

ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT



Environmental Management Framework

What is an Environmental Management Framework?

An Environmental Management Framework (Framework) is included in the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

It is a detailed process which provides a plan to minimise and manage potential environmental effects of the Edithvale and Bonbeach level crossing removal projects.

The document will:

- establish a framework to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and minimise environmental risk
- set out environmental outcomes to be achieved during design and construction, and encourage innovation to achieve them
- ensure accountabilities are identified for managing and monitoring environmental effects and hazards associated with the design and construction phases of the projects.



What is included in the Framework?

The Framework also includes processes and responsibilities for the preparation, implementation, review, amendment and approval of environmental management documentation.

The Framework includes a set of 57 Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs). These define the environmental outcomes that must be achieved throughout the design, construction and operation phases of the projects.

These EPRs have been developed through the EES process in order to manage the environmental risks associated with each project stage. The EPRs define the environmental performance outcomes to be achieved.

This is to allow some flexibility for the management of risks, which can change and develop as the projects progress. For example, many of the EPRs will require consultation with relevant stakeholders throughout the projects. Consultation may result in changes to how risks can be managed to achieve the best outcome for the environment, the community and stakeholders.



Who approves the Framework?

The Minister for Planning will review the Framework as part of the EES process, and may decide to require amendments to it, or the EPRs, as part of his approval decisions for each project.

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