

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) will outline the existing environmental, cultural, land use and social values within the project area and the potential impacts of the project.

The EES will also describe the proposed project design, technology and construction method, opportunities to maximise the benefits of the project and measures recommended to avoid and minimise impacts on landholders and communities.

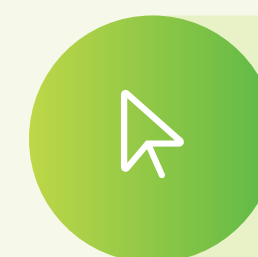
We are currently finalising the Environment Effects Statement (EES) which we will submit to the Department of Transport and Planning, for assessment. This assessment determines whether the EES adequately addresses matters raised in the scoping requirements.


Subject to the Minister for Planning's authorisation, this assessment includes a public exhibition, an inquiry and other advisory committee processes including a public hearing. We expect the EES to be on public exhibition for 40 days in the second half of 2025 followed by the inquiry and public hearing in Q4 2025 and Q1 2026.

The community can make a written submission as part of the EES process and a public hearing will be held to receive evidence from experts and members of the public that request to be heard.

Throughout the development of the project and the EES, we share information with the community and our stakeholders. The technical information presented has been based on field investigations and draft reports prepared by specialists for the EES. This information is preliminary in nature and subject to change until the EES is on public exhibition.

View our [EES Overview](#) page for more information.

 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

 <p>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage</p>	 <p>Agriculture and Forestry</p>	 <p>Air Quality</p>	 <p>Aviation</p>	 <p>Biodiversity</p>
 <p>Bushfire</p>	 <p>Climate Change</p>	 <p>Contaminated Land</p>	 <p>Economic</p>	 <p>EMI and EMF</p>
 <p>Geology and Soils</p>	 <p>Greenhouse Gas</p>	 <p>Groundwater</p>	 <p>Historical Heritage</p>	 <p>Landscape and Visual</p>
 <p>Land Use and Planning</p>	 <p>Noise and Vibration</p>	 <p>Social</p>	 <p>Surface Water</p>	 <p>Transport</p>