

Project Update | March 2022

- Consultation on design is progressing for the refurbishment of the VICSES Corio site located at 299 Anakie Road, Lovely Banks.
- The City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) have endorsed a preferred concept design. VICSES are currently reviewing and updating design and operational requirements in consultation with the Unit.
- Requirements are anticipated to be finalised by the end of this month. Once completed, the design process will recommence.
- ESIA would like to thank you for your patience, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure delivery of a facility that improves operational efficiency.



Next Steps

- Obtain confirmation from VICSES on updated requirements.
- Complete final concept design and commence documentation.
- Commence detailed design phase, along with planning permit application process.

This update is current at time of distribution, however due to unforeseen circumstances, changes may occur.

Project Timeline

Site due diligence Completed

Concept, schematic, and detailed design
In progress

Town planning approvalPending design finalisation

Procure and appoint construction firm In planning

Construction commences TBC

Construction concludes TBC

Handover of facility
TBC







Planning permit application

Planning schemes regulate the development and use of land. They do this is by requiring permits before certain types of development or land use can commence. Requirements for permits vary for each local council and the planning permit process can be simple or complicated depending on many variables that can occur during the process. Planning assessment might include rules about respecting neighbourhood character, achieving good urban design outcomes, protecting reasonable amenity, management of noise emissions or enhancing heritage significance.

The permit process

Preparing an application

ESIA engages independent planning experts and local council officers to inform the development of the application to minimise the risk of delays from further information being sought once the application has been submitted.

Stakeholder engagement

ESIA engages affected stakeholders, such as neighbouring residents and businesses, along with the wider community, to discuss the plans before the formal public notice process commences. This can save time later by minimising objections or design changes required to address concerns.

Submitting an application

Information provided as part of the application includes the architectural drawings, as well as supporting evidence from site due diligence assessments including soil, traffic, arborist, geotechnical, acoustic and land survey reports.

Advertising

Notice of a planning application (advertising) informs the community about a proposal and invites them to inspect the plans.

If someone believes they're affected by the proposed development, they can make a written submission to council.

Assessment

At the end of the notification period, Council will assess the proposal, including any submissions and grant a permit or refuse a permit.

A permit can be granted with or without conditions, and a proposal can only go ahead if all conditions are met.

How long does the process take?

By law, Councils have to make a decision about planning permit applications within 60 days.

However, Councils can start, stop and re-set the clock on this timeframe in instances where further information is requested; the application has to be formally amended; or when the application has to be referred to other agencies, such as VicRoads.

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