

Media Release

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CHANGES TO YAN YEAN ROAD UPGRADE PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

Changes to the Yan Yeon Road upgrade will ensure that impacts on the local environment are minimised and local wildlife like the critically endangered Swift Parrot and Grey-headed Flying Fox are better protected.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne announced his assessment today of the environmental effects of stage 2 of the upgrade. The assessment noted the extensive work undertaken by Major Road Projects Victoria to mitigate impacts on the environment and local heritage.

The Minister concluded that, subject to design, construction and operational mitigation and management measures meeting standards endorsed in the assessment, the environmental impacts arising from the project are acceptable.

The changes to the project plan mean that two Doreen River Red Gums will be protected, as will the Doreen General Store and Post Office on Doctors Gully Road.

Realigning holes at Yarrambat Park Community Golf Course will avoid the need for fencing along the road and avoid impacts on local flying fauna, especially the Swift Parrot and Grey-headed Flying Fox.

The upgrades will widen the road from two to four lanes between Kurrak Road and Bridge Inn Road and upgrade six intersections. A continuous safety barrier will be installed to prevent head-on crashes and the road will be straightened to improve driver visibility.

Upgrades will also result in new service roads to allow residents to safely access their properties and new street lighting, signs and landscaping.

There will also be new off-road cycling and pedestrian paths along the length of the upgrade.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"This is another important step in delivering road upgrades for Melbourne's north. We're planning properly and we're getting it done."

We're getting the planning right to ensure disruptions are minimised and both the community and the environment are protected."

Quote attributable to Danielle Green, Member for Yan Yeon

"We'll continue to work with local communities as we get on with this vital project, to slash congestion, keep neighbourhood streets quieter and safer, while also respecting the local environment which is what makes Yarrambat and Doreen such great places to live."