

Ref: RIA-AEC-LET-000-134-00-0062

The Hon Richard Wynne MP  
Minister for Planning  
Level 16, 8 Nicholson Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

### **METRO TUNNEL PROJECT - WESTERN PORTAL STAGE 3 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION**

I write to request your consideration of the *Western Portal Stage 3 Planning Permit Application* (the Application) in accordance with the Schedule to Clause 72.01 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme (the Scheme).

As you are aware, the Metro Tunnel Project (the Project) includes nine-kilometre twin tunnels and five new underground stations connecting the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham rail lines through the heart of the city. It will free up space in the City Loop to run more trains in and out of the city. That means more trains, more often across Victoria and a more reliable train network.

The Rail Network Alliance (RNA), on behalf of Rail Projects Victoria (RPV), is delivering a part of the Metro Tunnel Project including a series of rail corridor enhancements along the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines.

A section of these proposed works are located outside of the identified Project Land associated with the Metro Tunnel Project, as defined within the *Metro Tunnel Rail Project Incorporated Document May 2018* (the GC82 Incorporated Document) and will therefore require a planning permit prior to construction.

The Application includes:

- Western Portal Stage 3 Planning Application Report (Doc No. RNA-AEC-REP-000-134-00-0001)
- Certificate of Title and Title Plans (Appendix A)
- Site Plans and Section Drawings (Appendix B)
- Ecological Assessment Memorandum (Appendix C)
- Stakeholder Responses (Appendix D)
- Rail Projects Victoria Review Letter (Appendix E)

The Application seeks to gain approval for buildings and works to be undertaken within the rail corridor, including the removal of redundant Sunbury Line infrastructure, track and civil infrastructure upgrade works, overhead wiring and structure upgrade works, and drainage upgrade works.

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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**Rail Network Alliance**

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