

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHOD

This chapter describes the methods used by technical specialists to undertake the assessment of impacts of the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning activities of the Arrow LNG Plant. It introduces the structure of subsequent impact assessment chapters that present the findings of the technical study reports appended to this environmental impact statement (EIS).

Cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development, and existing projects within the region with the potential to exacerbate the potential impacts identified for each environmental aspect, are presented in the impact assessment chapters 10 to 31. Cumulative impacts of the proposed development attributable to each environmental aspect have been consolidated. These are presented in Chapter 32, Cumulative Impacts, which provides an overall assessment of the cumulative impacts of the project and other planned developments. A description of existing and planned developments used in the cumulative impact assessment is described at the end of this chapter.

The potential impacts of the proposed development on environmental values for each environmental aspect have been assessed using one of three methods; significance assessment, risk assessment or compliance assessment. Figure 9.1 shows how each method was applied to the impact assessment process, which is reflected in the structure of each of the subsequent chapters.

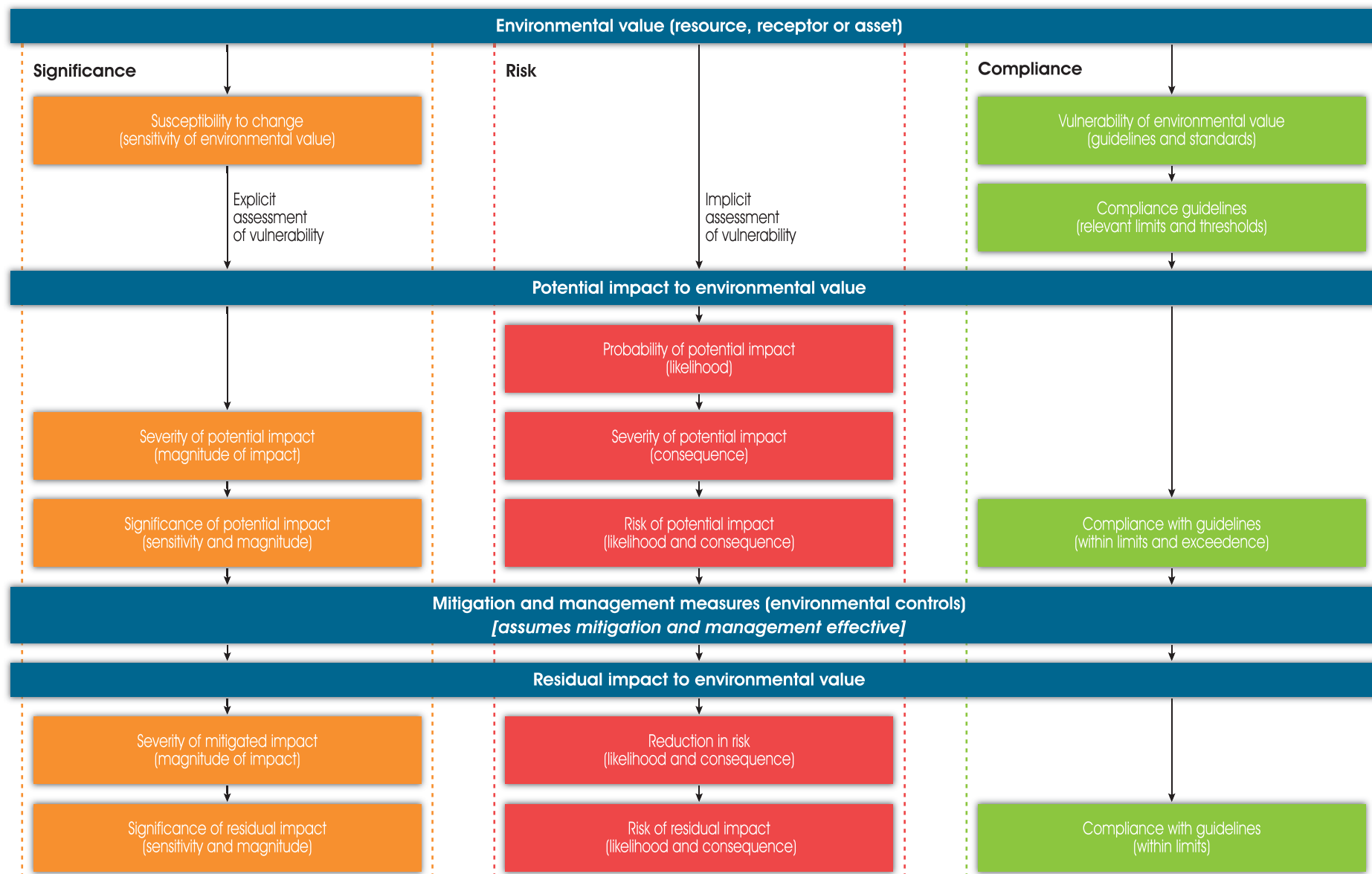
Significance assessment was adopted for technical studies where an understanding of the vulnerability of the environmental asset or resource was important to the assessment. For example, an understanding of the sensitivity of ecosystems in their current state provides a sound basis for determining the severity of potential impacts. Potential impacts that arise through the management of materials and substances (e.g., waste) are more appropriately assessed using the principles of risk management. Compliance assessment was adopted for environmental aspects regulated by statutory guidelines, e.g., air quality, noise and vibration. Application of these methods requires an understanding of the affected environmental values. A definition for environmental value and a description of each impact assessment method are set out in the following sections.

