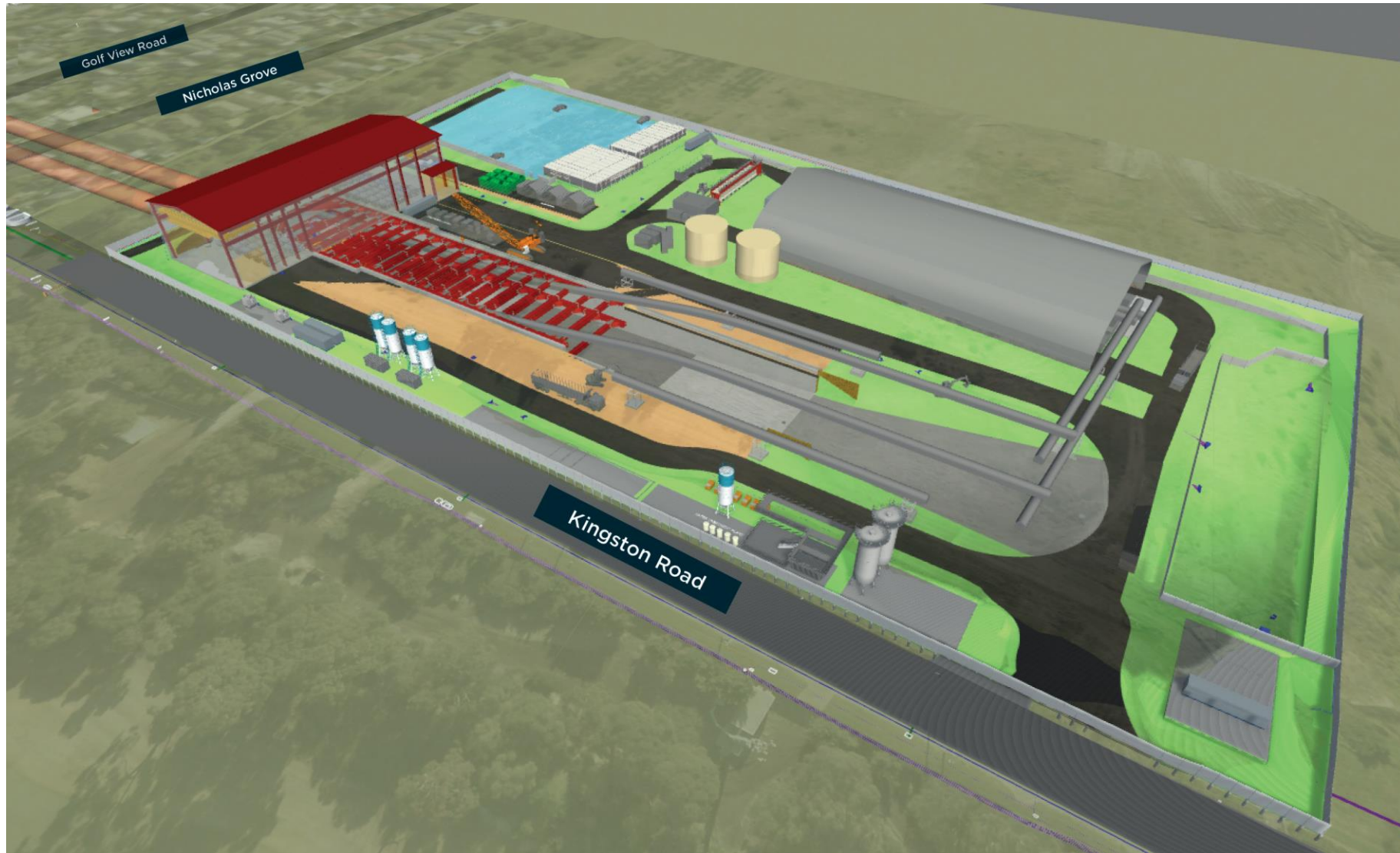
Kingston Rd

Tree Removal | December 2024 to January 2025

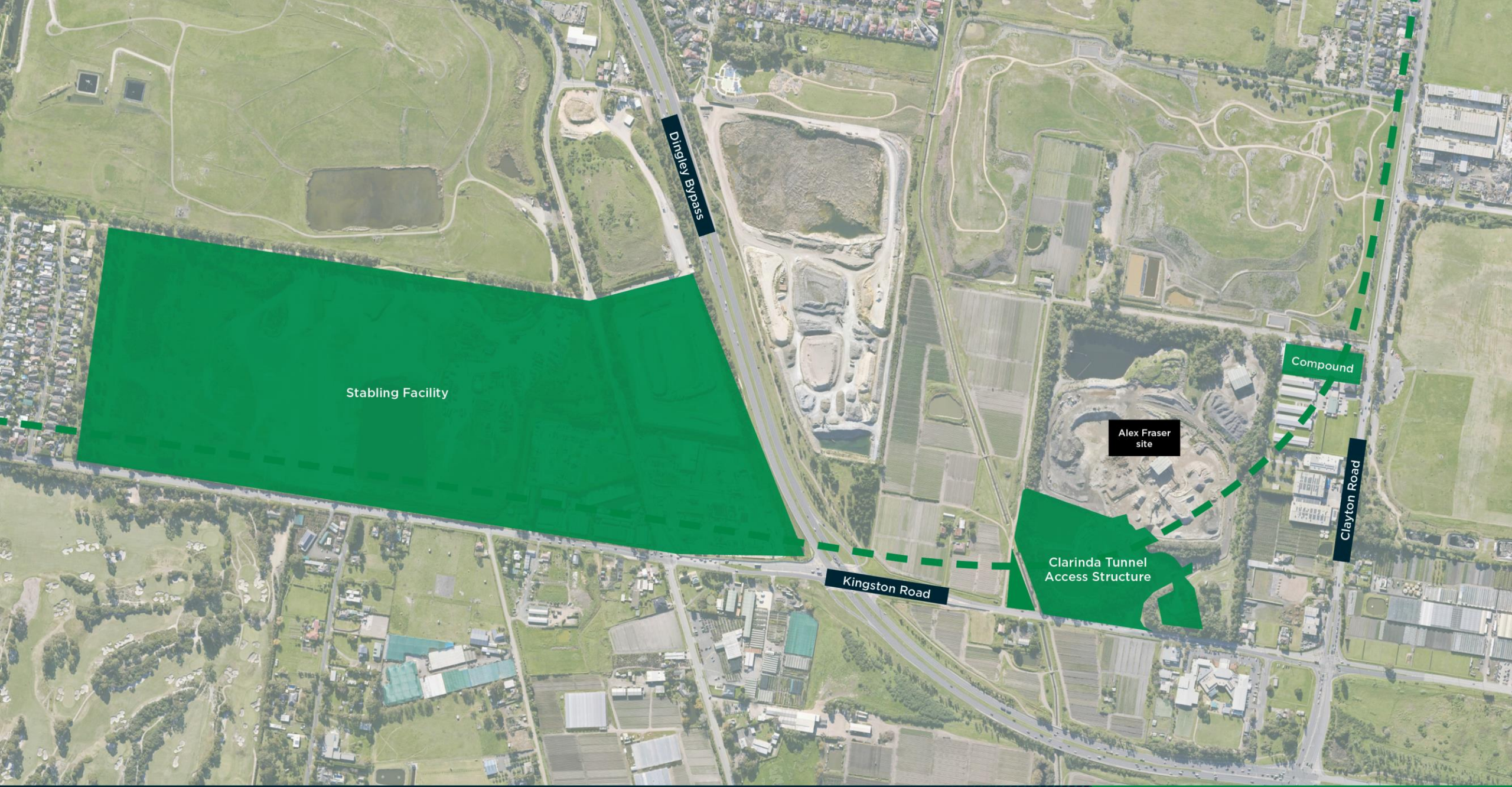


- Some tree removal is necessary for safe construction works
- Trees being retained will be protected by Tree Protection Zone fencing on advice from the Project Arborist
- A qualified ecologist will assess all habitat-bearing vegetation prior to any tree removal
- Qualified wildlife handlers will be present during tree removal for additional fauna spotting. Any affected fauna will be relocated to nearby suitable vegetation

