

# PUT A LID ON IT



**BUILD GREEN BRIDGES** OVER NORTH EAST LINK  
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**The North East Link is a major road project that will impact Banyule and broader Melbourne for many years to come. Council continues to work with the community and the Victorian Government to achieve the best possible outcomes in Banyule.**

The design for the next section of North East Link will soon be determined and Council is looking for a better outcome.

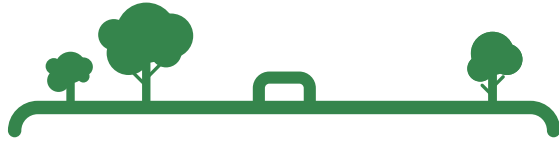
Your voice is important and will help us to work collaboratively with the Victorian Government. Council will provide a response to the Government's design and we want to ensure that we represent the needs of our community.

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## About the project

Current plans for the northern section of North East Link include a massive 10-lane trench through Watsonia.

Wall to wall, the trench will be 65 metres wide, equivalent to an 18-storey building lying on its side. At some points the road system will be 100 metres wide, with 18 lanes of asphalt including service lanes and on and off ramps. It will divide Banyule and separate people from shops, services, the Watsonia station and each other. It will threaten the viability of businesses, and increase noise and visual clutter.

**A grey concrete trench will impact our leafy green community forever.**

North East Link design



Council's alternative design



## A better way

Council has worked with tunnelling, analytics and modelling experts and identified a better option – to put a lid over the trench.

Putting a lid over North East Link would create a green bridge over a grey trench and help keep businesses open and our community thriving.

Council's plan creates a wide range of opportunities that benefit our community and our environment.

- A treed lid creates **green open space** – more than three hectares
- Provides **better access** from one side of Watsonia to the other
- Adds a wider **landscaping buffer** between homes and roads
- Gives space to replant at least **700 trees**
- Provides an option for an **underground carpark** linked to an expanded Watsonia Village across both sides of the railway line with better integration and accessibility
- Opens up **future development opportunities**, to create the places and spaces that the community needs and deserves.

## Community comments

"We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a thriving and prosperous Watsonia for generations to come. It's up to us as a community to stand up and advocate to ensure Watsonia doesn't get torn in half."

*Hesham, Watsonia Traders Association*

"We were promised better community links but the North East Link plans still show a large walled trench, further dividing our community."

*Fred, former member of North East Link's Community Liaison Group*

"Families have lived here all their lives; never did we imagine a 10-lane highway going past our front doors. The noise and concrete expanse will devastate our community."

*Michelle, resident*

## Back Banyule

We need you to Back Banyule and support Council's call to 'Put A Lid On It' and build green bridges over North East Link. Backing Banyule is easy, you can:

1. Scan the QR code below and add your comments
2. Visit [lidthelink.com](https://lidthelink.com) and add your comments
3. Fill in a reply paid postcard - available from local libraries and Watsonia traders displaying the 'Put A Lid On It' poster in their front window.

For questions about the project or to get involved in the campaign email [lidthelink@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:lidthelink@banyule.vic.gov.au).

## Metropolitan Transport Forum – Banyule Event

Learn more about this and other Banyule transport opportunities at the Metropolitan Transport Forum.

Politicians from across the political spectrum have been invited to speak, and residents are encouraged to come along and have a say. Detailed plans on Council's vision for North East Link will be available on the night.

**When:** 6:30pm-8pm, Thursday 13 October 2022

**Where:** Banyule Council Offices,  
1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough (above WaterMarc)

**Register:** [mtf.org.au/upcoming-events/banyule](https://mtf.org.au/upcoming-events/banyule)

