External structures, objects, murals and signage



This table highlights some of the ways external structures, objects, murals and signage may be vulnerable to the effects of climate change. It is not intended to be comprehensive and the examples of possible management approaches will not be appropriate in all cases. Qualified and experienced heritage specialists should be consulted in undertaking any climate vulnerability or risk assessment of your place, object or collection.

EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climat variab	e change les	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Increase in rainfall events and their intensity leading to increased frequency and intensity of flooding, erosion and soil degradation	Depends on fabric, construction and local conditions	 Types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone, paint, glass) will be affected differently Increased number and intensity of rainfall events causing damage to murals and signage Increased frequency and intensity of flooding directly impacting structures, objects, signage and murals at ground level; and, for structures, towers and objects, indirectly impacting on fabric and stability through frequent and prolonged saturation of soil Increased water erosion and movement of soils may destabilise structures causing cracking and collapse; murals and signage may be indirectly impacted as a consequence of impacts to the buildings or structures on which they are located 	• Increase monitoring and maintenance regime



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
continued from previous page	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Loss of ground cover, drying and cracking of soils, and wind erosion Cracking, instability of buildings or structures on which murals and signage are located	 Drying, cracking or movement of soils may affect the stability of structures Increased dryness will affect materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone, paint, glass) in different ways Drying and cracking of murals and signage, including as a consequence of impacts to the buildings or structures on which they are located 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Indoor relocation if appropriate and possible (moving monuments to internal situations can cause accelerated decay) Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Increased frequency and intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Damage to, or destruction of, external structures and objects, murals and signage; types of material will be affected differently Loss of vegetation cover, heating and cracking of soils, and increased erosion following a bushfire event may affect the stability of structures 	 Increase maintenance regime (e.g. vegetation management) Consider planting to offer shade but it should be away from the object or external structure Relocation if risk is unacceptable and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or site transfer, in consultation with local community
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone, paint, glass) Drying, cracking and movement of soils may affect the stability of structures 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Indoor relocation if appropriate and possible

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on terrain (local conditions)	o Structural damage or collapse and damage to access routes	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Relocation if risk is unacceptable and if appropriate and possible
				 Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community

EXPOSURE - COASTAL

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Climate cha variables	inge	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Sea	-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for inundation and flooding, with damage and destruction of structures and objects; depending on the elevation of the structural elements or objects, mural or signage, this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent	 Consider nature-based solutions Relocation if risk is unacceptable and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community
orn	re intense nore quent rms	Coastal erosion impacts	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for storm damage or destruction of structures (or parts) and objects during storms and through coastal erosion caused by individual and recurring storm events 	 Relocation if risk is unacceptable and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community



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EXPOSURE — **URBAN**

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	 Heat stress: types of material will be affected differently, including impacts to buildings on which murals and signage are located 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Increase shade, plant trees and green infrastructure Indoor relocation if appropriate and possible
EXPOSURE — Climate change variables	ALPINE Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Higher daily minimum	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow	Water run-off from new thaw and changing	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone, 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime

paint, glass)

drainage systems

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cold days

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TABLE Historical infrastructure

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This table highlights some of the ways historical infrastructure may be vulnerable to the effects of climate change. It is not intended to be comprehensive and the examples of possible management approaches will not be appropriate in all cases. Qualified and experienced heritage specialists should be consulted in undertaking any climate vulnerability or risk assessment of your place.

EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climate chang variables	e Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Change season rainfall (chron Increas in mea temper	al events and their intensity leading to c) increased frequency and intensity of flooding, e erosion and soil degradation	Depends on fabric, construction and local conditions	 Types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone) will be affected differently Increased frequency and intensity of flooding will directly impact infrastructure; there will also be indirect impacts through frequent and prolonged saturation of soils Increased water erosion and movement of soils may destabilise structures causing cracking and collapse of structures and associated loss of use 	 Floods: build defences against flash flooding (divert water), reinforce foundations to avoid collapse in a flood Re-engineer drainage Monitor erosion and increase maintenance and repair regime Consider creation of new flood plains to manage rising water levels
	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Loss of ground cover, drying and cracking of soils, and wind erosion	 Drying, cracking or movement of soils may affect the stability of structures; increasing dryness will affect materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone) in different ways 	 Monitor cracking and increase maintenance and repair regime to ensure structural integrity



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Increased frequency and intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Damage to or destruction of infrastructure Types of material will be affected differently; loss of vegetation cover, heating and cracking of soils, and increased erosion following a bushfire event may affect the stability of structures and damage access routes Smoke creates carbon build up which can damage most porous building materials 	 Bushfire planning Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Vegetation maintenance regime Prepare defences where possible, such as sprinklers, gutter clearance, wrapping against ember attack etc. Undertake post-bushfire risk assessment for cumulative impacts (e.g. water runoff and erosion) Undertake post-bushfire remediation actions including tree felling, vegetation clearance, firebreaks, grading, etc.
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone) Drying, cracking and movement of soils may affect the stability of structures 	• Monitor cracking and increase maintenance and repair regime to ensure structural integrity
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on terrain (local conditions)	 Structural damage or collapse and damage to access routes 	 Floods: build defences against flash flooding (divert water) and reinforce foundations to avoid collapse in a flood Consider new flood plains Consider nature-based solutions such as plantings to capture and/or divert flood waters



EXPOSURE — COASTAL

Climate c variables		Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
S	Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for inundation and flooding with damage and destruction of infrastructure; depending on the elevation of the structural elements, this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent	 Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Protect: add barriers/diversions where possible Consider nature-based solutions such as revegetation of mobile coastal dunes
o fr	More intense or more requent storms	Coastal erosion impacts	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for storm damage or destruction of infrastructure during storms and through coastal erosion caused by individual and recurring storm events 	 Increased maintenance and structural integrity regime Consider water attenuation away from buildings/infrastructure



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EXPOSURE — URBAN

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	 Heat stress: types of material will be affected differently Impacts to associated structures or infrastructure may also impact the heritage values 	 Increased shading by planting or other means (integrated planning) Increased monitoring and repairs regime
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flash flooding	Depends on the nature and condition of stormwater infrastructure	o Pressure on historic drains and flooding around historic assets, such as bridges	o Increased monitoring and repair/ upgrading of stormwater infrastructure

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Higher daily minimum temperatures and changes in precipitation	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow cover and fewer cold days	Water run-off from new thaw and changing drainage systems	• Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone)	• Monitor erosion and increase maintenance and repair regime

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Historical parks and gardens



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EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Water availability, soil degradation, and change to ecosystems and species distributions over the short-term and long-term	Potentially non-native plants and some natives may disappear regionally	• Gardens and botanic gardens may lose species and new pests and diseases may become prevalent	 Plan for transition to drought resistant plants that preserve character/heritage value Plan for alternative water collection/ storage to be used to preserve the most valuable individuals Consider planting arrangements that create microclimates around valuable sensitive specimens
	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Vegetation sensitivity heightened if no access to recycled water/captured stormwater	• Water restrictions (long-term or permanent), impacts on landscapes and damage to structures through cracking or splitting	



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)		Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to the bush	o Direct loss and damage	 Prepare for fire season by managing fuel/ vegetation Prepare emergency/defence plan Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Prepare disaster recovery plan Explore nature-based firebreak solutions
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Depends on micro- climate and ability to manage impacts in the short-term (e.g. through watering)	o Plant damage from heat or sun exposure during heatwaves	 Plan for transition into heat resistant plants that preserve character/heritage value Assess potential damage to heritage infrastructure and buildings in the parks and gardens and risk mitigation options that preserve value (e.g. heat reflective roofs, etc.)
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on terrain (local conditions)	o Damage from the force of flood water, debris, sediments and mould	 Flood mapping and plan for defence where possible and appropriate; defence may aim to simply reduce the worst impacts of the flood (e.g. flow velocity) rather than avoid flooding altogether Post-flood recovery plan to manage mould/other negative impacts Assess infrastructure including site drainage, and opportunities for harvesting water Explore nature-based water attenuation system work