Western Tunnel Entrance | Site



Tunnel Access Structures Clarinda



Stabling Facility

Dingley Bypass

Compound

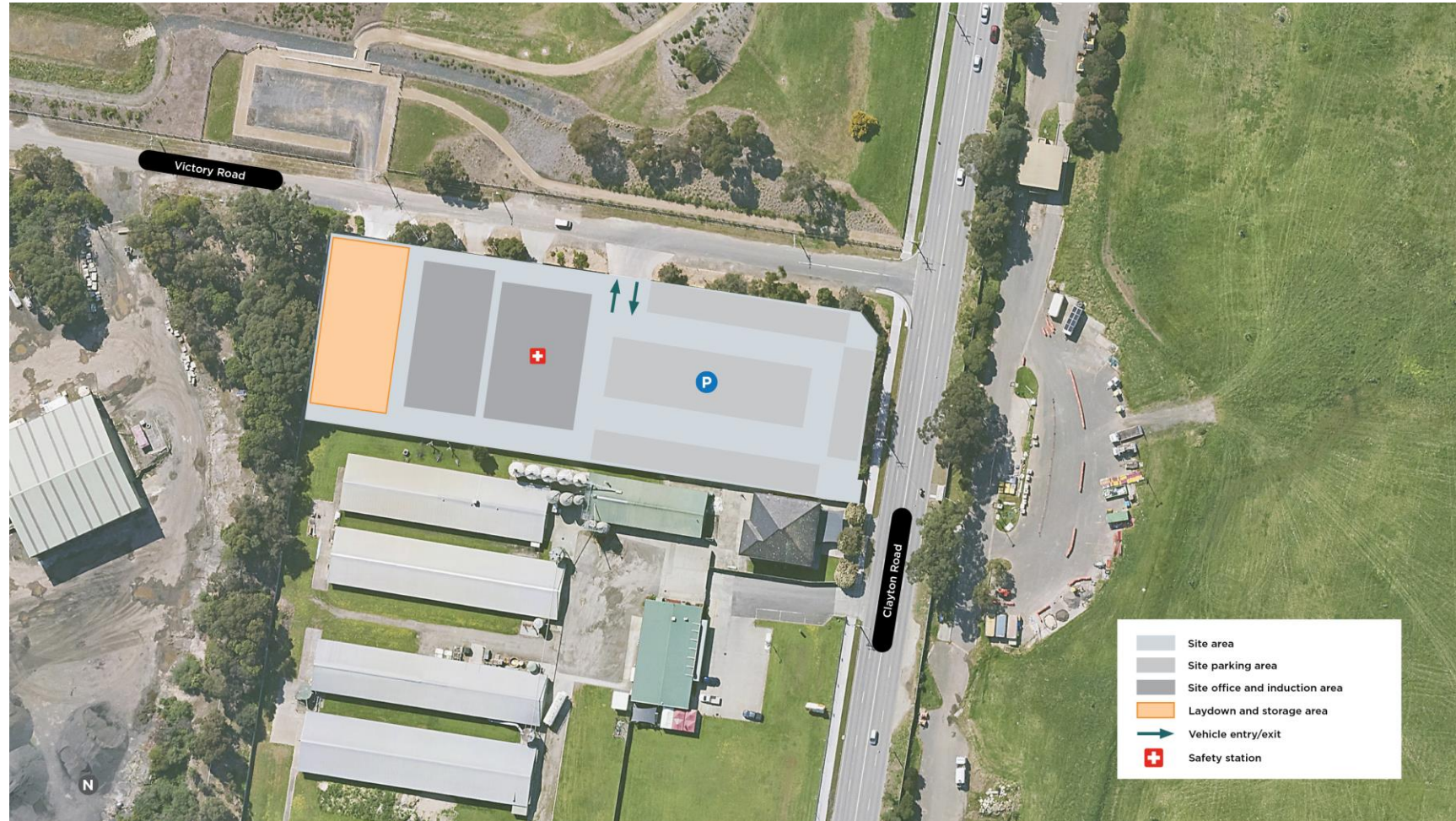
Alex Fraser site

Clayton Road

Clarinda Tunnel Access Structure

Kingston Road

Site Office establishment | Former concrete batching plant, Victory Road



Tunnel Access Structure, Clarinda | Key activities

Construction activities planned to begin from 02/12/2024

	2024		2025	
Description	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Dewatering of ponds	█			
Tree Removal	█	█		
Water Connection Works		█		
Permanent fencing installation		█	█	
Earth works including bund removal and creating hard stand		█	█	█
Building of Bentonite plant		█	█	█
Mobilising piling machinery		█		
Piling works commence			█	█
D-Wall rigs set up and start work			█	█



