



## Level 3 Engineering Investigations

Ensuring Structural Integrity and Safety for Victorian Local Government Authorities

### What are Level 3 Engineering Investigations?

Level 3 Engineering Investigations are detailed engineering assessments targeting specific issues relevant to individual structures or classes of structures. These investigations combine field investigations and theoretical analyses to provide comprehensive insights into the condition, load-carrying capacity, and in-service performance of bridge infrastructure.

### Scope and Purpose:

- *Detailed Assessments:* In-depth reports on defects, potential structural issues, load-carrying capacity and the overall health of the structure.
- *Customized Solutions:* Tailored investigations addressing all relevant aspects and providing actionable insights.

### When are Level 3 Investigations Needed?

- *Response to Incidents:* After accidents, natural events, or any incidents affecting structural integrity.
- *Follow-Up on Inspections:* For significant defects identified during routine inspections.
- *Programmed Inspections:* For complex or heritage structures requiring regular, detailed monitoring.
- *Condition Assessments:* Evaluating structural health for bridges showing rapid deterioration.
- *Load Rating Assessments:* Assessing adequacy for current or proposed heavy vehicle use.

### Key Activities:

- *Visual and Detailed Inspections:* Comprehensive on-site evaluations.
- *Non-Destructive Testing:* Cover meter survey, rebound hammer and ground-penetrating radar.
- *Destructive Testing:* Removing samples for lab analysis if necessary.
- *Load Capacity Analysis:* Using AS5100.7 Bridge Assessment standards.
- *Consultation and Reporting:* Collaboration with stakeholders to develop detailed reports and actionable recommendations.

### Why Choose LGA BridgeSupport?

- *Expertise:* Led by a seasoned bridge engineer with over 20 years of local experience.
- *Tailored Approach:* Customizing each investigation to specific needs.
- *Commitment to Safety:* Prioritizing community safety with effective maintenance and rehabilitation strategies.

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# Level 2 Structure Condition Inspections

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## What are Level 2 Structure Condition Inspections?

Level 2 Inspections are comprehensive visual examinations conducted to assess the condition and functionality of bridge components. These inspections are crucial for identifying defects early, prioritising maintenance, and ensuring the overall safety and reliability of bridge infrastructure.

### Scope and Purpose:

- *Visual Inspections:* Detailed examination of all accessible components to assess their condition using a standardised rating system.
- *Condition Reporting:* Documenting the state and extent of any defects found, providing a clear record for maintenance planning.
- *Overall Condition Rating:* Providing a general assessment of the structure's overall condition based on a set of defined criteria, with the ability to adapt to client-specific rating systems.

## When are Level 2 Inspections Needed?

- *Routine Inspections:* Regular inspections typically scheduled on a recurring basis (such as every two years) and may be flagged for a higher level of inspection during a Level 1 assessment.
- *Post-Event Checks:* Inspections following significant events such as floods, fires, or heavy load impacts that may affect the integrity of the bridge.
- *Post-Construction:* Inspections conducted after the construction of new structures to establish a baseline for monitoring future condition changes.

### Key Activities:

- *Visual Examination and Defect Documentation:* Thorough on-site inspections to identify and document visible defects, including type, location, severity, and recommended actions.
- *Photographic Records:* Capturing images of the bridge and any defects for detailed documentation and future reference.
- *Condition Rating and Maintenance Recommendations:* Applying a standardised rating system to evaluate each component's condition and providing actionable insights to address identified issues.

## Why Choose LGA BridgeSupport?

With decades of cumulative experience, LGA BridgeSupport's Directors have been responsible for conducting thousands of Level 2 inspections in their previous roles. We are committed to ensuring community safety through proactive maintenance strategies based on thorough, evidence-based evaluations.

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# Level 1 Routine Maintenance Inspections

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## What are Level 1 Routine Maintenance Inspections?

Level 1 Inspections are routine visual inspections conducted to assess the general serviceability of a structure and ensure the safety of bridge users. These inspections are typically performed in conjunction with routine maintenance.

### Scope and Purpose:

- *Visible Defect Identification:* Check for visible defects that might affect the safety or serviceability of the structure.
- *Routine Maintenance:* Identify items requiring routine maintenance or urgent attention.
- *Reporting:* Document findings and report them to asset managers.

## When are Level 1 Inspections Needed?

- *Regular Intervals:* Typically conducted twice a year with a maximum interval of six months between inspections. This interval can be extended to one year based on a structure-specific risk assessment.
- *Post-Event Checks:* After significant events like accidents, natural disasters, or other incidents affecting structural integrity.
- *Scheduled Maintenance:* As part of regular maintenance routines for road structures.

### Key Activities:

- *Preparation for Site Inspection:* Obtain relevant documentation and ensure necessary inspection and safety equipment.
- *Extent of Inspection:* Inspect all visible components of the structure above ground or water level.
- *Data Recording:* Record all findings using the Level 1 Inspection report form, including photographs of the structure and any identified defects.

## Why Choose LGA BridgeSupport?

- *Expertise:* With more than 25 years of cumulative experience, LGA BridgeSupport's Directors have been responsible for conducting thousands of inspections throughout their careers.
- *Tailored Approach:* Customizing each inspection to specific needs.
- *Commitment to Safety:* Prioritizing community safety with effective maintenance and rehabilitation strategies.

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