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FOR ENVIRO WASTE SERVICES GROUP PTY LTD  
14-16 KIORA CRESCENT, YENNORA NSW**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document presents a noise impact assessment conducted by Benbow Environmental for the proposed increase in processing capacity to take place at 14-16 Kiora Crescent, Yennora NSW. The site is a liquid waste recycling facility and proposes an increase in processing quantities from 900 tonnes per annum to 110,000 tonnes per annum and an increase in the maximum quantity stored at any one time from 110 tonnes to 477 tonnes.

The site at No. 14 is for bulk liquid waste processing and the site at No. 16 is an out-of-date liquid product/food waste facility. Operations at both 14 and 16 occur within their respective buildings.

The nearest receivers and the noise generating activities are identified. Noise criteria for the project have been formed, with assessment of the proposed site activities conducted against the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017) and the NSW Road Noise Policy (DECCW, 2011). Modelling of the activities was conducted using the noise modelling software SoundPlan 7.3.

This noise impact assessment finds that predicted noise levels will be below the project noise trigger levels set out in accordance with the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017), at all receivers surrounding the site for all time periods and scenarios.

The generation of additional road traffic associated with the site's activities has been assessed and was predicted to comply with the guidelines set out in the NSW Road Noise Policy.

This report concludes that the proposed site activities will not have an unreasonable noise impact on the surrounding receivers.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Benbow Environmental has been engaged by Enviro Waste Services Group Pty Ltd to undertake a noise impact assessment for the proposed increase in processing capacity from 900 tonnes per annum to 110,000 tonnes per annum, and an increase in the maximum quantity to be stored at any one time from 110 tonnes to 477 tonnes at the liquid waste recycling facility located at 14-16 Kiora Crescent, Yennora. No construction is expected.

Waste processing streams and proposed quantities per location are listed below:

**14 Kiora Crescent (existing facility – industrial waste treatment/disposal, liquid waste material, sewage sludge, grease trap waste etc)**

Processing capacity per annum: 100,000 tonnes.  
Maximum storage at any one time: 377 tonnes.

**16 Kiora Crescent (additional facility - out-of-date liquid product/food waste destruction)**

Processing capacity per annum: 10,000 tonnes.  
Maximum storage at any one time: 100 tonnes.

The site is located within the industrial area of Yennora. The nearest residential receptors are located approximately 330 metres south-east of the site boundary.

Noise emissions from the site were predicted by using noise modelling software, SoundPlan (V7.3).

This noise impact assessment has been prepared in accordance with the following guidelines and documents:

- NSW Environmental Protection Authority, Noise Policy for Industry 2017; and
- Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Road Noise Policy (DECCW, 2011).

### 1.1 SCOPE OF WORKS

This noise impact assessment has been limited to the following scope of works:

- Site inspection and review of the proposed site operations;
- Long term unattended noise monitoring and short term attended noise monitoring in accordance with relevant guidelines;
- Establish project specific noise levels;
- Determine all potential noise sources associated with the existing and proposed development;
- Collect required noise sources data;
- Predict potential noise impacts at the nearest potentially affected receptors to the site;
- Assess potential noise impacts against relevant legislation and guidelines;
- Recommend general ameliorative measures/control solutions (where required); and



- Compile this report with concise statements of potential noise impact.

To aid in the review of this report, supporting documentation has been referenced within this report. A glossary of terminology is included in Attachment 1.

## **2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

### **2.1 SITE LOCATION**

The 14-16 Kiora Crescent, Yennora, Lot 49 DP 18211 and Lot 50 DP18211 is located in the middle of an industrial area.

The land is situated within the Local Government area of Cumberland Council.

The site location is shown in Figure 2-1 and the site aerial is presented in Figure 2-2.

The proposed site layout is shown in in Figure 2-3.