EXPOSURE — COASTAL

Climate variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for inundation and flooding on heritage properties in coastal zones – depending on their elevation, this could be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent 	 Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible in consultation with local community Protect: barriers/diversions where possible Consider opportunities to create new coastal or intertidal habitats for threatened native species Prepare nature-based barriers where possible (not hard ones) and maintain them
	More intense or more frequent storms	Coastal erosion	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for storm damage to heritage properties in coastal zones, either through modification of soil (salinity ingress) or through direct damage (storms) 	 Increased monitoring and maintenance regime to identify growing hazards Record for data sharing



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EXPOSURE — URBAN

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	 Same impacts as above under 'more hotter days', but amplified and more frequent, with less recuperation time overnight 	 Plan for transition into heat resistant plants that preserve character/heritage value Adapt infrastructure where possible and appropriate (e.g. use different paving materials, etc.)
EXPOSURE —				
Climate change	Key climate	Sensitivity of the	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Higher daily minimum temperature and changes precipitation	cycles, reduced snow es cover and fewer s in cold days	Current distribution of native/non-native vegetation	 Loss of local ecosystems and species Structural deterioration of buildings due to wet-frost Pest incursions 	 Plan for transition to more resilient plants that preserve character/heritage value

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VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TABLE



Interior objects or collections, murals, wallpaper and painted decoration

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EXPOSURE - GENERAL

Climate variable	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Increase in rainfall events and their intensity leading to increased frequency and intensity of flooding, erosion and soil degradation	Depends on the fabric and construction of the objects, murals and decoration and the local conditions in which they are stored or located	 Types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone, plant fibre, animal products, paint, glass, paper) will be affected differently Objects, murals and decoration may be affected as a consequence of impacts to the buildings in which they are stored or located Changes in humidity may impact the fabric especially when stored or located in environments without artificial temperature control Variations in temperature and humidity may increase risk of insect or pest infestation 	 Monitor structural integrity of building and increase maintenance and repair regime Re-evaluate temperature control and ventilation



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
continued from previous page	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Cracking and instability of buildings in which the objects are stored or where the murals and decoration are located	 Drying, cracking or movement of soils may affect the stability of buildings in which the objects are stored or where the murals and decoration are located Increased dryness will affect materials (e.g. wood, metal, stone, plant, fibre, animal products, paint, glass, paper) in different ways, and vary according to the environmental conditions in which the objects are stored or where the murals and decoration are located 	 Monitor structural integrity of building and increase maintenance and repair regime Consider potential thermal gain through windows – possible use of blinds or insulation of the place in which the object, collection, murals or decoration are located
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Increased frequency and intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Damage to or destruction of internal objects, murals and decoration through smoke, fire and fire suppression substances; types of material will be affected differently Loss of vegetation cover, heating and cracking of soils, and increased erosion following a bushfire event may affect the stability of buildings in which objects are stored or murals and decoration located 	 Monitor fire index risk at the location Add defences where possible, such as sprinklers, gutter clearance or wrapping against ember attack Notify land managers that the building contains significant objects or interior decoration that require protection Relocate objects/collections permanently or temporarily during bushfire high-risk season Ensure damper controls on natural ventilation to eliminate potential of smoke getting into the building Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
continued from previous page	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	• Impacts will vary for different types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone, plant fibre, animal products, paint, glass, paper) and the environmental conditions in which they are stored or located	• Consider temperature control measures within building
			• Drying, cracking and movement of soils may affect the stability of buildings in which objects are stored or mural and decoration located	
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on structures and local conditions in which the objects and collections are stored and the murals and decorations located	 Changes in humidity may impact the fabric, especially when stored or located in environments without artificial temperature control Variations in temperature and humidity may increase risk of insect or pest infestation 	 Consider humidity control measures within building Ensure rainwater management system and drainage is adequate for managing extreme events



