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1 INTRODUCTION

This Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan has been prepared for the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment located in Griffith (the site).

Prior to the commencement of construction of the development, a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan (CNVMSP) is to be prepared to satisfy Development Consent conditions. This CNVMSP has been prepared to address all phases of construction.

The construction works is expected to occur across approximately 32 months of work, commencing in April 2022.

This Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan provides:

- Criteria for the noise and vibration generated during construction
- A quantitative assessment of the airborne and ground-borne noise generated by the work for the proposed development and its impact on nearby receivers
- Strategies to mitigate the noise and vibration generated during the construction works phases
- Complaints handling and community liaison procedures

This assessment discusses the predicted impact of the construction noise and vibration generated by the construction equipment on the nearest most-affected receivers.

This report has been prepared with the following references:

- Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report (SSDA Acoustic Report) prepared by EMM dated 28 January 2021
- Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG), NSW DECC, 2009
- Construction Noise Strategy, Transport for NSW, 2013
- Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), NSW EPA, 2017
- Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline, NSW DEC, 2006
- AS 2436:2010 Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance Sites
- British Standard BS 5228: Part 1:1997 Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites
- British Standard BS 7358:1993 Evaluation and Measurement for Vibration in Buildings Part 2: Guide to Damage Levels from Ground-borne Vibration
- German Standard DIN 4150-Part 3 Structural vibration in buildings Effects on structures

This document has been specifically prepared to address Condition B18 of the Development Consent. A summary of the Condition B18 and where all components of this condition are addressed within this report is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Condition B18 – Location where parts of condition are addressed

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CONDITION B18, PART	SECTION IN THIS REPORT	PAGE IN THIS REPORT	
(a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;	Brandon Notaras is a Director of the company and an experienced Acoustic Engineer. Brandon has a BEng (Mechanical) and is a member of the Australian Acoustical Society. Teresa D Nguyen is also an experienced Acoustic Engineer, with a BEng (Mechanical) and is a member of the Australian Acoustical Society. The CV's of both Brandon Notaras and Teresa D Nguyen are provided in Appendix C.		
 (b) describe procedures for achieving the noise management levels in EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009); 	Section 4	5	
 (c) describe the measures to be implemented to manage high noise generating works such as piling, in close proximity to sensitive receivers; 	Section 7	17	
 (d) include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing high noise generating works; 	Section 7	17	
 (e) describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in condition B18 (d); 	Section 7.3	22	
 (f) include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the construction; and 	Section 7.3	22	
(g) include a program to monitor and report on the impacts and environmental performance of the development and the effectiveness of the management measures in accordance with condition B18(d).	Section 7.4	23	

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION AND NOISE & VIBRATION SENSITIVE RECEIVERS

For the purposes of this construction noise and vibration management plan, the site location, measurement positions and surrounding noise and vibration sensitive receivers are shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Overview of the site, measurement locations and surrounding sensitive receivers

3 BACKGROUND AND AMBIENT NOISE MONITORING

Long term noise monitoring was previously undertaken for the project site within the SSDA Acoustic Report dated January 2021 (document reference: Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment Noise and vibration impact assessment Reference J190410 RP#4 by EMM Consulting Pty Limited.

Noise monitoring was undertaken at locations shown in Figure 1 to measure the background and ambient noise that is representative of the surrounding noise and vibration sensitive receivers. The noise survey results have been extrapolated from the SSDA Acoustic Report in Table 2 for reference.

EQUIVALENT CONTINUOUS NOISE BACKGROUND NOISE LEVEL LEVEL RBL, dB(A) $L_{Aeq, period}, dB(A)$ LOCATION **EVENING EVENING** DAY NIGHT DAY NIGHT NM1 58 48 45 41 39 36 NM2 56 50 47 42 37 32 NM3 52 49 43 40 38 33

Table 2: Summary of long-term background noise monitoring (from SSDA Acoustic Report)

4 PROJECT NOISE AND VIBRATION CRITERIA

4.1 CONSTRUCTION NOISE CRITERIA

The Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) by NSW DECC recommends the following standard hours of construction:

- Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
- Saturday: 8am to 1pm
- Sunday and public holidays: no work

In this report, it is assumed that all works are performed during these standard hours.

Airborne Noise – Residential Receivers

The airborne noise criteria for surrounding residential receivers have been extracted from Table 2 in the ICNG and is presented in Table 3 below.

TIME OF DAY	MANAGEMENT LEVEL, Laeq,15min ¹	HOW TO APPLY
Recommended Standard Hours: Monday – Friday	Noise Affected RBL + 10dB	 The noise-affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. Where the predicted or measured LAeq,15min is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residences of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration as well as contact details.
7am – 6pm Saturday 8am – 1pm No work on Sundays or public holidays	Highly Noise Affected 75 dB(A)	 The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise. Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority (consent, determining or regulatory) may require respite periods by restricting the hours that the very noisy activities can occur in, taking into account: Times identified by the community when they are less sensitive to noise (such as before and after school, for works near schools, or mid-morning or mid-afternoon for works near residences) If the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction in exchange for restrictions on construction times.
Outside Recommended Standard Hours Noise Affected RBL + 5dB		 The proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied and noise is more than 5 dB(A) above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community. For guidance on negotiating agreements see section 7.2.2 (of ICNG).

Table 3: NSW ICNG construction noise criteria for surrounding residential receivers



Note 1: Noise levels apply at the property boundary that is most exposed to construction noise, and at a height of 1.5 m above ground level. If the property boundary is more than 30 m from the residence, the location for measuring or predicting noise levels is at the most noise-affected point within 30m of the residence. Noise levels may be higher at upper floors of the noise affected residence.

Airborne Noise – Non-Residential Receivers

Table 4 below (extracted from Section 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the ICNG) sets out the noise management levels for other land uses. The external noise levels should be assessed at the most affected occupied point for commercial and industrial uses, and at the most affected point within 50 metres of the area boundary for parks.