Figure 2-1: Site Location

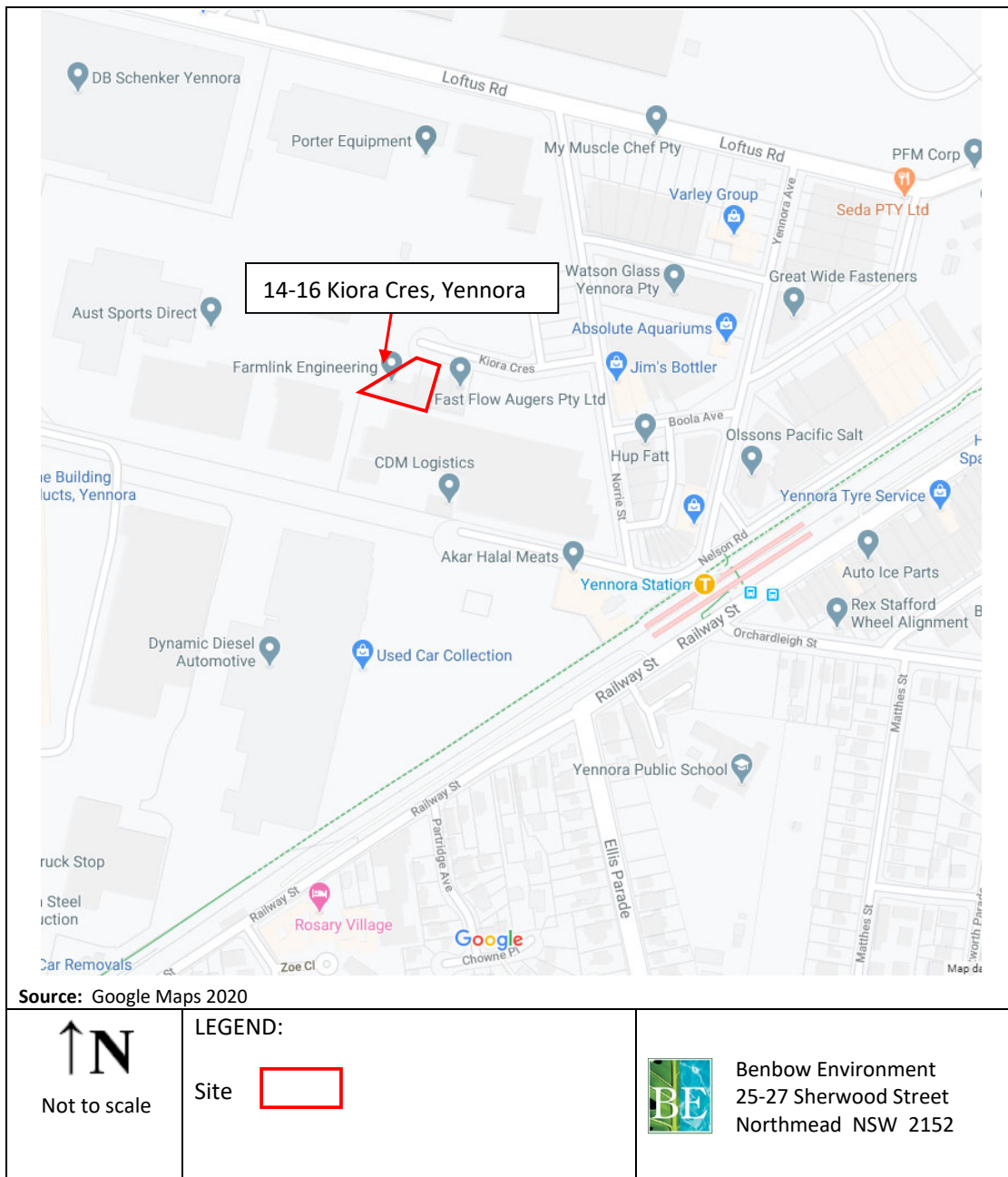


Figure 2-2: Site Aerial



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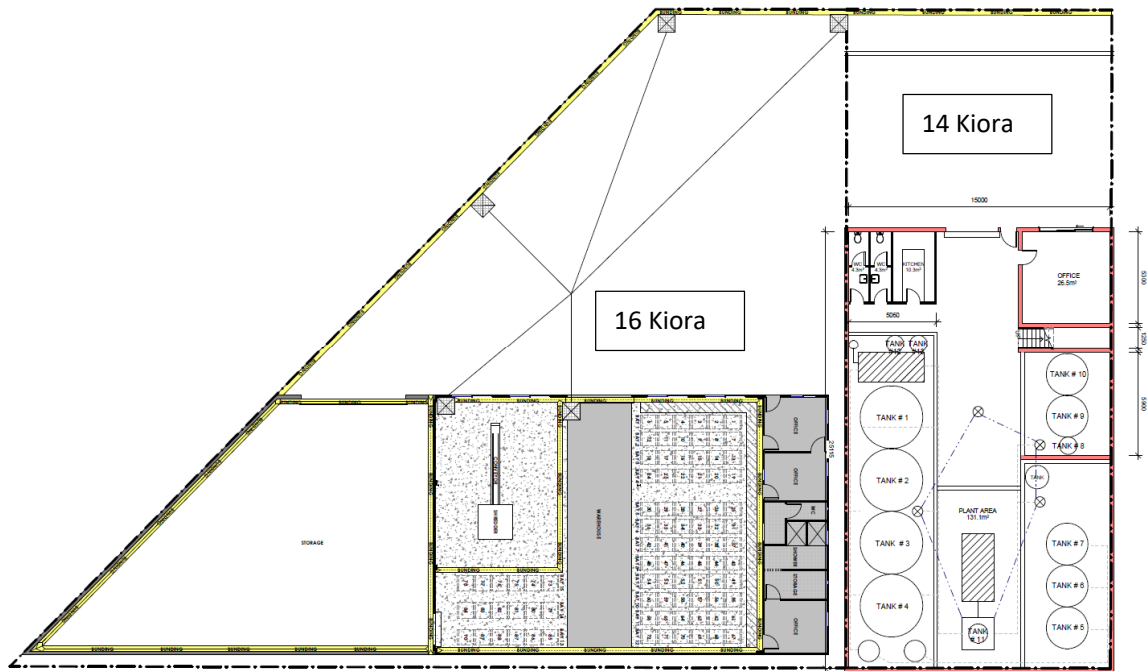
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Figure 2-3: Proposed site layout





## 2.2 PROCESS DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the facility is to receive waste liquids and process the liquid so suitably cleaned water is removed for discharge to tradewaste and remaining sludges are sent on by a licenced waste contractor to be further processed, predominantly as grease trap waste.

The processes involved in the site operations are as follows:

1. Waste liquids are collected from sites throughout the Sydney Metropolitan Area. Most of the liquids are collected from special purpose tanks which separate the solid residues from the liquids, minimising the solids collected. The waste liquids are collected via vacuum tankers. The vacuum pump is mounted on the truck and runs on the truck's diesel engine. A flexible hose connected to the pump and tank intake transfers the liquid through the intake nozzle, hose assembly and then into the tank. A pressure valve allows the displaced air to be released to the atmosphere.
2. The liquids are delivered to the recycling facility. Vacuum trucks reverse into the unloading area located inside the building at 14 Kiora Crescent. Pallets of out-of-date liquid product/food waste for destruction are also delivered to the site and unloaded in the external area outside the building at 16 Kiora Crescent and immediately transferred inside the building.
3. A flexible hose connected to the outlet point of the tanker truck delivering to the building on 14 Kiora Crescent and is connected to a filter which removes any solids. The filtration devices are on wheels and can be manoeuvred such that a flexible hose connected to the outlet of the filter connected to any one of the tanks within the facility. Typically tanks on the eastern side of the facility (14 Kiora Crescent) are assigned to oily liquid wastes (grease trap waste (K110); waste oil/hydrocarbons mixtures/emulsions in water (J120); surfactants (M250)) and tanks on the western side of the facility store other organic liquid wastes such as stormwater/sewage sludge & residues (K130) and landfill leachates (N205).
4. Solids from the filters are manually transferred to a storage bin that once full is classified in accordance with waste guidelines and sent accordingly to a licenced landfill.
5. The waste liquids are pumped from the tankers using the main pump within the facility not the tanker pump, which is connected to a series of settling tanks and pipework at the facility. The main pumps flow direction and valves throughout the facility controls the movement of liquid waste depending on the operations which vary dependant on volumes of different wastes received.
6. Before final treatment, the majority of the waste liquid destined for tradewaste is pumped from the storage tanks into the DAF (Dissolved air flotation) which separates the solid and remaining oil from the water.
7. Oil and sludge are transferred from the DAF to small storage tanks near the DAF. This is removed from site by a licenced waste contractor to be processed as grease trap waste.
8. Wastewater from the DAF is discharged to the Sydney Water sewer under a Trade Wastewater Agreement.



9. The pallets transferred to the 16 Kiora Crescent building where out-of date liquids are fed onto a conveyor and shredded. The shredder removes the liquid from the packaging to be transferred into IBCs (1000L container). Any packaging unsuitable for handling are manually poured into IBCs. Packaging is recycled. The liquid waste are either sent offsite for reuse or further processed at within the 14 Kiora Crescent Building.

