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Leighton Contractors awarded \$209 million Deer Park Bypass Project

Leighton Contractors has been awarded the design and construction of the Deer Park Bypass project in western Melbourne.

The project will provide a new freeway-standard connection from the Western Highway at Caroline Springs to the Western Ring Road and Melbourne's urban freeway network.

The 9.3 kilometre bypass will be a four lane freeway with two lanes in each direction. Provision will be made for an additional lane in each direction to be built in the future. Interchanges will be built at the Western Highway, Christies Road, Robinsons Road and the Western Ring Road. The bypass will also cross over the Melbourne-Ballarat railway line.

Peter McMorrow, Managing Director of Leighton Contractors, said today he was delighted that Leighton Contractors had been awarded the project.

"Leighton Contractors is committed to working with VicRoads to deliver road infrastructure projects," he said. "We believe the skills and experience of our people are an excellent combination for what will be the largest design and construct contract ever awarded by VicRoads."

Hamish Tyrwhitt, Leighton Contractors' General Manager for Victoria, said "We have a proven track record on previous contracts for VicRoads and we look forward to the opportunity of delivering this important addition to the State's road network."

Mr Tyrwhitt said that construction would commence early next year and take less than three years to complete.

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