Table 4: NSW ICNG construction noise criteria for surrounding commercial receivers

RECEIVER TYPE	MANAGEMENT LEVEL (APPLIES WHEN PROPERTIES ARE BEING USED) L _{Aeq,15min} , dB(A)
Healthcare	45 (Internal) 55 (External)
Commercial	70
Education	45 (Internal) 55 (External)
Worship	45 (Internal) 55 (External)

Based on the criteria in the tables above, the following noise management levels in Table 5 should be applied to the residential and non-residential receivers as identified in Figure 1 when appropriate. Construction during standard hours has been assumed.

Table 5: Project Specific Co	nstruction Noise Management Levels

LAND USE	RECEIVER	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL, LAeq,15min	HIGHLY NOISE AFFECTED LEVEL LAeq,15min
Residential	R1, R2	41 dB(A) + 10 dB = 51 dB(A)	75 dB(A)
Residential	R3, R4	42 dB(A) + 10 dB = 52 dB(A)	75 dB(A)
Residential	R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11	40 dB(A) + 10 dB = 50 dB(A)	75 dB(A)
Healthcare	H1, H2, H3	45 (Internal) 55 (External)	75 dB(A)
Commercial	C1, C2	70 dB	75 dB(A)
Education	E1, E2	45 (Internal) 55 (External)	75 dB(A)
Worship	W1, W2	45 (Internal) 55 (External)	75 dB(A)

4.2 CONSTRUCTION VIBRATION CRITERIA

4.2.1 Human Comfort

The office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) developed a document, "Assessing vibration: A technical guideline" in February 2006 to assist in preventing people from exposure to excessive vibration levels from construction and operation of a development within buildings. The guideline does not however address vibration induced damage to structures or structure-borne noise effects. Vibration and its associated effects are usually classified as continuous, impulsive or intermittent.

Continuous and Impulsive Vibration

Structural vibration in buildings can be detected by occupants and can affect them in many ways including reducing their quality of life and also their working efficiency. Complaint levels from occupants of buildings subject to vibration depend upon their use of the building and the time of the day.

Maximum allowable magnitudes of building vibration with respect to human response are shown in Table 6. It should be noted that the human comfort for vibration is more stringent than the building damage criteria.

LOCATION	ASSESSMENT	PREFERRED VALUES		MAXIMUM VALUES	
LOCATION	PERIOD ¹	z-axis	x- and y-axes	z-axis	x- and y-axes
Continuous vibratio	n				
Residences	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014
Residences	Night time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day- or night time	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028
Workshops	Day- or night time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058
Impulsive vibration					
Residences	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42
Residences	Night time	0.10	0.071	0.20	0.14
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day- or night time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92
Workshops	Day- or night time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92

Table 6: Preferred and maximum weighted RMS values for continuous and impulsive vibration acceleration (m/s²) 1-80 Hz

Note 1: Daytime is 7:00am to 10:00pm and night time is 10:00pm to 7:00am

Intermittent Vibration Criteria

Disturbance caused by vibration will depend on its duration and its magnitude. This methodology of assessing intermittent vibration levels involves the calculation of a parameter called the Vibration Dose Value (VDV) which is used to evaluate the cumulative effects of intermittent vibration. Various studies support the fact that VDV assessment methods are far more accurate in assessing the level of disturbance than methods which is only based on the vibration magnitude.

	DAYTIME ¹		NIGHT-TIME ¹	
LOCATION	PREFERRED VALUE	MAXIMUM VALUE	PREFERRED VALUE	MAXIMUM VALUE
Residences	0.20	0.40	0.13	0.26
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
Workshops	0.80	1.60	0.80	1.60

Table 7: Acceptable vibration dose values for intermittent vibration $(m/s^{1.75})$

Note 1: Daytime is 7:00am to 10:00pm and night time is 10:00pm to 7:00am

4.2.2 Cosmetic Damage

Structural vibration thresholds are set to minimise the risk of cosmetic surface cracks and lie below the levels that have the potential to cause damage to the main structure. Table 8 presents guide values for building vibration, based on the vibration thresholds above which cosmetic damage has been demonstrated outlined within BS7385-Part 2:1993. These values are evaluated to give a minimum risk of vibration-induced damage, where minimal risk for a named effect is usually taken as 95% probability of no effect.

Table 8: Transient vibration guide values for cosmetic damage – BS 7385-2:1993

TYPE OF BUILDING	PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY IN FREQUENCY RANGE OF PREDOMINANT PULSE (PPV)		
	4 Hz TO 15 Hz	15 Hz AND ABOVE	
Reinforced or framed structures Industrial or light commercial type buildings	50mm/s	N/A	
Unreinforced or light framed structures Residential or light commercial type buildings	15mm/s	20mm/s (50mm/s at 40Hz and above)	

4.2.3 Structural Damage

Ground vibration criteria is defined in terms of the levels of vibration emission from the construction activities which will avoid the risk of damaging surrounding buildings or structures. It should be noted that human comfort criteria are normally expressed in terms of acceleration whereas structural damage criteria are normally expressed in terms of velocity.

Most specified structural vibration levels are defined to minimise the risk of cosmetic surface cracks and are set below the levels that have the potential to cause damage to the main structure. Structural damage criteria are presented in German Standard DIN4150-Part 3 "Structural vibration in buildings – Effects on structures" and British Standard BS7385-Part 2: 1993 "Evaluation and Measurement for Vibration in Buildings". Table 9 indicates the vibration limits presented in DIN4150-Part 3 to ensure structural damage doesn't occur.