## **2.3 HOURS OF OPERATIONS**

The facility proposes to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### 3. NEAREST SENSITIVE RECEPTORS



Table 3-1 identifies the nearest sensitive receptors that have the potential to be affected by the proposal. The aerial photographs of the sensitive receivers are shown in Figure 3-1. These receptors were selected based on their proximity and directional bearing from the subject site.

Table 3-1: Residential and Non-Residential Receivers

Receptor ID	Address	Lot & DP	Approx. Distance from Proposed Development	Type of Receptor
R1	2A Ellis Parade, Yennora	Lot 1 DP553522	330 m SSE	Residential
R2	45 Railway Street, Yennora	Lot 3 DP 574732	755 m ENE	Residential
R3	66 Byron Road, Guildford	Lot 2 DP 975284	965 m NE	Residential
R4	58 Tamplin Road, Guildford	Lot 7 DP 31391	920 m NNE	Residential
R5	45 Dennistoun Avenue, Guildford West	Lot 118 DP 10981	910 m N	Residential
R6	89 Dennistoun Avenue, Guildford West	Lot 50 DP 39199	1135 m NW	Residential
R7	28 Ace Avenue, Fairfield	Lot 30 DP 539236	830 m W	Residential
R8	17 Pine Road, Fairfield	Lot 39 DP 13605	645 m SW	Residential
R9	104 Railway Street, Yennora	Lot 5 DP 812983	425 m SSW	Residential
R10	Yennora Public School 1-9 Orchardleigh Street, Yennora	Lot 1 DP 447926	335 m SW	School/ Childcare Centre
R11	Mini Masterminds Guildford 16 Junction Street, Old Guildford	Lot 1 DP 509537	1070 m ENE	School/ Childcare Centre
R12	Fairfield High School 405 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield	Lot 1 DP 1063605	710 m W	School/ Childcare Centre
R13	Fairfield Road Park 241 Fairfield Road, Yennora	Lot 23 DP 610787	1020 m WNW	Active Recreation
R14	12 Kiora Crescent, Yennora	Lot 48 DP 18211	Adjacent E	Industrial
R15	27-49 Nelson Road, Yennora	Lot 1 DP 746982	Adjacent S	Industrial
R16	1 Norrie Street, Yennora	Lot 9 DP 1233715	130 m N	Industrial

Figure 3-1: Receptor Locations



Legend: Site  Receptor 



## 4. EXISTING ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

The level of background and ambient noise is assessed separately for the daytime, evening and night time assessment periods. The NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017) defines these periods as follows:

- **Day** is defined as 7.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday and 8.00am to 6.00pm Sundays and Public Holidays;
- **Evening** is defined as 6.00pm to 10.00pm, Monday to Sunday and Public Holidays; and
- **Night** is defined as 10.00pm to 7.00am, Monday to Saturday and 10.00pm to 8.00am Sundays and Public Holidays.

Unattended long-term noise monitoring was undertaken from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at a representative residential location.

### 4.1 NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND METHODOLOGY

The background noise level measurements were carried out using a Svantek SVAN 957 Precision Sound Level Meter (attended noise monitoring), and one (1) Acoustic Research Laboratories statistical Environmental Noise Logger, type EL-215 (unattended noise monitoring). The instrument sets complied with AS IEC 61672.1–2004 and was calibrated by a NATA accredited laboratory within two years of the measurement period. Calibration certificates have been included in Attachment 2.

Measurements of background and ambient noise levels were carried out in accordance with the Australian Standard AS 1055–1997 *Acoustics – Description and measurements of environmental noise* – Part 1 and Part 2 and the NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry 2017.

To ensure accuracy and reliability in the results, field reference checks were applied both before and after the measurement period with an acoustic calibrator. There were no excessive variances observed in the reference signal between the pre-measurement and post-measurement calibration. The instruments were set on A-weighted Fast response and noise levels were measured over 15-minute statistical intervals. QA/QC procedures applied for the measurement and analysis of noise levels have been presented in Attachment 3. The microphones were fitted with windsocks and were positioned between 1.2 and 1.5 meters above ground level.

Details of the instrumentation and setting utilised are provided in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: Instrumentation and Setup Details

Type of Monitoring	Equipment	Serial Number	Setup Details
Long-term Unattended	ARL-215	194702	A-weighted Fast Response 15 minute integration period
Short-term Attended	Svantek SVAN957 Type 1 Integrating Sound and Vibration analyser	15335	Three channels: A-weighted Fast Response C-weighted Fast Response A-weighted Impulse Response 15 minute integration period 1/3 octave band recorded every 100 ms Logger file Recorded at steps of 100 ms

## 4.2 MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS

The environmental noise logger was utilised to measure the existing ambient and background noise levels. Unattended long-term noise monitoring was undertaken from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at one (1) residential location. An attended noise measurement was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at one (1) residential location at 95 Railway Street, Yennora.

The noise logger location is shown in Figure 4-1 and listed in Table 4-2. Noise logger charts are presented in Attachment 4.

Table 4-2: Noise Monitoring Location

Monitoring Location	Methodology	Address
A	Attended monitoring and unattended monitoring	95 Railway Street, Yennora

Figure 4-1: Logger Location



## 4.3 MEASURED NOISE LEVELS

### 4.3.1 Short Term Operator Attended Noise Monitoring Results

Attended noise monitoring was conducted on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in order to gain an understanding of the background noise sources of the area. Noise contributions were obtained from ambient noise sources such as local fauna, road traffic and industrial sources. The results of the short-term attended noise monitoring are displayed in Table 4-3.

The attended measurements showed that the background noise levels were dominated by road traffic and noise from trains passing by.

Table 4-3: Operator Attended Noise Measurements, dB(A)

Location & Date/Time	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	Comments
Location A Tuesday 24/09/2019 11:50am Daytime Period	63	42	67	74	Truck Passing <79 dB(A) Car Passing <75 dB(A) Train <74 dB(A) Plane <58 dB(A) Residential Noise <57 dB(A) Birds <56 dB(A) Nearby work site <56 dB(A)

### 4.3.2 Long-Term Unattended Noise Monitoring Results

The data was analysed to determine a single assessment background level (ABL) for each day, evening and night time period, in accordance with the NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry. That is, the ABL is established by determining the lowest tenth-percentile level of the L<sub>A90</sub> noise data over each period of interest. The background noise level or rating background level (RBL) representing the day, evening and night assessment periods is based on the median of individual ABL's determined over the entire monitoring period. The results of the long-term unattended noise monitoring are displayed in Table 4-4. Daily noise logger graphs have been included in Attachment 3.

