

VICSES Northcote

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

Project Update | December 2020

- ESIA has been working closely with the VICSES Operational Communications Team to support communications requirements. As determined, a rooftop antennae array will be required as part of the build.
- An amended planning permit from Banyule City Council is required to proceed with the antennae array. This is expected to be received in February 2021.
- Contract award with the preferred builder will also take place following receipt of the planning permit, as determined by the Sector Coordination Group, who oversee the governance and key decisions of all VICSES facility build projects.
- The preferred builder has confirmed that they remain committed to this project and will work with ESIA and VICSES to commence this project as soon as the planning permit is received.



VICSES Northcote Unit design render

Next Steps

- Finalise details of rooftop antennae array including detailed drawings and specifications.
- Submit planning amendment to Banyule City Council for the revised roof antennae array, which will require public advertising.
- ESIA will work closely with the Banyule City Council if any questions regarding the antennae arise from surrounding residents.

Project Timeline

Site identification

Complete

Site due diligence

Complete

Land acquisition

Complete

Concept, schematic and design development

Complete

Town planning and zoning approvals

Amendment for antennae
In progress

Procure and appoint construction firm

Underway

Construction commences

February 2021

Construction concludes

November 2021

Commissioning of facility

December 2021

Handover of facility

December 2021 –
January 2022

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.

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 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.

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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