		VIBRATION VELC	OCITY, V _i , IN mm/s		
		FOUNDATION			PLANE OF
LINE	TYPE OF STRUCTURE	AT A FREQUENC	Y OF		FLOOR OF UPPERMOST FULL STOREY
		LESS THAN 10HZ	10 TO 50HZ	50 TO 100HZ*	ALL FREQUENCIES
1	Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40
2	Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or use	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15
3	Structures that, because of their particular sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in lines 1 and 2 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8
*For fr	equencies above 100Hz, at lea	ast the values spec	cified in this colum	in shall be applied	1

Table 9: Guideline value of vibration velocity, vi, for evaluating the effects of short-term vibration – DIN4150-3

5 CONSTRUCTION NOISE ASSESSMENT

5.1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND HOURS

In this assessment, the noise impact from all construction works are considered. The works will consist of the following stages, and is expected to occur over a period of 32 months:

- Early works: demolition of existing buildings
- Civil works: excavation and foundation of basement of overall site
- Structural works: construction of the new structure and roof

The hours of work are expected to occur during standard daytime hours, as follows:

- Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm
- Saturday: 8am to 1pm
- Sunday and public holidays: no work

5.2 EXPECTED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The noise sources likely to be associated with the works listed are presented in Table 10. The equipment noise levels have been extracted from AS2436:2010 "Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance Sites" and the "Construction Noise Strategy, Transport for NSW, 2013". These equipment noise levels are provided as sound power levels (in-line with the documents referenced above) and are the estimated sound power emitted by the equipment, which differs to the sound pressure level rated for equipment at a particular distance.

STAGES	EQUIPMENT	SOUND POWER LEVEL dB(A)	USAGE IN 15 MINUTE PERIOD (MINS)	TIME CORRECTED SOUND POWER LEVEL dB(A) LAEQ, 15MIN
	Jackhammer	113	3	106
	Powered hand tool	102	7.5	99
	Excavator 30 tonne	110	6	106
Early works - Demolition	Excavator breaker	115	6	111
Demontion	Bobcat	107	10.5	105
	Cherry picker	102	7.5	99
	General Truck	108	6	104
	Excavator breaker	115	6	111
	Excavator 30 tonne	110	6	106
Civil works –	Concrete pump	109	7.5	106
Excavation and	Concrete Truck	108	7.5	105
foundation	Generator	104	3	97
	Mobile crane	110	2.4	102
	General Truck	108	6	104
	Powered hand tool	102	7.5	99
Structural	Mobile crane	110	2.4	102
works - Construction	Generator	104	3	97
	General Truck	108	6	104

Table 10: Construction Equipment Noise Levels

5.3 NOISE MODELLING AND ASSUMPTIONS

In order to assess the noise impact from the site during the various construction stages, a desktop noise model was prepared using commercial software SoundPLAN v8.2. The noise model represents the 'reasonable' worst case periods of construction activities, meaning that all the equipment of each stage is operating simultaneously during a 15-minute observation period.

The assumptions that were made within the assessment include the following:

- The predicted noise levels represent the worst-case scenario for each receiver
- The predicted noise levels at the receivers has been assessed at a height of 1.5m above ground level in accordance with the assessment procedures of the ICNG.
- The predicted noise levels at the nearby sensitive receivers have been assessed with the noise mitigation measures provided in Section 7.1 have been implemented.
- The noise levels have been assessed using neutral weather conditions.

5.4 PREDICTED NOISE LEVELS

The predicted noise levels have been presented in the following table have been assessed to the construction noise criteria established in Section 4.1.

Noise contour maps are provided in Appendix A for reference.

ID	RECEIVER TYPE	PREDICTED NOISE LEVEL RANGE, LAeq,15min dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL LAeq,15min dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE, dB	EXCEEDS HIGHLY NOISE AFFECTED LEVEL (YES/NO)
R1	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R2	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R3	Residential	50 – 55	52	Up to 3	No
R4	Residential	40 – 45	52	0	No
R5	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R6	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R7	Residential	50 – 55	50	Up to 5	No
R8	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R9	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
R10	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
R11	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
H1	Healthcare	40 – 45	55	0	No
H2	Healthcare	60 - 65	55	Up to 10	No
H3	Healthcare	40 – 45	55	0	No
C1	Commercial	40 – 45	70	0	No
C2	Commercial	< 40	70	0	No
E1	Education	45 – 50	55	0	No
E2	Education	< 40	55	0	No
W1	Worship	< 40	55	0	No
W2	Worship	40 – 45	55	0	No

Table 11: Predicted noise levels – early works: demolition



ID	RECEIVER TYPE	PREDICTED NOISE LEVEL RANGE, L _{Aeq,15min} dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL L _{Aeq,15min} dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE, dB	EXCEEDS HIGHLY NOISE AFFECTED LEVEL (YES/NO)
R1	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R2	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R3	Residential	55 – 60	52	Up to 8	No
R4	Residential	50 – 55	52	0	No
R5	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R6	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R7	Residential	55 – 60	50	Up to 10	No
R8	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R9	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R10	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R11	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
H1	Healthcare	45 – 50	55	Up to 5	No
H2	Healthcare	65 – 70	55	Up to 15	No
Н3	Healthcare	45 – 50	55	0	No
C1	Commercial	45 – 50	70	0	No
C2	Commercial	40 – 45	70	0	No
E1	Education	50 – 55	55	Up to 5	No
E2	Education	40 – 45	55	0	No
W1	Worship	45 – 50	55	0	No
W2	Worship	45 – 50	55	0	No