EXPOSURE - COASTAL

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for inundation and flooding of the buildings in which the objects and collections are stored and the murals and decorations located; this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent	 Monitor inundation risk at the location Relocate permanently if risk increases and if appropriate
More intense or more frequent storms	Coastal erosion impacts	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for storm damage or destruction of the buildings in which the objects and collections are stored and the murals and decorations located	 Monitor inundation risk at the location Relocate permanently if risk increases and if appropriate Proactive maintenance or refitting of roofs, rainwater and drainage infrastructure
XPOSURE — Climate change variables	URBAN Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place, object or collection and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	 Heat stress: types of material will be affected differently according to the environmental conditions in which the objects and collections are stored and the murals and decorations located 	 Consider temperature control measures within building Ensure adequate ventilation

rural areas



EXPOSURE - ALPINE

Climat	e change	Key climate	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place,	Examples of possible
variab	les	change impacts		object or collection and its values	management approaches
	Higher daily minimum temperatures and changes in precipitation	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow cover and fewer cold days	Water run-off from new thaw and changing drainage systems	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g wood, metal, stone, plant fibre, animal products, paint, glass, paper) and will vary depending on the environmental conditions in which the objects and collections are stored and the murals and decorations located 	 Monitor inundation risk at the location Consider temperature and humidity control measures

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VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT TABLE Roofed buildings



This table highlights some of the ways 'roofed buildings' (e.g. including buildings from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and post–Second World War) may be vulnerable to the effects of climate change. It is not intended to be comprehensive and the examples of possible management approaches will not be appropriate in all cases. Qualified and experienced heritage specialists should be consulted in undertaking any climate vulnerability or risk assessment of your place.

EXPOSURE - GENERAL

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Increase in rainfall events and their intensity leading to increased frequency and intensity of flooding, erosion and soil degradation	Increased frequency and intensity of flooding leading to more frequent and prolonged saturation of foundations and exposed walls and erosion of soils	 Types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone, brick, mortar cement, fibro) will be affected differently by more prolonged and frequent saturation; design and construction techniques will influence the nature and extent of impacts Increased water erosion and movement of soils may destabilise structures causing cracking and potential collapse, with associated loss of use 	 Floods: build defences against flash flooding (e.g. divert water) and reinforce foundations to avoid collapse in a flood Re-engineer drainage Consider water attenuation away from the building Monitor erosion and increase maintenance and repair regime
	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Loss of ground cover, drying and cracking of soils, and wind erosion	 Drying, cracking or movement of soils may affect the stability of structures Types of material (e.g. wood, metal, stone, brick, mortar cement, fibro) will be affected differently by increasing dryness; design and construction techniques will influence the nature and extent of impacts 	 Monitor cracking and increase maintenance and repair regime to ensure structural integrity Maintenance of roofs, rainwater and drainage infrastructure



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More ho days (>3 and >40	°C intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Types of material and construction will be affected differently by fire Increased erosion following a bushfire event may affect the stability of structures Access routes may be damaged The setting of the building may be impacted 	 Bushfire planning Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Ensure there is a vegetation maintenance regime Add defences where possible, such as sprinklers or wrapping against ember attack Undertake post-bushfire risk assessment for cumulative impacts (water run-off and erosion) Undertake post-bushfire remediation action including tree felling, vegetation clearance, firebreaks and grading Install natural ventilation dampers to eliminate smoke penetration
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Construction materials and techniques will be affected differently by heat and soils will be susceptible to drying and cracking	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (wood, metal, stone, brick, mortar cement, fibro) Drying, cracking and movement of soils may affect the stability of structures 	 Monitor cracking and increase maintenance and repair regime to ensure structural integrity Improve ventilation potential where possible without impact to significant fabric
More ext rainfall e (acute)	8,	Depends on terrain (local conditions)	 Structural damage or collapse and damage to access routes 	 Floods: build defences against flash flooding (divert water) and reinforce foundations to avoid collapse in a flood Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible in consultation with local community



