

# Mordialloc Bypass

## Engagement Report

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# 1. Better roads for Melbourne's south east

The Mordialloc Bypass is a proposed new nine kilometre arterial road between the end of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway at Springvale Road, Aspendale Gardens and the Dingley Bypass, Dingley.

In May 2017, the Victorian Government committed \$300 million to build the Mordialloc Bypass by late 2021.

We're currently progressing planning and investigations for the project, with a view to start construction by mid 2019. This timeline is subject to environmental and planning approvals.



**MORDIALLOC BYPASS CONCEPT DESIGN:** 9 kilometers of new road, 2 new bridges, 4 new intersections and a cycle and pedestrian path along the full length of the Bypass

## Benefits of the Mordialloc Bypass

The new bypass will help alleviate delays and improve safety in one of outer Melbourne's fastest growing areas.

The new arterial road will improve access to the Dandenong South Employment and Innovation Cluster and industrial areas in Braeside and Moorabbin. Road users will also have improved access to residential, recreation and other nearby shopping and entertainment precincts.

The reduced traffic volumes on Springvale Road will improve bus operations, which, together with the provision of a shared pedestrian and cycling path along the Mordialloc Bypass, will provide a more balanced transport network solution for the area.

"As a long term resident of The Waterways Estate we can't wait for the completion of this road (sympathetic with the environment) which will ease some of the traffic in the area and maybe even cut down the amount of rat runners driving through our estate from Governor Road as a shortcut to Springvale Road."

"My family went through this many years ago in Blackburn when the extension of the Eastern Freeway was made. We were concerned with the environment, congestion, noise with vehicles travelling 100km/hr, and the impact on the house values. The value of the houses have soared, and the locals benefited with screening, tree planting to soften the hard concrete walls, foot bridges to cross to the other side, and pathways through bushland with wildlife. I hope this eases your concerns."

"Lifetime resident of the surrounding area (Asp Gardens/Edithvale). This bypass has been in the pipeline for as long as I can remember and hence land reserved. Great initiative. As a resident of Wells Rd, am looking forward to lower traffic congestion and environmental pollution in the corridor, in particular commercial vehicles and through traffic. Great assistance to emergency services to service area both via Wells Road and proposed bypass."

"This project is long overdue. It will relieve pressure from the many suburban thoroughfares."

"Cannot come soon enough!"

"This is long overdue and hopefully it will reduce the traffic on wells road. The sooner the better."

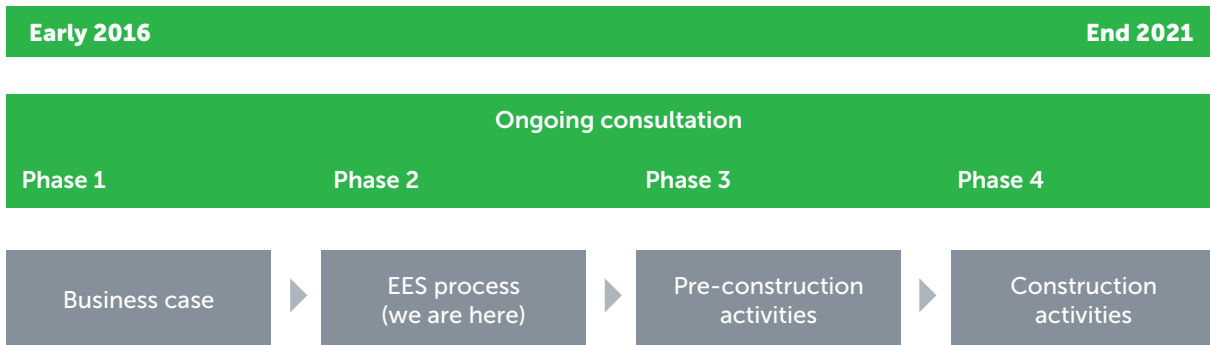
## Environment Effects Statement

An Environment Effects Statement (EES) is currently being prepared to investigate the project’s potential environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will manage the EES process.

Public involvement is an important part of the EES process, and there will be a number of opportunities for stakeholder and community feedback. The EES documentation consisting of technical reports and concept designs is scheduled to be on public exhibition in late 2018. During this time, the public can make written comments on the ESS and there may also be an opportunity to make a verbal submission at an independent panel hearing. Once this process is completed the Minister for Planning will make a final decision on the project.

Further community sessions and information updates are planned throughout this process to keep the community informed and to obtain feedback on the project. Following the EES process, the project is scheduled to commence construction in mid 2019, with the bypass expected to be completed by the end of 2021. Figure 1.1 provides an overview of the project timeline.

Figure 1.1 Project timeline



## 2. Concept design engagement overview

As part of the Mordialloc Bypass, we're providing opportunities for stakeholder and community feedback.

Our engagement process aims to achieve meaningful participation on key issues and solutions. Importantly, feedback from impacted communities and stakeholders will be used to help inform final outcomes.

Ongoing consultation has been in place since planning commenced to ensure the bypass concept design addressed stakeholder concerns. Following early feedback, we undertook further engagement on the announced concept design. This process is summarised in Figure 2.1.

This report provides a summary of the feedback captured about the concept design.



Figure 2.1: Concept design engagement overview

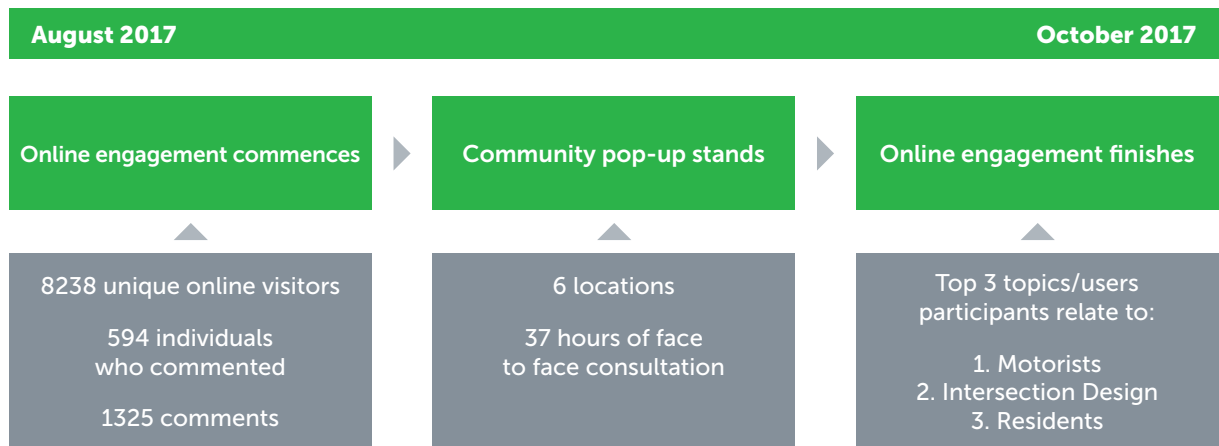




Table 2.1 Community pop-up stands

Location	Date	Time
Mordialloc Community Centre	Thursday 31 August 2017	4pm-8pm
Mordialloc Plaza	Friday 1 September 2017	10am-5pm
Keysborough Shopping Centre	Saturday 2 September 2017	9am-5pm
Parkmore Shopping Centre	Thursday 7 September 2017	10am-9pm
Lakeview Shopping Centre	Saturday 9 September 2017	9am-5pm
Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre	Saturday 16 September 2017	10am-5pm

### How we engaged

During the consultation period, stakeholders were able to provide feedback via engageVicRoads.

In addition to the online site, we hosted six community pop up sessions and met with interested residents and community groups. Table 2.1 provides a summary of the location, date and times of each of the pop up sessions.

These locations and times were selected in order to reach a broad audience. The pop up sessions and interactive site were promoted via:

- 70,000 postcards dropped to the local area
- Six information pop up stands at local shopping centres
- Geotargeted Facebook and mobile advertising
- Local MP Facebook promotion
- Advertisements in the local newspapers.

