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| **VISUAL LANDSCAPE**  **EVALUATION SHEET** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Location (Grid Reference):** |  |
| **Forest Practices Plan (FPP):** |  |
| **FPP area (ha):** |  |
| **Coupe name:** |  |
| **Operations area (ha):**  (area of proposed operations, e.g. harvesting or reforestation or site preparation within the FPP area) |  |
| **Silviculture & Operation Type(s):** |  |
| **Planning Scheme Scenic Code present:** (Local government will be consulted regarding areas with landscape protection provisions in planning schemes – *Forest Practices Code*) |  |

**Use the *FPA process for visual landscape special values assessment and planning,* available on the FPA website, for interpretation and guidance on completing this evaluation sheet.**

## VIEWPOINT IDENTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVES

List the representative public viewpoints and locations likely to see proposed operations, in the table below. Define a Landscape Management Objective (LMO) for each viewpoint by completing each rating column across the table.

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|  | Distance Zone (km) | Public Sensitivity | Scenic Quality | Skyline Affected | Landscape Management Objective (LMO) |
| Ratings to be applied  Viewpoints or viewing locations | fg (0-1km)  mg (1-6km)  bg (6-25km) | 1  2  3  4 | H  M  L | Yes or No | Inevident Apparent Dominant |
| 1. *Viewpoint name, coordinates, distance to coupe* |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| If a viewpoint above contains an affected skyline or has an Inevident or Apparent LMO, then continue below with Visual Review for the viewpoint(s). Further analysis is required and visual landscape management prescriptions may be necessary.  Any viewpoint with a Dominant LMO and no affected skyline can continue its evaluation in the Management section below. | Continue VISUAL REVIEW if: | | | OR  Yes | Inevident Apparent |
| Skip to MANAGEMENT section below if: | | | No | AND  Dominant |

*The following information should be gathered and used in the analysis of viewpoints:*

* *an FPP map, preferably at 1:10 000 scale, showing the proposed operation areas (including boundaries), and the approximate heights of any retained or adjacent patches of trees with screening or amenity values*
* *a 1: 25 000 scale viewpoints map*
* *panorama photographs of the scene and telephoto views of skyline zones*
* *an aerial photo/view*
* *seen-area analysis.*

## VISUAL REVIEW

Describe below the factors affecting viewer sensitivity at each or all viewpoint(s) listed above including viewer familiarity and expectations or community concern.

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| Viewer: |

## Describe below the features of the scene(s) observed from the viewpoints identified above including visual character and key features of the surrounding landscape.

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| Scene: |

Summarise below the potential visual effects of the proposed forest practices in the operation area itself.

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| Forest practice operational effects: |

##### PREDICTIVE VISUAL ANALYSIS

##### Viewpoints with an Inevident LMO should have predictive visual analysis completed to confidently predict the visual effects of the proposed operation and evaluate potential management options. Viewpoints with an Apparent LMO may also benefit from this work.

Predictive visual analysis uses sketches on photos and/or 3D simulations from key viewpoints to help predict the expected visual change of proposed operations. This illustrates aspects such as viewing exposure, lines or rectilinear shapes, scale, strong visual contrasts etc. Consider the initial and long-term exposure and scale of the operation.

Consider the range of management practices and measures that can be applied to the potential visual issues of the proposed operation, and assess their effectiveness with any predictive visual analysis used. Identify management that will fully retain, partially retain or modify existing visual landscape values as recommended by the LMO above.

*Record and attach the predictive visual analysis of viewpoints showing proposed operation area and skyline effects.*

**MANAGEMENT AND ADOPTED OBJECTIVE**

If the proposed operation is a road, quarry, permanent firebreak, clearfell, new plantation establishment or is located on steep country >20 degrees, then specific parts of the *Forest Practices Code* apply. Review the following:

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| *Forest Practices Code* requirements for visual landscape management: | Circle answer |
| Is the proposed operation located within landscape protection provisions under a Planning Scheme? | Yes / No |
| Is the proposed operation a road, quarry or permanent firebreak? | Yes / No |
| Is the proposed operation in steep country >20 degrees? | Yes / No |
| Is the proposed operation a clearfell? | Yes / No |
| Is the proposed operation establishing new plantation? | Yes / No |
| If yes → Refer to the *FPA process for visual landscape special values assessment and planning*and the *Forest Practices Code* for further information on specific management of these issues. | |

In the table below, explain the visual results expected with management practices and measures in place, for each viewpoint of the operation, rating this as an Adopted LMO (ALMO) category using the general viewing exposure and impact levels.

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| Viewpoints and managed effects expected | **Adopted LMO**  Inevident, Apparent, Dominant | **vs LMO** (from above) |
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An Adopted Landscape Management Outcome (ALMO) category should achieve or better the initial LMO, but a less effective ALMO may be acceptable. If an initial Inevident LMO is planned as a Dominant ALMO then CFPO advice must be sought via notification with supporting information.

**Where Inevident LMO → Dominant ALMO (viewpoint # ): 🞏 notify CFPO**

**PRESCRIPTIONS**

Record the planned management practices and measures below as prescriptions to include in an FPP or apply outside an FPP for example through strategic planning, viewer or viewpoint management.

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| FPP prescriptions:  Non-FPP management: |