

# Environment Effects Statement

**The Environment Effects Statement (EES) and draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA) are now available for viewing and public comment from Monday 30 June 2025 until 11.59pm on 22 August 2025.**

Anyone can make a submission on the EES and/or draft PSA. Submissions must be made in writing and be received by 11.59pm on Friday 22 August 2025.

Submissions must be lodged via the Victorian Government's Engage Victoria website: [engage.vic.gov.au/Western-Renewables-Link-IAC](https://engage.vic.gov.au/Western-Renewables-Link-IAC)

The EES and the draft PSA are available here in our virtual engagement room and on our website ([www.westernrenewableslink.com.au](http://www.westernrenewableslink.com.au)) and in hard copy at nine locations along the proposed route during public exhibition.



View [public exhibition locations](#)



# EES and approvals overview

The Western Renewables Link is a complex project which will be developed over several years with ongoing engagement with landholders, communities, industry and government during that time. It requires detailed technical investigations, planning and approvals, before construction may commence.


The Environment Effects Statement (EES) describes the proposed project and its expected environmental effects, the process undertaken to develop the project, and how we propose to avoid, mitigate or manage environmental effects.

The EES process is administered by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), formerly the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), on behalf of Victoria’s Minister for Planning.


The Western Renewables Link EES has been prepared in accordance with the Ministerial guidelines for the assessment of environmental effects under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* (Vic) and scoping requirements issued by the Minister for Planning for the project. We have also prepared a draft Planning Scheme Amendment (PSA), in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic).

Further information on the EES public review process can be found on the Department of Transport and Planning website ([Public review of an EES](#)).

As we have not been able to access all sections of the proposed route, the data included in the EES takes a conservative approach to ensure all potential environmental impacts are assessed in accordance with the scoping requirements for the project’s EES.



Information about the Environment Effects Act 1978 (Vic) and EES process is also available on the [DTP website](#).



The [EES Scoping Requirements](#) are available on the DTP website.

## Environment Effects Statement (EES) considerations

 <div>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage</div>	 <div>Agriculture and Forestry</div>	 <div>Air Quality</div>	 <div>Aviation</div>	 <div>Biodiversity</div>
 <div>Bushfire</div>	 <div>Climate Change</div>	 <div>Contaminated Land</div>	 <div>Economic</div>	 <div>EMI and EMF</div>
 <div>Geology and Soils</div>	 <div>Greenhouse Gas</div>	 <div>Groundwater</div>	 <div>Historical Heritage</div>	 <div>Landscape and Visual</div>
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