

# PETITION: DANIEL ANDREWS & VICTORIAN LABOR GOVERNMENT

## MUST PROTECT EDITHVALE-SEAFORD WETLANDS



This petition of concerned citizens of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council, Australia's obligations as a signatory to the "Ramsar Convention" for Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat, which includes protecting the Edithvale-Seaford wetlands from the adverse impact of proposed developments such as Sky Rail (elevated to 20.2 Metres at tip of railway stations to run parallel to the wetlands) on:

- *the hydrology of the wetlands which can impact on the ecology of the wetlands;*
- *At least 25 protected species including the "Sharp Tailed Sandpiper," the "Australasian Bittern" including those listed under the China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA) and the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement; and*
- *the flight paths of migratory birds within Australia*

We therefore call on the Premier Daniel Andrews and the Victorian State Government to immediately refer the State Government's Sky Rail proposal to the Federal Department of Environment and Energy to commission an Environmental Impact Assessment of the effects elevated rail will have on the ecology of the Ramsar protected Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands, including protected species and the flight path of migratory birds, particularly the Sharp Tailed Sandpiper, the Australasian Bittern and other species that rely on the Ramsar listed Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands, and to ensure that the wetlands are protected under the international Ramsar Convention.



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