EXPOSURE - COASTAL

Climat variabl	e change les	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for inundation and flooding with damage to and destruction of buildings; depending on the elevation of the building; this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent The setting of the building may be impacted Salt water may affect construction materials in different ways 	 Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Protect: add barriers/diversions where possible Consider early nature-based solutions such as revegetation of mobile coastal dunes
iç.	More intense or more frequent storms	Coastal erosion impacts	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for storm damage or destruction of buildings (or parts) during storms and through coastal erosion caused by individual and recurring storm events 	 Increase maintenance and structural integrity regime Increase rainwater management and drainage



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EXPOSURE — **URBAN**

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	• Heat stress: types of building material materials will be affected differently by heat; the nature and extent of impacts will depend on the design of the building and the construction techniques used	 Increase shading (integrated planning) Increase monitoring and repairs regime Increase ventilation Consider thermal gain through windows, walls and roofs, retrofitting glazing and insulating building
	Flash flooding	Depends on the condition of the structure and surrounding terrain and drainage system	 Direct impact on the fabric of the structure Pressure on house gutters and drainage with increased potential for flooding of roofed structures 	o Increase monitoring, repair and/or upgrading of gutters, drains and stormwater infrastructure

EXPOSURE - ALPINE

Climate cha variables	ange	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
mir ten and	her daily nimum nperatures I changes in cipitation	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow cover and fewer cold days	Water run-off and changing drainage patterns	• Types of materials may be affected differently	o Monitor erosion and increase maintenance and repair regime

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vulnerability assessment table Shipwrecks



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EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climato variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Ocean acidification and general change in chemical composition	Changes in material deterioration rate Changes in marine pest distribution	Depends on fabric, and local conditions	 Increase in marine pest infestation leading to material degradation Changes in material degradation rate due to acidification 	 Assess risk and consider appropriateness of protecting or relocating at-risk wrecks or artefacts Consider further use and more frequent changing of sacrificial anodes to protect metal elements Document wrecks and artefacts at risk





EXPOSURE - COASTAL

Climato variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for inundation and flooding with damage to and destruction of buildings; depending on the elevation of the building, this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent The setting of the building may be impacted Salt water may affect construction materials in different ways 	 Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community Protect: add barriers/diversions where possible Consider early nature-based solutions such as revegetation of mobile coastal dunes
	More intense or more frequent storms More extreme rainfall events (acute) leading to riverine floods	Coastal erosion impacts, flooding, erosion and landslips caused by river flows in estuarine locations	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for storm damage or destruction of wrecks Potential for loss or movement and exposure of wrecks and artefacts during storms and through coastal erosion caused by individual and recurring storm events or changes in river flows caused by flooding 	 Assess risk and consider appropriateness of protecting or relocating at-risk wrecks or artefacts Document wrecks and artefacts at risk



EXPOSURE — **COASTAL** continued

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Temporary increase in water temperature, especially in shallow water	Exposed wrecks or those resting in shallow water	 Possible damage to, or destruction of, exposed wrecks, and artefacts Increase in marine pest infestation leading to material degradation Types of material will be affected differently 	 Assess risk and consider appropriateness of protecting or relocating at-risk wrecks or artefacts Document wrecks and artefacts at risk
	Bushfires	Exposed wrecks or those resting in shallow water	• Debris and deposits from bushfires can damage wreck or artefacts, especially those carried away by run-off	 Assess risk and consider appropriateness of protecting or relocating at risk wrecks or artefacts

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Subsurface archaeological deposits

This table highlights some of the ways subsurface archaeological deposits may be vulnerable to the effects of climate change. It is not intended to be comprehensive and the examples of possible management approaches will not be appropriate in all cases. Qualified and experienced heritage specialists should be consulted in undertaking any climate vulnerability or risk assessment of your place or object.

EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climato variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Increase in rainfall events and their intensity leading to soil degradation	Directly related to the condition and integrity of archaeological deposits and the nature of the sediment matrix	 Archaeological material (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, ceramic, faunal remains, plant remains) will be affected differently Increase in rainfall: more frequent and prolonged saturation of archaeological deposits and erosion of soils and deposits Increase in rainfall: increased water erosion, movement and destabilisation of soils causing exposure of archaeological deposits, with loss of integrity and archaeological material Decrease in rainfall: drying, cracking of soils and increased wind erosion leading to destabilisation of soils and exposure of archaeological deposits, with loss of integrity and archaeological deposits, with loss of archaeological deposits, with loss of archaeological deposits, with loss of integrity and archaeological material 	 Re-engineer drainage Monitor erosion or degradation Plan for rescue excavation and off-site conservation of material, if appropriate and possible



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
continued from previous page	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Directly related to the condition and integrity of archaeological deposits and the nature of the sediment matrix Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	 Archaeological material (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, ceramic, faunal remains, plant remains) will be affected differently Loss of ground cover, drying, cracking and movement of soils with exposure of archaeological deposits, causing loss of integrity and archaeological material Increased wind erosion exposing archaeological deposits, causing loss of integrity and archaeological material 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Increased monitoring and/or targeted education around the illegality of disturbing archaeological sites Introduce additional protection in the form of vegetation or other wind/ weathering protection
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Increased frequency and intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Loss of vegetation cover, heating and cracking of soils, increased water and wind erosion following bushfire event impacting on different types of materials (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, ceramic, faunal remains, plant remains) Exposure of archaeological deposits, with loss of integrity and archaeological material Increased visibility of archaeological material leading to increased susceptibility to looting 	 Increase maintenance regime (e.g. vegetation management) Importation of additional protective fill material if appropriate and possible
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Directly related to the condition and integrity of archaeological deposits and the nature of the sediment matrix Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	 Drying, cracking and movement of soils impacting on different types of materials (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, ceramic, faunal remains, plant remains) Exposure of archaeological deposits with loss of integrity and archaeological material Increased visibility of archaeological material leading to increased susceptibility to looting 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible

disturbing archaeological sites

EXPOSURE — **GENERAL** continued

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More extreme rainfall events	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on terrain (local conditions)	 Damage to buried deposits from the force of flood water, debris and sediments 	 Ensure drainage is adequate for managing extreme events
(acute)			 Exposure of previously buried archaeological materials 	 Cover sites if appropriate and their value warrants the resources required
				 Increased monitoring and/or targeted education around the illegality of

EXPOSURE - SUBMERGED / OCEANIC (SUBMERGED LANDSCAPES)

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Sea temperature rise	Different and more rapid chemical and biological processes	Depends on the nature and context of deposits	 Degrading of archaeological materials that may characterise cultural deposits 	o Increase monitoring regime
More intense or more frequent storms	Scouring and increased erosion	Directly related to the condition and integrity of archaeological deposits, and the nature and depth of the overlying sediment matrix	 Loss of overlying and cultural deposits with exposure by currents Loss of integrity and archaeological material 	 Increase monitoring regime Plan for recording, excavation and off- site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community



EXPOSURE - COASTAL

Climato variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for inundation and flooding with damage to, or destruction of, subsurface archaeological deposits depending on their elevation; this could be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent	 Improve drainage Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community
	More intense or more frequent storms	Coastal erosion	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for storm damage to buried archaeological deposits in coastal zones, either through modification of soil (salinity ingress) or through direct damage (storms) exposing, damaging and destroying buried deposits	 Introduce coastal protection Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community



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EXPOSURE — URBAN

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	 Low potential for impact to subsurface archaeological deposits beneath built structures and roads 	o Increase monitoring and maintenance regime
EXPOSURE -	ALDINE			

EXPOSURE - ALPINE

Climat variabl	e change les	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Higher daily minimum temperatures and changes in precipitation	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow cover and fewer cold days	Local distribution of native/non-native vegetation	 Loss or change in ground cover may affect soil stability with potential to expose subsurface archaeological deposits 	o Increase monitoring and maintenance regime