Only 5 full day time periods were obtained during the long term unattended measurements due to inclement weather conditions. From the logger graphs provided in Attachment 3 the 5 days are representative of the daily noise patterns throughout the period of monitoring, furthermore the development will operate during the night which will provide a more stringent criterion. Therefore additional monitoring is not required.



Table 4-4: Unattended Noise Monitoring Results at 95 Railway Street, Yennora dB(A)

Date	Average L <sub>1</sub>			Average L <sub>10</sub>			ABL (L <sub>90</sub> )			L <sub>eq</sub>		
	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
24/09/2019	73	73	71	67	67	64	41	43	41	63	62	60
25/09/2019	-	74	72	-	67	60	-	42	40	-	63	60
26/09/2019	-	72	72	-	67	59	-	42	38	-	62	62
27/09/2019	72	73	71	67	67	60	42	46	38	63	63	60
28/09/2019	-	72	-	-	67	-	-	43	-	-	61	-
29/09/2019	-	71	71	-	66	57	-	42	36	-	61	58
30/09/2019	-	73	72	-	67	58	-	40	36	-	62	60
1/10/2019	-	73	71	-	67	58	-	44	37	-	62	60
2/10/2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/10/2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4/10/2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/10/2019	72	71	-	68	66	-	43	41	-	63	62	-
6/10/2019	71	71	71	66	65	60	42	43	38	61	61	59
7/10/2019	70	-	70	64	-	56	39	-	38	59	-	58
Average	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>59</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
Median (RBL)	*	*	*	*	*	*	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	*	*	*
Logarithmic Average	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>

**Note:** - Indicates values that has not been considered due to adverse weather conditions.

\* Indicates values that are not relevant to that noise descriptor.

Value in bold indicates relevant noise descriptor.

A) Value removed as an outlier in total logarithmic average

## 5. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Wind and temperature inversions may affect the noise impact at the receptors. Therefore noise enhancing weather conditions should be assessed when wind and temperature inversions are considered to be a feature of the area.

A site-representative meteorological data file was obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) for the Bankstown Airport Automatic Weather Station (AWS ID 066137). In this Section, an analysis of the 2018 weather data has been conducted to establish whether significant winds are characteristic of the area.

### 5.1 WIND EFFECTS

Wind is considered to be a feature where source-to-receiver wind speeds (at 10 m height) of 3 m/s or below occur for 30% or more of the time in any assessment period in any season.

#### 5.1.1 Wind Rose Plots

Wind rose plots show the direction that the wind is coming from, with triangles known as “petals”. The petals of the plots in the figures summarise wind direction data into 8 compass directions i.e. north, north-east, east, south-east, etc. The length of the triangles, or “petals”, indicates the frequency that the wind blows from that direction. Longer petals for a given direction indicate a higher frequency of wind from that direction. Each petal is divided into segments, with each segment representing one of the six wind speed classes.

Thus, the segments of a petal show what proportion of wind for a given direction falls into each class. The proportion of time for which wind speed is less than 0.5 m/s, when speed is negligible, is referred to as calm hours or “calms”. Calms are not shown on a wind rose as they have no direction, but the proportion of time consisting of the period under consideration is noted under each wind rose.

The concentric circles in each wind rose are the axis, which denote frequencies. In comparing the plots it should be noted that the axis varies between wind roses, although all wind roses are similar in size. The frequencies denoted on the axes are indicated beneath each wind rose.

#### 5.1.2 Local Wind Trends

Seasonal wind rose plots for this site utilising the Bankstown Airport AWS data have been included in Figure 5-1 to Figure 5-3.

Figure 5-1: Wind Rose Plots– Bureau of Meteorology Bankstown Airport 2018 Daytime (7:00-18:00)

