



MORDIALLOC FREEWAY  
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# ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS STATEMENT



## Aboriginal and Historic Cultural Heritage

The 9km Mordialloc Freeway will improve access to Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, completing the missing link from Frankston to Clayton.

We've now undertaken 13 key investigations to fulfil our requirements as part of the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

We engaged a team of technical experts to undertake detailed investigations for the project. Desktop assessments and site investigations were carried out to understand how the construction and operation of the freeway could impact Aboriginal and historic cultural heritage values. These investigations will help inform how we manage the potential impacts of the project.

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The full reports of these studies are available in Chapter 14: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Chapter 15: Historic Cultural Heritage of the EES Main Report.

### What our studies found

#### Aboriginal cultural heritage

There is a long history of Aboriginal occupation in south-eastern Melbourne, particularly surrounding the former Carrum Carrum Swamp.

The desktop assessment found that there is potential for stone artefacts to be present in areas least disturbed by European land use and development.

The Traditional Owners, Wurrndjeri, Boon Wurrung and Bunurong, were consulted and participated in fieldwork assessments. There is no Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) listed for the area.

A ground surface survey found stone artefacts in two locations that were deemed to have no or low research potential. The assessment confirmed that it is unlikely there are large numbers of artefacts in the project area that would be impacted by the project.

It was concluded that all Aboriginal cultural heritage can be managed within the framework of the project's Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) subject to Aboriginal Victoria's approval.

#### Historic cultural heritage

After European settlement, the land within the project area was primarily used for agricultural and pastoral activities, commercial and industrial purposes and construction of infrastructure.

Over time, the land has been cleared of vegetation and hydrologically modified through the draining of Carrum Carrum Swamp and the creation of artificial wetlands.

Two sites were identified adjacent to the project area with local historic significance, listed under the Schedule to Clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay (HO) of the Kingston Planning Scheme. These are the:

- Braeside Park Precinct
- Former Christ Church of England

The reference design has been realigned to avoid impact on the administration building and chlorine store's built fabric. The Former Christ Church of England is located outside of the project area, and will not be affected by the project.

The archaeological assessment did not identify any other artefacts of historical significance within the alignment.

## Being accountable for what we do

We have established Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs), which define the environmental outcomes we will achieve during the design, construction and operation of the Mordialloc Freeway.

Our EPRs will ensure that we maintain the cultural historic values of the project area.

A set of contingency measures will be developed through the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to manage the unexpected discovery of previously unrecorded historic heritage sites and features.

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A full list of our EPRs can be found in Chapter 14: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Chapter 15: Historic Cultural Heritage of the EES Main Report.

## EES Documentation

You can view the full EES documentation

Online: [roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/mordialloc-freeway](https://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/mordialloc-freeway)

In person at:

- Mordialloc Freeway Info Hub
- City of Kingston offices
- City of Greater Dandenong offices
- Chelsea Library
- Springvale Library
- State Library of Victoria
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (Melbourne offices)



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