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COMMUNITIES TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP

Community members across Melbourne's east and south east will play a key part in the roll out of Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) East from Cheltenham to Box Hill, as it moves toward the first phase of construction next year.

Cheltenham, Clayton, Monash, Glen Waverley, Burwood and Box Hill each have their own Precinct Reference Groups, which will provide a regular and direct platform for information-sharing and community feedback.

The first meetings will include the latest SRL updates, such as details about each station location and the route of the twin 26km twin tunnels.

The enhancement and development of SRL Precincts (the 1,600 metre areas around SRL stations) is an important component of delivering SRL in addition to the new orbital rail line and new stations.

SRL Precincts will play a key role in helping to progressively reshape Melbourne over time into a 'city of centres' – allowing more people to live near to where they work. SRL Precincts from Cheltenham to Melbourne Airport will be home to about 540,000 jobs.

The new cross-suburb transport connections delivered by SRL will attract more businesses and housing to the broader areas around new stations.

This creates an important opportunity to work with the community and local government to carefully plan these precincts, ensuring they're developed with the amenities, services, open and public space and local infrastructure they need to remain great places to live and work.

The advisory groups will include representatives from community and business groups, local councils, institutions such as universities, schools and hospitals, as well as SRLA and relevant state government agencies.

Precinct Reference Groups build on the extensive community and stakeholder consultation undertaken for SRL since 2019. So far, more than 21,600 people have shared feedback through in-person and online engagement.

There will be further opportunities for people to have their say as part of SRL's Environment Effects Statement (EES) process, with a call-out for public submissions later this year.

Initial Works get underway on SRL East from 2022, delivering up to 800 direct early jobs.

More information can be found at: <https://suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say>

Quotes attributable to Suburban Rail Loop Minister Jacinta Allan

"The Precinct Reference Groups bring together more than 50 people who represent the diverse perspectives of local residents, traders and stakeholders across the six precincts from Cheltenham to Box Hill that will see SRL East delivered in their community."

"Locals will be at the heart of shaping Suburban Rail Loop and getting the best outcomes for this incredible project and for their communities."