

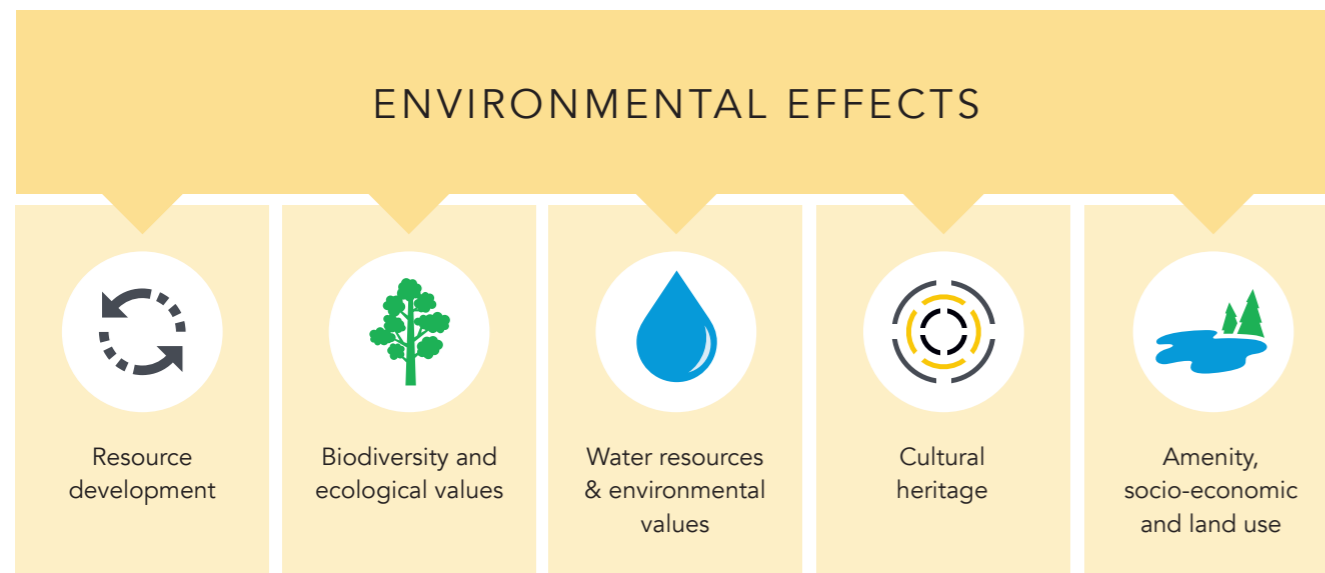
Sustained Operations Project update

The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are preparing the documentation required for the EES to adequately address the scoping requirements.

STEP 1

Identify which environmental effects are to be assessed

The scoping requirements outline the matters to be addressed in the EES and includes the assessment of specific environmental effects as detailed below:



STEP 2

Undertake technical studies

In order to meet the scoping requirements of the EES, the following technical studies are being undertaken:

1. Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment
2. Historic heritage impact assessment
3. Air quality / Greenhouse gas emissions impact assessments
4. Ecology impact assessment
5. Geotechnical impact assessment
6. Groundwater impact assessment
7. Ground vibration impact assessment
8. Landscape and visual impact assessment
9. Land use planning impact assessment
10. Noise impact assessment
11. Surface water impact assessment
12. Traffic impact assessment
13. Social impact assessment
14. Economic impact assessment

While the scoping requirements are intended to cover all relevant matters, the EES will also need to address other issues that emerge during the EES investigations, especially potential impacts and environmental issues relevant to statutory decisions that will be informed by the assessment.

STEP 3

Public review / exhibition

Public exhibition

Once the Minister is satisfied that the EES adequately addresses the scoping requirements, it is released for public comment – or public exhibition – for a period of approximately 30 business days (as per DELWP requirements).

Submissions

The public exhibition period allows members of the public to review the EES and provide written submissions on the project to Planning Panels Victoria. These submissions inform the panel in making its recommendations to the Minister for Planning and are a key opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on the impacts of the project.

More information about the submission process can be found here: engage.vic.gov.au/project/fosterville-sustained-operations-project-ees-draft-scoping-requirements/participate

Inquiry

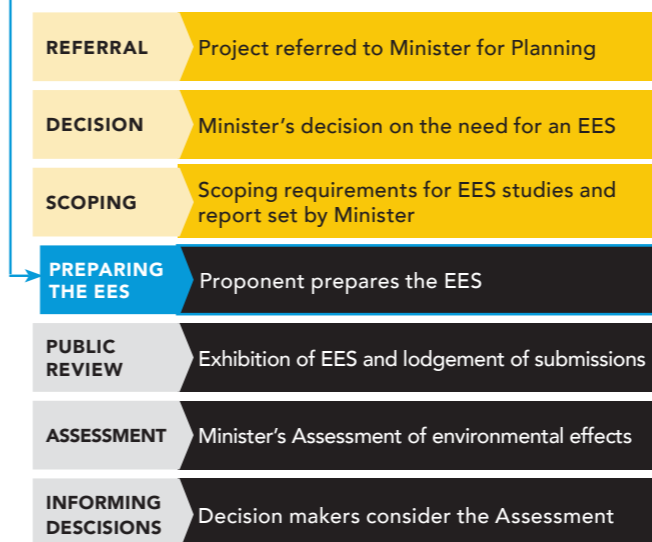
The Minister may appoint an inquiry to evaluate the effects of the project, having regard to the EES studies and public submissions. The inquiry may take one of three forms (depending on the complexity of the issues):

- › A desktop review of written submissions
- › A conference of submitters and review of submissions
- › A formal hearing, where the proponent and submitters are invited to speak and present expert witnesses.

It is anticipated that a hearing will be held for this project.

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Final scoping requirements were issued by the Minister for Planning in September 2022. These provided the final scoping for the EES. The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are now preparing the required documentation.



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