Team members were available at the pop ups to provide information about the project, respond to concerns and answer questions.

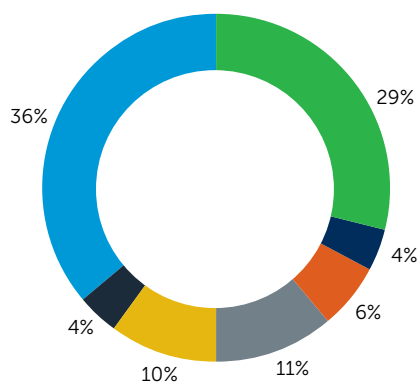
### Online engagement snapshot

#### How people found the online site

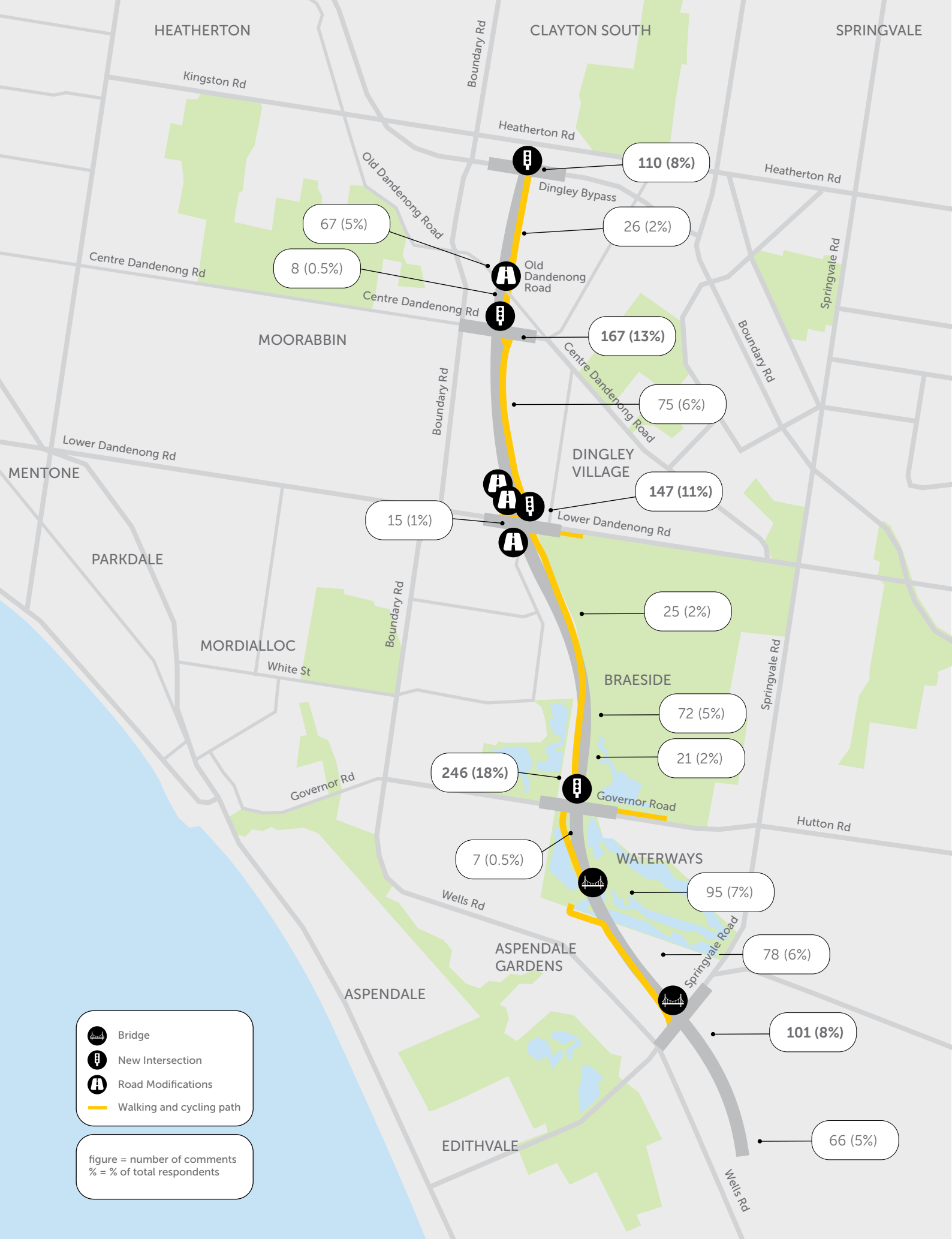
We used online analytic tools to monitor how people found the engageVicRoads online webpage. The results include:

- 5,123 came to the interactive map via social media links (such as advertisements on Facebook and on local MP posts)
- 2,398 via directly typing in the project website address (most likely from the postcard distribution and advertisements in the local newspapers)
- 1,046 through the VicRoads website.

### Who provided feedback



- I'm a local resident
- I'm a local business owner
- I'm a non-local commuter travelling through the area
- I visit the area often to spend time there or nearby
- My Family or friends live nearby
- Other
- Blank



### 3. What you told us – feedback by section

#### Dingley Bypass

##### Benefits

The project will unlock further benefits of the now completed Dingley Bypass.

##### Project details

This section includes: Installing traffic lights at this new intersection and providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in each direction.

##### Feedback



###### General comments:

- Feedback about traffic flow and reducing delay to commuters
- Support for linking new and existing cycle routes



###### Intersection design:

- Suggestions to reduce the number of traffic lights



###### Accessibility:

- Comments related to the potential impact to local residents, in particular with access to their homes
- Support to keep trucks moving efficiently to nearby distribution centres by limiting the use of traffic lights



###### Environment:

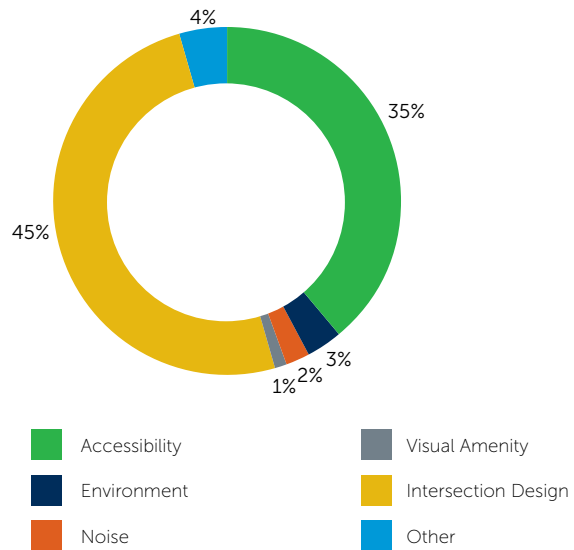
- Comments were made about air quality from vehicles stopping and starting at the intersections



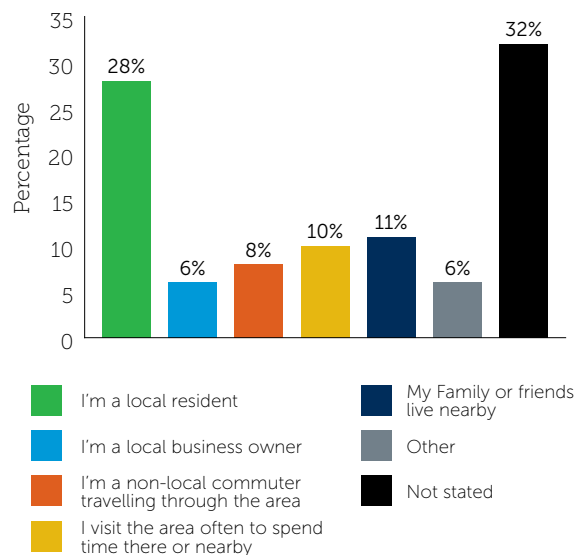
###### Visual amenity and noise:

