

VICSES Essendon

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

Project Update | November 2021

- Following the industry-wide construction shut down in late September, the VICSES Essendon project was included in the State Critical Infrastructure list and the project was able to recommence at full capacity from 4 October 2021.
- Construction works are underway with completed works including excavation, contaminated soil removal, slab pours, kerb, and drainage activities.
- Erection of steel has commenced, and the boat shed has been framed.



Next Steps

- Complete building frame and roof.
- Commence new building exterior cladding, windows, and pavements.
- Commence internal services rough-in and internal fit-out.
- Hold regular site meetings to monitor progress, program, and quality assurance.
- Feedback from completed VICSES facilities have been collated to improve and inform future builds. An assessment will be made to understand which lessons learned can be applied to the VICSES Essendon project.

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 design

Complete

Schematic design

Complete

Town planning and zoning approval

Complete

Detailed design

Complete

Procure and appoint construction firm

Complete

Construction commenced

April 2021

Construction concludes

January 2022

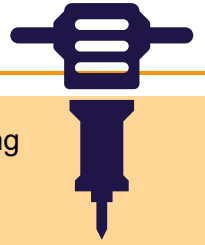
Handover of facility

TBC





Construction process



Once a builder has been appointed, 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 construction, 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 upgrade and extend our facility? ESIA estimates that your upgraded facility will take approximately five 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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