

Our Ref: COR/20/60686

24 November 2020

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

Dear Minister Wynne

**North East Link Project – Planning permit application to install an internally illuminated sign at Drysdale Street, Yallambie**

I am writing to you on behalf of North East Link Project (NELP) in your capacity as the responsible authority for the North East Link Project (Clause 72.01 of the Banyule Planning Scheme). Further to NELP's application dated 17 September 2020 (PA2000960), please find attached a planning permit application for works to install an internally illuminated sign.

**Background**

The North East Link has been subject to an extensive and robust planning and environmental assessment process. In December 2019, you released your Assessment of the Environment Effects Statement for the Project and subsequently approved PSA GC98 across the Banyule, Boroondara, Nillumbik, Manningham, Whitehorse, Whittlesea and Yarra Planning Schemes.

NELP's Early Works Managing Contractor, CPB Contractors (CPB), is currently delivering the Early Works package to relocate a number of utilities in preparation for main works delivery. These works will involve temporary closures of the intersection of Drysdale Street and Borlase Street. To manage impacts to Drysdale Street residents, CPB propose to temporarily open Drysdale Street to Lower Plenty Road.

The works to create access to Lower Plenty Road will require the relocation of a bus stop and removal of the existing bus shelter that does not contain advertising. The bus shelter will be replaced with a shelter that contains internally illuminated advertising, that was recently removed from Lower Plenty Road at Borlase Street.

On 17 September, 2020 NELP applied for planning permit PA2000960 to open Drysdale Street to Lower Plenty Road and install internally illuminated signage. To allow timely delivery of the proposed works, NELP has subsequently amended application PA2000960, pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to request permission of solely the proposed road opening.

## Planning scheme controls

Under Clause 52.05 (Signs) of the Banyule Planning Scheme, a planning permit is required to install internally illuminated signage within a Category 3 signage area. The Schedule to Clause 72.01 confirms that you are the responsible authority for administering and enforcing the use and development of land associated with the North East Link and are therefore the Responsible Authority for this planning permit application.

CPB engaged Tract Consultants to prepare an assessment of the proposed works against the requirements of the Banyule Planning Scheme, which is attached to this letter (Attachment One). The assessment includes plans prepared for your endorsement, an arborist report and letters of no objection from Banyule City Council and the Department of Transport for your consideration subject to conditions.

Should officers from your department require any further information, Katie Watt, Director – Land, Planning and Environment would be pleased to assist (9027 5975) or [katie.watt@northeastlink.vic.gov.au](mailto:katie.watt@northeastlink.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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Encl: Attachment One – Planning report