

# INFORMATION SHEET

## EUROA GOODS SHED

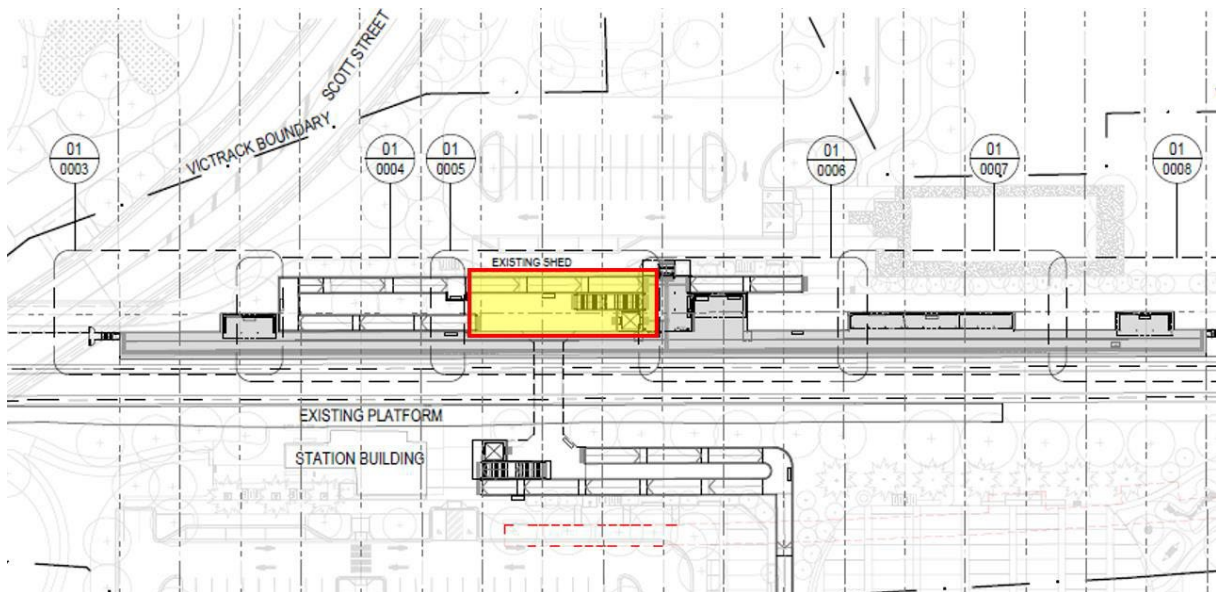
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### What is happening with the Goods Shed?