Table 12: Predicted noise levels – civil works: excavation and foundation

Table 13 Predicted noise levels	- structural works:	Construction
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ID	RECEIVER TYPE	PREDICTED NOISE LEVEL RANGE, LAeq,15min dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL LAeq,15min dB(A)	NOISE MANAGEMENT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE, dB	EXCEEDS HIGHLY NOISE AFFECTED LEVEL (YES/NO)
R1	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R2	Residential	55 – 60	51	Up to 9	No
R3	Residential	50 – 55	52	Up to 3	No
R4	Residential	45 – 50	52	0	No
R5	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R6	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R7	Residential	50 – 55	50	Up to 5	No
R8	Residential	40 – 45	50	0	No
R9	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
R10	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
R11	Residential	< 40	50	0	No
H1	Healthcare	45 – 50	55	0	No
H2	Healthcare	60 – 65	55	Up to 10	No
Н3	Healthcare	40 – 45	55	0	No
C1	Commercial	40 – 45	70	0	No
C2	Commercial	< 40	70	0	No
E1	Education	45 – 50	55	0	No
E2	Education	< 40	55	0	No
W1	Worship	40 – 45	55	0	No
W2	Worship	40 – 45	55	0	No

6 CONSTRUCTION VIBRATION ASSESSMENT

It is expected that the demolition and excavation phases of the project to include vibration intensive activities. Activities and machinery that are considered vibration intensive include:

- Piling
- Jack Hammering
- Rock breaking
- Rock sawing

Safe working distances for vibration intensive plant and are quoted for both "cosmetic" damage (in accordance with BS 7385) and human comfort (in accordance with Assessing Vibration – a technical guideline), have been provided, based on the Transport for NSW's "Construction Noise Strategy (2013)". The recommended safe working distances for each of the plant listed above are provided in Table 14.

Table 14 [.] Recommended safe workir	g distances for vibration intensive plant
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	SAFE WORKING DISTANCE (METRES)		
ACTIVITY	COSMETIC DAMAGE (BS 7385)	HUMAN RESPONSE (OH&E VIBRATION GUIDELINE)	
Piling	2m (nominal)	N/A	
Jackhammering	1m (nominal)	Avoid contact with structure	
Rock Breaking	22m	73m	
Rock Sawing	22m	73m	

The approximate distances between sensitive receivers (as identified in Figure 1) to the project boundary where vibration intensive plant may be used during construction is provided in Table 15.

Table 15: Receiver distances from construction works

RECEIVER ID	MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION WORKS
R1	50
R2	50
R3	100
R4	160
R5	200
R6	200
R7	100
R8	250
R9	300
R10	300
R11	270
H1	200
H2	15

RECEIVER ID	MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION WORKS
НЗ	250
E1	170
E2	300
W1	160
W2	220
C1	270
C2	350

The nearest vibration sensitive receiver is the healthcare receiver to the north of the site (H2 catchment area as shown in Figure 1) located at approximately 15m from the site boundary. Residential receivers are located beyond the required minimum safe working distance as provided in Table 14, therefore it is unlikely that these receivers will be impacted by vibration. Per the recommendations of the TfNSW CNVS, dilapidation/building condition surveys are not required to assess vibration induced cosmetic damage to surrounding sensitive receivers.

Attended vibration monitoring shall be conducted at the commencement of work in order to verify the safe working distances. If the levels are compliant with the vibration limits as listed in Section 4.2, then work may proceed based on the implementation of the measures detailed in this report. If there are exceedances, reasonable and feasible mitigation measures and additional vibration monitoring should be conducted. Measures to prevent cosmetic damage to surrounding structures are provided in Section 7.

7 NOISE & VIBRATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

7.1 PROJECT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Project specific recommendations and required mitigation methods have been listed below within Section 7.1. For general noise and vibration mitigation and management measures, refer to Section 7.2 of this report.

7.1.1 Noise

The receivers which are considered as most affected is expected to be receivers with close proximity to the site, including:

- Residential Receivers R1 R3, R7
- Healthcare Receivers H1 H2
- Education Receiver E1

The use of a standard A-class hoarding of the following materials and construction will suffice to mitigate the impact of the highest predicted noise levels.

- The A-class hoarding should be impervious of gaps and cracks which would compromise its performance
- It should be comprised of acoustically suitable materials such as 17 mm plywood
- Be a minimum of 2.4m high surrounding the site.

The barrier shall reduce the noise levels experienced at the residential receivers directly adjacent to the project site. Locating site amenities towards the site boundaries further increases the shielding of construction noise.

In addition to the sound attenuating barrier, at least a one hour respite period, should be offered per day during the most intensive periods of hammering and rock breaking. Frequent and proactive communication with the residences to is also encouraged. More details regarding communication with the community can be found in Section 7.3.

7.1.2 Vibration

Due to the proximity of works to the healthcare receiver H2, there may be exceedances of the human comfort criteria. If vibration intensive activities (as described in Section 6) are to occur on the northern boundary, attended vibration measurements should be conducted to determine if there is an exceedance of the vibration limits set out in Section 4.2.

Upon any exceedances in vibration levels, reasonable and feasible measures should be considered to lessen the impact, such as an alternative method of activity or using machinery with less capacity.

To further diminish the vibration impact, the one-hour respite period, recommended for noise mitigation shall also apply to vibration.

7.2 GENERAL ACOUSTIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

According to AS 2436 – 2010 "Guide to noise and vibration control on construction, demolition and maintenance sites" the following techniques could be applied to minimise the spread of noise and vibrations to the potential receivers.

