



**MURRAY BASIN
RAIL PROJECT**

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Briefing to the Rural City of Ararat – 11 July 2017



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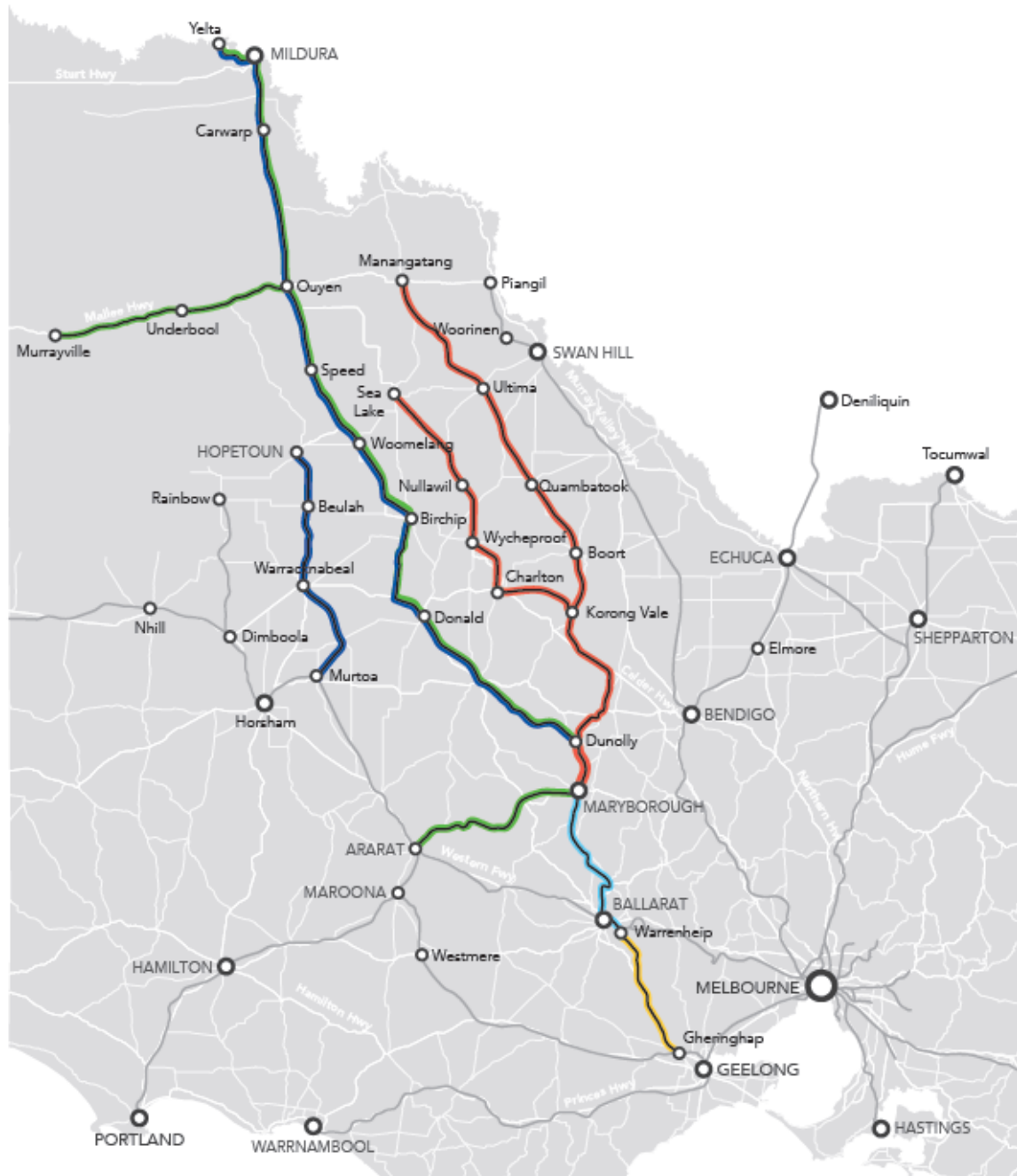
Overview

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Project overview and benefits

- Improve rail freight services and reduce the costs of freight
- Drive economic growth, create jobs and provide a major boost to the transport industry and agricultural sector
- Trains will be able to carry up to 500,000 more tonnes of grain each year
- Forecast to capture approximately 20,000 journeys currently undertaken by trucks
- More than 400 people will be employed on the project at its peak





- STAGE 1: Completed June 2016**
Mildura and Hopetoun rail lines – enabling and repair works.
- STAGE 2: July 2017 to January 2018**
Maryborough to Yelta, Ouyen to Murrayville, and Maryborough to Ararat – gauge conversion and upgrade works.
- STAGE 3: March 2018 to August 2018**
Dunolly to Manangatang, and Korong Vale to Sea Lake – gauge conversion and upgrade works.
- STAGE 4: March 2018 to August 2018**
Gheringhap to Warrenheip – gauge conversion and upgrade works.
- STAGE 5: Timing to be confirmed**
Warrenheip to Maryborough – gauge conversion and upgrade works.

