



Environmental impact assessment topics

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes a range of detailed technical studies in accordance with the EIS Guidelines set by the Environment Minister. You can read, review, and provide a submission on these studies, which are outlined in the draft EIS.



Landscape & visual amenity

Landscape and visual character assessments were completed for several important environmental, cultural, and historic places and routes, which have varying levels of sensitivity.

While the project will cause some impacts to landscape character and visual amenity, the alterations will be intermittent, will not be permanent and would be reversible.

An assessment of potential visual impacts associated with the project can be found at:

- Chapter 15 of the draft EIS
- Technical paper 7 (Landscape character and visual impact).

Key findings

- Visual amenity impacts at certain Greater Blue Mountains Area (GBMA) lookouts (Echo Point and The Walls) have been assessed as ‘high-moderate’ for projected 2055 air traffic levels.
- The magnitude of visual change was deemed to be ‘low’, as aircraft will be at a considerable distance and altitude when seen from these lookouts, however the high-moderate impact rating reflects the very high visual sensitivity of these locations.
- All other GBMA viewpoints were assessed as either ‘moderate’, ‘moderate-low’ or ‘negligible’.
- Viewpoints in Kemps Creek and Luddenham Village (see image) were also assessed as high-moderate impact in the 2055 scenario based on high frequency of expected overflight.



View south-east from Homestead Road, Orchard Hills