

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Project overview

The Victorian Government is removing the level crossing at Aviation Road in Laverton to improve safety, ease congestion and make it easier for people to move around.

Three options to remove the level crossing were presented to the community in late 2017. They were:

- a road over the rail lines
- lowering the road under the rail lines with a new roundabout connection
- lowering the road under the rail lines with a new T-intersection.

What we heard

The feedback we've received says the community strongly supports the project and is keen for us to get on with removing the crossing.

We heard that the most important elements to consider are:



Community engagement snapshot

From November to December 2017, we asked the community what they thought of these options in a variety of ways including:



Community feedback

We've summarised the feedback received into the following areas:

Access to the station

We heard that the community needs a safe and well-lit entry and exit to Aircraft Station. Ease of access is important for us to consider, with some people raising issues with the lift access at Laverton Station.

Transport connections

A key theme from the feedback was the need for improved transport connections. The majority of people said they use a car or walk to the train station.

We heard that people would be more likely to choose other transport options if shared user paths, improved footpaths and more cycling facilities were available.

Parking

Car parking near Aircraft Station is a major source of frustration for locals. While this is not included in the project

plans, we recognise how important it is to the community and we will investigate options to improve parking in the area.

Appearance of the design

The project is seen as an opportunity to improve the look and feel of the area. There were some concerns about how building a road over the rail lines might look and its potential to divide the community. Your feedback has highlighted that it is important for the design to fit in with the local area.

Noise and flooding

There are some concerns about potential flooding if we lower the road under the rail, and noise levels if we build the road over the rail line.

Getting on with the job

Overwhelmingly, people want us to get on with the job of removing the level crossing. People said they want a practical solution that improves safety and makes it easier to move around.

Project timeline



Next steps

We're taking your feedback on board to make sure the design improves safety, and helps the community get around more easily.

Measures to address issues such as noise, flooding and the appearance of the design will be considered.

There are also some more technical investigations to be done and then the design will be announced in the

next month. There will be a number of parts of the project that will need further community input. Look out for additional opportunities to be involved.

Stay up-to-date on the project by visiting levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/crossings/aviation-road-laverton. You can also contact us by email at contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au or phone on **1800 105 105**.

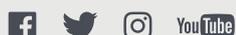


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