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January Community Update

During 2020, APA has continued to progress the WORM project Environment Effects Statement (EES).

It has been a big year for the project, and we plan to engage with the community further in 2021 through future community sessions, online and in-person feedback, and regular project updates.

Q1 In **Quarter 1**, a newsletter was distributed to ~2650 residents along and in proximity to the pipeline alignment to provide an update on the Project.

Q2 In **Quarter 2**, we sent an update on our COVID-19 health and safety commitments. The team started working remotely from home. Despite the restrictions, we consulted with key stakeholders and landholders throughout this period via virtual meetings. The first Project TRG meeting with local and state Government authorities was held in June.

Q3 In **Quarter 3**, the WORM EES Scoping Requirements were advertised and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) asked for comments on these from the community and stakeholders. In August, the EES Scoping Requirements for the project were approved by the Minister for Planning and can be found on the DELWP web page. In September, the Project launched an online community engagement hub, where the community could provide feedback on the project through an interactive map, community survey and an online community forum.

Since September, we have encouraged the community to get involved and continue to share their feedback, concerns and thoughts on the EES. Your feedback will help inform and shape APA's approach to construction and EES considerations.

Q4 In **Quarter 4**, A project update was delivered to roughly ~2650 properties along the project alignment. The WORM Project also held its first virtual community session on Wednesday, 28 October 2020. The live event included guest presenters and a live Q&A. The session was recorded and can be viewed on the project community engagement hub at: apa.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/worm

In December, two more community sessions were hosted on key topics outlined by the community based on interest and feedback from the October session, the topics were:

- Ecology and Cultural Heritage (9/12/2020)
- Community (Impacts and Opportunities) (14/12/2020)

Both sessions included an interactive Q&A and included project specialists who presented on the respective topics.

What's next in 2021

In **2021**, should the possibility of another COVID-19 outbreak remain low, the Project will host information sessions, face-to-face, in council areas around the proposed pipeline. The sessions are drop-in style, where you can arrive at any time during the 2 hours to talk to our team.

Each session will include interactive activities and a chance to provide formal feedback on the project. We will also have project team members in attendance to answer your questions about the project.

local community sessions.

APA invites the local community to attend our upcoming drop-in sessions

Community Drop-In Session #1, Melton

Location: Mercure Caroline Springs, 10-20 Lake St, Caroline Springs VIC 3023

Date: Saturday, 30 January 2021

Time: 11am – 1pm

Community Drop-In Session #2, Mitchell

Location: Greater Beveridge Community Centre, Corner of Lithgow St and Mandalay Cct, Beveridge VIC 3753

Date: Wednesday, 3 February 2021

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Community Drop-In Session #3, Whittlesea

Location: Quest Epping Hotel, Corner of Cooper St and Miller St, Epping VIC 3076

Date: Thursday, 11 February 2021

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Community Drop-In Session #4, Hume

Location: Newbury Child and Community Centre 440 Grand Blvd. Craigieburn VIC 3064

Date: Saturday, 13 February 2021

Time: 11am – 1pm

COVID-19 management

APA is practising and enforcing government requirements for hygiene, face coverings, social distancing and self-isolation in the midst of COVID-19. Our community sessions will have protocols in place to ensure community and staff safety.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19, with changing infection rates and government controls in place, APA may be required to postpone or cancel events with short notice.

We encourage you to register your attendance by visiting:

apa.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/worm

In Mid-2021, the Project is planning to exhibit its Environment Effects Statement (EES). This will provide an opportunity for the community to read our technical studies undertaken and the chance to leave submissions.

More information about this process will be sent to the community closer to the date of exhibition.

Visit our community engagement hub

As part of APA's consultation process, we have launched an online engagement hub where you can provide feedback on the project through an interactive map, survey and a community forum.

We encourage the community to get involved to share their feedback, concerns and thoughts on the EES. Your feedback will help inform and shape APA's approach to construction and the EES considerations.

Our hub features:

- An interactive map to view the project alignment and collect feedback on key locations for consideration in our EES process.
- An online discussion forum where you can share your thoughts and ask questions on topics posted by the community and the project team.
- An online survey for providing your feedback to the project team.
- A live calendar outlining any upcoming and past community events.

You can access the community engagement hub by visiting:

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Proposed Project EES timeline

Stakeholder engagement

2020 – 2022

- Consultation with government agencies, local councils and other stakeholders.
- Ongoing consultation with landowners where the pipeline is proposed to be located on their property.
- Consultation with the wider community.

EES process and regulatory approvals

2020 – 2021

- EES Scoping Requirements issued by the Victorian Minister for Planning.
- Undertake EES technical studies.
- Prepare and exhibit EES documentation.
- Victorian Minister for Planning provides an assessment.
- Commonwealth Minister for the Environment provides a decision on EPBC Act approval.
- All other relevant Project approvals obtained.