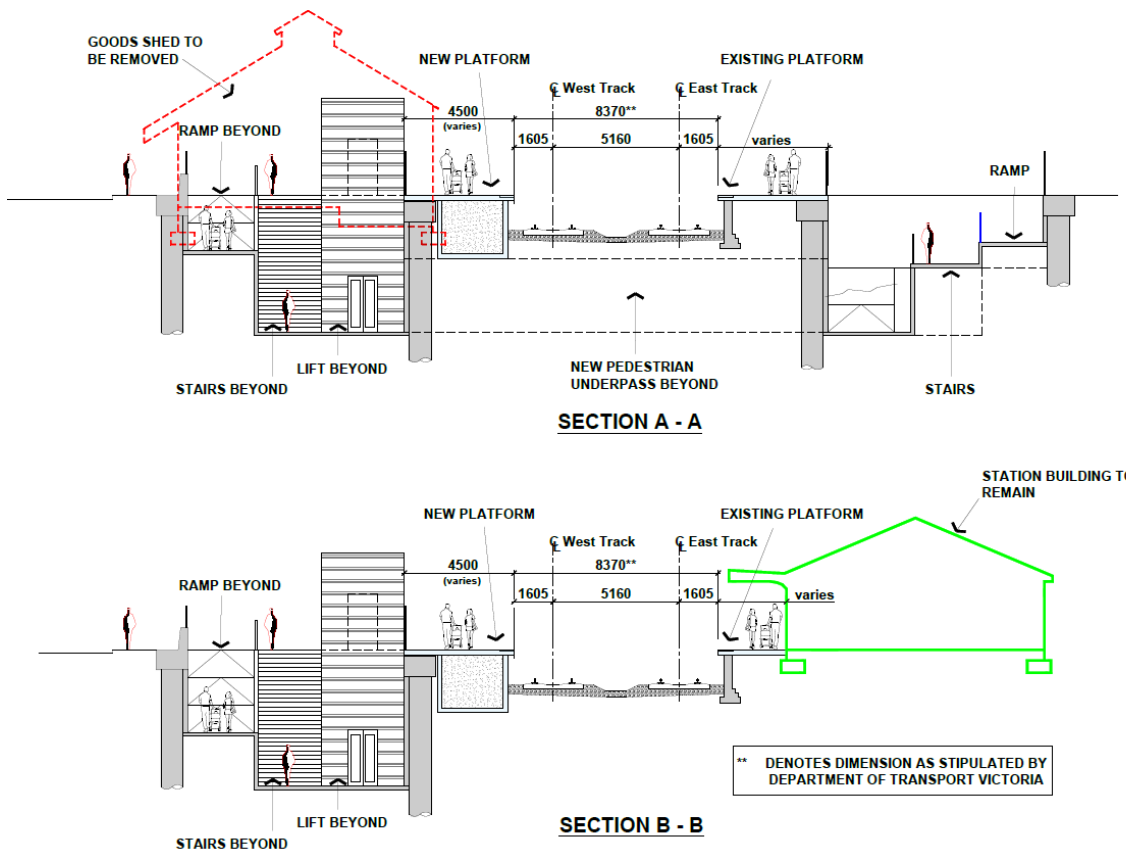
- As we've progressed the Reference Design in Euroa, we've identified that the Goods Shed site overlaps with the space needed to build the new rail and station infrastructure.
- An independent building assessment report received in August 2023 found the shed is severely dilapidated, poses a public health and safety risk and needs to be removed. A follow-up inspection was undertaken to reassess the structural condition of the Goods Shed in February 2024.
- Inland Rail acknowledges the decision by the Heritage Council of Victoria on 12 September 2024, not to include the Euroa Goods Shed in the Victorian Heritage Register. Inland Rail will commence the necessary steps to remove the Goods Shed.

### What rail and station infrastructure overlaps the Goods Shed site?

- The Euroa Station Precinct design relocates the rail track that is currently closest to Railway Street to run parallel to the other existing track, and builds a new station platform, accessible to all via a new pedestrian underpass with lifts, ramps and stairs.
- The dimensions of the new platform, lifts, ramps and stairs comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act* (DDA) and the asset owner's (VicTrack) requirements. The new platform, underpass, lifts, ramps and stairs are designed to be centrally located to reduce the distances that people with a disability need to travel.
- The diagrams below and over leaf shows all the required measurements for the new track and platform resulting in encroachment onto the entire length of the Goods Shed.



Engineering plan showing impact of Goods Shed (in yellow) with planned infrastructure.



Cross section showing overlap of new infrastructure with Goods Shed (shown in red).

**What is the current state of the Goods Shed and why is it a risk to public safety?**

- An independent building assessment report has advised the building is structurally unsafe.
- The report identified numerous severe structural deficiencies, such as disconnected, split or rotten load bearing timber and stumps.
- These impact the lateral stability of the shed, posing risks to public safety as well as the shed collapsing onto the train line.
- A hazardous material survey identified lead dust, faecal material, SMF (synthetic mineral fibre), lead paint and PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) across the majority of the internal structure. Hazardous material clean-up was undertaken in December 2023.
- Follow-up inspections have revealed the worsening condition of the building, with increased rotation of the columns and further missing and loose cladding.

### **Why didn't previous designs/information indicate that the Goods Shed needed to be removed?**

- Previous designs shared with the community have been at concept level and focused on the Anderson Street bridge solution only.
- Through the reference design process, the design has been refined to include the new underpass solution, Euroa Station Precinct and platform layout, which has now confirmed the conflict with the Goods Shed.

### **Who owns the Goods Shed?**

- The Goods Shed is owned by VicTrack, however it is managed and maintained by ARTC under a rail infrastructure lease.
- Rail infrastructure managers, such as ARTC, can make decisions about the assets within their leases to protect the safety of the public and rail workers.