

Photo Location 4 Existing view north east from Bevendale Street, Dalton



Photo Location 4 Proposed view north east from Bevendale Street, Dalton

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Photo Location 7 Existing view east to south east from Bevendale Street, Dalton



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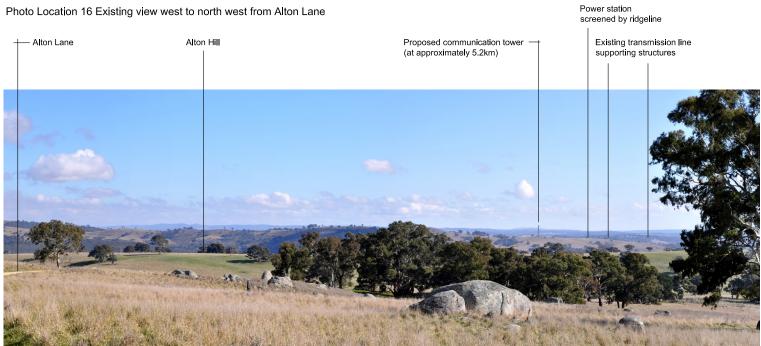


Photo Location 16 Proposed view west to north west from Alton Lane

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# **Mitigation Measures**

**SECTION 8** 

## 8.1 Mitigation Measures

While the overall potential visual impact of the power station, communication tower and valve station has been assessed as low, the following mitigation measures would potentially help to minimise the level of visual impact. The mitigation measures generally involve reducing the extent of visual contrast between the visible portions of the Project structures and the surrounding landscape.

#### Structures

The colour and texture of structures in the Project should be dark in tone and utilise
non-reflective materials. This would potentially minimise the visual contrast between
the structures and denser timbered areas that form a background to a number of views
locations surrounding the site.

## Lighting

- Lighting associated with the power station would be designed to avoid direct line of sight from areas surrounding the site from which the mid to upper portions of power station stacks may be visible at night.
- The top of the stacks would not have lighting.
- Large floodlights would generally not be used, although it is likely that some lights may be required for emergency lighting to allow emergency maintenance.
- Security lighting would be designed not to spill light onto neighbouring residences.

A summary of the visual mitigation measures is presented in **Table 6**.

Table 6 Summary of visual Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measures	Planning & Design	Operation
Materials utilised in the construction of the power station would be generally dark in tone and where possible non reflective.	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Lighting would avoid direct line of sight toward homesteads beyond the site.	✓	<b>✓</b>
Top of the stacks would not have lighting.	✓	✓
Large floodlights not to be used other than for emergency lighting.	✓	<b>✓</b>
Security lighting would not spill onto neighbouring residences. This would be achieved through the use of down lights and motion sensor lighting.	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>

Conclusions SECTION 9

### 9.1 Summary

The GBD visual assessment concludes that overall the Project would have a low visual impact on people living in or travelling through areas surrounding the Project site. The low visual impact would be due to a combination of the following factors:

- The majority of view locations surrounding the Project, including sensitive residential locations, would experience a low visual impact in relation to the power station, communication tower and valve station infrastructure.
- Existing trees and more dense timbered areas combine with natural undulating landform to screen the majority of views toward the power station site from surrounding areas including views from rural residential dwellings.
- There are no significant views toward the power station site from surrounding local roads or property access tracks.
- The majority of ancillary structures associated with the power station including control building, workshop and electrical infrastructure would be largely screened by existing tree and timbered areas within the AGL site boundary as well as the undulating topography surrounding the site.
- The exhaust stacks, which are the tallest structures associated with the power station, would be visible from a number of surrounding rural residential properties as well as some surrounding local roads and private access tracks. The exhaust stacks may also be visible above the skyline from some view locations surrounding the power station site. Given the generally narrow profile of the exhaust stacks and taking into account the proposed mitigation measures, it is unlikely that the exhaust stacks would result in a significant visual impact on people at surrounding view locations.
- It is understood that during operation there is unlikely to be a visible emissions plume above the power station exhaust stacks.
- Views toward the exhaust stacks from the majority of rural residential properties would generally be restricted to mid or upper portions of the exhaust stacks, with views to the lower sections and associated power station infrastructure blocked by existing trees and undulating landform.
- There are no known existing developments of a similar nature within the local or surrounding area, therefore it is considered that no cumulative visual impacts are likely to occur.
- The valve station is unlikely to result in significant visual impacts due to its location within an area of low density population as well as the small number of motorists travelling along Walshs Road on a daily basis.

- Distant views toward the tower are likely to be influenced by atmospheric conditions which will tend to reduce the visibility of the tower.
- The use of dark colours and non-reflective materials would help to minimise the
  potential for visual contrast between the power station and tree canopy background
  when viewed from some view locations beyond the AGL site boundary or valve station
  location.
- The used of appropriate colours and finishes to elements within the valve station would help to minimise the visibility of the valve station from surrounding view locations.

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