



Appendix A
VIZ Methodology

A.1 Visual Influence Zones

VIEWER SENSITIVITY LEVEL

Level 1 Sensitivity: High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential areas and rural villages Recreation, cultural or scenic sites and viewpoints of National or State significance. Any buildings, historic rural homesteads/residences on the State or local Government Heritage List
Level 2 Sensitivity: Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural dwelling Tourist and visitor accommodation (definition in Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan) Recreation, cultural or scenic sites and viewpoints of regional significance
Level 3 Sensitivity: Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate and state passenger rail lines with daily daylight services State highways, freeways and classified main roads, classified tourist roads Land management roads with occasional recreation traffic Walking tracks of moderate local significance or infrequent recreation usage Other low use and low concern viewpoints and travel routes Navigable waterways

Table A1: Viewer Sensitivity Level

VISIBILITY DISTANCE ZONES

0 – 500 m	Near Foreground (NF)	Zone of Greatest Visual Influence
500 m – 1 km	Mid Foreground (MF)	
1 – 2 km	Far Foreground (FF)	
2 – 4 km	Near Middleground (NM)	
4 – 8 km	Far Middleground (FM)	
8 – 12 km	Near Background (NB)	
12 – 20 km	Mid Background (MB)	
20 – 32+ km	Far Background (FB)	Zone of Least Visual Influence

Table A2: Visibility Distance Zones

SCENIC QUALITY CLASS

LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
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Landform		
Waterbodies		
Vegetation		
Human Influence		
Activity		
Rarity		
Relationship with adjoining landscapes		

Table A3: Scenic Quality Class

VISUAL INFLUENCE ZONE MATRIX

VIEWER SENSITIVITY LEVEL		SCENIC QUALITY CLASS		
- VISIBILITY DISTANCE ZONE		HIGH	MODERATE	LOW
LEVEL 1 HIGH SENSITIVITY VIEWPOINTS				
Near Foreground (NF)	0 – 500 m	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ1
Mid Foreground (MF)	500 m – 1 km	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ1
Far Foreground (FF)	1 – 2 km	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ1
Near Middleground (NM)	2 – 4 km	VIZ1	VIZ2	VIZ2
Far Middleground (FM)	4 – 8 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ2
Near Background (NB)	8 – 12 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ2
Mid Background (MB)	12 – 20 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ3
Far Background (FB)	20 – 32+ km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ3
LEVEL 2 MODERATE SENSITIVITY VIEWPOINTS				
Near Foreground (NF)	0 – 500 m	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ1
Mid Foreground (MF)	500 m – 1 km	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ1
Far Foreground (FF)	1 – 2 km	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ2
Near Middleground (NM)	2 – 4 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ2
Far Middleground (FM)	4 – 8 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ3
Near Background (NB)	8 – 12 km	VIZ2	VIZ3	VIZ3
Mid Background (MB)	12 – 20 km	VIZ2	VIZ3	VIZ3
Far Background (FB)	20 – 32+ km	VIZ3	VIZ3	VIZ3
LEVEL 3 LOW SENSITIVITY VIEWPOINTS				
Near Foreground (NF)	0 – 500 m	VIZ1	VIZ1	VIZ2
Mid Foreground (MF)	500 m – 1 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ2
Far Foreground (FF)	1 – 2 km	VIZ2	VIZ2	VIZ3
Near Middleground (NM)	2 – 4 km	VIZ2	VIZ3	VIZ3
Far Middleground (FM)	4 – 8 km	VIZ2	VIZ3	VIZ3
Near Background (NB)	8 – 12 km	VIZ3	VIZ3	VIZ3
Mid Background (MB)	12 – 20 km	VIZ3	VIZ3	VIZ3
Far Background (FB)	20 – 32+ km	VIZ3	VIZ3	VIZ3
Areas not visible		VIZ3	VIZ3	VIZ3

Table A4: Visual Influence Zone Matrix