

- **Medium** Natural or heritage environment is affected but functions and processes of natural or human origin can continue though often in an altered manner;
Factor 2
- **High** Natural or heritage environment is affected to the extent that function and processes of natural or human origin will temporarily or permanently cease.
Factor 3.

Nature of impact

Impact of the activity (development) on a heritage resource with indications about its positive and/or negative effects. The statement of significance informs it. The nature of the impact may be historical, aesthetic, social, linguistic, architectural, intrinsic, associational, contextual (visual or non-visual) or a combination of the above.

Probability of the impact

Probability describes the likelihood of the risk actually occurring and is rated as follows:

- **Improbable:** Low possibility of risk to occur either because of design or historic experience
Rating 2
- **Probable:** Prominent possibility that risk will occurring
Rating 3
- **Highly probable:** Most likely that risk will occurring
Rating 4
- **Definite:** Risk will occur regardless of any prevention measures
Rating 5

Recommended management action

For each impact, the recommended practically attainable mitigation actions that would result in a measurable reduction of the impact must be identified. This is expressed according to the following:

- **Avoidance:** Preserve feature at all costs and restore/rehabilitate/enhance it together with interpretation.
- **Mitigation:** Preserve feature if possible, otherwise salvage excavation and/or documentation/recording before demolition/alteration, followed by preserving its memory in design and scale of development.
- **None:** No further action required.

Severity rating

The severity rating is calculated from multiplying the **intensity factor** with the **duration factor**, e.g. 2 x 3 = 6

RATING	FACTOR
Low severity: rating = 2	Calculated values 2 - 4
Medium severity: rating = 3	Calculated values 5 - 8
High severity: rating = 4	Calculated values 9 - 12
Very high severity: rating = 5	Calculated values 13 – 16 and more
Severity factors below 3 indicate no risk	