### 9.1 Environmental Value

Integral to each method is an understanding of the environmental values potentially affected by the proposed development. Environmental values encompass the qualities, characteristics and conditions of the physical, biological, social, cultural and economic environments.

The environmental values for each environmental aspect were defined by the technical specialists, having regard to the definition provided in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld), which states that an environmental value is:

- (a) a quality or physical characteristic of the environment that is conducive to ecological health or public amenity or safety; or
- (b) another quality of the environment identified and declared to be an environmental value under an environmental protection policy or regulation.



The technical specialists adopted environmental values set out in statutory guidelines or policy, and, where not provided, defined values based on their experience and accepted practice.

## 9.2 Significance Assessment Method

An explicit assessment of the vulnerability of the environmental value (resource or sensitive receptor) is the basis of the significance assessment method. This method assumes the impact will occur and that the worst case will be identified and assessed. The significance of an impact is assessed by considering the vulnerability or sensitivity of the environmental value and the magnitude of the impact before and after the application of mitigation and management measures. The significance of the residual impact is assessed assuming successful implementation of proposed mitigation and management measures.

### 9.2.1 Sensitivity of an Environmental Value

The sensitivity of an environmental value is determined from its susceptibility or vulnerability to threatening processes, and as a consequence of its intrinsic value. Archetype attributes that define sensitivity were revised by the technical specialists to reflect the specific focus of the technical study. The model attributes of sensitivity are:

- **Conservation status.** Assigned by governments (including statutory and regulatory authorities) or recognised international organisations through legislation, regulations and international conventions.
- **Intactness.** An assessment of how intact an environmental value is. It is a measure (with respect to characteristics or properties) of an environmental value's existing condition, particularly its representativeness.
- **Uniqueness or rarity.** An assessment of an environmental value's occurrence, abundance and distribution within and beyond its reference area, e.g., bioregion/biosphere.
- **Resilience to change.** An assessment of the ability of an environmental value to adapt to change without adversely affecting its conservation status, intactness, uniqueness or rarity.
- **Replacement potential.** An assessment of the potential for a representative or equivalent example of the environmental value to be found to replace any losses.

Applying these attributes enables the sensitivity of an environmental value to be ranked as high, moderate or low. Table 9.1 lists the model criteria adopted for sensitivity.

**Table 9.1 Criteria for sensitivity**

Sensitivity	Description
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental value is listed on a recognised or statutory state, national or international register as being of conservation significance.</li> <li>• The environmental value is intact and retains its intrinsic value.</li> <li>• The environmental value is unique to the environment in which it occurs. It is isolated to the affected system/area, which is poorly represented in the region, territory, country or the world.</li> <li>• The environmental value has not been exposed to threatening processes, or there has not been a noticeable impact on the integrity of the environmental value. Project activities would have an adverse effect on the value.</li> </ul>