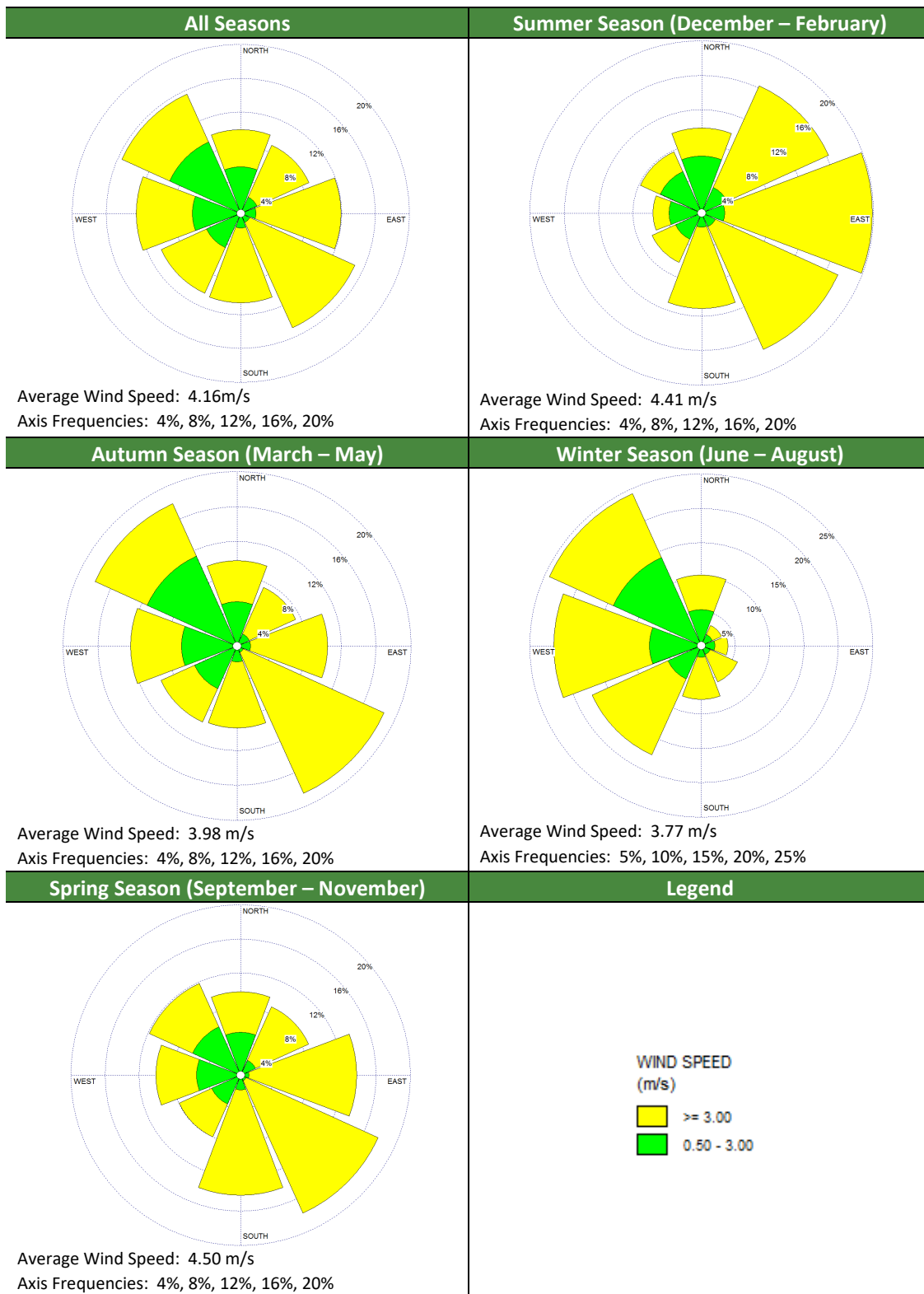


Figure 5-2: Wind Rose Plots– Bureau of Meteorology Bankstown Airport 2018 Evening (18:00-22:00)

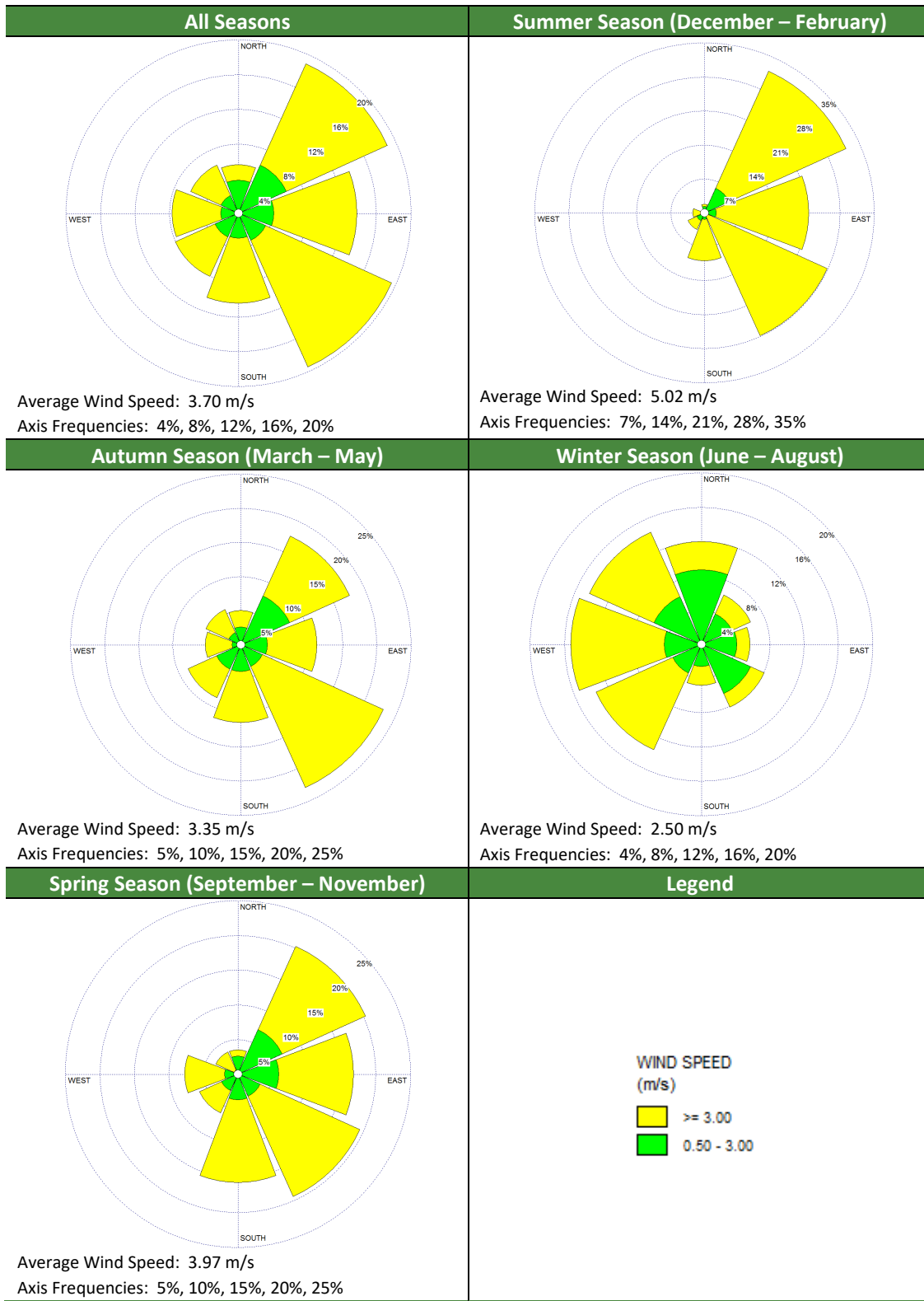
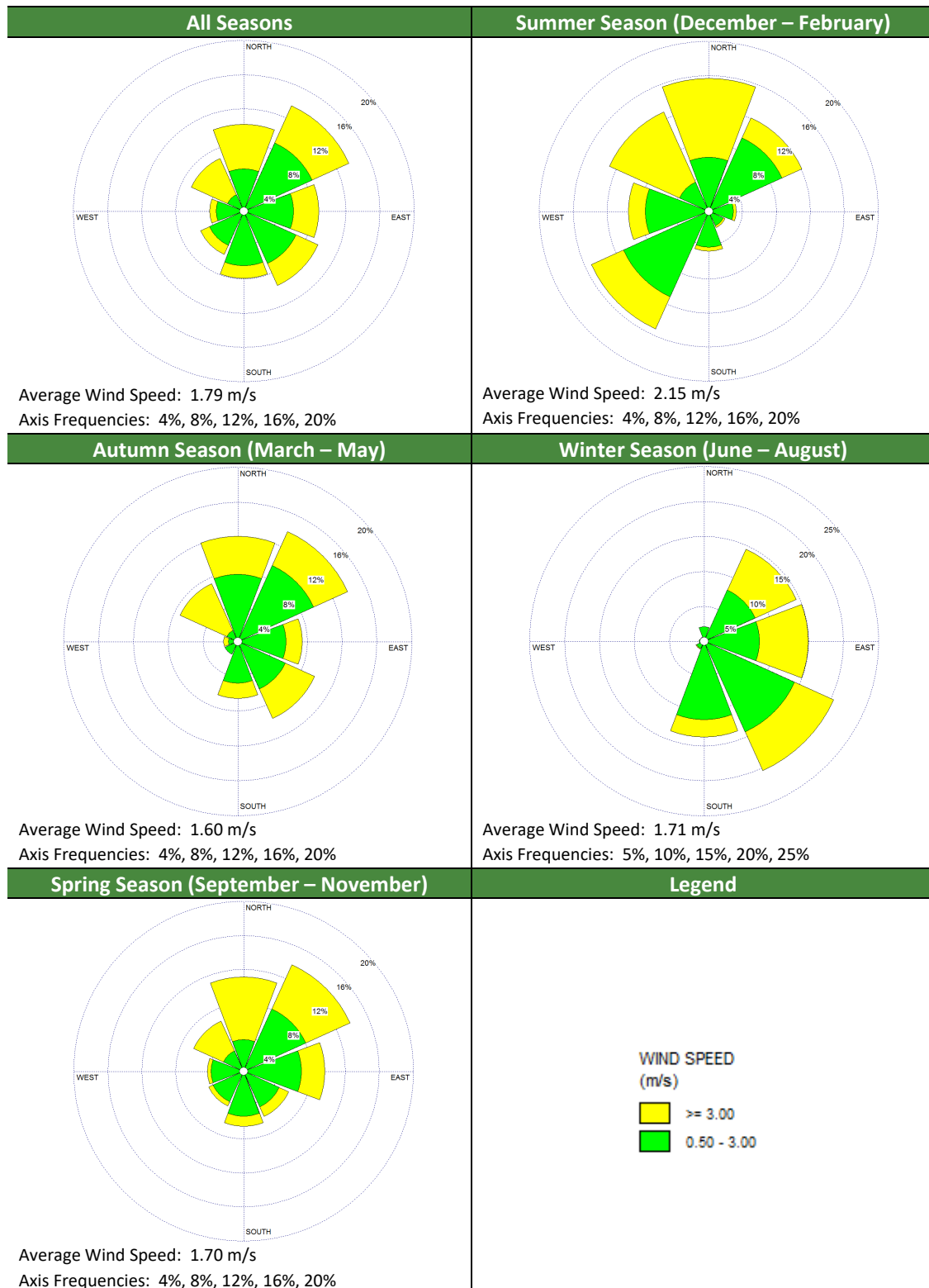


