

Western Renewables Link EES

Community check-in

EES next steps

There is no statutory timeframe for when the Minister's Assessment must be finalised. Council stands with community as we await the assessment outcome and IAC report.

The IAC report is publicly released at the Minister's discretion and not until the assessment is finalised.

In terms of potential outcomes, the 2023 Ministerial Guidelines for Assessment of Environmental Effects state the assessment may conclude that:

- a project (with or without limited modifications) would have acceptable environmental effects, having regard to overall project outcomes; or
- a project would have unacceptable environmental effects; or
- a project would need major modifications and/or further investigations in order to establish that acceptable environmental outcomes would be achieved

Timeline



*subject to statutory approvals

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Council advocacy

Moorabool Shire Council (Council) recognises the significant toll WRL continues to have on directly affected landholders, neighbours, businesses, and the broader Moorabool community. Council's focus during this time of uncertainty is to continue to be a trusted source of information and support.

Council has taken a lead advocacy role and actively supported its community since the project was first announced in 2018. During the WRL EES exhibition and hearing, Council:

- Co-hosted community sessions with the Western Victoria Community Alliance.
- Provided general information to assist residents navigating the EES process.
- Advocated for the project to be undergrounded, either partially or in full.
- Engaged a highly experienced legal team to represent Council and independent technical experts to provide evidence.
- Developed detailed written submissions on the project's unacceptable impacts.
- Advocated for strengthened enforcement controls, should the project proceed.
- Published timestamps of the daily hearing audio recordings.