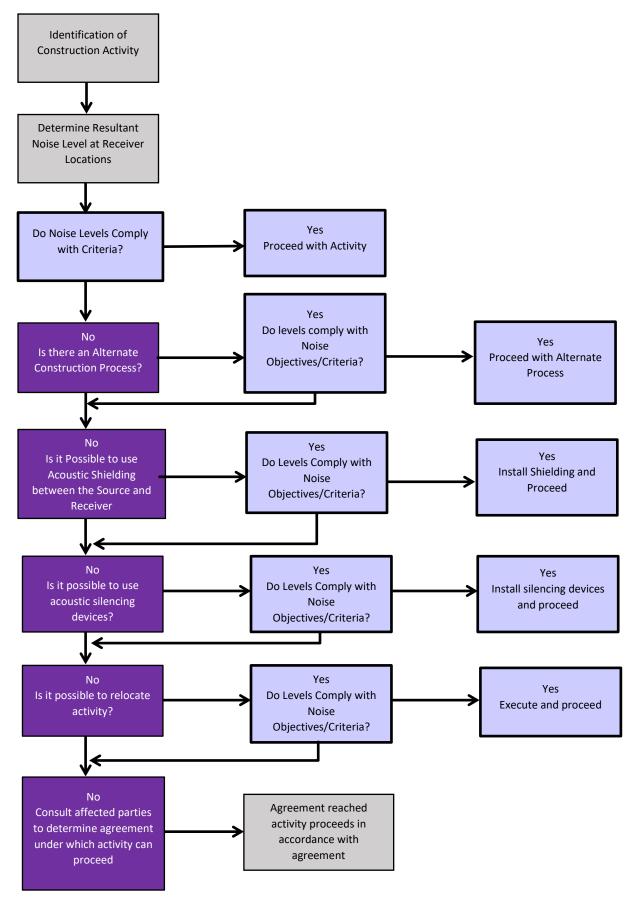
7.2.1 Noise

Figure 2 demonstrates the preferred order of actions taken to mitigate excessive construction noise emissions. If a process that generates significant noise levels cannot be avoided, the amount of noise reaching the receiver should be minimised. Two ways of achieving this are to either increase the distance between the noise source and the receiver or to introduce noise reduction measures such as screens. Practices that will reduce noise from the site include:

- Increasing the distance between noise sources and sensitive receivers.
- Reducing the line-of-sight noise transmission to residences or other sensitive land uses using temporary barriers (stockpiles, shipping containers and site office transportables can be effective barriers).
- Constructing barriers that are part of the project design early in the project to introduce the mitigation of site noise.
- Installing purpose-built noise barriers, acoustic sheds and enclosures.

Physical methods to reduce the transmission of noise between the site works and residences, or other sensitive land uses, are generally suited to works where there is longer-term exposure to the noise. A few of these methods have been introduced below.

Figure 2: Noise mitigation management flow chart



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Screening

On sites where distance is limited, screening of noise may be beneficial or even the only way to reduce construction noise impacts on the nearby receivers. Below, screening options for various situations have been introduced. Constructing and utilising these screening methods should be taken into account already during the planning stages.

<u>Temporary buildings</u>: One option to introduce screening is to position structures such as stores, storage piles, site offices and other temporary buildings between the noisiest part of the site and the nearest dwellings. Due to shielding provided by these buildings, some of the noise emission from the site can be reduced. If the buildings are occupied, however, sound insulation measures may be necessary to protect site workers inside the buildings.

<u>Hoarding</u>: Another way of implementing screening is to build hoarding that includes a site office on an elevated structure. This option offers superior noise reduction when compared with a standard, simple hoarding. The acoustic performance is further enhanced when the hoarding is a continuous barrier.

Equipment operating 24h: When it comes to water pumps, fans and other plant equipment that operate on a 24-hour basis, they may not be an irritating source of noise during the day but can be problematic at night. They should therefore be effectively screened by either situating them behind a noise barrier or by being positioned in a trench or a hollow in the ground. Again, generated reverberant noise must be minimised and adequate ventilation should be ensured.

General remarks:

In many cases, it is not practical to screen earthmoving operations effectively, but it may be possible to partially shield a construction plant at the early stages of the project with protective features required to screen traffic noise.

The usefulness of a noise barrier will depend upon its length, its height, its position relative to the source and the receiver, and the material of which it is made. A barrier designed to reduce noise from a moving source should extend beyond the last property to be protected by at least ten times the shortest distance from the said property to the barrier. A barrier designed to reduce noise from a stationary source should, where possible, extend beyond the direct line of sight between the noise source and the receiver by a distance equal to ten times the effective barrier height, which is the height above the direct line between source and receiver.

If the works are already predominantly located within nominally closed structures, careful consideration should be given to reducing noise breakout at any openings.

Cranes

For the early works construction phases, any cranage will be limited to mobile cranes where the engines are typically enclosed in an acoustically treated housing.

Reversing and warning alarms

Community complaints often involve the intrusive noise of alarms commonly used to provide a safe system of work for vehicles operating on a site. Beeper reversing alarm noise is generally tonal and may cause annoyance at significant distances from the work site.

There are alternative warning alarms capable of providing a safe system of work that are equal to or better than the traditional "beeper", while also reducing environmental noise impacts. The following alternatives should be considered for use on construction sites as appropriate:

- Broadband audible alarms incorporating a wide range of sound frequencies (as opposed to the tonalfrequency 'beep') are less intrusive when heard in the neighbourhood.
- Variable-level alarms reduce the emitted noise levels by detecting the background noise level and adjusting the alarm level accordingly.

- Proximity alarms that use sensors to determine the distance from objects, such as people or structures, and generate an audible alarm in cabin for the driver.
- Spotters or observers.

The above methods should be combined, where appropriate.

7.2.2 Vibration

Vibration can be more difficult to control than noise, and there are few generalizations that can be made about its control. It should be kept in mind that vibration may cause disturbance by causing structures to vibrate and radiate noise in addition to perceptible movement. Impulsive vibration can, in some cases, provide a trigger mechanism that could result in the failure of building components that had previously been in a stable state.

During the demolition works and the erection of new structures, some vibrations (transmitted through the structure from the demolition sites) are expected, being more of a concern for the surrounding sensitive receivers. Vibrations can also trigger annoyance, which might get elevated into action by occupants of exposed buildings, and should therefore be included in the planning of communication with impacted communities.

