West Gate Tunnel Project EPA Works Approval

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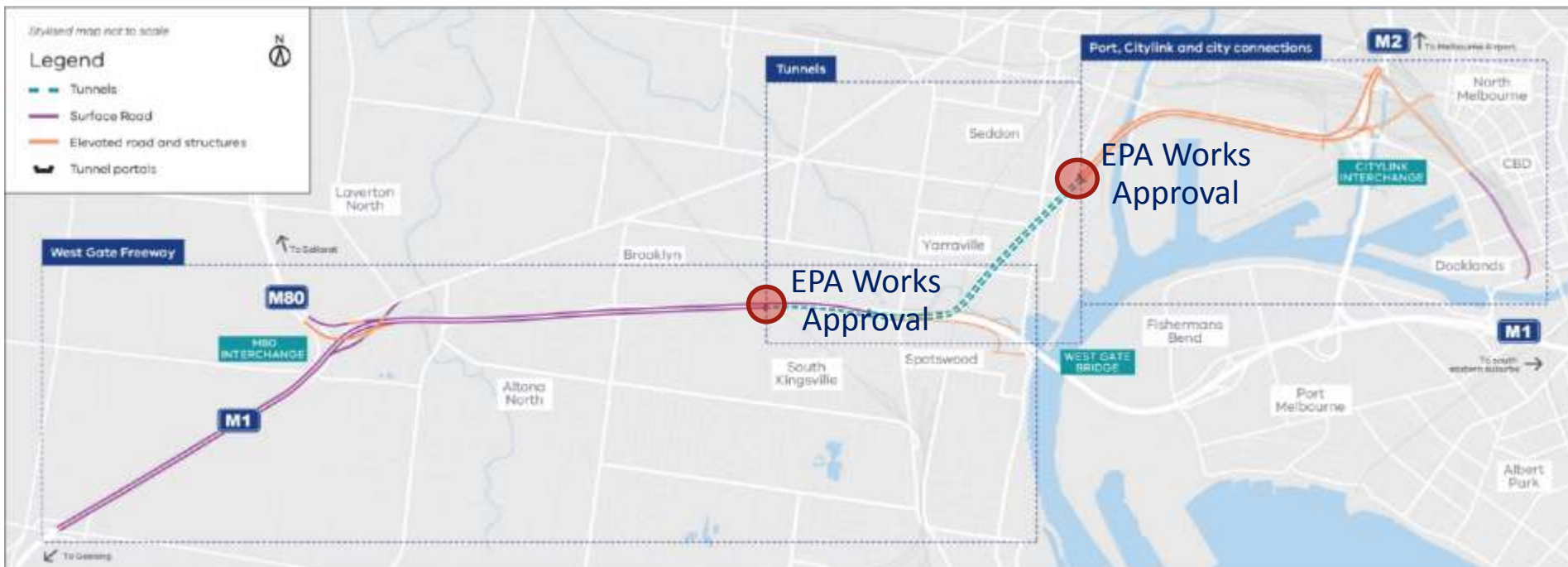**Environmental Solutions**
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EPA's Role

EPA is Victoria's environmental regulator. It exists to protect the environment and people by preventing, and reducing harm from pollution and waste.

- **Statutory decision maker** – Works Approval Application (Schedule 1 Section L03, road tunnel ventilation systems)

- **Independent State advisor** – Environment Effects Statement & Environmental Management

