



**LEVEL
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CHELSEA LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL UPDATE

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Site investigations starting

The Victorian Government has already removed five dangerous and congested level crossings on the Frankston line and 13 more will go by the end of 2025.

Five of these crossings - in Chelsea, Edithvale and Bonbeach - are in the planning stages.

To help us understand more about those sites, we will be carrying out site investigations during April and May. These investigations will provide important information about underground services, soil and groundwater conditions.

How were these crossings chosen?

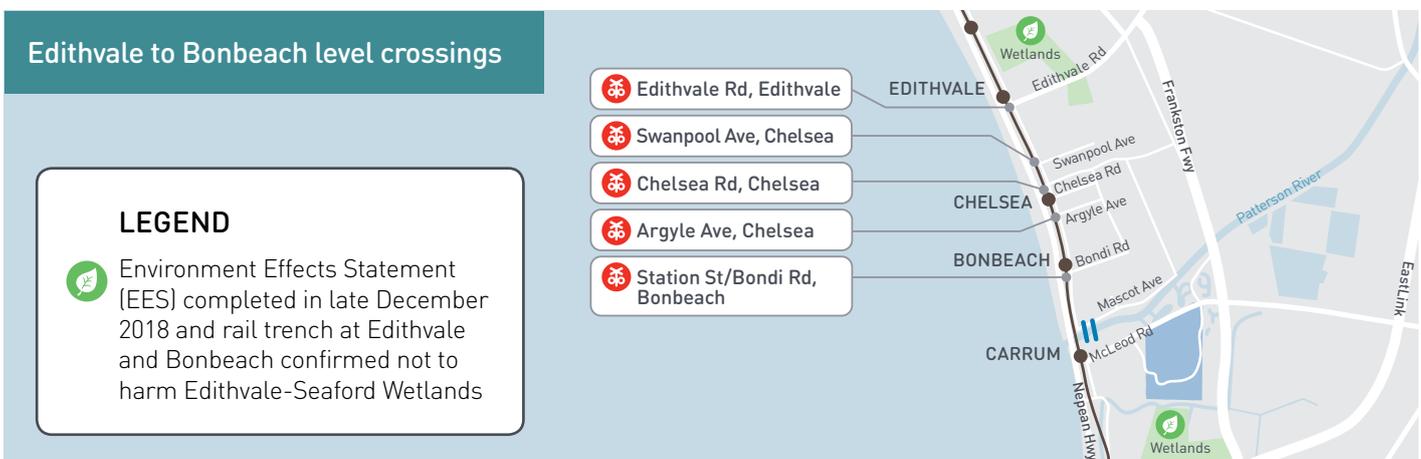
The three Chelsea level crossings were identified as priority sites for removal in the Victorian Government's Site Prioritisation Framework.

Level crossings have been chosen for removal based on factors including:

- Excessive delays and unreliability caused by a high number of trains
- Level crossings where boom gate down time limits connections between communities and impedes access to important facilities

- Level crossings where there is a high risk or record of incidents
- Level crossings where there is an opportunity to minimise disruption impacts by removing more than one crossing at one time.

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Before we start works, we will do a series of investigations, which will include:

Traffic monitoring and modelling

- So we can understand current traffic issues and opportunities to reduce congestion.

Flora and fauna

- We are committed to minimising the impact on flora and fauna, particularly sensitive species as we design and remove the level crossings.

Ground conditions

- Preliminary assessments to look at existing surface water flows and the potential impacts on drainage and any flood risk.
- Investigating the distribution and movement of groundwater in the soil.

Utilities

- Looking in detail at all services located around the level crossings removal sites, such as electricity, gas, water and telecommunications.

Cultural heritage

- Assessments to determine the possible impacts of proposed construction activities on the local Indigenous and European cultural heritage.

UPCOMING SITE INVESTIGATIONS

Workers and a small number of vehicles will be carrying out investigations at various locations along Station Street, Nepean Highway and surrounding streets over approximately eight weeks in April and May.

These works will involve traffic counts, locating underground services and investigating and monitoring soil and groundwater.

As the project progresses, we will be out and about talking to the local community to help understand more about the area.

What to expect?

- From April to May, works to investigate the geotechnical conditions and locate existing services will be undertaken near the level crossings.
- A small drilling rig and truck will be used for these works.
- These works will occur during regular construction hours of 7am-5pm Monday to Friday.

How this will affect you

- Traffic and pedestrian management will be in place to help people and vehicles move through the area safely.
- While the works are not expected to be disruptive, some machinery noise may be noticeable.

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The boom gates at these Chelsea sites can be down for up to 40 per cent of the 7am - 9am peak, when up to 30 trains run through the crossings. Current network plans involve increasing trains running on the Frankston line, meaning more boom gate downtime.



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