It should be remembered that failures, sometimes catastrophic, can occur as a result of conditions not directly connected with the transmission of vibrations, e.g. the removal of supports from retaining structures to facilitate site access. BS 7385-2 provides more information on managing ground-borne vibration and its potential effects on buildings. Where site activities may affect existing structures, a thorough engineering appraisal should be made at the planning stage.

General principles of seeking minimal vibration at receiving structures should be followed in the first instance. Predictions of vibration levels likely to occur at sensitive receivers are recommended when they are relatively close, depending on the magnitude of the source of the vibration or the distance associated. Relatively simple prediction methods are available in textbooks, codes of practice and standards, however, it is preferable to assess site transmission and propagation characteristics between source and receiver locations through measurements.

Guidance for measures available for the mitigation of vibration transmitted can be sought in more detailed standards, such as BS 5228-2 or policy documents, such as the NSW DEC *Assessing Vibration: A technical guideline*. Identifying the strategy best suited to the control of vibration follows a similar approach to that of noise: avoidance, control at the source, control along the propagation path, control at the receiver, or a combination of these. It is noted that vibration sources can include stationary plants (pumps and compressors), portable plants (jackhammers and pavement vibrators), mobile plants, pile-drivers, tunnelling machines and activities, and blasting, amongst others. Unusual ground conditions, such as a high water-table, can also cause a difference to expected or predicted results, especially when considering the noise propagated from piling.

7.3 COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURES AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

It is recommended that the builder directly contact adjacent noise sensitive receivers and provide them with the following information:

- The contact details for a nominated representative to make noise / vibration complaints.
- Explain the timeframe for the construction works and the proposed activities, i.e., the proposed start / stop dates of work and a description of the noise producing equipment that will be used.
- Notify the noise sensitive receivers and the local authority in a timely manner should there be any need for an extension to the proposed arrangements.
- Provide them with a copy of this report as approved by the local authority.
- The local authority should be notified of the nature and details of complaints received (time, complainant etc.) and what remedial action has taken place, if any.
- Where noise is demonstrated as being compliant with criteria, this should not limit the proponent in undertaking further additional reasonable and feasible steps to reduce noise emissions.

It is understood community consultation has been undertaken via letter box drops to nearby residents to the project site. The letter to residents is attached in Appendix B for reference.

To assist in the management of noise and vibration complaints various procedures are to be followed. These include:

- Clearly visible signage identifying any key personnel along with their contact details to be erected along the perimeter of the building site including;
 - A 24-hour contact name, phone number and email address provided for the resident to address any complaint. The signage will declare; "For any enquiry, complaint or emergency relating to this site at any time please contact..."
- Give complaints a fair hearing.
- Have a documented complaints process, including an escalation procedure so that if a complaint is not satisfied there is a clear path to follow.
- Call back as soon as possible to keep people informed of action to be taken to address noise problems.
 Call back at night time only if requested by the complainant to avoid further disturbance.
- Implement all feasible and reasonable measures to address the source of the complaint.
- A register is to be kept by the contractor to keep a record of complaints and detail any information associated with them. The contents of the register will include:
 - o The name and the address of the complainant
 - Time and date of the complaint
 - The nature of the complaint (Noise/Vibration)
 - o Subsequent details
 - Remedial action undertaken

The contents of the register will be maintained and updated with any new complaint without delay. The complaints will be reported to both the local authority and the Contractor. The investigation of the complaint and any remedial actions will be performed by the builder and/or client representative.

In the event of noisy works scheduled, the builder will notify residents 5 business days in advance.

7.4 NOISE & VIBRATION MONITORING STRATEGY

7.4.1 General Methodology

Noise and vibration levels should be monitored from time to time to ensure that noise generated as a result of remediation and construction activities does not disturb local businesses and residents.

Monitoring may be in the form of regular checks by the builder or indirectly by an acoustic consultant engaged by the builder and in response to any noise or vibration complaints. Where noise and vibration criteria are being exceeded or in response to valid complaints, noise and / or vibration monitoring should be undertaken. This would be performed inside the premises of the affected property and on site adjacent to the affected receivers.

Monitoring is to be undertaken by an experienced noise and vibration monitoring professional or an acoustic consultant. The results of any noise or vibration monitoring are to be provided to the relevant party or person in a timely manner allowing the builder to address the issue and respond to the complaints.

Noise and vibration monitoring can take two forms:

- Short-term monitoring
- Long-term monitoring

Both of these approaches are elaborated below.

7.4.2 Short-term Monitoring

Short-term monitoring consists of attended monitoring when critical stages of the construction are occurring. This normally provides real-time assistance and guidance to the subcontractor on site, telling them when the noise and vibration criteria are exceeded. Thus, the selection of alternative method on construction or equipment selection is allowed in order to minimise noise and vibration impacts.

7.4.3 Long-term Monitoring

Similarly, to short-term monitoring, long-term monitoring provides real-time alerts to the builder / site manager when the noise and vibration criteria are exceeded. Instead of someone being on site measuring, noise and vibration loggers are used.

Typically, the noise and vibration loggers stay on site for a period of several months for the critical construction stages of the project, such as the demolition and excavation phases.

Both methodologies are complementary and normally used simultaneously providing a significant amount of data via the long-term monitoring, but also providing information on the sources of noise and vibration generating exceedances via the short-term or attended monitoring.

7.4.4 Noise & Vibration Monitoring Program

A monitoring programme for the demolition and excavation works is proposed in Table 16. It is understood that monitoring is carried out during all construction phases by the Contractor.

Refer to Figure 3 for the receiver locations corresponding the monitoring locations.