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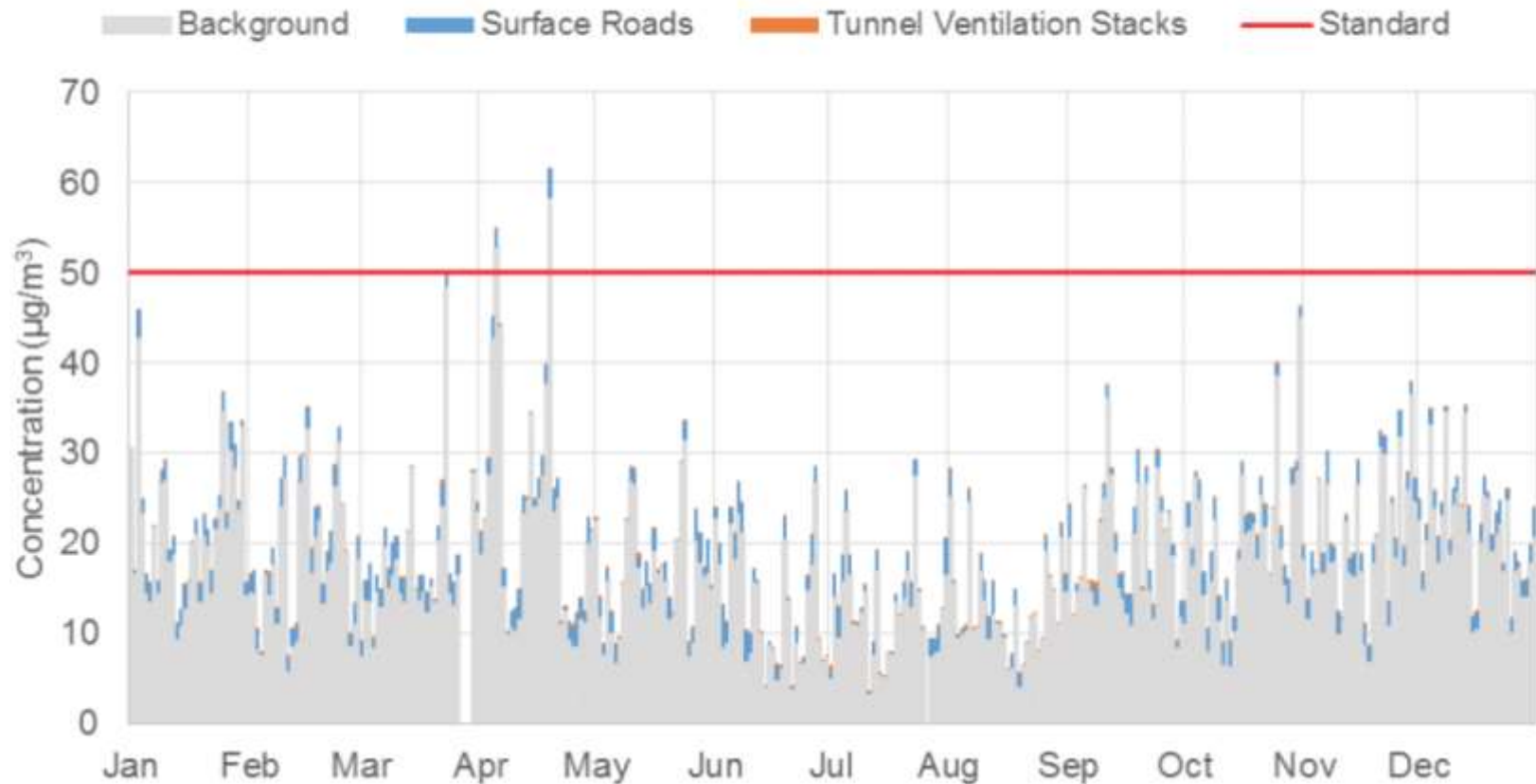# EPA's role – Works Approval

EPA's Works Approval assessment

Key findings Air Impacts

- Stack emissions meet the SEPP (AQM) requirements for all pollutants except PM_{10} - due to exceedance of the prevailing hourly background levels

- Predicted emissions will rarely contribute to hourly events exceeding the hourly design criteria (7% of design criteria)

- The PM_{10} 24-hour average stack ventilation emissions were estimated to contribute less than 0.2% of the 24 – hour air quality guideline

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Air Quality (TVS Contribution)

24 hour PM$_{10}$ – Most impacted receptor (2031 project scenario)

Legend: Background, Surface Roads, Tunnel Ventilation Stacks, Standard

Tunnel emission controls

Best Practice & design

- **Dispersion by tunnel design & ventilation system**
  - High tunnel ventilation & exhaust gas emission rates
  - High ventilation stack heights
  - No portal emissions
  - Air monitoring; Melbourne, Sydney, & Brisbane

M5 Pollution equipment installation – filtration
  - NSW trial shows no demonstrable improvement in PM levels in local area to justify installation
  - Ambient air monitoring associated with CityLink ,EastLink, NSW &, QLD has not measured significant changes in local air quality
  - GHG implications of using filtration

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EPA's Works Approval assessment

Key Conditions
- Retrofitting of pollution control equipment
- Monitoring program for in-tunnel air quality and ventilation stack emissions
- Monitoring program for ambient air quality
- Provision for daily reporting of air monitoring results

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Questions & Discussion