## **VICSES Port Fairy**

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

## Project Update | August 2021

- Welcome to your first project update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority (ESIA). These updates are designed to keep you informed of the progress of the VICSES Port Fairy relocation from 81 Sackville Street to 116 Princes Highway, Port Fairy.
- As part of the 2021-22 Victorian State Budget, funding has been allocated towards construction of a new fit-for-purpose facility for the VICSES Port Fairy Unit. ESIA will be responsible for managing the delivery of this project on behalf of VICSES.
- The standardised design type for this project is a Type A hybrid, to be co-located with Country Fire Authority (CFA) Port Fairy.
- The schematic design has been endorsed by the Unit, pending preparation of documentation by a Quantity Surveyor for approval by the Sector Coordination Group.
- The current planning permit issued to CFA in February 2021 requires an amendment to support minor revisions proposed to the facility.
- On 4 August 2021, ESIA and VICSES Headquarters visited Port Fairy to meet with the Port Fairy Unit Management Team (UMT) on site.



## **Next Steps**

- Submit town planning permit amendment to Moyne Shire Council.
- Appoint principal design consultant for detailed design.
- Appoint cultural heritage consultant for undertaking works required to comply with Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) conditions.

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

## **Project Timeline**

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Site Identification Complete

Site due diligence Complete

Concept design Complete

Schematic design Complete

Town planning approval In progress

Detailed design In progress

**Tender documentation** November 2021

Procure and appoint construction contractor Late 2021 – early 2022

Construction commences March 2022

Construction concludes December 2022

Handover of facility December 2022







## **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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