

VICSES Heidelberg

(Northcote)

Update from the Emergency Services
Infrastructure Authority

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- The principal works contract was awarded in April 2021 and the project is nearing practical completion.
- Site services are 90% complete and internal services are 80% complete.
- Completed works include main building slabs, structural steel, brickwork and cladding, motor bay roof, plaster board walls, doors and ceilings, joinery installation, furniture, fittings, appliances and timber fencing.



Next Steps

- Complete hardstand concrete and parking bay.
- Install flagpoles, signage, complete roof walkway and antennas.
- Review and establish agreed practical completion date with the contractor, which has claimed delays due to COVID-19.

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

Project Timeline

Site identification

Complete

Site due diligence

Complete

Land acquisition

Complete

Concept, schematic and design development

Complete

Town planning and zoning approvals

Complete

Procure and appoint construction firm

Complete

Construction underway

In progress

Construction concludes

TBC*

Commissioning of facility

TBC*

Handover of facility

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*Refer to 'Next Steps'

Construction process



Once a builder has been appointed to construct a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team plays an important role in managing the contract so that the construction phase runs as smoothly as possible.

ESIA's role During the construction of a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team is responsible for a range of contract administration and management tasks, including:

- Track and expedite the status of milestones.
- Manage delivery of goods and/or services.
- Manage processing of payments.
- Manage and administer contract variations.
- Assess suppliers and/or industries viability.
- Report contract data.
- Conduct audits and inspection.

- Assess and manage contract management capability.
- Manage suppliers' performance.
- Manage contract stakeholders.
- Manage contract risks and issues.
- Manage contract price reviews.
- Manage probity risks and issues.
- Manage disputes with suppliers.
- Manage contract extensions and end dates.
- Manage consultants and contractor

How long will it take to build our new facility? ESIA estimates that your new facility will take approximately eight months to construct. As with any construction project of this size, there may be some unforeseen setbacks, however ESIA and your VICSES regional manager will keep you informed throughout the process.

Can we visit the site while it is under construction? Construction sites are busy places. Many contractors work side-by-side and heavy vehicles come and go so there are a number of OH&S risks that must be considered. ESIA will endeavour to organise an opportunity for you to inspect the construction site at some stage.

What happens if the weather impacts the progress of the build? Factors such as inclement weather are considered when the estimated project timeline is determined. However, there may be issues out of ESIA's control that mean the construction will take longer than anticipated.

Can we move into our facility as soon as construction has been completed? Following practical completion and the certificate of occupancy commissioning of the facility must be undertaken before the unit is operational. This process ensures that new facilities and equipment are ready for occupancy and use, this process can take a few months.

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