

Gas Terminal Project Supplementary Statement Consultation Activities Plan 2023

The Minister's Directions for the Viva Energy Gas Terminal Project (the Project) environment effects statement (EES) dated 6 March 2023 provided that a supplementary statement be prepared for the Project by Viva Energy Gas Australia Pty Ltd (Viva Energy), in accordance with sections 5 and 8C(2) of the Environment Effects Act 1978. The supplementary statement is required to complete the assessment of the Project's environmental effects and inform decision making.

The current Consultation Plan for the Project was developed in response to the requirements of the *Environment Effects Act 1978* and *Pipelines Act 2005*. The Consultation Plan was accepted and published on the Department of Transport and Planning (formerly Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) website in April 2021. In July 2021 the Consultation Plan was updated to include an updated project timeline and project approvals schematic, and to provide for a separate rolling Consultation Activities Plan. The current Consultation Plan is available at: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/browse-projects/projects/viva-energy-gas-terminal-project>.

This Consultation Activities Plan for the supplementary statement outlines Viva Energy's plan for engagement and consultation to support the assessment of the environmental effects of the Project on the marine environment, noise, air quality and Aboriginal cultural heritage with respect to the consolidated recommendations and further work highlighted in Table 1 of the Minister's Directions.

The overall objectives, principles and framework of the current Consultation Plan remain unchanged however Viva Energy has reflected on, and learnt from, the experience of the consultation process undertaken to date. The approach, as described in this Consultation Activities Plan, has been updated taking on board feedback from stakeholders and the Inquiry and Advisory Committee. Activities are focused on facilitating meaningful stakeholder involvement in the extended assessment process and providing opportunities for genuine engagement on the further work required by the Minister's Directions.

The table below outlines the proposed consultation activities for the Viva Energy Gas Terminal Project Supplementary Statement. This will be used as a guide and will evolve as the Supplementary Statement develops. Final activities and outputs will be published at <https://www.vivaenergy.com.au/energy-hub/gas-terminal-project/community-consultation-and-feedback>

Channel	Description	Objective	Target Audience
Community Information Sessions	<p>Geelong Energy Hub Community Information Sessions</p> <p>These may be held in-person or online and this will be determined as the Supplementary Statement process progresses. The number of sessions, format (in-person or online; drop-in, exhibition or presentation) and specific topics will also be determined as the Supplementary Statement process progresses.</p>	<p>To engage with the public and increase community understanding about Viva Energy's approach to the energy transition, in particular the company's broader vision for an integrated Energy Hub on the Geelong refinery site.</p> <p>To provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback to representatives of the Project Team about the Project, and the Supplementary Statement process and further work as required by the Minister's Directions.</p> <p>To outline the next steps in the Supplementary Statement process as provided by the Minister's Directions.</p>	<p>Neighbours and local residents, local business and industry, community and environmental interest groups, Traditional Owners and Indigenous groups, recreational users of Corio Bay and the wider community (including e-update registrants)</p> <p>To be advertised on Viva Energy website and Facebook page, via Geelong Energy Hub Update letterbox drop and email distribution, and in the media (including local newspapers).</p>
Letters and emails	Letters to landowners and occupiers on the pipeline corridor	Provide an update on the Project, next steps in the Supplementary Statement / pipeline licence application processes as provided by the Minister's Directions.	Landowners and occupiers
e-news update	e-news updates to include information about the Project Supplementary Statement process (such as status updates and key milestones) and further work required by the Minister's Directions, and highlight opportunities for engagement and consultation	Provide Gas Terminal Project update	e-news update registrants and key stakeholders email distribution list

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Geelong Energy Hub Update Newsletter (letterbox drop and email distribution)	Local Geelong Energy Hub Newsletter to include an update on the company's broader vision for an integrated Energy Hub on the Geelong refinery site and the Project Supplementary Statement process and further work as required by the Minister's Directions. The newsletter will include details of any upcoming Community Information Sessions	Provide Energy Hub and Gas Terminal Project update	Neighbours and local residents, local business and industry, community and environmental interest groups, Traditional Owners and Indigenous groups, recreational users of Corio Bay, employees and the wider community (including e-news update registrants)
Community Reference Group	Discussion group consisting of local community leaders and representatives of local community based organisations to discuss Viva Energy's broader vision for an integrated Energy Hub on the Geelong refinery site, and the supplementary studies and approval processes for the Gas Terminal Project	To support the community's understanding of the energy transition and Viva Energy's role in supporting that via our Energy Hub vision at the refinery and the Project and to provide a forum for discussion, for the community to have an opportunity to provide feedback and input into consultation mechanisms for information, enquiries and community programs.	Local community leaders and representatives of local community and environmental interest groups
Website	Provide detailed information on key areas of the Energy Hub and the various projects within that – including factsheets	Provide detail around focus areas.	All stakeholders
Facebook	Continue to grow following to provide a channel to post Energy Hub and Project information and receive public feedback	Raise awareness and provide details	Wider community

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Meetings	Discussions with key stakeholders (specifically Supplementary Statement study program related)	To engage and have discussions with stakeholders on the Project to inform supplementary studies To provide an opportunity to test the further work where appropriate.	Regulatory agencies / authorities, environment interest groups specialising in birds (including Geelong Field Naturalists Club and BirdLife Bellarine Peninsula), WTOAC (RAP), neighbours and local residents (in particular sensitive uses such as Geelong Grammar School)
Meetings	Discussions with key stakeholders (Project and Energy Hub related)	To engage and have discussions on the Project and Energy Hub	Local. Victorian and Commonwealth Government Representatives, GeelongPort, City of Greater Geelong, local business and industry, community and environment interest groups, Traditional Owners and Indigenous groups, recreational users of Corio Bay
Employee Information Sessions	As part of engaging our team members, an opportunity to provide updates on key projects and initiatives at Geelong Refinery	Engage with team members and support discussions with friends and family on our business	Employees