VICSES Emerald

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

Project Update | June 2020

- The four shortlisted construction contractors were identified through the formal Expression of Interest process conducted in mid 2019. All four are metrpolitan based contractors with relevant and recent experience in similar scale projects.
- The construction of the retaining wall is quite complex. Further geotechnical investigations have been undertaken on the site, and structural design of the retaining wall and building substructure have now been finalised.
- Power Pole relocation that was impacting the future facility's desired operation was completed in February 2020.
- The formal Request for Tender (RFT) was issued to four shortlisted contractors in April 2020.
- The RFT period has now concluded, and all four suppliers submitted offers.
- The tender evaluation is in progress. determination of the preferred supplier is on schedule for August 2020.
- Construction commencment will follow the appointment of the successful building contractor.



Next Steps

- RFT Evaluation in progress
- Construction commencement Mid-late 2020

Project Timeline

Site identification Complete

Site due diligence Complete

Land acquisition Complete

Concept designs Complete

Schematic design Complete

Town planning and zoning approvals Complete

Detailed design Completed

Procure and appoint construction firm Mid-late 2020

Construction commences Mid-late 2020

Construction concludes Mid 2021

Commissioning of facility Mid 2021

Handover of facility Mid-late 2021







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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