**Table 9.1 Criteria for sensitivity (cont'd)**

Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental value is recorded as being important at a regional level, and may have been nominated for listing on recognised or statutory registers.</li> <li>• The environmental value is in a moderate to good condition despite it being exposed to threatening processes. It retains many of its intrinsic characteristics and structural elements.</li> <li>• The environmental value is relatively well represented in the systems/areas in which it occurs, but its abundance and distribution are limited by threatening processes.</li> <li>• Threatening processes have reduced the environmental value's resilience to change. Consequently, changes resulting from project activities may lead to degradation of the prescribed value.</li> <li>• Replacement of unavoidable losses is possible due to abundance and distribution of the environmental value.</li> </ul>
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental value is not listed on any recognised or statutory register. It might be recognised locally by relevant suitably qualified experts or organisations, e.g., historical societies.</li> <li>• The environmental value is in a poor to moderate condition as a result of threatening processes, which have degraded its intrinsic value.</li> <li>• The environmental value is not unique or rare, and numerous representative examples exist throughout the system/area.</li> <li>• The environmental value is abundant and widely distributed throughout the host systems/areas.</li> <li>• There is no detectable response to change, or change does not result in further degradation of the environmental value.</li> <li>• The abundance and wide distribution of the environmental value ensures replacement of unavoidable losses is assured.</li> </ul>

## 9.2.2 Magnitude of Impact

The magnitude of an impact on an environmental value is an assessment of the geographical extent, duration and severity of the impact. These attributes are defined as follows:

- **Geographical extent.** An assessment of the spatial extent of the impact where the extent is defined as site, local, regional or widespread (meaning state wide or national or international).
- **Duration.** The timescale of the effect, i.e., if it is short, medium or long term.
- **Severity.** An assessment of the scale or degree of change from the existing condition, as a result of the impact. This could be positive or negative.

Applying these attributes enables the magnitude of an impact to be ranked as high, moderate or low. Table 9.2 lists the model criteria adopted for magnitude.

**Table 9.2 Criteria for magnitude**

Magnitude	Description
High	An impact that is widespread, long lasting and results in substantial and possibly irreversible change to the environmental value. Avoidance through appropriate design responses or the implementation of site specific environmental management controls are required to address the impact.
Moderate	An impact that extends beyond the area of disturbance to the surrounding area but is contained within the region where the project is being developed. The impacts are short term and result in changes that can be ameliorated with specific environmental management controls.
Low	A localised impact that is temporary or short term, and either unlikely to be detectable or could be effectively mitigated through standard environmental management controls.

### 9.2.3 Significance of an Impact

The significance of an impact on an environmental value is determined by the sensitivity of the value itself and the magnitude of the impact it experiences. The model significance assessment matrix (Table 9.3) shows how, using the criteria above, the significance of an impact is determined.

**Table 9.3 Significance assessment matrix**

Magnitude of Impact	Sensitivity of Environmental Value		
	High	Moderate	Low
High	Major	High	Moderate
Moderate	High	Moderate	Low
Low	Moderate	Low	Negligible

The classifications (major, high, moderate, low and negligible) for significance of an impact are as follows:

- **Major significance of impact.** Arises when an impact will potentially cause irreversible or widespread harm to an environmental value that is irreplaceable because of its uniqueness or rarity. Avoidance through appropriate design responses is the only effective mitigation.
- **High significance of impact.** Occurs when the proposed activities are likely to exacerbate threatening processes affecting the intrinsic characteristics and structural elements of the environmental value. While replacement of unavoidable losses is possible, avoidance through appropriate design responses is preferred in order to preserve the environmental value's intactness or conservation status.
- **Moderate significance of impact.** Although reasonably resilient to change, the environmental value would be further degraded due to the scale of the impact or its susceptibility to further change. The abundance of the environmental value ensures that it is adequately represented in the region, and that replacement, if required, is achievable.
- **Low significance of impact.** Occurs where an environmental value is of local importance, and temporary and transient changes will not adversely affect its viability, provided standard environmental management controls are implemented.
- **Negligible significance of impact.** Where impact on the environmental value will not result in any noticeable change in its intrinsic value; hence the proposed activities will have negligible effect on its viability. This typically occurs where activities occur in industrial or highly disturbed areas.

