# Air Quality Assessment overview

- Approach similar to other WestConnex, Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches link F6 Extension air quality assessments
- Characterisation of the existing environment
- Emissions and dispersion modelling for surface roads and ventilation outlets

# Project modelling domain



Figure 9-3 Modelling domains for GRAMM and GRAL (grid system MGA94)

## Air quality monitoring sites



# Meteorological monitoring sites



Figure 9-9 Meteorological stations in the model domains (grid system MGA94)

Figure F-1 Locations of air quality monitoring sites

## Terrain



Figure 9-8 Terrain in the GRAMM domain (grid system MGA94)

## Wind Field



Figure 8-9 Example of a wind field across the GRAMM domain (grid system MGAS4)

- 200 m by 200 m grid
- 15 vertical layers



Figure 9-4 Modelled discrete receptor locations

# Receptors

- ~ 1.8 million gridded receptors across (10 m spacing)
- 86,375 RWR receptors (residential, workplace, recreational)
  - Maximum concentrations from a whole year
  - Background added to the maximum
- 40 Community receptors
  - Predictions analysed for each hour of the year (8760 hours)
  - Background added to each hour

## **Surface roads**

#### Do Something scenario



Figure 8-2 Road links in the Do Minimum scenarios, and additional links in the 2023-DS and 2033-DS scenarios (grid system MGA94)

#### Cumulative scenario



Figure 8-4 Road links in the Do Minimum scenarios, and additional links in the 2033-DSC scenario (grid system MGA94)

## **Ventilation outlets**



Figure 8-1 Locations of all tunnel ventilation outlets included in the assessment (grid system MGA94)

The assessment was designed to answer two main questions:	What are the cumulative impacts of the project?
	How does the project change things?

## What are the cumulative impacts of the project? Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>

2033-DM



2033-DSC



Figure 8-77 Contour plot of annual mean PM25 concentration in the 2033 cumulative scenario (2033-DSC)

Figure 8-76 Contour plot of annual mean PM2.5 concentration in the 2033 Do Minimum scenario (2033-DM)

### How does the project change things?

Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>

#### 2033-DM







Figure 8-77 Contour plot of annual mean PMzs concentration in the 2033 cumulative scenario (2033-DSC)

#### 2033-DSC minus 2033-DM



Figure 8-78 Contour plot of change in annual mean PM2.8 concentration in the 2033 cumulative scenario (2033-DSC minus 2033-DM)

# What is the contribution of the ventilation outlets?

- Maximum surface road contribution 5.56 μg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Largest contribution from ventilation outlets 0.25  $\mu g/m^3$

## Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> (RWR receptors) 2023-DSC

