



Appendix E

Visual Significance Matrix
(Green Bean Design 2014)

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			Scale or magnitude of change in view caused by proposed development			
			High	Medium	Low	Very Low
			Very short distance view over a long duration of time. A high extent of wind turbine visibility will tend to dominate the available skyline view and significantly disrupt existing views or vistas.	Short to medium distance views over a medium duration of time. A moderate extent of wind turbine visibility will have the potential to dominate available views with visibility recessing over increasing distance.	Medium to long distance views over a low to medium duration of time. Wind turbines in views, at long distances or visible for a short duration not expected to be significantly distinct in the existing view.	Visible change perceptible at a very long distance, or visible for a very short duration, and/or is expected to be less distinct within the existing view.
Sensitivity of visual receptor	High	Indicator	High	Medium to High	Medium	Low to Medium
		Large numbers of viewers or those with proprietary interest and prolonged viewing opportunities such as residents and users or visitors to attractive and/or well-used recreational facilities. Views from a regionally important location whose interest is specifically focussed on the landscape				
	Medium	Medium numbers of residents and moderate numbers of visitors with an interest in their environment e.g. visitors to State Forests, such as bush walkers and horse riders etc.... Larger numbers of travellers with an interest in their surroundings	Medium to High	Medium	Low to medium	Low
	Low	Low numbers of visitors with a passing interest in their surroundings e.g. those travelling along principal roads. Viewers whose interest is not specifically focussed on the landscape e.g. workers, commuters.	Medium	Low to Medium	Low	Very low to low
Very Low	Very low numbers of viewers or those with a passing interest in their surroundings e.g. those travelling along minor roads.	Low to Medium	Low	Very low to low	Very low	

This table is used as a guide only. The descriptions of magnitude and sensitivity are illustrative only. Each case is assessed on its own merits using professional judgement and experience, and there is no defined boundary between levels of impacts.

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Source: Liverpool Range Wind Farm Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment V3, March 2014 Green Bean Design (2014)