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Dear Business Owner / Property Owner,

Works alert – Tree and vegetation removal in Mentone

The Victorian Government is removing 18 dangerous level crossings on the Frankston line, including at Balcombe Road in Mentone and at Charman Road and Park Road in Cheltenham, improving safety and reducing congestion.

At Balcombe Road, the level crossing will be removed by lowering the rail line into a trench. This method of level crossing removal has a large impact on trees and vegetation along the rail line.

As we prepare for the removal of the level crossing, trees and vegetation will need to be removed in the following areas in Mentone, starting in late July 2019:

- along the rail corridor between Latrobe Street and Warrigal Road for underground rail service upgrades and trench works
- within the station precinct and car parks for underground rail service upgrades, trench works and construction of the new station
- On the rail side of Como Parade East and West between the station and Warrigal Road, for new rail passenger parking and shared user path connections
- At the rail corridor end of Collins Street, Salmon Street and Teague Avenue for machinery access to the rail corridor.

The Level Crossing Removal Project works with environmental and sustainability specialists across all projects to minimise the amount of vegetation removal required, and to manage the impacts on flora and fauna.

Our projects have an environmental management plan that includes arborist assessments of vegetation, and local wildlife experts to identify and safely relocate any animals found into another suitable habitat.

The five heritage-listed trees in the Mentone Station gardens – two Norfolk pines and three palm trees – will be protected on site during works. Arborists have identified exclusion zones around these trees, which means we can carefully work around them during construction.

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Activities taking place

- Starting in late July 2019, trees and vegetation will be removed along the rail line in preparation for the level crossing removal at Balcombe Road.



Dates may change

What to expect

- Moderate noise for short periods while we trim and remove the vegetation
- Works will take place from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturdays
- If any works are required outside these times, we will be in touch with nearby residents and businesses
- Construction workers, vehicles and equipment on site
- The walking and cycling path along the rail line between Patty Street and Balcombe Road will close for periods, with detours in place
- Traffic management in streets adjacent to the works, to keep road and footpath users safe.

If you have any questions about our works or would like more information about the project please contact us on 1800 105 105 or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Kind regards

Mentone Level Crossing Removal Project Team

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