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Surface archaeological remains



EXPOSURE — **GENERAL**

Climate variabl	e change es	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Change in seasonal rainfall (chronic) Increase in mean temperature	Increase in rainfall events and intensity leading to increased frequency and intensity of flooding, erosion and soil degradation	Depends on fabric and local conditions	 Types of material (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, bone, ceramic, glass) will be affected differently Increased frequency and intensity of flooding may directly impact and destabilise and move structures and artefacts Frequent and prolonged saturation of soil may impact archaeological features, reburying or exposing archaeological material Increased water erosion and movement of soils may destabilise structures causing cracking and collapse of structures 	 Re-engineering drainage Monitor erosion or degradation and plan for removal and off-site conservation of material, if/where possible Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
continued from previous page	Increased frequency, duration and intensity of drought events	Loss of ground cover, drying and cracking of soils, and wind erosion	 Drying, cracking or movement of soils may affect the stability of structures and the location of artefacts Increased dryness will affect materials (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, bone, ceramic, glass) in different ways 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community
More hotter days (>35°C and >40°C)	Increased frequency and intensity of bushfires	Directly related to proximity and/or connectively to bush	 Damage to, or destruction of structures, features and artefacts; types of material will be affected differently Loss of vegetation cover, heating and cracking of soils, and increased erosion following a bushfire event may affect the stability of structures and location of artefacts Increased visibility of archaeological material leading to increased susceptibility to looting 	 Increase maintenance regime (e.g. vegetation management) Increased monitoring and/or targeted education around the illegality of disturbing archaeological sites Plan for recording and relocation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Plan for rescue excavation and off-site conservation of material, if/where possible
	Heatwaves and extreme temperatures	Soils susceptible to drying and cracking	 Impacts will vary for different types of materials (e.g. wood, brick, metal, stone, bone, ceramic, glass) Drying, cracking and movement of soils may affect the stability of structures and location of artefacts 	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Indoor relocation if appropriate and possible

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More extreme rainfall events (acute)	Flooding, erosion and landslips	Depends on terrain (i.e. local conditions)	o Damage to or collapse of structures, impact to archaeological features and re-burying or exposing of archaeological material	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Plan for recording, excavation and offsite conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community

EXPOSURE - COASTAL

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Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
Sea-level rise	Worsened coastal flooding, storm surge and coastal erosion that over time can result in permanent inundation of low-lying areas	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	 Potential for inundation, flooding and loss of archaeological features and artefacts Damage and destruction of structures Depending on the elevation of the archaeological material this may be intermittent during high tide and storm surge events (acute) and eventually permanent 	 Plan for recording, excavation and off-site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community

EXPOSURE — **COASTAL** continued

Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More intense or more frequent storms	Coastal erosion impacts	Depends on terrain and potential defences (e.g. sea wall) – refer to local information	• Potential for storm damage or destruction of structures, archaeological features and artefacts during storms and through coastal erosion caused by individual and recurring storm events	 Plan for recording, excavation and off- site conservation if risk is unacceptable, and if appropriate and possible Retreat: plan for site recording and accept loss or relocation of site where feasible, in consultation with local community
Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches



Climate change variables	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
More hotter days	Heat island effect in urban areas can increase local temperatures by several degrees compared to nearby rural areas	Local 'urban heat island' mapping determines specific micro-climate risks	• Heat stress: types of material will be affected differently	 Increase monitoring and maintenance regime Indoor relocation if appropriate and possible



EXPOSURE - ALPINE

Climat variab	e change les	Key climate change impacts	Sensitivity of the place to climate change impacts	Examples of impacts on the place or object and its values	Examples of possible management approaches
	Higher daily minimum temperatures and changes in precipitation	Changed freeze-thaw cycles, reduced snow cover and fewer cold days	Local distribution of native/non-native vegetation	 Loss or change in ground cover may affect soil stability with potential to expose subsurface archaeological deposits 	o Increase monitoring and maintenance regime

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