Figure 5-3: Wind Rose Plots– Bureau of Meteorology Bankstown Airport 2018 Night (22:00-7:00)





Appendix D2 of the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017), refers to utilising the Noise Enhancing Wind Analysis (NEWA) program on the NSW EPA website to determine the significance of source-to-receiver winds.

Table 5-1 below contains the noise wind component analysis from the NEWA software. Wind speeds are taken up to 3 m/s and wind direction is taken from source-to-receiver, plus and minus 45 degrees, as per appendix D2 of the Noise Policy for Industry.

It can be seen from Table 5-1 that there are no instances, where more than 30% of wind speeds are less than 3 m/s in the plus and minus 45 degree arc from source to receiver. Therefore, worst case 3 m/s source-to-receiver winds have not been included in the assessment.

Table 5-1: Noise Wind Component Analysis 2018 Bankstown

Receiver	Day				Evening				Night			
	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
R1	13.8	20.9	25	15.7	0.8	4.1	14.7	1.9	4.3	10.9	25.5	8.9
R2	8.9	17.6	19.6	13	2.2	4.1	11.1	1.1	10.9	13.1	21.6	15
R3	5.6	10.2	12.5	8.4	2.5	5.2	8.7	2.7	16.3	19.3	15.1	15.9
R4	5.1	9	9.4	7.3	3.3	8.4	6.8	4.4	18.3	19.4	12.8	16.4
R5	3.1	2.3	1.5	2.3	3.3	7.6	4.1	2.7	6.1	2.7	0.7	2.3
R6	3.7	2.6	2.4	3	3.1	9	10.1	5.8	8.3	3.1	1.4	4.3
R7	5.9	3.6	2.6	3.3	12.8	15.5	12.5	14.6	16.3	2.2	1.6	8.9
R8	10.4	5.6	3.9	7	10.3	14.7	9.5	9.3	17.7	2.5	2.7	9.2
R9	13.1	11.3	13.8	10.3	9.7	13.3	15.5	5.5	13	9.2	17.4	9.8
R10	13.7	21.9	25.9	16.6	0.8	4.1	14.9	2.2	4.3	11.5	26.2	9.2
R11	8.6	16.4	18.5	12.4	2.2	4.9	11.4	1.1	11.8	13.8	20.8	14.9
R12	7.3	4.5	3.1	3.5	10.6	17.7	12.5	12.9	18.2	2.5	1.4	8.9
R13	5.8	3.4	2.5	3	4.7	11.7	11.4	10.2	13.1	2.8	1.4	6.7
R14	9.3	20.1	25	14.3	0.8	3	11.7	1.1	6.1	12.8	22.1	11.4
R15	6.3	3.8	3	3.1	11.7	16	12.2	14.8	17.1	2.1	1.6	8.8
R16	12.9	21.7	26.2	16.4	0.6	4.3	15.2	1.9	4.2	12.1	26.8	9.2
R17	5.3	8.1	8.2	6.5	3.9	9.2	8.2	3.8	18.2	18.1	11	13.9

Noise enhancing meteorological conditions occur for 30% or more of the period and season

## 5.2 TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS

Temperature inversion is considered a feature where this occurs more than 30% of the nights in winter.

Temperature inversion conditions would be best associated with F-class stability conditions – generally associated with still/light winds and clear skies during the night time or early morning period (these are referred to as stable atmospheric conditions).

The analysis conducted on the 2018 weather data highlighted that during winter 32.4% of the nights presented temperature inversion conditions, therefore these effects have been included in the noise impact assessment.

### 5.2.1 Weather Conditions Considered in the Assessment

The following conditions will be considered in this noise impact assessment considered:

- Neutral Weather Conditions.
- Temperature Inversion

Details of the considered meteorological conditions have been displayed in Table 5-2.

Table 5-2: Meteorological Conditions Assessed in Noise Propagation Modelling

Classification	Ambient Temp.	Ambient Humidity	Wind Speed	Wind Direction (blowing from)	Temperature Inversion	Affected Receiver	Applicability
Neutral	10 °C	70%	0 m/s	-	No	All	All periods
Inversion	10 °C	70%	2 m/s	Source to receiver	3°C/100 m	All	Night period



## 6. CURRENT LEGISLATION AND GUIDELINES

### 6.1 NSW EPA NOISE POLICY FOR INDUSTRY

The NSW Noise Policy for Industry was developed by the NSW EPA primarily for the assessment of noise emissions from industrial sites regulated by the NSW EPA.

