

## EastLink Urban Design

The EastLink urban design features will set a new standard for artistic and architectural achievement on roadways in Australia.

### Distinctive and memorable

EastLink's urban design draws its inspiration from the colours and textures of the surrounding natural environment, using the green, orange and red found in plants and flowers from the region. Strong colours have been used on various features including the pedestrian overpasses, bridge balustrades, noise attenuation structures and the distinctive corporate head office at Ringwood.



Every section of the motorway is memorable with creatively designed ventilation towers, tunnel entrances, pedestrian overpasses, noise walls, exposed rock features and extensive landscaping.

### Noise walls

EastLink uses 13,600 noise wall panels to comply with established VicRoads noise standards. The noise walls are both functional and aesthetically impressive. They comprise a variety of concrete panels in either charcoal or off-white pigmented concrete with fractured or rock textured patterns and in some sections are combined with transparent acrylic panels.



*"There is no doubt in my mind that EastLink will be up there with the most impressive roads in the world, comparable with the superb inter-urban roads of France and Austria. However, EastLink will be distinctly Victorian, featuring a more consciously architectural treatment than motorists will find elsewhere."*

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## Landscaping

Complementing the noise walls is the largest landscaping program ever undertaken on any road project in Australia.

In total, more than \$50 million is being invested in designing and undertaking landscape works including:

- the realignment and rehabilitation of creeks,
- construction of wetlands,
- installation of a 40km shared use path, and
- the revegetation of open space areas and parkland.

Around four million native trees and shrubs, plus additional grassed areas, have been planted and any disturbed fauna have been successfully rescued and re-introduced into other suitable habitats.



## Tunnels

The tunnel entrances have been designed specifically to integrate with the surrounding landscape of the Mullum Mullum Valley. The interior features a lining of distinctive green acrylic panels, as well as a range of clearly identifiable safety features to ensure the safety of all motorists.

The external structures are charcoal coloured to provide a natural transition between outside and in-tunnel light. This reduces glare for drivers entering the tunnel environment.

The front of the ventilation structures are fixed with steel panels featuring hexagonal patterns and floral motifs reflecting the local flora of the region. Soft backlighting will be installed to highlight the design at night.

## Quality outcome

ConnectEast is committed to setting the standard for urban design on Australian roads and providing a quality driving experience for motorists.

This will be complemented by the stunning \$5.5 million public art program which features a number of artworks from some of Australia's leading young artists alongside the motorway and shared use path.