- Traffic noise, from both cars and trucks, was raised

##### CATEGORIES



##### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**8%** of all feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (110 comments)

# Dingley Bypass to Old Dandenong Road

## Benefits

The bypass will ease congestion and improve safety in one of outer Melbourne's fastest growing areas.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic lights at the Dingley Bypass, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in each direction. Conversion of Old Dandenong Road to a no-through road.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- Support to increase road width to allow for three lanes
- Queries as to how the project would ease congestion on nearby roads



### Intersection design:

- Comments focused on reducing the use of traffic lights



### Accessibility:

- Preference to increase road width to three lanes
- Potential impacts on South Road was raised although out of project scope



### Environment:

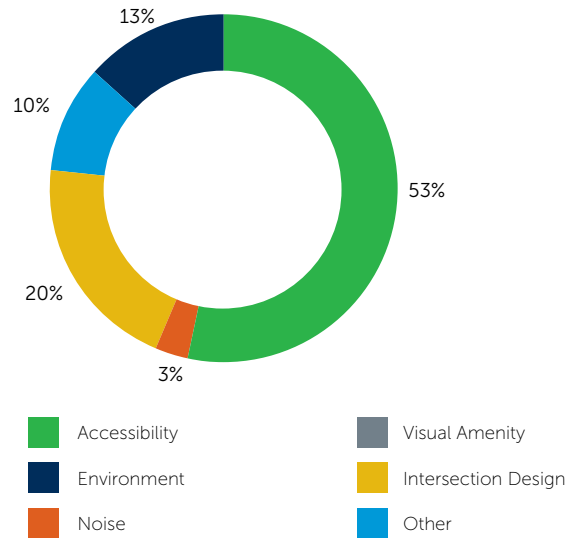
- Comments were raised around an increase of dust
- Potential loss of natural habitat and open space was also raised



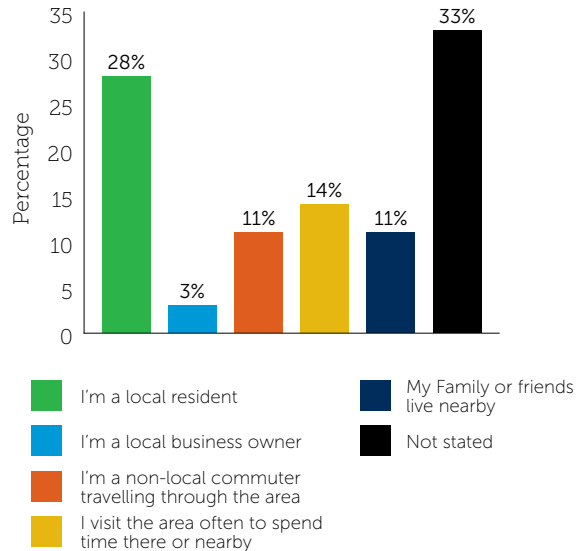
### Visual amenity and noise:

- A comment was noted relating to noise affecting residents to the north-west of the proposed route

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**2%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (26 comments)

# Old Dandenong Road

## Benefits

The project will unlock further benefits of the now completed Dingley Bypass as well as improve safety on the roads.

## Project details

This section includes: Conversion of Old Dandenong Road to a no-through road on each side of the Mordialloc Bypass.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Support to retain access to Old Dandenong Road



#### Intersection design:

- Comments focused on maintaining access to Old Dandenong Road



#### Accessibility:

- A number of comments also referred to the development at Kingswood Golf Course creating an additional need for access to be maintained
- Support to keep Old Dandenong Road open to access Boundary Road



#### Environment:

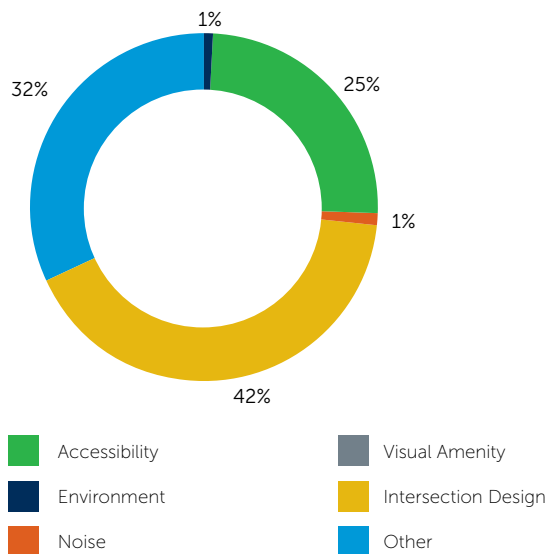
- Potential increase to pollution with increased traffic



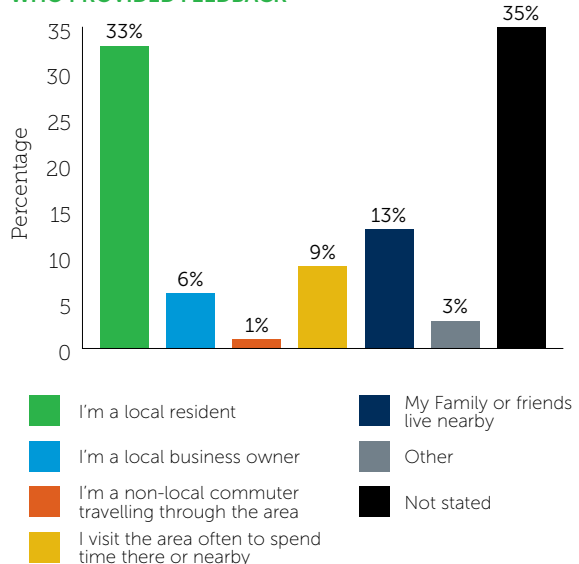
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Feedback included a request for barriers to reduce the effect of traffic noise on residents at this section

CATEGORIES



WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (67 comments)

# Old Dandenong Road to Centre Dandenong Road

## Benefits

The bypass provides an extra capacity and high quality alternative road, resulting in the local network better performing.

## Project details

This section includes: Conversion of Old Dandenong Road to a no-through road on each side of the Mordialloc Bypass. Installation of traffic signals at the Centre Dandenong Road junction, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in each direction.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Comment related to the importance of safeguarding views of Christ Church Dingley



#### Intersection design:

- Need for traffic flow and accessibility to be given greater priority than concerns about visual impact in this section



#### Accessibility:

- There were no accessibility comments raised



#### Environment:

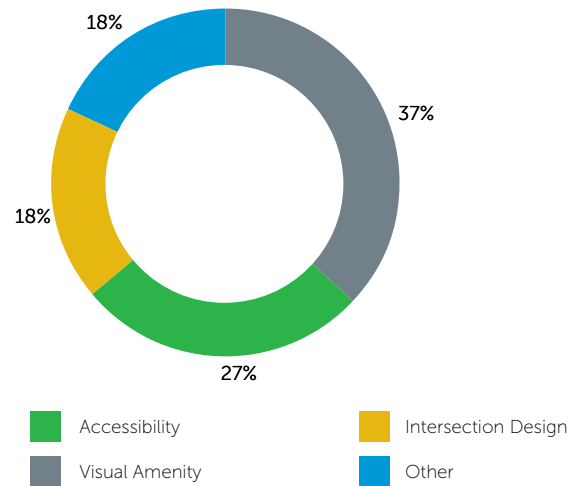
- There were no environmental comments raised



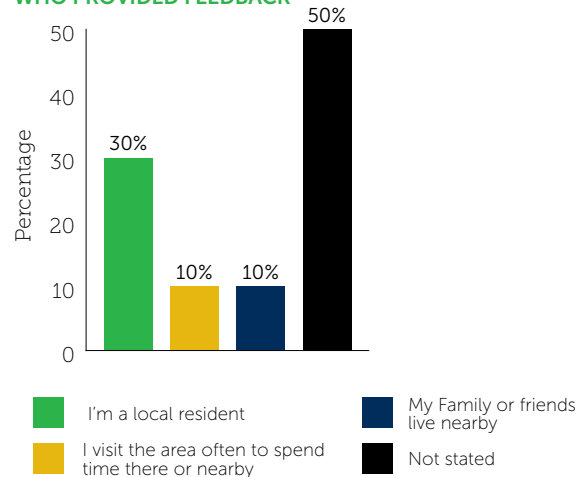
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Design/colour should be in keeping with the church visible from the roundabout
- Several additional comments downplayed the importance of this concern

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**0.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (8 comments)

# Centre Dandenong Road

## Benefits

The project is designed to meet the forecasted traffic and population growth needs over the next 10–20 years.

