Assessment of the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project is a statutory requirement as part of the planning approvals process.

There would be temporary impacts during the work to upgrade the wharf. These would be carefully managed and measures put in place including:

- Informing customers of alternative transport options during the temporary closure of the wharf
- Minimising the disturbance of sediments and rocks on the harbour bed
- Minimising disturbance to aquatic life
- Minimising temporary noise impacts on nearby residents and businesses wherever possible
- Keeping nearby residents, businesses and customers informed about the project and about early morning and night work.

Heritage

Cockatoo Island is a significant heritage site. However, the wharf was built relatively recently and is not of heritage significance.

- Landside facilities and amenities are within the World Heritage listed item known as “Australian Convict Sites”
- The entire island is listed as a National heritage item
- Individual items within the island are listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List.