

Hi Hugh,

We have no objection to the exhibited ICP.

The alignment of SS-BR-01 looks consistent with what we've previously provided in principle approval for. Formal DELWP approval will be required to undertake the works associated with the bridge, noting at this stage we are only providing advice on the alignment and not the design. In making a decision on a future application DELWP will consider decision guidelines outlined in the Section 4 of the *Guidance note: Implementing the Biodiversity Strategy for Melbourne's Growth Corridors* as well as requirements of the *Growling Grass Frog Crossing Design Standards*.

Something to note in terms of costings is that the new *Melbourne Strategic Assessment (Environmental Mitigation Levy) Act 2020* will come into effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> July this year (huge milestone for the program!!). The Act will not impose levies (ie habitat compensation) for works within conservation areas. However, removal of native vegetation within conservation areas will need to be offset under the standard native vegetation regulations. I could imagine this will have negligible cost implications in the context of the projects overall costs.

Cheers,  
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