## Project details

This section includes: Conversion of Old Dandenong Road to a no-through road on each side of the Mordialloc Bypass. Installation of traffic lights at the Centre Dandenong Road junction, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in each direction.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- A number of comments referred to the need to future proof the design for future developments including Costco and the Moorabbin Airport Business Centre



#### Intersection design:

- Comments suggested alternate options other than traffic lights to prevent additional traffic entering/exiting onto Centre Dandenong Road and to keep traffic moving



#### Accessibility:

- Opportunity to provide improved crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in addition to extending the existing cycle network was mentioned



#### Environment:

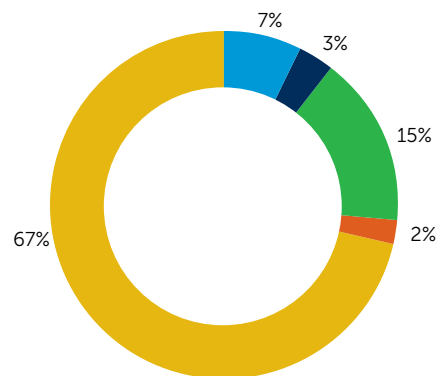
- Suggestions to rehabilitate the creek in the area to offset any loss of natural features were discussed



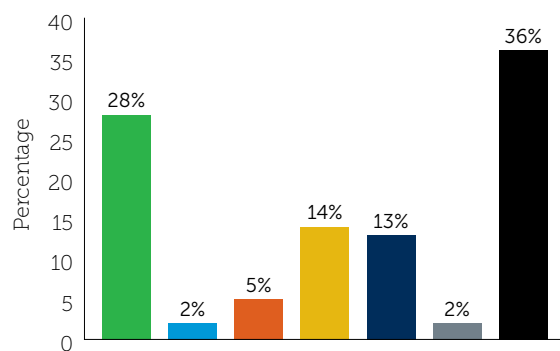
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Questions raised about noise mitigation measures

CATEGORIES



WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**12.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (167 comments)

# Centre Dandenong Road to Lower Dandenong Road

## Benefits

The intersection has been designed to improve traffic flow and safety.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic signals at the Centre Dandenong Road junction, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in each direction. Installation of traffic signals at Lower Dandenong Road, providing dedicated left and right turning lanes in each direction.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- This section attracted comments with a greater focus on environmental concerns with interest in the loss of trees



### Intersection design:

- Comments focused on the use of traffic lights and how this would impact on traffic flow
- Suggestions that additional lanes may be required to cater for traffic volumes



### Accessibility:

- Support to link cycle paths via a shared path to local parks
- Comments were raised around trucks being funneled through residential areas



### Environment:

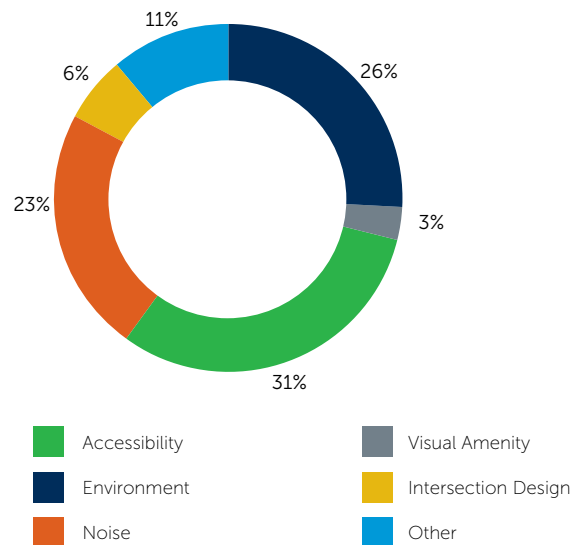
- Questions raised about the loss of mature native trees and how this would be mitigated



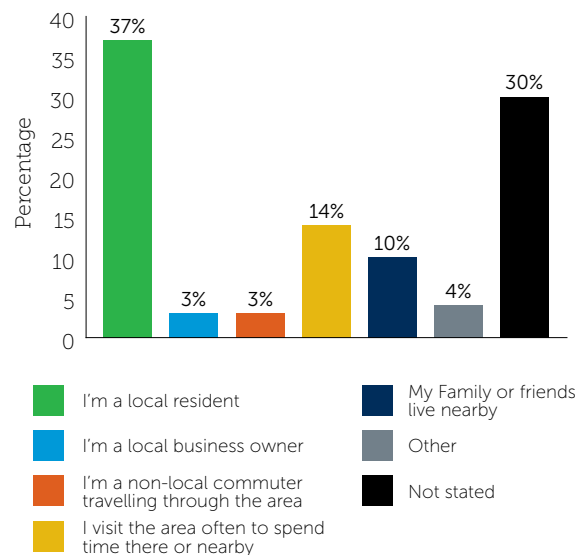
### Visual amenity and noise:

- Comments regarding noise and how this increase would be managed

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**5.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (75 comments)



# Lower Dandenong Road


## Benefits

The bypass will provide a much-needed additional route, easing congestion on nearby roads and improving safety.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic signals at this intersection to provide dedicated left and right turning lanes in each direction.


### Feedback

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**General comments:**

  - Comments highlighted a preference to reduce the use of traffic lights in order to promote traffic flow

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**Intersection design:**

  - Comments focused on a bridge option to separate traffic

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**Accessibility:**

  - The potential to create new cycle routes was raised

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**Environment:**

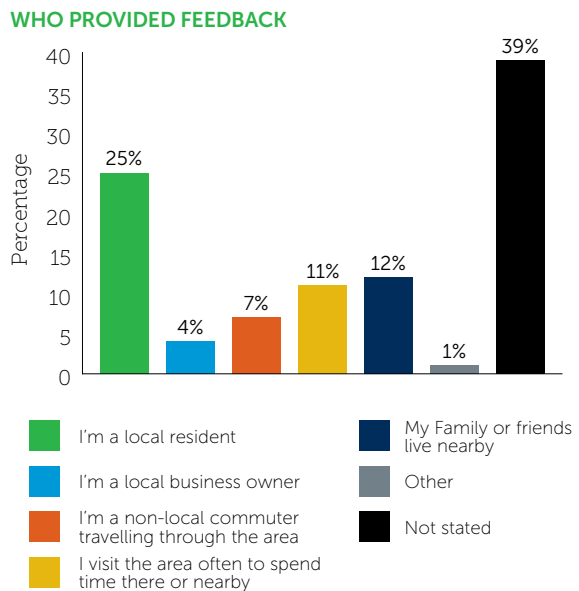
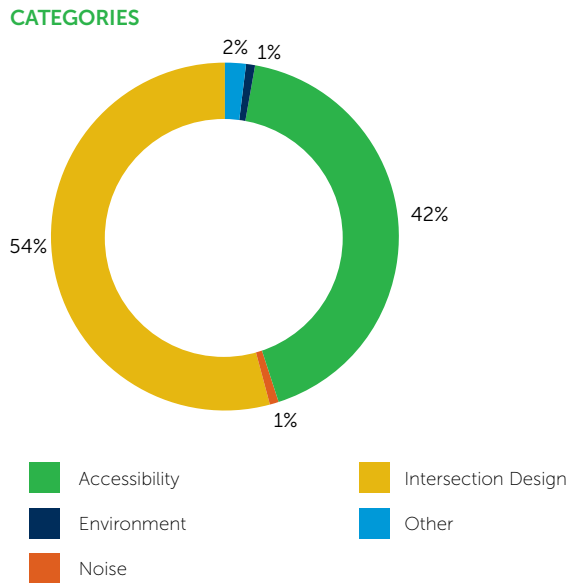
  - General interest in how the bypass would impact on pollution

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**Visual amenity and noise:**

  - General interest in how the bypass would impact on noise



**11%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (147 comments)

# Woodlands Drive

## Benefits

On-street parking and a turnaround bay to be provided.

