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METRO TUNNEL INDEPENDENT EXPERT

Project Scope:

The Metro Tunnel project comprises two nine-kilometre long rail tunnels from Kensington to South Yarra, travelling underneath Swanston Street in the CBD, as part of a new Sunbury to Cranbourne-Pakenham line. New underground stations will be constructed at North Melbourne, Parkville, State Library, Town Hall and Anzac.



Source: Metro Tunnel Website

Services: SmedTech was engaged by Herbert Smith Freehills, on behalf of the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority, to undertake a technical peer review of the Melbourne Metro Rail Project Environment Effects Statement (EES) Transport Impact Assessment (TIA).

As part of this engagement, Shaun Smedley provided an independent transport expert witness statement and presented to the EES Inquiry on his findings and analysis of the TIA. This role involved a thorough review of the TIA and accompanying technical notes, reviewing all relevant submissions to the EES Inquiry, reviewing the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) and coordinating and documenting the outcomes of the Conclave meeting of Transport Experts. Based on the above, Shaun was required to give his professional opinion on the validity of the analysis and the appropriateness of the EPRs.

In addition to the review of the TIA, the SmedTech team undertook a detailed technical review of various parts of the EES documentation prior to public exhibition. This included a review from a technical and process perspective, which was undertaken based on the extensive experience of the SmedTech team on virtually all previous transport EES studies undertaken in Victoria over the last 10 years.