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Dear Mr Bertwistle

Modification 4 - Extension to Mill (DA318-12-2004-Mod-4) Allied Pinnacle Pty Limited – Maldon Flour and Maize Mill

I refer to your email and attached Modification Report to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 30 November 2021, inviting comments on the above modification application. The application refers to the construction of a proposed extension to the existing Allied Pinnacle Pty Limited (Allied) Picton Road, Maldon flour and maize milling facility. The EPA regulates the activities at the premises through Environment Protection Licence number 12498 (the licence).

The EPA has undertaken a review of the Modification Report and requests further information in relation to noise impacts (Attachment A) to enable the assessment of the proposal. The EPA may also have further comments upon receipt and review of any requested information.

If you have questions regarding the above, please phone Matt Fuller on (02) 4224 4100.

Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT A

NOISE

Additional information required regarding the assessment of noise impacts.

The assessment of predicted construction noise and vibration impacts in the Modification Report and in Appendix G (Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment) does not appear to include an assessment of potential changes in operational noise impacts or any reference to the existing noise limits contained in the licence.

The EPA recommends the proponent be required to undertake a Noise Impact Assessment in accordance with the *New South Wales Noise Policy for Industry (EPA 2017)*. The assessment should include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- identification and assessment of all potential noise sources associated with the proposed development
- the location of all noise sensitive receivers, including new or changed receivers
- proposed hours of operation
- proposed noise mitigation measures
- assessment of cumulative noise impacts, having regard to existing surrounding industrial activities and development.
- background noise measurements
- account for any low frequency noise
- consideration of Fact Sheet C of the New South Wales Noise Policy for Industry (EPA 2017)

The assessment must also take into account the existing operational noise limits in the licence and include if relevant, discussions and justifications on any proposed changes to the exiting noise limits due to changes to surrounding land uses and/or land use zoning.

The assessment should also consider operational vibration sources from the proposal in accordance with *NSW Noise Policy for Industry and Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006)* for assessing vibration.