## Project details

This section includes: Modification of closed end of Woodlands Drive to provide on-street parking and a turnaround bay. Access from Woodland Drive to Lower Dandenong Road to be closed, with traffic to be redirected via Tarnard Drive. New traffic signals to be installed at Bell Grove.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Comments focused on truck movements to and from the industrial estate



#### Intersection design:

- Suggestions to restrict larger vehicles to the left-hand lane only



#### Accessibility:

- Request made to create a new access point into the industrial estate via Phoenix Court, Mills Road or Park Way



#### Environment:

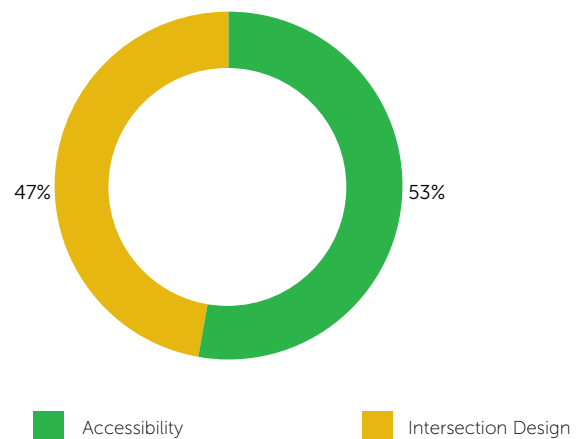
- There were no environmental concerns raised



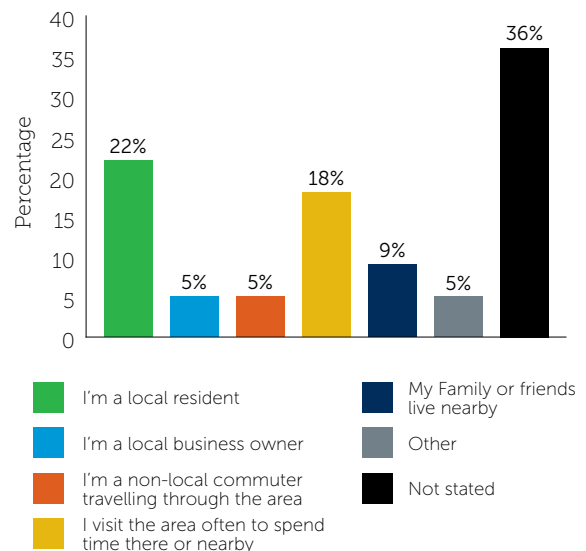
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- There were no visual amenity and noise concerns raised

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**1%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (15 comments)

# Lower Dandenong Road to Park Way

## Benefits

To improve safety and traffic flow, right turn movements out of Redwood Drive onto Lower Dandenong will not be permitted.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic signals at Lower Dandenong Road, to provide dedicated right and left turning lanes. Building a traffic light-controlled intersection at Governor Road, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in all directions.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Broad support for the project with a number of comments predicting improved commuting times



#### Intersection design:

- Comments indicated that an overpass could give the area an 'industrial' feel



#### Accessibility:

- Suggestions to include a pedestrian overpass to allow access to Braeside Park from Phoenix Court and Mills Road



#### Environment:

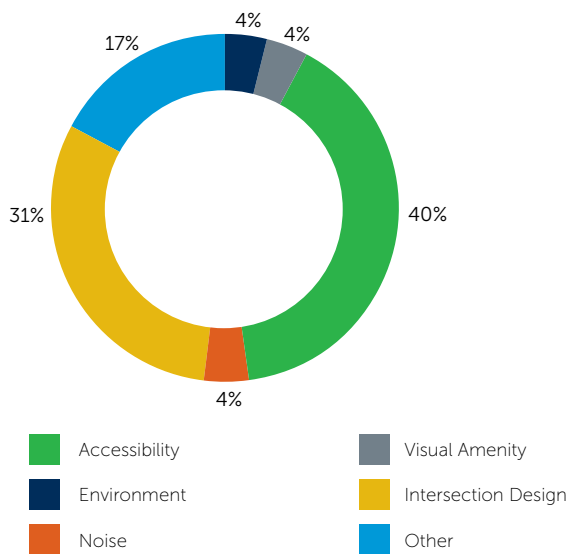
- Potential impacts of noise on wildlife populations was raised



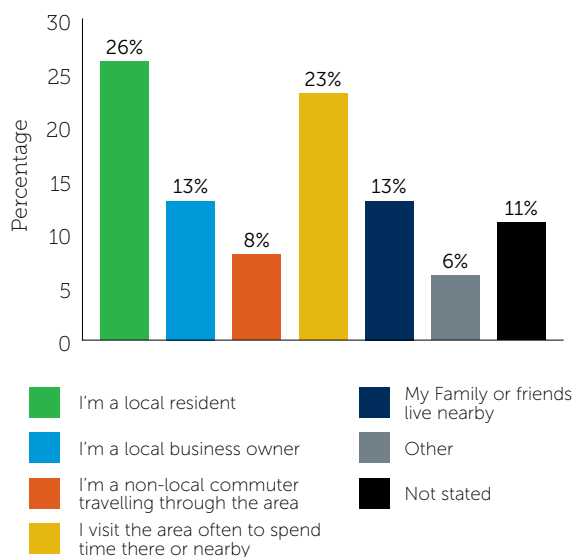
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Noise barriers were requested, both for built-up areas and to protect wildlife from noise impacts

#### CATEGORIES



#### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**2%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (25 comments)

# Park Way to Braeside Park

## Benefits

The bypass will play an important role in connecting people to where they live, work and play.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic lights at Lower Dandenong Road, to provide dedicated right and left turning lanes. Building a traffic light-controlled intersection at Governor Road, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in all directions.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- Majority of discussion focused on impacts on wildlife at Braeside Park and residents' enjoyment of the park



### Intersection design:

- Suggestion to include off ramp to provide access to the business park and discourage commuter traffic through residential roads



### Accessibility:

- Requests were made for cycle paths and walking trails to ensure local connections between Braeside Park were maintained to Park Way and Woodlands Estate



### Environment:

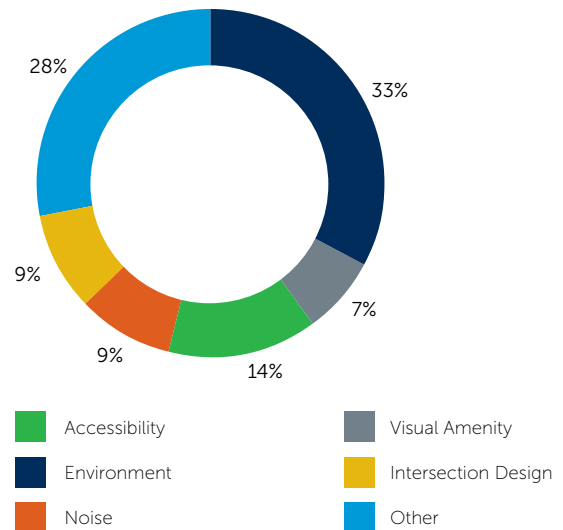
- Comments on the impact to local wildlife moving freely between the wetlands and the park for food and shelter



