

VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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ROADS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

What road works will occur?

The Government has committed up to \$12 million to upgrade key roads and intersections in Wonthaggi.

The Project's Environment Effects Statement (EES) identified some sections of road that could be improved to help manage traffic related to the project.

These works go beyond that to include Webb Road, West Area Road and Graham Street improvements.

Bass Coast Shire Council is carrying out the works.

What sort of traffic management strategies are being put in place?

Managing the impact of traffic is a normal part of managing major projects.

A Traffic Management Liaison Group (TMLG) has been established to provide a forum for the exchange of information and discussion of matters associated with construction traffic management plans for the project.

The TMLG includes representatives from AquaSure, the construction contractors (Thiess Degrémont for the plant site and Thiess Degrémont Nacap for the pipeline), DSE, Bass Coast Shire Council, Cardinia Council, Casey Council, VicRoads and Victoria Police

The group meets fortnightly.

A Traffic Management Strategy has been developed to address traffic impacts on the project.

This strategy has been reviewed and discussed with the relevant councils and VicRoads and modified to suit authority requirements.



The strategy is a live document and is periodically reviewed to ensure compliance with authority requirements any change to project works.

The strategy also forms the basis of the Traffic Management Plans.

Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) are being created for each area where there is a direct interface between construction traffic and public roads.

The TMPs are developed in consultation with the relevant local council and VicRoads (to ensure they fit within the authority's specific requirements).

VicRoads provides the approval to proceed.

Traffic management plans are developed for road closures and detours as well as for access ways from the pipeline easement to local roads.



How will large loads be managed?

Over-dimensional (OD) loads which are originating from Melbourne Port and other industrial areas around Melbourne and country Victoria are carried on designated OD routes specified by VicRoads.

The carriage of all over-dimensional loads follows a stringent approval process and is approved by VicRoads, the large loads being under the direct control of VicRoads escorts.

Generally OD loads within urban areas are transported in night time operations, and in rural areas during daylight early morning operations using specialist OD loads haulage contractors.

Are any particular traffic management plans proposed on the pipeline?

Strict processes are in place to deal with traffic management associated with the construction of the pipeline, including the implementation of approved Traffic Management Plans for all major transport routes, which are overseen by the TMLG.

In all cases, formal approvals under the Road Management Act must be obtained from VicRoads and/or Councils, for any road works or road closures.

Local communities are informed of road works or road closures that may directly or indirectly impact them as soon as practicable after formal approvals have been obtained from the relevant authorities.

Other initiatives have been established to minimise traffic and parking impacts in local towns while the pipeline is being constructed.

Where will pipeline workers park?

Agreements have been reached with a range of community recreation reserves and showground facilities to supply parking for pipeline construction workers.

Workers park at the venues and then travel to work by bus, helping to minimise traffic and parking impacts on the local areas.

In return, construction crews undertake a range of upgrade and improvement works – a win/win solution.

How will Wonthaggi handle additional traffic?

Traffic studies have forecast traffic volumes for the duration of the construction period and the TMLG continues to work with the Bass Coast Shire Council and VicRoads to monitor traffic matters and, where necessary, put in place additional measures to manage any issues.