

**APPENDIX 10.1**  
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<b>Positive Impact</b>	A change that improved the quality of the environment (for example, by increasing species diversity and the reproductive capacity of the ecosystem, by removing nuisances or improving amenities).
<b>Neutral Impact</b>	A change that does not affect the quality of the environment.
<b>Negative Impact</b>	A change that reduces the quality of the environment (for example, by lessening species diversity and the reproductive capacity of the ecosystem by damaging health, property or by causing nuisance).
<b>Imperceptible Impact</b>	An impact capable of measurement but without noticeable consequences.
<b>Slight Impact</b>	An impact that causes changes in the character of the environment that is not significant or profound.
<b>Moderate Impact</b>	An impact that causes an appreciable segment of the panorama to be affected or where there is intrusion into the foreground (partial or limited views).
<b>Significant Impact</b>	An impact that, by its magnitude, duration or intensity alters an important aspect of the environment.
<b>Profound Impact</b>	An impact that obliterates all previous characteristics.
<b>Temporary Impact</b>	Impact lasting for one year or less.
<b>Short-term Impact</b>	Impact lasting one to seven years.
<b>Medium-term Impact</b>	Impact lasting seven to twenty years.
<b>Long-term Impact</b>	Impact lasting twenty to fifty years
<b>Permanent Impact</b>	Impact lasting over fifty years.
<b>Impact Avoidance</b>	When no change is caused.
<b>Impact Reduction</b>	Where the significance of adverse impacts is lessened.
<b>Impact Remedy</b>	When an adverse effect is eliminated.
<b>Irreversible Impact</b>	When the character, diversity or reproductive capacity of an environment is permanently lost.
<b>Indeterminable Impact</b>	When the full consequences of a change in the environment cannot be described.
<b>Cumulative Impact</b>	The addition of many small impacts to create one larger, more significant, impact.
<b>Synergistic Impact</b>	Where the resultant impact is of greater significance than the sum of its constituents.
<b>“Worse case” Impact</b>	The impacts arising from a development in the case where mitigation measures substantially fail.
<b>“Do nothing” Impact</b>	The environment as it would be in the future should no development of any kind be carried out.