

Seaham Quarry Project

Visual Amenity assessment

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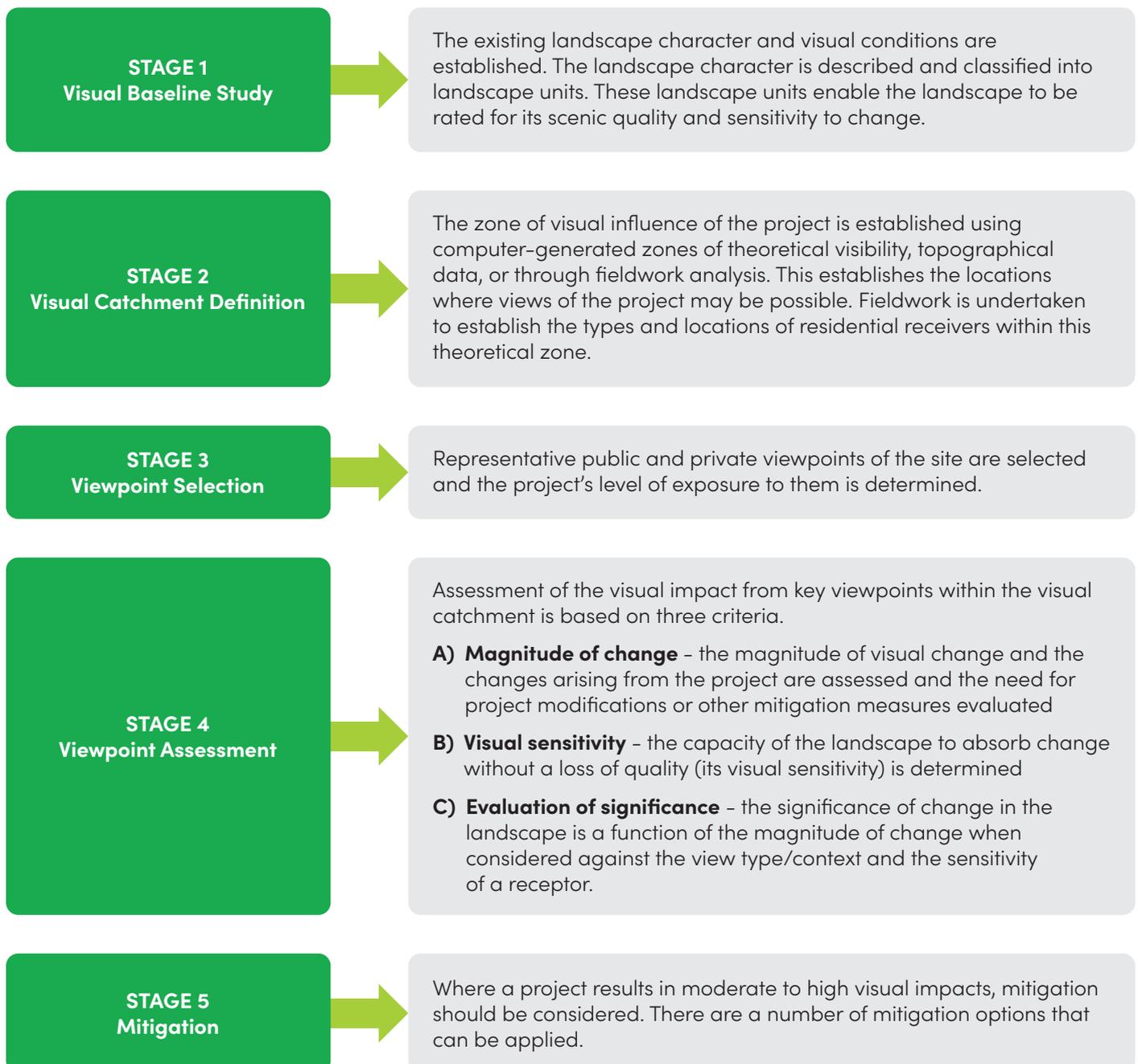


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The Visual Amenity assessment being undertaken, as part of preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project, is using methods based on the established and widely used guidelines, including the *Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Third Edition* (Landscape Institute/IEEMA 2013) and the *Large Scale Solar Energy Guidelines for State Significant Development* (NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment 2022).

The assessment involves undertaking field observations and photography, consultation with landowners, computer-based data processing and analysis, and application of subjective professional judgement. The diagram below outlines the assessment and its five key stages.



The viewpoint assessment (i.e. Stage 4) is being developed. This involves preparing photomontages of the proposed Project area from selected viewpoints, to determine the scale and nature of any impacts.

The photomontages show a before and after image of the site, as part of assessing the potential visual impacts from each viewpoint selected. These photomontages can be made available once completed.

Images like those below are taken from the area surrounding the Project and are used to show the existing landscape character and visual conditions .



Management/ mitigation measures

The visual amenity impact assessment will include proposed management and mitigation measures to minimise impacts on nearby property owners, as much as practical. This may include:

- Retaining existing vegetation wherever possible
- Re-vegetation with native trees as soon as possible after changes to the landform.