Figure 3: Proposed monitoring locations



Table 16: Noise and vibration monitoring programme

CONSTRUCTION PHASE	LOCATION REFERENCE	MONITORING REQUIRED
Farly wards Damalitian	R1, R2, H2 Early works – Demolition	
Early works – Demolition	H2	Vibration
Civil works – Excavation and	R1, R2, H2	Noise
Foundation	H2	Vibration
	R1, R2, H2	Noise
Structural works – Construction	N/A	Vibration

8 CONCLUSION

A Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan has been provided for the construction works at Griffith Base Hospital. This document was prepared in support the Development Consent condition B18 prior to the commencement of construction.

The details of the noise and vibration modelling and assessment undertaken to predict the impacts on sensitive receivers have been presented in Sections 5 and 6.

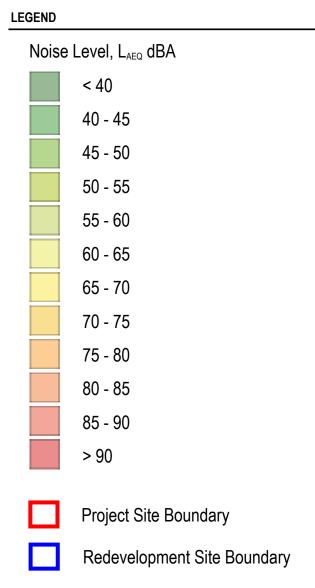
To reduce the noise and vibration impacts on the sensitive receivers, noise and vibration management strategies have been proposed in Section 7.

The information presented in this report shall be reviewed if any modifications to the features of the development specified in this report occur, including and not restricted to selection of equipment/machinery and modifications to the construction program.

Appendix A Noise Contour Map



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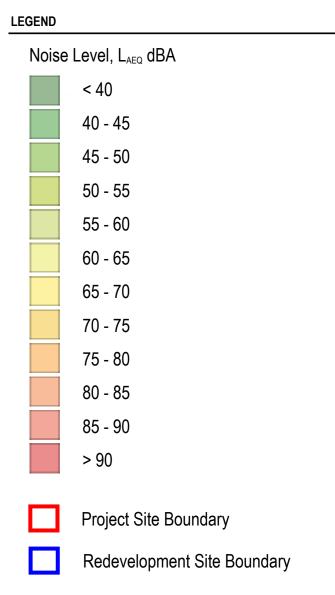
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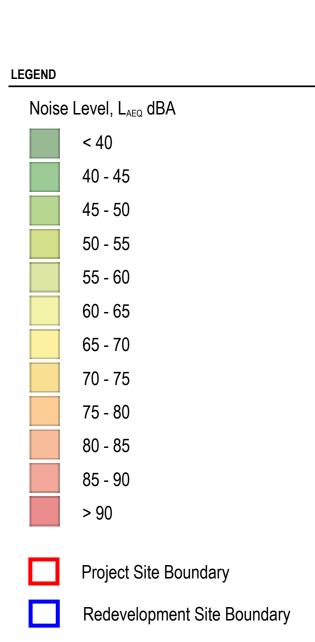
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Appendix B Letter to Residents



Construction of the new Clinical Services Building from 11 April 2022

The NSW Government is investing \$250 million in the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment.

Health Infrastructure has engaged ADCO to carry out the work which includes construction works to build the new three-storey Clinical Services Building as part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment.

From 11 April 2022, vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained to the existing hospital with entry via Noorebar Avenue.

Additional pedestrian footpaths will be established to ensure continuity through and around the hospital grounds.

A designated off-street parking area has been established for contractor vehicles.

Construction vehicles will enter and exit the Hospital site from Animoo Avenue (as per Figure 1), with traffic controls in place to ensure the safety of the public and to minimise disruption to traffic.

Our work times will be between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday and 8am and 1pm on Saturdays. We will let you know in advance of any changes to these days and times.

Construction is expected to be completed by 2024 with the hospital opening its doors to patients in 2025.

How will the work affect you?

We recognise that building new infrastructure can be disruptive to nearby residents, businesses and road users. All construction activities are carried out with the health and safety of the local community as our top priority.

We endeavour to keep noise, dust and vibration to a minimum and we will make every effort to minimise impacts.

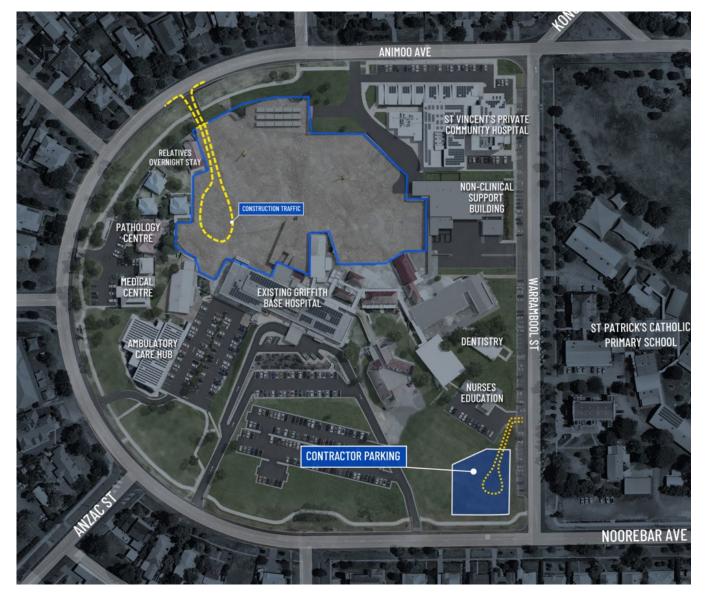
We will monitor and manage access points throughout construction and may implement short term traffic control management and speed limit reductions when required. For your safety, please follow the directions of traffic controllers at all times.

Keeping you informed

Should you have any questions in relation to the project construction works, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Innes, Senior Project Manager, ADCO on 0401 666 282.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this important redevelopment for the Griffith community.

Figure 1 – Site Establishment



For more information visit our website at:

https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/griffith-base-hospital-redevelopment



Installation of tower crane from 16 July 2022

The NSW Government is investing \$250 million in the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment.