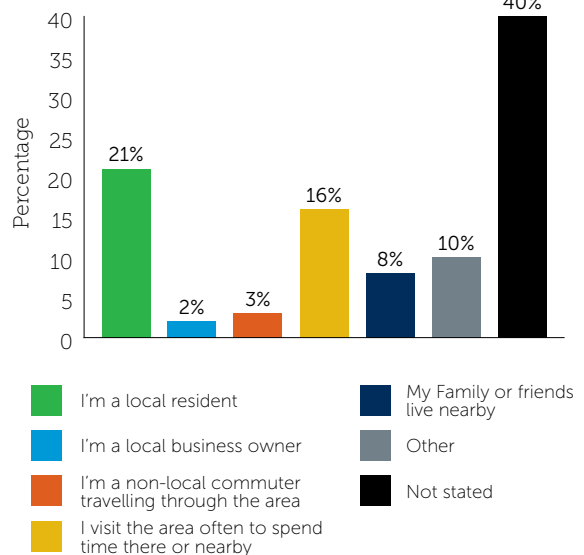
### Visual amenity and noise:

- Queries raised as to the impact on the tranquillity of the park and surrounding area

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**5.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (72 comments)

# Park Way to Governor Road

## Benefits

The bypass will play an important role in connecting people to where they live, work and play.

## Project details

This section includes: Installation of traffic lights at Lower Dandenong Road, with dedicated right and left turning lanes. Building a traffic light-controlled intersection at Governor Road, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in all directions.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Suggestions to increase the bypass to three lanes to improve traffic flow.



#### Intersection design:

- Comments raised about the number of lanes in the current design



#### Accessibility:

- Cycle paths were requested to connect to existing paths leading to Mordialloc, Aspendale Gardens and Waterways



#### Environment:

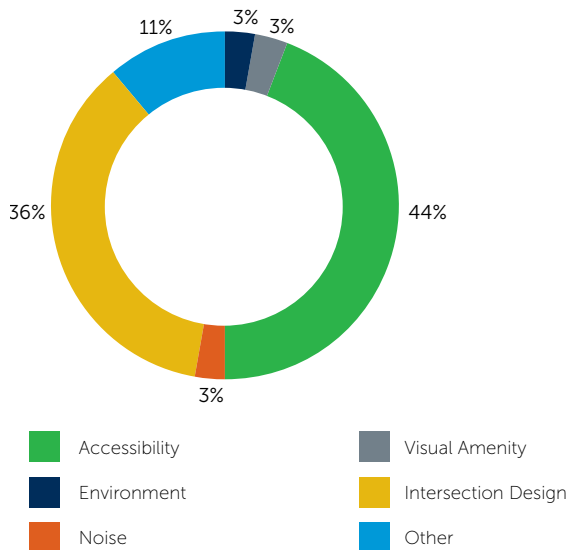
- Queries as to the impact of the road on migratory bird populations.



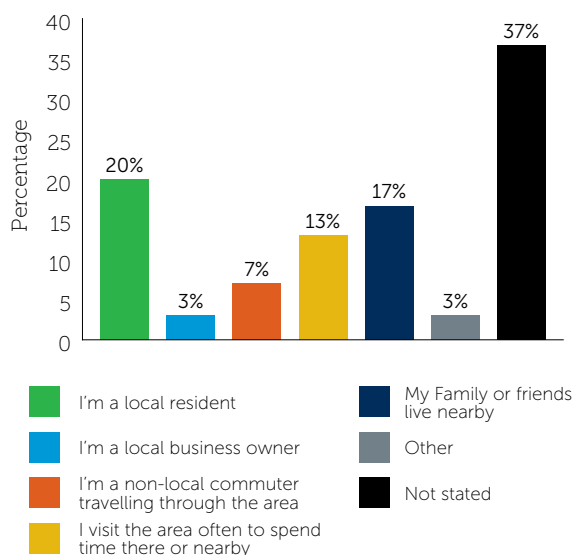
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Suggestions for bypass to include acoustic barriers and tree planting to mitigate noise

#### CATEGORIES



#### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**2%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (21 comments)

# Governor Road

## Benefits

Providing a link between Dingley Bypass and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway will support the growth in this area.

## Project details

This section includes: Building a traffic light-controlled intersection at Governor Road, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in all directions.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Comments focused on the use of traffic lights, suggesting this would impede traffic flow



#### Intersection design and accessibility:

- Comments related to safety along the stretch of road and the need for additional land to accommodate wider pedestrian and cycle paths



#### Environment:

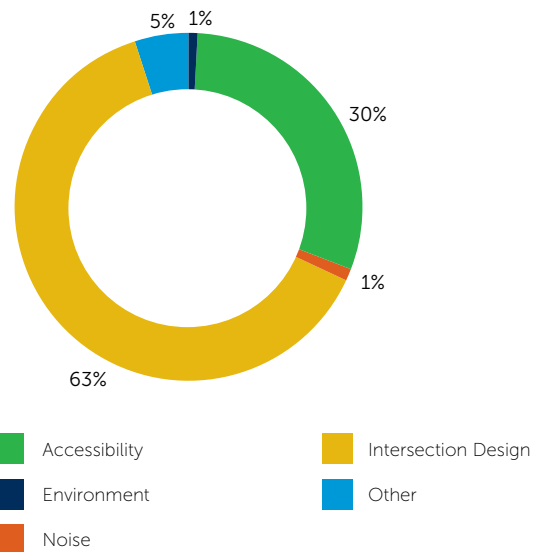
- Queries as to whether increased traffic would increase pollution



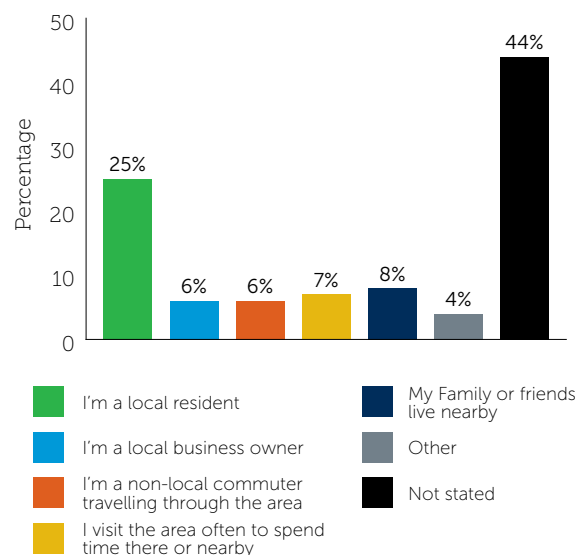
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Queries as to whether the bypass would increase noise pollution

#### CATEGORIES



#### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**18.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (246 comments)

# Governor Road to Bowen Parkway

## Benefits

The new bridge will ease traffic congestion on nearby roads, improve freight movements and minimise impact on sensitive wetlands.