Project construction

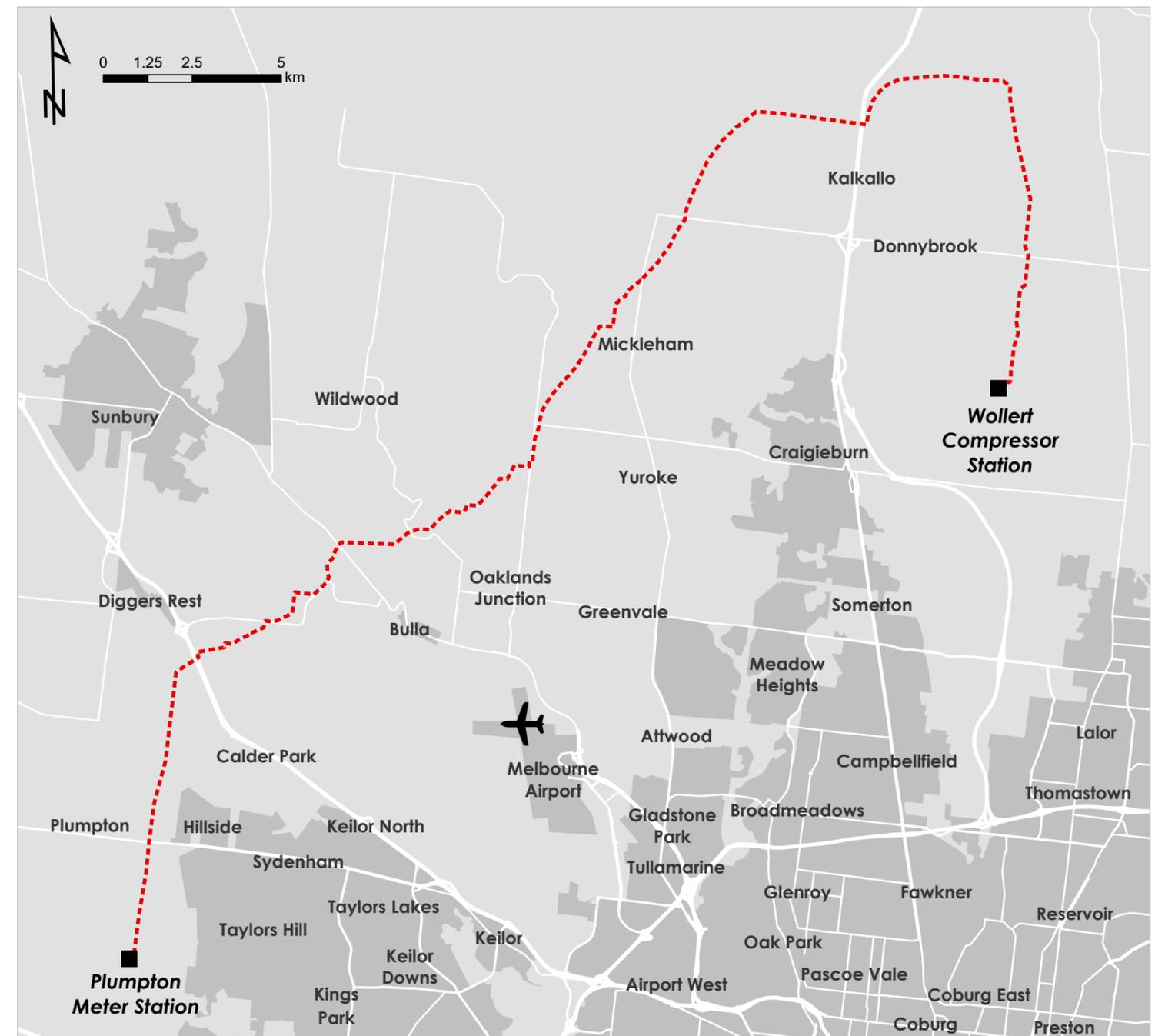
Late-2021 – Mid-2022

Construction of the pipeline and compressor station at Wollert.

Pipeline stats

length	Approximately 51 kilometres
material	Epoxy coated high strength steel line pipe.
diameter	500 millimetres
minimum cover	750 millimetres (final depth determined as an outcome of the Safety Management Study)
design principles	Strictly in accordance with the latest version of Australian Standard (AS) AS2885 Pipelines Gas and Liquid Petroleum.
temporary construction corridor	Generally 30 metres, plus ancillary areas to facilitate safe construction.
easement width	15 metres

Project map



Note: timeline provided is indicative only and will be subject to further discussions and agreement with state and federal governments.

Further information:

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