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Site Analysis Checklists

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The use of the survey will depend on the complexity of the site and scope of project. A selection of some items or all items may require further investigation, depending on scale of the project.

Existing Road Landscape Items	Checklist – Stage of Project	Checklist – Applicability (R-Rural, U-Urban, N-Natural)
Landscape Setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urban; • rural; and • natural. 		
Land Use Zoning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Area Plans; • Development Control Plans; and • Native Title. 		
Current/ Previous/ Future Surrounding Primary Land Uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public (eg. open space, parks and recreational areas); • private (eg. residential, commercial); • agriculture; • pastoral Land (eg. cropping activities); • site contamination eg. artificial fertilisation; and • degraded land. 		
Boundaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cadastral; • easement; and • natural (eg. bushland and/or forest boundaries). 		
Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rail; • ports and marinas; • power stations and transmission lines; • silos; • airfields; • quarries; • schools; • shopping facilities; • community facilities; and • car parks. 		
Settlement Patterns (layers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historic influences (eg. industry, housing etc.); • cultural influences (eg. Indigenous heritage); • residential (eg. housing) versus commercial (eg. businesses); • public versus private (interfaces); and • State Forests and National Parks. 		

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Building types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cultural heritage; • historic; • residential; • industrial; and • commercial. 		
Built versus Natural: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infrastructure (size of buildings versus amount of green space); and • associated density. 		
Structure and Form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'horizontal' context (eg. Road Formation and roadside elements); and • 'vertical' context (Urban components, Major Built elements and structures eg. Buildings, homesteads, powerlines). 		
Socio-economics		
Visual Cues (permanent, temporary and transitory): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shapes, patterns, clusters, scatterings, graduations and mixtures etc; and • colours and textures. Experiential Cues (temporary and transitory): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • air movement; • smell; and • sounds. 		
Local Roads and Connections		
General Public Access (including disabled access)		
Pedestrian pathways		
Cyclists - bikeways		
Major nodes and landmarks		
Public transport networks		
Surrounding vegetation status and classification		

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Common/ Dominant species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant; • habitat value/ habitat trees; and • potentially used currently as wildlife movement corridors. 		
All other species (i.e general vegetation species, groups and communities)		
Vegetation Character/ Themes		
Environmentally sensitive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rare (locally or nationally); • endangered; • threatened; • remnant; and • protected. 		
Weeds (declared and pest)		
Vegetation Distribution (mapping): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extents; • species. 		
Vegetation Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • layering (i.e emergent's, lower; mid and upper canopy storeys); and • layout (i.e principal coverage species). 		
Species (requiring retained): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quality; and • visual appropriateness. 		
Urban Forest (mapping): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % canopy cover/ vegetation cover/ ground surface cover, versus; and • % soil exposure. 		
SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed <i>Botanical Survey</i>; • <i>Species Inventory</i>; • <i>Flora Assessment Report</i>. 		
Underlying geology, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contamination; • Land degradation; • Artificial fertilisation; • Fill areas. 		
Physical Soil characteristics (general only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • texture; • structure; • water holding capacity; and • slaking potential. 		

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Chemical characteristics		
Identification and classification of soil types		
Predominant soil type/s (NOTE: High risk or medium risk soils should be flagged)		
Erosive properties / dispersiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of Erosivity Risk (identifiable) 		
SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geotechnical Report; and/or • Soil Suitability Report. 		
Significant fauna: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dominant species 		
Transient fauna		
Endangered		
Pests		
Fauna Habitats, Corridors and Linkages (located and mapped)		
SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fauna Assessment Report 		
Broad Bio-geographical elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • topography; • geology; • water sources; • vegetation; and • fauna. 		
Built Structures (eg. historic)		
Indigenous Heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sites; and • artefacts. 		
SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Heritage Assessment Report; • Archaeology Report; and/ or 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aboriginal History Report.</i> 		
General Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediate; and • adjoining. 		
Landform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contours; and • slope angles. 		
Notable natural landmarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creeks, streams and rivers; • mountains; and • batters and embankments. 		
General description of catchment characteristics (temporary and permanent): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • catchment area; and • boundaries. 		
Water table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level; • depth; and • quality. 		
Water courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rivers / creeks/ streams 		
Notable water bodies/ features		
Drainage Lines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discharge points/ outlets 		
Storm water network		
Ground water sources (eg. aquifers)		
Recycled water sources		
Flood Frequency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant time of year; and • predicted flood levels. 		
Salinity		
Tidal influences		

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Surface Water		
Springs and Seeps		
Floodplains		
Wetlands		
<p>SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Report; and/or • Drainage Report. 		
<p>Average rainfall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seasonal (monthly) variations in rainfall; • corresponding rainfall frequencies and intensity; and • rainfall distribution. 		
Average temperatures		
Average humidity levels		
Average daily sunshine levels		
Frost potential		
Prevailing winds, and associated air quality (pollution levels)		
Coastal proximity, and associated salinity levels		
<p>Immediate (specific impacting sounds):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traffic noise; and • industrial/ commercial/ residential noise. 		
<p>Distant (background noise sources):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traffic noise; • industrial/ commercial/ residential noise. 		
<p>Temporary sounds/ influences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting/ event facilities. 		

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Permanent sounds/ influences (as per immediate and distant sources noted above)		
Above ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electricity; and • lighting. 		
Below ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electricity; • gas; • telecommunications/ telecom/ telstra; • fibre optics; • sewerage; and • water (eg. stormwater mains, residential/ commercial connections, fire hydrants, rain water). 		