Proposed Closures

- Elmhurst Station Rd (Elmshurst) – Public Road
- Lovers Lane (Ararat) – Public Road
- Unnamed Rd off Pyrenees Highway (Eversley) - Unmade Public Road
- Unnamed Rd off Pyrenees Highway (Dunneworthy) - Unmade Public Road
- Unnamed Rd off Pyrenees Highway (Ararat) - Unmade Public Road

Elmhurst Station Rd (Elmhurst)



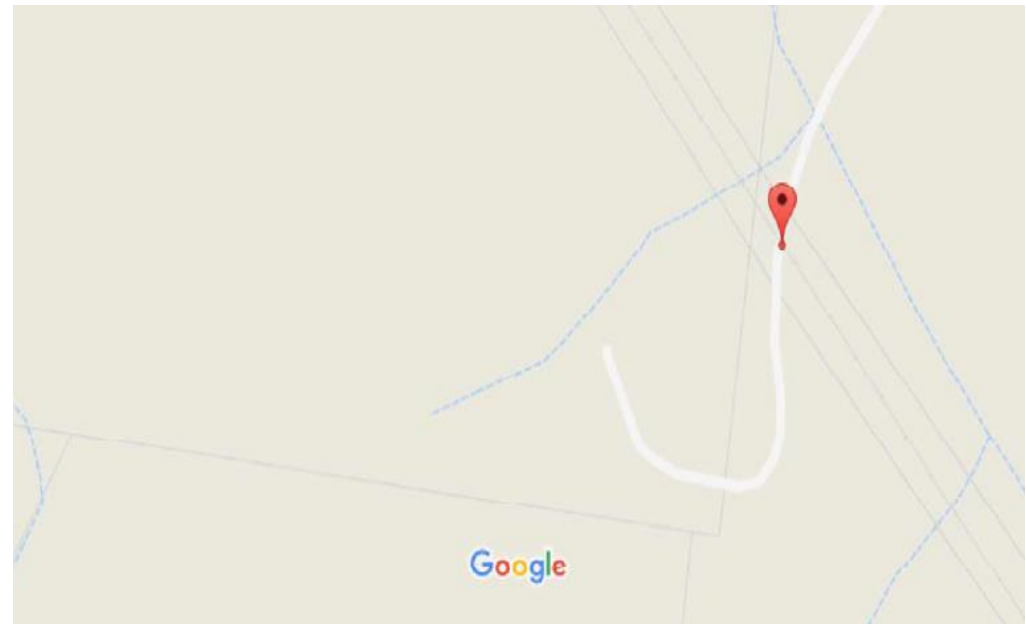
Average Daily Traffic (provided by Council)	Alternative Access Crossings	Emergency Services Feedback	Community Feedback
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elmhurst-Glenpatrick Rd (Clarke Rd) 	<p>No objection to the proposed closure of this public road rail crossing from the CFA, SES, Victoria Police or Ambulance Victoria</p>	<p>Community did not indicate frequent usage</p>

Lovers Lane (Ararat)



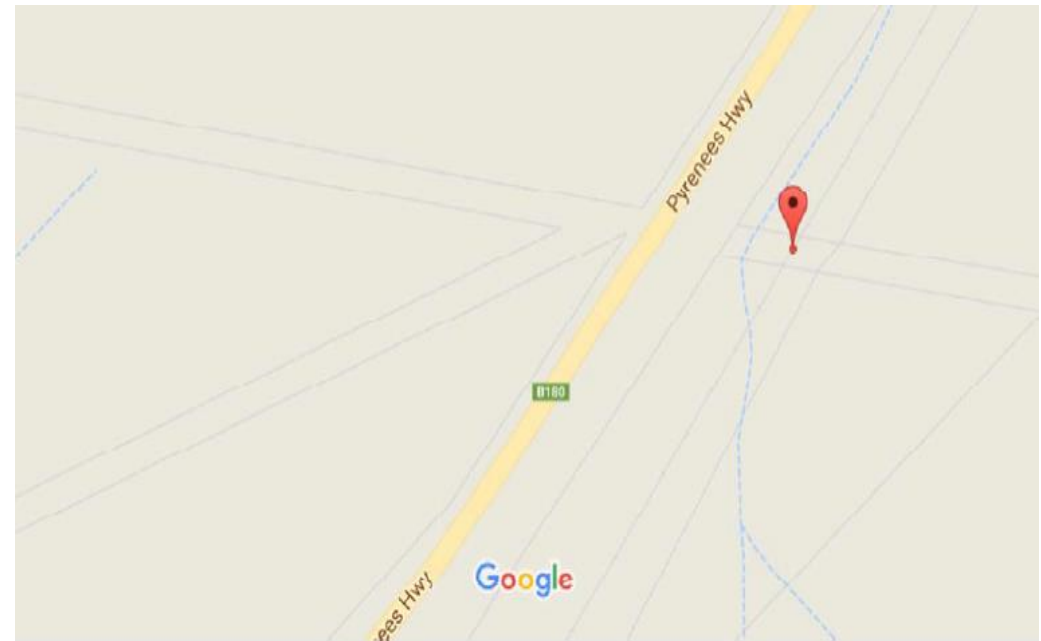
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2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burns St 	No objection to the proposed closure of this public road rail crossing from the CFA, SES, Victoria Police or Ambulance Victoria	Community did not indicate frequent usage

Unnamed Rd off Pyrenees Highway (Eversley) - Unmade Public Road



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Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyrenees Hwy □ Eversley Rd 	No objection to the proposed closure of this public road rail crossing from the CFA, SES, Victoria Police or Ambulance Victoria	Access required by adjacent landowner for business operations

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Next Steps

1. Send formal submission to CEO Acting CEO, Colleen White (until 20 August)
2. V/Line to engage with Community and Landholders
3. Report provided to Councillors
4. Resolution sought from Council to go to public consultation
5. Public submission sought - 28 days

Community drop-in sessions

- Monday 10 July – Elmhurst Mechanics Institute, High Street, Elmhurst
- Tuesday 11 July – Alexandra Oval Community Centre, 1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat
- Wednesday 12 July – Avoca Town Hall, Rutherford Street, Avoca
- Monday 17 July – Amphitheatre Recreation Reserve, 9 School Street, Amphitheatre
- Tuesday 18 July – Maryborough Community House, 23 Primrose St, Maryborough

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