

Elizabeth Street Sewer Upgrade Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the project?

The Elizabeth Street Sewer Upgrade is at Stage 3 of a four-stage strategy to install a second sewer network to meet the expected population growth in Melbourne's CBD.

This project builds on the success of Stage 1 (Spencer Street Sewer Upgrade) and 2 (Lonsdale Street Sewer Upgrade), which was completed in December 2020.

What works are we undertaking?

We will be constructing a new sewer line that will span approximately 700 metres on Elizabeth Street from Victoria Street to the new connection at Lonsdale Street.

Why is this upgrade needed?

The existing sewer network is approximately 120 years old.

So when the sewer was constructed, Australia was not a federation, electric lights were new to our city, and the Yarra River was an open sewer.

The current CBD sewer network is nearing full capacity. The *Victoria in Future* report (2015) estimates around 60,000 new apartments will be added to the CBD over the next 35 years.

To make sure we can continue to deliver a safe and reliable sewerage service to people living and working in the CBD, it is essential that we increase the capacity of the sewer network.

Who is doing the works?

Following a competitive tender process, Rob Carr Pty Ltd has been appointed to undertake the design and construction work on behalf of Greater Western Water. Rob Carr is a highly skilled and experienced contractor that has worked on other large-scale projects in complex environments.

Where are we up to?

The contractor was appointed in November 2022. The next stage will involve detailed design work, which will include confirming existing service locations, ground conditions and consulting with stakeholders and community.

More information will be available as the project progresses.

When will construction start?

Following detailed design and service location activities, we expect site setup in early 2022 to with construction to follow thereafter. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid 2023.

What can I expect during these works?

Work will be taking place at six intersections on Elizabeth St between Victoria St and Lonsdale St and access around these sites will be affected.

Greater Western Water respectfully acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways on which our service area lies. We pay our deepest respects to their Ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging



Following detailed design work, we will be able to provide more information about construction methods and potential impacts in the project area.

Will parking and public transport be affected?

We know that public transport is important for people travelling to and from the city, so we are working with Melbourne City Council, Public Transport Victoria and Transdev to ensure continued and reliable services.

We will provide further updates on any changes to services.

Will my water supply or sewerage services be affected?

No. Water and sewerage services will not be impacted by these works.

Will the work be noisy?

We do expect some noise from motor vehicles, machinery and generators.

Will this project affect other projects in the CBD?

We are aware of the complex construction environment that exists in Melbourne CBD, and we are working closely with key stakeholders, such as Melbourne City Council, Victoria Police, Metro Tunnel Project, transport operators and utility providers.

We will continue these discussions through our design and construction program to minimise the impacts as much as possible.

Any other questions?

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