## Project details

This section includes: Building a traffic light-controlled intersection at Governor Road, providing dedicated right and left turning lanes in all directions. Building a new bridge over Mordialloc Creek, wetlands and Bowen Park.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- Suggestions to reduce the need for traffic lights and replace with alternatives



### Intersection design:

- Comments related to the need to remove traffic lights where possible



### Environment:

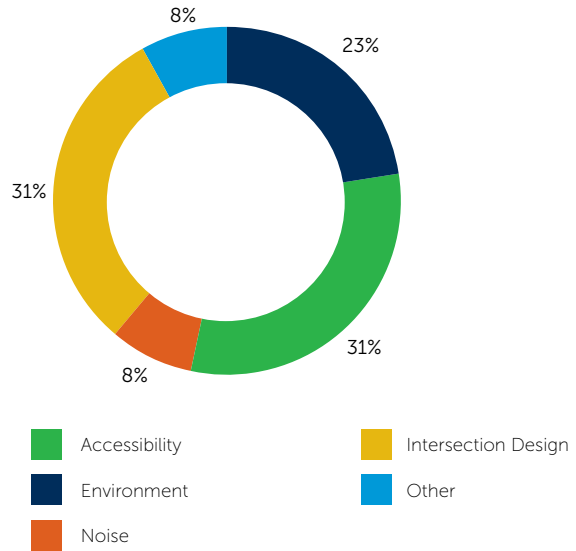
- Queries as to the impact on the wetlands, wildlife and vegetation



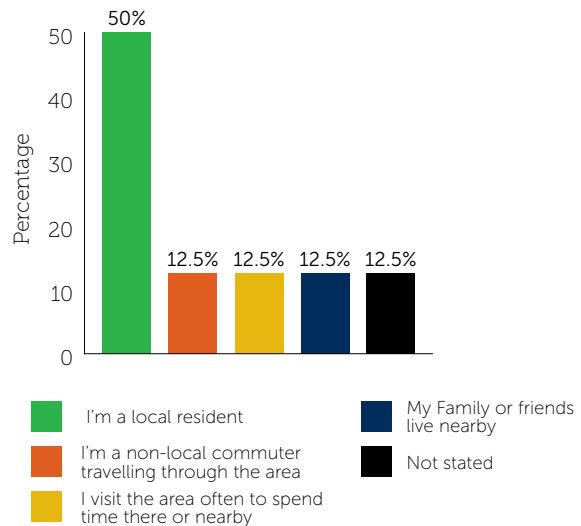
### Visual amenity and noise:

- The need for sound barriers along the new road was highlighted

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**0.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (7 comments)

# Bowen Parkway

## Benefits

This new bridge will ease traffic congestion on nearby roads, improve freight movements and minimise impact on sensitive wetland areas (flora and fauna).

## Project details

This section includes: Building a new bridge over Mordialloc Creek, wetlands and Bowen Park.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- Comments about the protection of the waterways and the environment, with an emphasis on the impact to birds



### Intersection design:

- Comments related to safety along the stretch of road and the need for additional land to accommodate wider pedestrian and cycle paths



### Accessibility:

- Requests were made for appropriate safety and security measures on the proposed new Bowen Parkway overpass for the benefit of cyclists and local school children



### Environment:

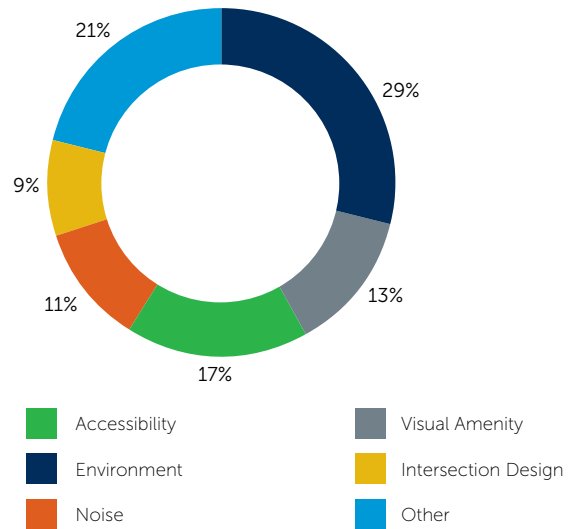
- Comments raised concerns about the impact on the wetland wildlife with particular reference to wetland birds



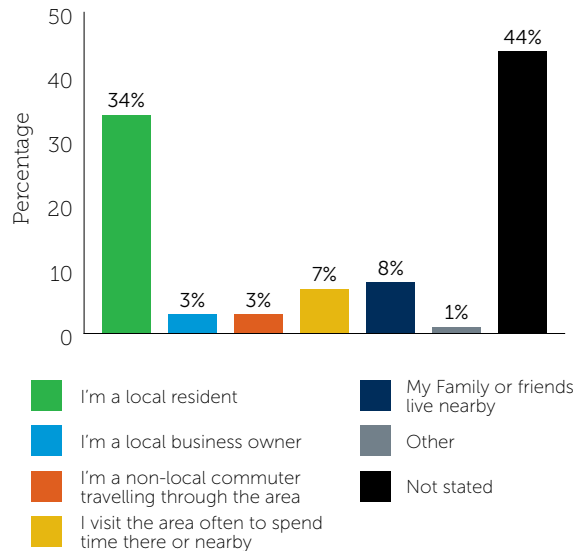
### Visual amenity and noise:

- The need for adequate sound barriers was raised
- Comments made in relation to the visual impact of the bypass

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**7%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (95 comments)



# Bowen Park Way to Springvale Road

## Benefits

Elevating the bypass over Springvale Road will ease congestion on nearby roads, improve freight movements and provide reliability for local buses.

## Project details

This section includes: Building a new bridge over Mordialloc Creek, wetlands and Bowen Park. Raising the bypass over Springvale Road.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Comments about the proximity of the bypass to the boundaries of residential properties



#### Intersection design:

- Comments made about alternate options other than the use of traffic lights



#### Accessibility:

- Suggestions in relation to bike path location, recommending the position to be on the other side of the bypass away from homes



#### Environment:

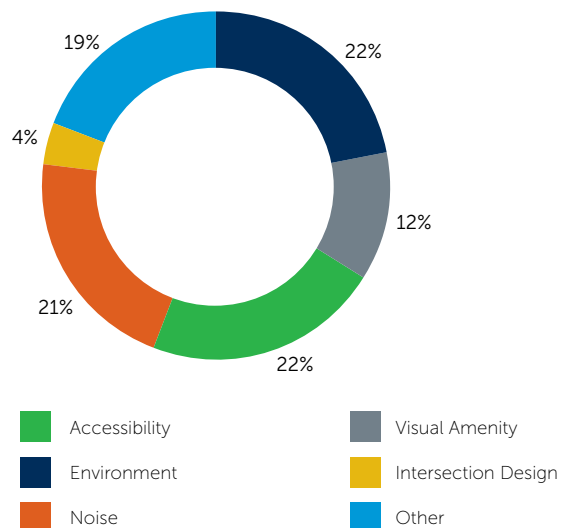
- Queries about the impact on the wetland, the local wildlife and the increase in road pollution



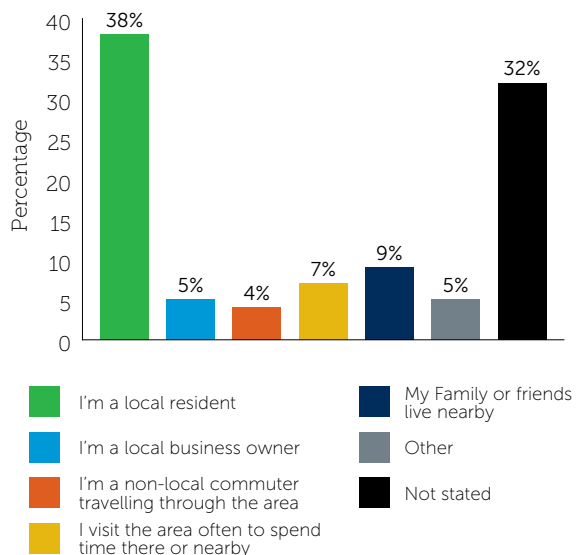
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Comments about the increase in noise levels from the proposed new freeways proximity to residential properties
- The visual impacts caused by the proposed new freeway were also mentioned

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**6%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (78 comments)

# Springvale Road

## Benefits

This new bridge will ease traffic congestion on nearby roads, improve freight movements and minimise impact on sensitive wetland areas (flora and fauna).

