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GEELONG BYPASS

Planning Approvals

Project Environmental Protection Strategy

VicRoads developed a Project Environmental Protection Strategy (PEPS) for Sections One and Two of the bypass to provide a framework for planning and implementing freeway works between Corio and Fyansford.

Outlined in the PEPS are a range of environmental impacts including the potential effect of the bypass on flora, fauna, cultural heritage, dust, and noise, both during and after construction.

At the completion of a public exhibition and review of the PEPS documents, the Department of Sustainability and Environment endorsed the measures proposed by VicRoads for the management of these types of issues.

The documents form the basis of how VicRoads and its contractors collectively manage and mitigate the project's relevant environmental issues, risks and obligations, and identify strategies and actions that ensure project works are carried out in an environmentally responsible way.



Above: Cowies Creek will be realigned and enhanced as part of the Geelong Bypass Project.

Environment Effects Statement

A joint Environment Effects Statement/Planning Scheme Amendment (EES/PSA) was prepared for Section Three to identify a road route from the Hamilton Highway in Fyansford to the Princes Highway in Waurn Ponds, along with a possible future connection to the Surf Coast Highway. Similar to the PEPS, the EES/PSA document describes the potential environmental effects the proposed development will have on its environs.

The EES/PSA was placed on public exhibition during August and September 2005, with the

community and stakeholders making written submissions on the options presented by VicRoads.

An Independent Panel was then appointed by the Minister for Planning to review the EES/PSA and consider those submissions via a public panel hearing process during November 2005.

With the panel hearing process now complete, the Independent Panel will submit its recommendations to the Minister for Planning, who will in turn prepare an assessment for consideration by the Minister for Transport.

The Minister for Transport will then announce the proposed route on behalf of the Government.

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