The policy sets out two components that are used to assess potential site-related noise impacts. The intrusiveness noise level aims at controlling intrusive noise impacts in the short-term for residences. The amenity noise level aims at maintaining a suitable amenity for particular land uses including residences in the long-term. The more stringent of the intrusiveness or amenity level becomes the project noise trigger levels for the project.

#### 6.1.1 Project Intrusiveness Noise Level

The project intrusiveness noise level is determined as follows:

$$L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ minute}} = \text{rating background noise level} + 5 \text{ dB}$$

Where the  $L_{Aeq, (15 \text{ minute})}$  is the predicted or measured  $L_{Aeq}$  from noise generated within the project site over a fifteen minute interval at the receptor.

This is to be assessed at the most affected point on or within the residential property boundary or if that is more than 30 m from the residence, at the most affected point within 30 m of the residential dwelling.

#### 6.1.2 Amenity Noise Level

To limit continuing increases in noise levels, the maximum ambient noise level within an area from industrial noise sources should not normally exceed the acceptable noise levels specified in Table 2.2 of the NSW Noise Policy for Industry 2017. The relevant recommended noise levels applicable are reproduced in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1: Amenity noise levels.

Receiver	Noise Amenity Area	Time of Day	L <sub>Aeq</sub> dB(A)
			Recommended amenity noise level
Residential	Suburban	Day	55
		Evening	45
		Night	40
Active Recreation	All	When in use	55
School Classroom	All	Noisiest 1-hour period when in use	Internal: 40 <sup>1</sup>
			External: 50 <sup>2</sup>
Industrial Premises	All	When in use	70

**Source:** Table 2.2 and Section 2.6, NSW Noise Policy for Industry

**Note: 1)** In the case where existing schools are affected by noise from existing sources, the acceptable L<sub>Aeq</sub> noise level may be increased to L<sub>Aeq</sub> 1 hour.

**2)** Where internal amenity noise levels are specified, they refer to the noise level at the centre of the habitable room that is most exposed to the noise and apply with windows opened sufficiently to provide adequate ventilation, except where alternative means of ventilation complying with the Building Code of Australia are provided. In cases where gaining internal access for monitoring is difficult, then external noise levels 10 dB(A) above the internal levels apply.

**The project amenity noise level for industrial developments = recommended amenity noise level minus 5 dB(A)**

*The following exceptions to the above method to derive the project amenity noise levels apply:*

- 1. In areas with high traffic noise levels*
- 2. In proposed developments in major industrial clusters*
- 3. Where the resultant project amenity noise level is 10 dB or more lower than the existing industrial noise level. In this case the project amenity noise levels can be set at 10 dB below existing industrial noise levels if it can be demonstrated that existing industrial noise levels are unlikely to reduce over time.*
- 4. Where cumulative industrial noise is not a necessary consideration because no other industries are present in the area, or likely to be introduced into the area in the future. In such cases the relevant amenity noise level is assigned as the project amenity noise level for development.*

This development is not considered to be captured by the above exceptions.

### 6.1.3 Sleep Disturbance Criteria

In accordance with the NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry, the potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from premises during the night-time period needs to be considered. Sleep disturbance is considered to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages.

Where the subject development/premises night-time noise levels at a residential location exceed:

- $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ minute}}$  **40 dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater, and/or**
- $L_{AFmax}$  **52 dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 15 dB, whichever is the greater,**

A detailed maximum noise level assessment should be undertaken.

#### **6.1.4 Project Noise Trigger Levels**

The project noise trigger levels for the site have been established in accordance with the principles and methodologies of the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017).

Table 6-2 below presents the rating background level, project intrusive noise level, recommended amenity noise level, and project amenity noise level. The project noise trigger level is the lowest value of intrusiveness or project amenity noise level after conversion to  $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ minute}}$ , dB(A) equivalent level.

Different time periods apply for the noise criteria as the intrusive criterion considers a 15 minute assessment period while the amenity criterion requires assessment over the total length of time that a site is operational within each day, evening or night period. In order to ensure compliance under all circumstances, a 15 minute period assessment has been considered for all receptors.



Table 6-2: Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTL) for Operational Activities, dB(A)

Receiver	Type of Receptor	Time of day	Rating background noise level	Project intrusiveness noise level ( $L_{eq}(15 \text{ minute})$ )	Recommended amenity noise level $L_{Aeq \text{ period}}$	Project amenity noise level $L_{Aeq \text{ 15 minute}}^1$	PNTL $L_{Aeq \text{ 15 minute}}$	Sleep Disturbance $L_{Amax}$
R1-R9	Residential - Suburban	Day	42	<b>47</b>	55	53	<b>47</b>	-
		Evening	42	47	45	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	-
		Night	38	43	40	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>52</b>
R10-R12	School Classroom (Childcare Centre)	Noisiest 1-hour period when in use	-	-	$L_{Aeq \text{ 1hr}} = 50$ (external)	50 <sup>2</sup>	<b>50</b>	-
R13	Active Recreation	When in use	-	-	55	53	<b>53</b>	-
R14-R17	Industrial	When in use	-	-	70	68	<b>68</b>	-

Notes:

- 1) These levels have been converted to  $L_{Aeq \text{ 15 minute}}$  using the following:  $L_{Aeq \text{ 15 minute}} = L_{Aeq \text{ period}} + 3 \text{ dB}$  (NSW Noise Policy for Industry Section 2.2).
- 2) This value has been conservatively assumed that  $L_{Aeq \text{ 15 minute}}$  is equivalent to  $L_{Aeq \text{ 1hr}}$ .

## 6.2 NSW EPA ROAD NOISE POLICY

The NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP) has been adopted to establish the noise criteria for the potential noise impact associated with additional traffic generated by the proposal. The RNP was developed by the NSW EPA primarily to identify the strategies that address the issue of road traffic noise from:

- Existing roads;
- New road projects;
- Road redevelopment projects; and
- New traffic-generating developments.

### 6.2.1 Road Category

Vehicles are proposed to access the site from Kiora Crescent. There are no residents located along Kiora Crescent. The closest residents are located adjacent to Military Road a 'sub-arterial road' and Pine Road, Fairfield Road and Polding Street North, 'local roads'.