Application of the model criteria for sensitivity and magnitude may produce inconsistent designations. For example, the magnitude of impacts might be assessed as widespread (large geographical extent) but readily reversible (short term duration and low severity). In these instances, technical specialists used their professional judgement to determine the overall sensitivity of the environmental value or magnitude of impact.

The model significance assessment matrix and model criteria for sensitivity and magnitude were refined by the technical specialists to reflect the specific focus of each technical study that used this assessment method. This included adding additional classifications (e.g., a five by five matrix) and revising the criteria to reflect the focus of the study.

### 9.2.4 Application of Significance Assessment Method

The sensitivity of an environmental value, once determined, does not change unless proposed actions or activities reduce the vulnerability of the value to adverse effects. An example is programmed road upgrade works that occur, or are scheduled to occur, prior to the commencement of a project (because of forecast growth in traffic or because a road has reached its design life). In these instances, the works improve the road condition, making the environmental value more resilient to the impacts of traffic generated through construction and operation of the proposed development.

The magnitude of an impact is assessed prior to, and after, the application of mitigation measures. Combining this assessment with the sensitivity of the environmental value enables the significance of the impact to be determined and, following the application of mitigation, the significance of the residual impact. The change in significance is a measure of the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation.

The significance of impacts has been assessed by the technical specialists and presented in their reports. In reporting the findings of the technical studies in this EIS, individual assessments made by the technical specialists have, where appropriate, been consolidated to provide an overall assessment of significance for each of the key impacts.

## 9.3 Risk Assessment Method

The principles of risk management described in AS/NZS 31000:2009 Risk management – principles and guidelines, and its companion documents, HB 436:2004 Risk management guidelines companion to AS/NZS 4360:2004 and HB 203:2006 Environmental risk management – principles and process, were adopted in the risk assessment method.

Qualitative risk assessment was used to assess the likelihood of harm to the environment from construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning activities, and the consequence of those impacts on the environment. Quantitative risk assessment was used to evaluate aspects of the hazards and risks associated with the proposed development.

Model qualitative criteria developed to rank the likelihood and consequence of potential impacts are set out in Table 9.4 and Table 9.5 respectively.

**Table 9.4 Qualitative criteria for likelihood**

Descriptor	Description
<b>Almost certain</b> Almost certain or common	Will occur, or is of a continuous nature, or the likelihood is unknown. There is likely to be an event at least once a year or greater (up to 10 times per year). It often occurs in similar environments. The event is expected to occur in most circumstances.
<b>Likely</b> Likely, has occurred in recent history	There is likely to be an event on average every one to five years. Likely to have been a similar incident occurring in similar environments. The event will probably occur in most circumstances.
<b>Possible</b> Possible, has occurred in the past but not common	The event could occur. There is likely to be an event on average every 5 to 20 years.
<b>Unlikely</b> Unlikely or uncommon	The event could occur but is not expected. May have heard it discussed as a possibility but an extremely unusual one. A rare occurrence (once per 100 years).
<b>Rare</b> Rare or practically impossible	The event may only occur in exceptional circumstances. Very rare occurrence (once per 1,000 years). Unlikely that it has occurred elsewhere and, if it has occurred, it is regarded as unique.

**Table 9.5 Qualitative criteria for consequence**

Descriptor	Description
<b>Severe</b> Widespread serious long term effect	Extreme permanent changes to the environment, major public outrage, or the consequences are unknown. Serious environmental harm that causes actual or potential environmental impacts that are irreversible or of high impact or widespread. Likely prosecution by regulatory authorities.
<b>Major</b> Wider spread, moderate to long term effect	Substantial and significant changes that will attract public concern are only partially able to be rehabilitated, or it is uncertain if they can be successfully rehabilitated. Actual or potential environmental harm either temporary or permanent, requiring immediate attention. Possible prosecution by regulatory authorities.
<b>Moderate</b> Localised, short term to moderate effect	Significant changes that may be rehabilitated with difficulty. Direct or indirect environmental impacts beyond location (on site or off site). Repeated public concern. Reportable to the government.
<b>Minor</b> Localised short term effect	Some limited consequence but no significant long term changes, may be easily rehabilitated.
<b>Negligible</b> No impact or no lasting effect	Possible impacts but without noticeable consequence. Temporary or short term reversible environmental impact, localised event, location of little environmental value.

