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	Site Specific Impacts - Preferred Alternative									
A	**1.** Direct impact: Erosion and loss of soil from the watercourse leading to sedimentation of the downstream, wetlands and watercourses.	2	2	1	2	7	0	-4	1	4
A	**2.** Cumulative Impacts: Erosion and loss of material leading to deposition of material downstream of the wetland affecting other wetland systems.	3	2	2	2	9	0	-4	0	5
A	**3.** Direct Impact: The habitat for fauna living within the construction footprint will be modified, resulting in habitat destruction within the Nsuze River, and tributaries of the Tugela, Mkalazi and Mamba Rivers, and their associated riparian and wetland areas.	3	1	2	3	9	0	-4	1	6
A	**4.** Cumulative Impact: Increase in turbidity of water affecting water quality impacting on aquatic fauna.	2	1	2	2	7	0	-5	1	3
B	**5.** Direct Impact: This would result in direct and cumulative damage to the wider wetland areas outside of the construction area.	2	2	2	3	9	0	-5	1	5
C	**6.** Direct Impact: Physical damage to wetland areas associated with the rivers and tributaries during excavation, resulting in the loss of wetland.	3	2	2	3	10	0	-5	1	6
D	**7.** Direct Impact: Draining the excavated areas can cause major siltation of downstream wetland and watercourses.	2	2	2	3	9	0	-5	1	5
D	**8.** Direct Impact: Hydrocarbon spills can occur through careless management of fuel operated machinery such as pumps and generators.	2	1	1	3	7	0	-3	1	5
E	**9.** Direct Impact: This will result in the loss of vegetation within the Eastern Valley Bushveld (SVs 6) and the Ngongoni Veld (SVs 4) vegetation types.	2	1	2	3	8	0	-3	1	6
F	**10.** Indirect Impact: Encroachment of alien vegetation into cleared areas i.e. Castor Oil. Proliferation of weeds was identified as an impact in the specialist assessments.	2	1	2	3	8	0	-5	1	4

	11. Direct Impact:Removal of alien invasive vegetation found along the Middledrift WSS Phase 2 pipeline route.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G	**12.** Direct Impact: Erosion on exposed banks and areas resulting in scouring, blocked storm water systems and the siltation of watercourses and wetlands.	2	2	1	2	7	0	-3	1	5
H	**13.** Indirect Impact: Sourcing material from unlicensed borrow pits and sand mines in an illegal and unplanned manner can be dangerous to the surrounding community and detrimental to the local environment.	3	1	2	3	9	0	-5	1	5
I	**14.** Direct Impact: Impact on existing services i.e. powerlines, water pipes etc.	2	2	2	1	7	0	-3	1	5
J	**15.** Indirect impact: This is a positive impact for the community through the potential creation of local employment.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K	**16.** Indirect impact: A temporary increase in hardened surfaces may increase stormwater runoff resulting in increased erosion of nearby areas and impacting on the drainage lines below the road. This is temporary and will be mitigated after the area has revegetated.	2	1	1	1	5	0	-3	1	3
L	**17.** Direct Impact: Incorrect placement of the pipes within the wetland and watercourse has the potential to alter the flow dynamics within the watercourse systems.	3	1	2	1	7	0	-5	1	3
M	**18.** Cumulative impact: Improved water flow within drainage lines and wetlands will prevent further scouring and erosion of the banks associated with the drainage lines.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N	**19.** Cummulative impact: Construction of the water pipeline will be a positive operational impact. The broader community will benefit with easy access to safe drinking water. This will aid in the improvement of sanitation within the area.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Generic Construction Impacts									
O	**20.** On site erosion due to improper management of storm water by the contractor during construction.	2	1	1	3	7	0	-5	1	3
P	**21.** Dusty conditions impacting on air quality affecting community members and fauna along the construction route.	2	2	2	2	8	0	-4	1	5
Q	**22.** Creating a nuisance to the surrounding area and residents.	2	1	2	2	7	0	-5	1	3
R	**23.** Impacting existing traffic conditions and pedestrians.	2	2	1	2	7	0	-3	1	5
S	**24.** Emissions from construction vehicles associated with the construction of the Middledrift WSS, Phase 2.	2	2	1	1	6	0	-3	1	4
T	**25.** Unidentified existing services being impacted on site.	2	1	3	2	8	0	-5	1	4
U	**26.** Improper storage of waste on site resulting in littering and impact on environment on site affecting surrounding community. Incorrect disposal of waste leading to pollution at the dump site or at sites where waste may be illegally disposed of.	2	1	3	2	8	0	-5	1	4
V	**27.** Construction staff having to use the surrounding areas as ablutions, resulting in contamination of the environment.	2	1	4	2	9	0	-5	1	5
W	**28.** Resulting in the contamination of the environment.	2	1	3	1	7	0	-5	0	2
X	**29.** Excessive noise pollution on site.	2	2	2	2	8	0	-3	0	5
Y	**30.** Damage to adjacent properties during construction.	2	1	3	1	7	0	-5	1	3

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	Site Specific Impacts - Alternative 2									
Z	**31.** There is a greater potential for erosion to take place within the Nsuze River, and tributaries of the Tugela, Mkalazi and Mamba Rivers, and their associated riparian and wetland areas, resulting in downstream sedimentation of this eroded material.	2	2	4	3	11	0	-3	1	9
AA	**32.** Pier obstructing flow within the watercourses. This increases the potential for erosion to take place within the Nsuze River, and tributaries of the Tugela, Mkalazi and Mamba Rivers, and their associated riparian and wetland areas, resulting in downstream sedimentation of this eroded material.	3	2	4	3	12	0	-1	3	14
	33. Having a raised pipe above the surface level would expose the pipe to flood damage and consequential ongoing maintenance and service disruption.	3	1	3	3	10	0	-3	1	8
	34. The exposed pipes will detract from the aesthetics of the surround area.	3	2	3	3	11	0	-1	1	11