

# North East Link EES Panel Forum



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# Council Advocacy

- Strong Advocacy to improve North East Link outcomes.
- Key advocacy items include:
  - Complementary Projects
  - Watsonia Concept Precinct Plan
  - Design alternatives



# Council Advocacy – Complementary Projects



Council is advocating for a number of local projects to be included in the NEL works to provide enhanced outcomes for Banyule residents. These aim to:

- Maximise the benefits to adjacent townships including Watsonia.
- Improve cycling and pedestrian connectivity along and across the NEL.
- Ensure public transport services and connectivity are in place.
- Minimise the impacts on community facilities and sporting clubs.
- Enhance environmental outcomes.

A listing is available on the tables at the back of the room.



# Council Contributions

- North East Link Environmental Effects Statement (EES) contributions:
  - Reviewed over 25,000 pages of EES documentation
  - Provided over 2,400 comments to North East Link Project (NELP)
  - Contributed at Technical Reference Group meetings
  - Attended Community Liaison Group meetings and other NELP and community forums

This has been a substantial effort from Council resources across transport, city futures, development planning, open space planning and several other departments





# Council Position

- Council revised position as of 25 February 2019 is:

***‘Council is opposed to the North East Link through Banyule as it does not provide the best transport outcome for the future needs of Melbourne. As the state government has now decided to implement this route, Council will continue to advocate for changes to protect our natural environment, preserve our local neighbourhoods, avoid dividing our community and provide for real solutions to the transport issues in the north.’***



# EES Panel Hearing

- Legal representatives and experts have been appointed to guide the Council during the EES Panel process.
- Council is preparing a submission to the EES panel.
- Details of the process and public submissions will be presented by representatives from DELWP and Maddocks





# Council Submission

- Key issues in the submission:
  - Transport
    - Interchange designs
    - Alternate design options
    - Watsonia access and connectivity
    - Impacts to local roads and access
    - Traffic Management during construction
  - Business
    - Impacts to businesses and services during and post construction





# Council Submission

- Ecology
  - Water sensitive urban design
  - Impacts to Flora and Fauna
  - Impacts to Warringal Flats, Banyule Wetlands and Banyule Creek
- Landscape and Visual
  - Quality of constructed project
  - Impacts on landscape and amenity
- Social Impacts
  - Impacts and access to community facilities
  - Impacts on community groups and facilities
  - Impacts and access to local areas
  - Access to sporting facilities during construction





# Public Submissions

- Public Submissions are important because:
  - It ensures community concerns are heard during the panel hearing process.
  - When issues are raised by multiple stakeholders, they will be more recognised as significant issues

# Thank You