The level of risk of each environmental impact is determined by combining likelihood and consequence in a matrix. Table 9.6 was derived from the environmental impact aspect of Arrow Energy's risk matrix.

**Table 9.6 Qualitative risk assessment matrix**

Consequence	Likelihood				
	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost Certain
<b>Severe</b>	Medium	High	High	Very high	Very high
<b>Major</b>	Medium	Medium	High	High	Very high
<b>Moderate</b>	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
<b>Minor</b>	Very low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
<b>Negligible</b>	Very low	Very low	Low	Low	Medium

Source: Based on Arrow Energy's risk matrix.

Consistent with the requirements of AS/NZS 31000:2009 Risk management – principles and guidelines, and its companion documents, the technical specialists, in some instances, revised the descriptors, descriptions and categories to reflect the needs and specific objectives of the studies. Proposed changes were reviewed by Coffey Environments to ensure that the revised criteria were consistent with the model criteria, i.e., the descriptors and descriptions adequately differentiated the levels of risk. The likelihood and consequence criteria and risk matrix used by the technical specialists are described in the relevant technical study reports.

Where appropriate, risk assessments undertaken by the technical specialists for individual impacts have been consolidated to provide an overall assessment of the risk of key environmental impacts. In these instances, tables 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 were used for the overall assessment of risk of environmental harm.

## 9.4 Compliance Assessment Method

Statutory guidelines set out in environmental protection policies and other regulatory documents are designed to protect the relevant environmental values. The guidelines include an implicit

assessment of the vulnerability of the environmental value through the setting of limits or thresholds or by providing the framework for determining the vulnerability of an environmental value, e.g., cultural heritage management plan or agreement under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld). Limits and thresholds set out in the guidelines are generally based on established scientific knowledge and societal aspirations relating, in most instances, to the quality of life. They can also be indicators of ecosystem health, as evidenced by water quality standards. Requirements in cultural heritage management plans or agreements typically reflect the contemporary beliefs and inherited knowledge of Indigenous people of their heritage including its physical and cultural aspects. These elements contribute to determining the significance, by the Indigenous people, of the cultural material or sites.

Assessments using this method typically use modelling to predict emissions or discharges from project infrastructure and operations. This enables compliance with published limits or thresholds to be determined before and, if necessary, after the application of mitigation and management measures. In the case of Indigenous cultural heritage, assessments are based on the retained knowledge of Indigenous people and the guidance of archaeological and anthropological experts. Compliance is demonstrated through implementation of the duty of care provisions of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act*, and the cultural heritage management plan or agreement.

## **9.5 Impact Assessment Chapter Structure**

Each impact assessment chapter adopts a standard set of headings to provide a uniform discussion of the potential impacts for each of the environmental aspects. In some instances, the section heading changes to reflect the particular environmental aspect. For example, the heading Existing Environment and Environmental Values would be revised to Existing Environment and Social Values for the social impact assessment chapter. The content of each section is described below under the section headings. Information about the application of the relevant impact assessment method is provided in the relevant sections.

Each chapter is prefaced with a brief description of the environmental aspect, details of the impact assessment (technical) study from which the information is drawn, and the environmental protection objectives for the management of potential environmental impacts.

### **9.5.1 Legislative Context and Standards**

This section describes the applicable policy, legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines for the protection of the environmental values, management of impacts and, in some instances, the conduct of technical investigations, e.g., noise measurement standards.

### **9.5.2 Assessment Methods**

The study methods that were used to understand, describe and assess potential impacts on the environmental values are detailed in this section, along with any assumptions and/or limitations. Methods include desktop studies, field investigations, modelling and stakeholder consultation.

The impact assessment method adopted for the technical study is described and, where relevant, there is information about the ranking criteria and assessment matrix used, particularly if they vary significantly from the model criteria and matrix described in this chapter. Where the compliance method was adopted, the limits or thresholds set out in applicable standards or guidelines are detailed.



### **9.5.3 Existing Environment and Environmental or Social Values**

The existing environment, including applicable baseline or background information and the identified environmental values, is described in this section. The geographic extent of the area potentially affected by the project is described, along with the physical, biological, cultural and social environments. If the significance approach to impact assessment was adopted, the sensitivity of the environmental values is described. Where compliance assessment was adopted, the baseline or background limits determined through field measurement and sampling are listed.