## Project details

This section includes: Building a new bridge over Mordialloc Creek, wetlands and Bowen Park.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Comments about the waterways especially the impacts on birds



#### Intersection design:

- Comments related to safety along the stretch of road and the need for additional land to accommodate wider pedestrian and cycle paths



#### Accessibility:

- Request was made for appropriate safety and security measures on the proposed new Bowen Parkway overpass for the benefit of cyclists and local school children



#### Environment:

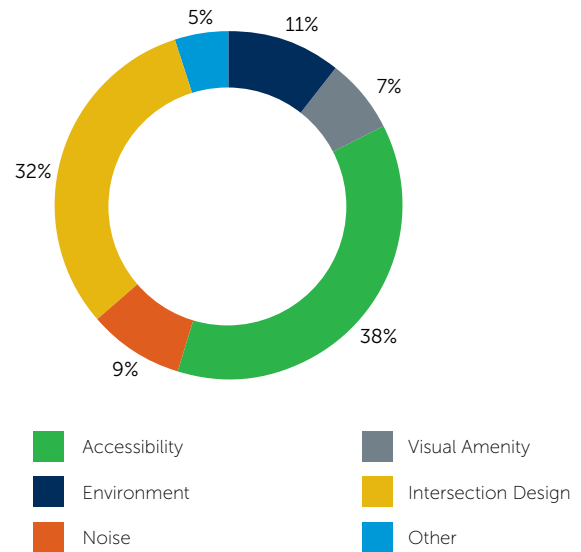
- Queries about the impact on the wetland wildlife, in particular wetland birds



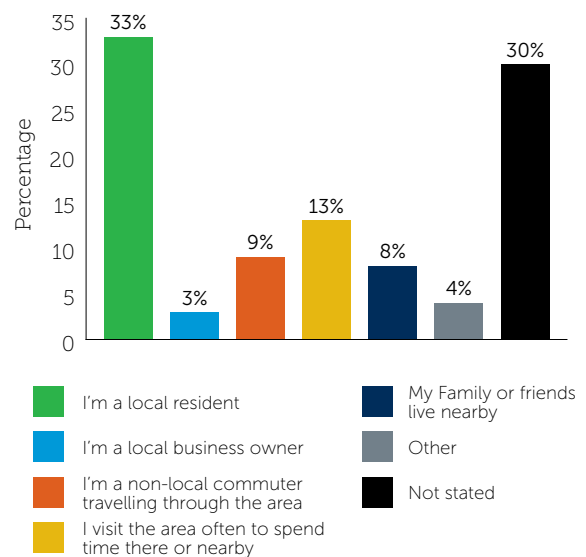
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- The increase in noise and the need for adequate sound barriers were raised. In addition, there were some concerns about the visual impact of the new road

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**7%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (95 comments)

# Mornington Peninsula Freeway

## Benefits

The bypass is seen as a key arterial road to connect the Dingley Bypass to the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and is expected to reduce congestion and improve safety in the area.

## Project details

This section includes: The arterial road will connect to the end of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway.

### Feedback



#### General comments:

- Suggestion for additional lanes on the freeway and an on/off ramp at Thames Promenade were highlighted – although outside scope of project



#### Intersection design:

- Preference was expressed for additional lanes to be included in the new design, allowing for an increase in traffic flow



#### Accessibility:

- A majority of comments mentioned the need for a new on/off ramp at Thames Road to assist in traffic flow, lessening the pressure on subsidiary roads and improving safety



#### Environment:

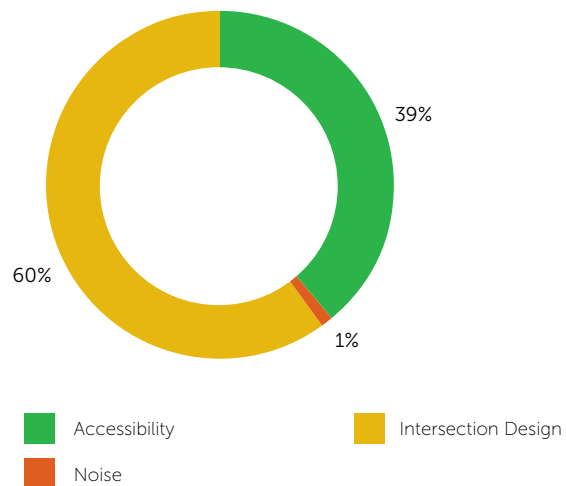
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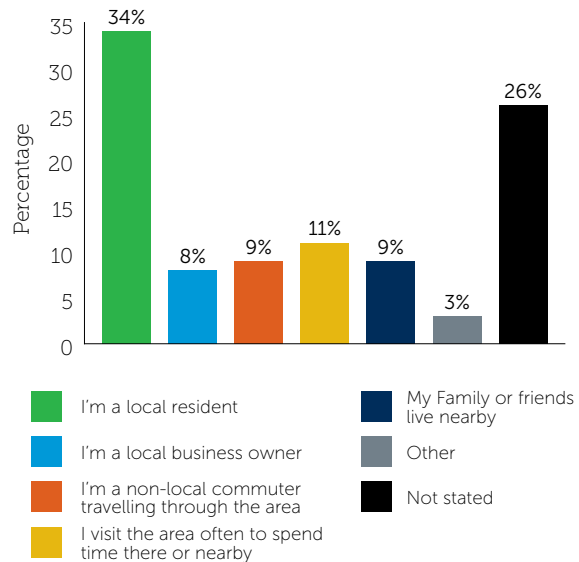
#### Visual amenity and noise:

- Comments made about the potential increase in traffic noise as a result of more traffic using the bypass

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (66 comments)

# Walking and cycling path

## Benefits

This will allow pedestrians and cyclists to have a safe and continuous journey without having to cross the bypass.

## Project details

A walking and cycling path will be included along the full length of the bypass.

## Feedback



### General comments:

- Pedestrian and cyclist shared paths



### Intersection design and accessibility:

- Requests for the shared pedestrian and cycle path to run along Edithvale Road and Nepean Highway to allow easy walking or cycling access to the beach



### Environment:

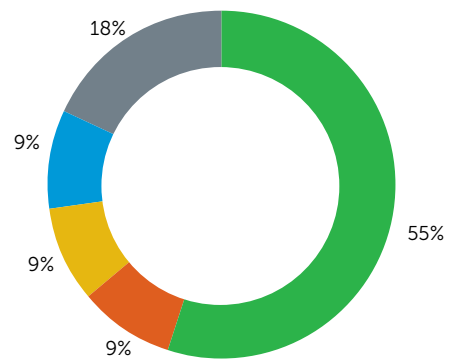
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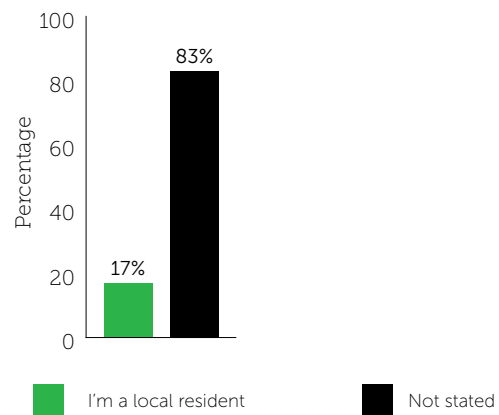
### Visual amenity and noise:

- Traffic noise from the cycleway was raised as a concern
- Landscaping would assist with the aesthetics of the shared pedestrian and cyclist path and help reduce traffic noise

### CATEGORIES



### WHO PROVIDED FEEDBACK



**0.5%** of feedback posted on engageVicRoads related to this section. (7 comments)

## Next steps

We received 1,325 comments from 594 individuals on the concept designs for the Mordialloc Bypass through our online consultation hub engageVicRoads. Governor Road, Lower Dandenong Road and Centre Dandenong Road received 42% of the comments. This feedback will be considered to help inform the final road design.

The Minister for Planning is expected to release the EES draft scoping requirements for public comment in March 2018.

As part of our commitment to open and transparent engagement, we'll continue to share project information and seek stakeholder and community input. To view the latest project updates please visit the [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au) and search Mordialloc Bypass.

## Thank you

We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who visited the project pop up stands and provided online feedback through engageVicRoads.

We appreciate your valuable contribution that will help shape this important project.