Health Infrastructure has engaged ADCO to carry out construction works to build the new three-storey Clinical Services Building as part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment.

This letter is to inform you of the installation of a temporary tower crane. Construction of the new clinical services building is underway, and a tower crane is used to facilitate the movement of materials and is a key piece of equipment used to construct the new building. The Crane will be in use between July 2022 and 2023.

The tower crane installation will occur on Saturday 16 July 2022 between the hours of 7am and 6pm. Approval has been sought to undertake this work over extended hours for traffic and safety reasons.

How will the work affect you?

We recognise that building new infrastructure can be disruptive to nearby residents, businesses and road users. All construction activities are carried out with the health and safety of the local community as our top priority.

During the installation stage some additional truck movements can be expected around the site entry on Animoo Avenue, however all work shall occur within the site boundaries. Construction vehicles will enter and exit from Animoo Avenue (as per Figure 1, yellow dotted line).

Installation of the crane is generally a low noise activity. The project team will make every effort to keep noise to a minimum. Traffic control will be in place to ensure the safety of the public and to minimise any disruption to traffic.

For your safety, please follow the directions of traffic controllers at all times.

Once the tower crane is installed and erected, it will operate in approved construction hours and will only carry loads within the work site and loading area. The crane will be shutdown after hours, with lights operating as per Aviation Flyer rules and swing in the direction of the prevailing wind allowed.

When the crane is not in use the arm of the crane will move with the direction of the wind like a weathervane. Crane 'weathervaning' is a safe and normal occurrence on construction sites. During weathervaning the hook will be tied and no lifting of materials will occur.

Keeping you informed

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Appendix C Noise and Vibration Consultant CV



"By starting from people-centric designs and building from first principles, a specialist designer is enabled to deliver best-for-project outcomes."

Brandon Notaras | Director Acoustics & Vibration

BEng, M.AAS

Brandon's technical aptitude for computational modelling combined with his experience in leading large delivery teams has contributed to many of Sydney's thriving built-forms. He is excited by working with teams of engineers and designers on some of the most iconic projects such as Atlassian's tower in Sydney Central's new tech precinct. Specialising in developing and designing buildable technical solutions for complex builds such as Over Station Developments, Large Health Precincts, Mass-Timber (CLT) Buildings, Naturally-Ventilated Noise-Affected Facades and Mixed-Use Interfaces.

Project Highlights

Atlassian Central, Tech Hub	9A & 9B Green Square, Zetland	Broken Hill Hospi
505 George St, Sydney	Rhodes Central – Stage 2	Bowral Hospital
Waterloo Metro Quarter OSD	Wentworth Point – Block H	CSU Teaching and Refurbishment, A
Sirius Building Redevelopment	Eden St Precinct, Arncliffe	CSU Orange Scho
50-52 Phillip St, Sydney	Voco & Indigio Hotels, Brisbane	CSU Bathurst Dob
Darling Square Precinct, Haymarket	338 Botany Road, Alexandria	CSU Wagga Wagg
Greenland Tower, Bathurst St	Westpac 275 Kent St Fitout	Macquarie Arts P
Sandstone Buildings, Sydney	ANZ Sydney, 242 Pitt Fitout	UoW's Health & V
Fig & Wattle, Pyrmont	NAB Fitout Sydney & Parramatta	Fiji National Univ
Sydney International Convention,	QBE Fitout Sydney & Parramatta	Marist North Syd
Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct	Gilbert & Tobin, Barangaroo	St Josephs Colleg
Waverley Bowling Club Precinct	Colonial First State, Barangaroo	International Ma
Northpoint Tower, North Sydney	Westmead Hospital PSB	Emanuel School,
Liverpool Civic Place Precinct	Blacktown Hospital	Mt Sinai College,
GAIA at Brays Bay – Stage 1	Maitland Hospital	Parramatta West
50 Macquarie St, Parramatta	Shellharbour Hospital	Canterbury South
85-97 Macquarie St, Parramatta	Westmead Children's Hospital	Auburn North Pu
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"By driving project teams to fundamentally understand acoustics, I find developments successfully achieve highperformance, low impact and beautiful outcomes"

Teresa D Nguyen | Senior Acoustic & Vibration Engineer BEng (Mech, Hons), M.AAS

Teresa specialises in architectural acoustics and brings a broad range of skills to her acoustic approach; including room acoustics, sound insulation and building services noise assessments. She is enthusiastic about Commercial and Residential sectors and understands the importance of transforming these areas into a creation of acoustically comfortable and healthful environment.

Project Highlights

Banksia Mental Health Unit, Tamworth Hospital	Nepean Ch Mental Hea
Canberra Hospital Electroconvulsive Therpay Suite	Diagnostic North Shor
Lithgow Hospital MRI Suite	Sans Clinic
Axis Sports Medicine, Southern Cross Hospital, Auckland	Special Car Waitakere
CSU Bathurst Dobbin Building	Mosman H
CSU Wagga Wagga Building 481	CSU Albury
WSU Parramatta Square	Google Ma
Hilton Hotel, Auckland	The Star, Sy
88 Walker St, North Sydney	77 Market
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Royal North Shore Hospital, New Procedure Rooms

Mercy Catheterisation Laboratory, Southern Cross Hospital, Auckland

Icare medical suite fit-out

CSU Teaching and Learning Refurbishment, Albury/Wagga Wagga

CSU Orange School of medicine

The Shepherd Centre, Sydney

EY200, Sydney

Beach Road Hotel, Auckland

Aria Bay Retirement Village, Auckland

Union Green Apartments, Auckland

EC5 Rhino Rack Eastern Creek

Pondicherry Redevelopment, Oran Park Sydney Metro North-West SVC Package

Inland Rail, Parkes to Narromine



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