### **9.5.4 Issues and Potential Impacts**

Project activities that may have an impact on the identified environmental values are described in this section, along with the assessment of the potential impacts of those activities. This section focuses on the key impacts of the proposed development, with the comprehensive assessment of all impacts detailed in the relevant technical study.

The significance of a potential impact or risk of environmental harm is described through discussion of the findings of the assessment carried out by the technical specialist. Where significance assessment was adopted, the magnitude of the impact is described, along with the results of application of the significance assessment matrix. Where risk assessment was used, the likelihood and consequence of environmental harm from project activities are described, and the assessed risk from application of the risk matrix presented. Compliance with statutory guidelines is reported where that method was adopted.

### **9.5.5 Avoidance, Mitigation and Management Measures**

This section describes the avoidance, mitigation and management measures that will be implemented to avoid or reduce potential impacts to as low as reasonably practicable, based on the hierarchy of avoid, minimise, manage and offset. The aim of these measures is to protect identified values and achieve the environmental protection objectives. Measures will be implemented through project design, construction methods and operating procedures.

Many measures to avoid, mitigate and manage potential impacts have been built into Arrow Energy's processes, as part of its core business systems. The core business aspects of environmental management constitute the base case prior to the implementation of the identified mitigation measures.

Mitigation and management measures proposed in this section will be incorporated in, and implemented through, Arrow Energy's Health, Safety and Environmental Management System. This will be the case whether the measures are generic and applicable to a range of project activities, wherever they occur, or are measures that are specific to a location, area or activity. The mitigation and management measures set out in this EIS are Arrow Energy's commitments to the effective management of the potential environmental and social impacts of the project.

The mitigation and management measures that are applicable to the protection of environmental values are included in Attachment 6, Environmental Management Plan. Those that are applicable to the protection of social values are included in Attachment 7, Social Impact Management Plan.

### **9.5.6 Residual Impacts**

The residual impacts on the identified environmental values (assuming the effective implementation of the proposed avoidance, mitigation and management measures) are described in this section.

Where significance assessment has been adopted, the magnitude of the residual impact is assessed and used in the significance matrix. This will determine the significance of the residual impact, which reflects the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation.

Evaluation of the likelihood and consequence of the residual impact and application of the adopted risk assessment matrix provides a measure of the effectiveness of mitigation and resultant risk of environmental harm, where that method was adopted.

Modelling of emissions and discharges with proposed mitigations in place will determine whether those potential sources of pollutants or contaminants comply with the applicable guidelines, thereby satisfying regulatory requirements and demonstrating the protection of relevant environmental values.

### **9.5.7 Inspection and Monitoring**

This section describes proposed inspection and monitoring that will demonstrate achievement of the environmental protection objectives. The programs will observe and report on the performance of the proposed mitigation and management measures. The focus will be on facilitating early intervention and remediation of identified non conformances, or the implementation of adaptive management when trigger levels are reached.

The proposed methods, parameters, locations, frequency and performance indicators are described in Attachment 6, Environmental Management Plan, and Attachment 7, Social Impact Management Plan.

## **9.6 Assessment of Cumulative Impacts**

Cumulative impacts are defined as the combined impacts of one, or more, activities on aspects of the environment, society and the economy. Cumulative impacts can be both positive and negative and can vary in scale as well as spatial and temporal extent.

The Arrow LNG Plant cumulative impact assessment has considered the combined effects of all existing developments operating in the Gladstone region, those under construction, those that have taken a financial investment decision to proceed, projects that have been approved by the Queensland Coordinator-General or have sufficient information in the public domain (e.g., an EIS) to enable the potential impacts associated with these projects to be included in the cumulative impact assessment.

All developments and projects which meet the selection criteria and have been considered in the impact assessment are summarised in Table 9.7 and are shown in Figure 9.2.