Clarinda Network Support Facility | Works update

Clarinda Support Network	2024		2025		
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Description					
Temporary fencing, earthworks	Active	Active	Active		
Permanent fencing installation		Active	Active		
Concrete Slab		Active			
Power supply connected		Active	Active	Active	Active
Upgrade works in Peace Road and Victory Rd			Active	Active	Active

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Tunnel Access Structure, Clarinda Network Support Facility | Site



Key milestones

Upcoming works | Laing O'Rourke

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<i>All timings indicative – subject to change</i>		2024		2025		
Description	Traffic impacts	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Western Tunnel Entrance heavy vehicle entrance, Kingston Road	Eastbound lane closures, night and weekend road closures	█	█	█	█	█
Water relocation works – Old Dandenong Road	Within site – no traffic impact	█	█	█	█	█
Water relocation works – Kingston Road, near Dingley Bypass	24/7 westbound lane closure - Dingley Bypass to Old Dandenong Road	█	█	█	█	█
Power relocation works – Kingston Road	24/7 westbound lane closure – Dingley Bypass to Old Dandenong Road (detours in place)	█	█	█	█	█
Power & telecommunication relocation works – Elder Street South	Traffic maintained in both directions (contra flow)	█	█	█	█	█
Power relocation works – Henry Street	Traffic set up on Henry Street – access maintained	█	█	█	█	█
Power relocation works – parallel Dingley Bypass	Within site – no traffic impact	█	█	█	█	█
Eastern Tunnel Entrance excavation works	Within site – no traffic impact Increased truck movements on Old Dandenong Road to Dingley Bypass	█	█	█	█	█
Network Support Facility works	Within site – no traffic impact	█	█	█	█	█
Telecommunications relocation works, Kingston Road	24/7 changed traffic conditions in eastbound lane – Pine Lane to Old Dandenong Road. Eastbound traffic maintained.	█	█	█	█	█

Upcoming works | Suburban Connect

<i>All timings indicative – subject to change</i>		2024		2025		
Description	Traffic impacts	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Clarinda Network Support Facility establishment	Traffic set up on Peace Road October to Dec 2024					
Western Tunnel Entrance site mobilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within site – no traffic impact Increase truck movements via ODR 					
Western Tunnel Entrance site levelling & excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within site – no traffic impact Increase truck movements via ODR 					
Tree Removal – Tunnel Access Structures – Kingston Road, Clarinda	Changed traffic conditions between Clayton Road and Peace Road – traffic maintained both directions					
Water connection – Tunnel Access Structure – Kingston Road, Clarinda	Westbound changed traffic conditions between Clayton Road and Dingley Bypass – traffic maintained both directions					
Tunnel Access Structures site establishment - Clarinda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within site – no traffic impact Increased truck movements 					
Tunnel Access Structures Piling and D-walls commence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within site – no traffic impact Increased truck movements 					
Western Tunnel Entrance – Kingston Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree removal Hoarding installation Light vehicle entrance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastbound lane closure from Nicholas Grove to Old Dandenong Road - traffic maintained in both directions 3 nights (8pm to 6am) of full road closure to 					

Other business

Other business | Community Reference Group Review

- CRG community members were invited to provide feedback on the operation of the group, and whether it is meeting the objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference.
- Previous feedback, a member survey and conversations between the chair and members provided the following themes:
 - Ensuring appropriate project representation
 - Providing an advance agenda
 - Timely sharing of slides
 - A focus on community impacts, works lookahead
 - Increasing meeting frequency as works ramp up
 - Mixed feedback on allowing proxies.

CRG review | Next steps

Five meetings to be held next year, at two-month intervals:

- 25 February
 - 29 April
 - 24 June
 - 26 August
 - 28 October.
- The number of regular attendees from SRLA and for each active contractor will be reduced
 - Proxies will not be allowed (to be reflected in updated Terms of Reference in early-2025)
 - The CRG will continue to revisit the Terms of Reference and member expectations as needed.
 - Pre and post meeting timelines will be updated:

Action	Request for questions from CRG members	Member questions due	Email agenda to members	Distribute meeting slides	Minutes posted to website and shared
Timing	28 days prior	21 days prior	14 days prior	1 day post	14 days post

Questions

