

FFRR - Key Questions for Saturday Meeting - Prioritised List

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- This document lists the key themes and questions emerging from a meeting (Wed 28th) of 60 Footscray residents affected by the RRL project.
- Although the methodology used to prioritise questions from the larger list was fairly basic, this short-list provides a fair representation of the key concerns of the majority of people at Wednesday's meeting.
- Of course, this does not lessen the importance ranking of many of the other questions raised in the full listing - where particular issues may present huge impact for one or more people.
- This list should be viewed as indicative only and possibly incomplete.

Dates and Schedules

- What are the known, fixed dates on the pre-project and project schedule?
- What are the best-estimate dates for the pre-project project schedule?

Compulsory Acquisition Issues

- When will acquisition notices go out?
- When will we be required to vacate?
- Will we be asked to pay rent on our own properties?
- Will there be any allowance provided for the likely boost to local property prices caused by so many people entering the local property market at the same time?
- Will rental costs be covered if residents are required to rent for a period of time
- How will the RRL team ensure that any other affected houses are identified and considered for acquisition (ie, further 'marooned' houses or severely impacted houses).
- Is there a cut-off date for property owners to apply for their properties to be considered for acquisition?
- Will we be paid enough for our houses so that we are able to live in a similar dwelling within the same community we currently live in?
- Are business owners eligible for relocation assistance and compensation, whether they rent or own?
- Are residential tenants eligible for relocation assistance and compensation?
- When will residents in Albert and Short Streets get to know whether their homes will be acquired or not?

Liveability Issues

- Although there is no legal requirement to install sound barriers on train corridors, will the department consider barriers or other noise abatement options in this case?
- How high will the track be from existing track height as it crosses Victoria St?
- How long will it take to build each bridge at Victoria, Albert and Nicholson Streets (estimated)?
- Will residents living close to the track, whose properties will not be acquired, have any redress if their quality of life is severely impacted during construction? What process will be in place to provide for this?
- Will residents living close to the track, whose properties will not be acquired, have any redress if their quality of life is severely impacted after the line goes into service?
- Will construction involve rock blasting (eg, at Albert St)?
- Will the elevated track serve to reflect noise back to the north side?

Special Needs Issues

- Will the department organise extra care and attention for elderly residents, people with illnesses and people with limited English language? If so, how?
- What government services are available to provide support and advocacy for those that need it?

Consultation Issues

- Why is the DoT so reluctant to put anything in writing (eg, confirmation of offers of buy-out, process outlines and schedules, etc)?

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