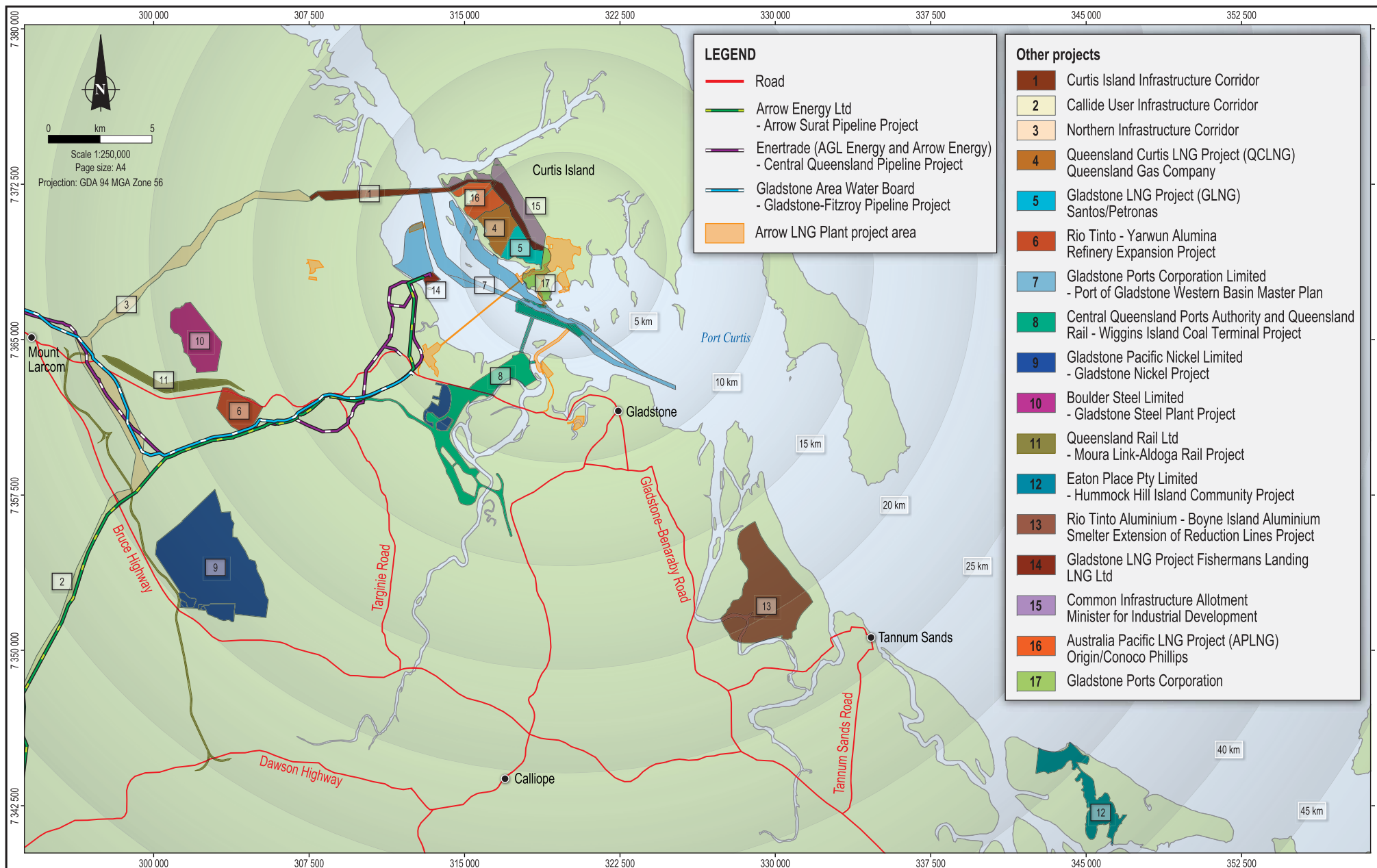
For each technical study, developments and projects incorporated into the study's cumulative impact assessment were selected only if that third party project could potentially impact on the environmental values relevant to the study.

**Table 9.7 Other projects**

<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Proponent(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Queensland Curtis LNG Project	QGC Pty Limited (BG Group business)	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by Coordinator-General and Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. Financial investment decision taken 31 October 2010.	Development of Coal Seam Gas resources in the Surat Basin, construction of gas pipeline from gas fields to Gladstone, development of a 12 Mtpa LNG facility and export terminal on Curtis Island.
Yarwun Alumina Refinery Expansion Project	Rio Tinto	EIS approved in 2007, under construction.	Expansion of the Yarwun Alumina Refinery, increasing output by 2 Mtpa to 3.4 Mtpa by 2011.
Australia Pacific LNG Project	Australia Pacific LNG (Origin/Conoco Phillips)	EIS complete, project approved with conditions from the Coordinator-General.	Development of coal seam gas resources in the Walloon gas fields in the Surat Basin, construction of gas pipeline from gas fields to Gladstone and development of an 18 Mtpa LNG facility and export terminal on Curtis Island.
Gladstone LNG Project	Gladstone LNG Pty Ltd	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by DERM, Environmental Authority issued 7 May 2010.	Development of a 1.6 Mtpa (initial) LNG facility and export terminal at Curtis Island.
Gladstone LNG Project Fishermans Landing	Gladstone LNG Project Fishermans Landing LNG Ltd	EIS complete, project approved with conditions from the Coordinator-General.	Mid-scale LNG facility at Fishermans Landing Wharf near Gladstone. Stage 1 production of 1.5 Mtpa of LNG, increasing to 3 Mtpa during stage 2.
Western Basin Dredging and Disposal Project	Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General and DSEWPC.	Dredging associated with the deepening and widening of existing channels, swing basins and berth pockets in the Port of Gladstone. Dredged material will be placed into the Western Basin Reclamation Area.
Fishermans Landing Northern Expansion Project	Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions from the Coordinator-General.	Expansion of Fishermans Landing by land reclamation that will provide for the containment of dredge material from future maintenance and capital dredge programs.
Arrow Surat Pipeline Project	Arrow Energy Ltd	EIS complete, EIS assessment report received.	Construction of a high pressure gas pipeline to transport coal seam gas from Dalby to Gladstone.
Central Queensland Pipeline Project	Enertrade (AGL Energy and Arrow Energy)	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General and DSEWPC.	Construction of a high pressure gas transmission pipeline from Moranbah to Gladstone.

**Table 9.7 Other projects (cont'd)**

<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Proponent(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
Wiggins Island Coal Terminal Project	Central Queensland Ports Authority and Queensland Rail	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General.	Development of a coal terminal (25 Mtpa initially and an upgrade capability to a nominal 70 Mtpa in later stages) and ancillary facilities in the Port of Gladstone. Dredging and land reclamation.
Gladstone Nickel Project	Gladstone Pacific Nickel Limited	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General.	Development of a greenfield high pressure acid leach refinery in the Gladstone State Development Area, slurry and water pipelines between Marlborough and the plant site, a tailing storage facility in the GSDA and ore importing facilities at the Port of Gladstone.
Gladstone Steel Plant Project	Boulder Steel Limited	Initial Advice Statement complete, EIS in progress.	Development of an integrated steel making plant (2.1 Mtpa initially and increasing to 5 Mtpa in later stages) at a site in the Gladstone State Development Area Aldoga Precinct.
Moura Link-Aldoga Rail Project	Queensland Rail Ltd	EIS complete, no supplementary required, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General.	Development of a new rail line via the Moura Short Line to the existing North Coast Line, a rolling stock maintenance yard at Aldoga in the Gladstone State Development Area and quadruplication of the North Coast Line from the new yard to east of Yarwun.
Gladstone-Fitzroy Pipeline Project	Gladstone Area Water Board	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General, pending approval with conditions from DSEWPC.	Development of an underground pipeline to connect existing infrastructure from Laurel Bank to Yarwun, an intake and pump station, water treatment plant, booster pump station and a reservoir.
Hummock Hill Island Community Project	Eaton Place Pty Limited	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, pending approval with conditions by the Coordinator-General and DSEWPC.	Development of a residential and tourism community, including education facilities and a golf course, to accommodate the population of approximately 4,000 on Hummock Hill Island.
Boyne Island Aluminium Smelter Extension of Reduction Lines Project	Rio Tinto Aluminium	EIS and Supplementary EIS complete, project approved with conditions by the Coordinator-General, works deferred until global market for aluminium improves.	Expansion of the existing smelter to increase the annual capacity to 733,000 t of aluminium product.



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Queensland coastline from GBRMPA.  
Pipelines from Arrow Energy.  
Western Basin Dredging Master Plan and Disposal Project from Gladstone Ports Corporation.  
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