### 6.2.2 Noise Assessment Criteria

Section 2.3 of the RNP outlines the criteria for assessing road traffic noise. The relevant Section of Table 3 of the RNP is shown in Table 6-3.

Table 6-3: Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria For Residential Land Uses, dB(A)

Road Category	Type of Project/Land Use	Assessment Criteria, dB(A)*	
		Day (7am-10pm)	Night (10pm-7am)
Sub-arterial roads	3. Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing arterial roads generated by land use developments	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 hour) 60 dB (external)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (9 hour) 55 dB (external)
Local roads	6. Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (1 hour) 55 dB (external)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (1 hour) 50 dB (external)

\* measured at 1 m from a building façade.

### 6.2.3 Relative Increase Criteria

In addition to the assessment criteria outlined above, any increase in the total traffic noise level at a location due to a proposed project or traffic-generating development, must be considered. Residences experiencing increases in total traffic noise levels above the relative criteria should also be considered for mitigation as described in Section 3.4 of the RNP. For road projects where the main subject road is a local road, the relative increase criterion does not apply.



Table 6 of the RNP outlines the relative increase criteria for residential land uses, with the details applicable to this project shown in Table 6-4.

Table 6-4: Relative Increase Criteria For Residential Land Uses, dB(A)

Road Category	Type of Project/Land Use	Total Traffic Noise Level Increase, dB(A)	
		Day (7am-10pm)	Night (10pm-7am)
Sub-arterial roads	Land use development with potential to generate additional traffic on existing road	Existing traffic $L_{Aeq}(15 \text{ hour}) + 12 \text{ dB}$ (external)	Existing traffic $L_{Aeq}(9 \text{ hour}) + 12 \text{ dB}$ (external)

The assessment criteria provided in Table 6-3 and the relative increase criteria provided in Table 6-4 should both be considered when designing project specific noise levels. When existing traffic levels are below the criteria in Table 6-3, the lower of the relative increase criteria and the assessment criteria in Table 6-4 should be adopted. For example, if the assessment criteria is 60 dB(A) and the relative increase criteria is 42 dB(A), then a project specific noise level of 42 dB(A) should be adopted. Similarly, if the assessment criteria is 60 dB(A) and the relative increase criteria is 65 dB(A), a project specific noise level of 60 dB(A) should be adopted.

#### 6.2.4 Exceedance of Criteria

If the criteria shown in both Table 6-3 and Table 6-4 cannot be achieved, justification should be provided that all feasible and reasonable mitigation measures have been applied.

For existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by additional traffic on existing roads generated by land use developments, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB above that of the corresponding 'no build option'.



## 6.2.5 Assessment Locations for Existing Land Uses

Table 6-5: Assessment Locations for Existing Land Uses

Assessment Type	Assessment Location
External noise levels at residences	<p>The noise level should be assessed at 1 metre from the façade and at a height of 1.5 metres from the floor.</p> <p>Separate noise criteria should be set and assessment carried out for each façade of a residence, except in straightforward situations where the residential façade most affected by road traffic noise can be readily identified.</p> <p>The residential noise level criterion includes an allowance for noise reflected from the façade ('façade correction'). Therefore, when taking a measurement in the free field where reflection during measurement is unlikely (as, for instance, when measuring open land before a residence is built), an appropriate correction – generally 2.5 dB – should be added to the measured value. The 'façade correction' should not be added to measurements taken 1 metre from the façade of an existing building. Free measurements should be taken at least 15 metres from any wall, building or other reflecting pavement surface on the opposite side of the roadway, and at least 3.5 metres from any wall, building or other pavement surface, behind or at the sides of the measurement point which would reflect the sound.</p>
Noise levels at multi-level residential buildings	<p>The external points of reference for measurement are the two floors of the building that are most exposed to traffic noise.</p> <p>On other floors, the internal noise level should be at least 10 dB less than the relevant external noise level on the basis of openable windows being opened sufficiently to provide adequate ventilation. (Refer to the Building Code of Australia (Australian Building Codes Board 2010) for additional information.)</p>
Internal noise levels	<p>Internal noise levels refer to the noise level at the centre of the habitable room that is most exposed to the traffic noise with openable windows being opened sufficiently to provide adequate ventilation. (Refer to the Building Code of Australia (Australian Building Codes Board 2010) for additional information.)</p>
Open space – passive or active use	<p>The noise level is to be assessed at the time(s) and location(s) regularly attended by people using the space. In this regard, 'regular' attendance at a location means at least once a week.</p>



## 6.2.6 Road Traffic Project Specific Noise Levels

The selected project specific noise levels associated with road traffic noise are presented in Table 6-6.

Table 6-6: Project Specific Noise Levels Associated with Road Traffic, dB(A)

Receptor along	Period	Assessment Criteria
Military Road (Sub-arterial Road)	Day	60 L <sub>Aeq</sub> , 15 hour
	Night	55 L <sub>Aeq</sub> , 9 hour
Pine Road/ Fairfield Road/ Polding Street North (Local Roads)	Day	55 L <sub>Aeq</sub> , 1 hour
	Night	50 L <sub>Aeq</sub> , 1 hour





## 7. OPERATIONAL NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 7.1 MODELLING METHODOLOGY

#### 7.1.1 Noise Model

Noise propagation modelling was carried out using the Concawe algorithm within SoundPLAN v7.3. This model has been extensively utilised by Benbow Environmental for assessing noise emissions for existing and proposed developments, and is recognised by regulatory authorities throughout Australia. The model allows for the prediction of noise from a site at the specified receptor, by calculating the contribution of each noise source. Other model inputs included the noise sources, topographical features of the subject area, surrounding buildings and receiver locations.

The modelling stages have been carried out using both  $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ minutes}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$  descriptors. Using these descriptors, noise emission levels were predicted at the nearest potentially affected sensitive receptors to determine the noise impact against the relevant noise criteria in accordance with the NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry.

#### 7.1.2 Assumptions Made for Noise Modelling

It should be noted that the relevant assessment period for operational noise emissions has been considered to be 15 minutes. Therefore noise source durations detailed in the following assumptions should be considered per 15 minute period in view of potential noise impacts under worst-case scenarios. Each assessment-specific assumption has been detailed below:

- Topographical information was obtained from Google Earth.
- Heights of the on-site buildings have been taken from measurements upon the site visit and from google maps.
- Off-site structures such as warehouses and buildings surrounding the project site have been included in the model.
- The site building at 14 Kiora Crescent has been modelled as an industrial building with internal sources. The setbacks are as shown on the site plans. The industrial building walls have been modelled as lightweight concrete blocks 175 mm thick ( $R_w = 46 \text{ dB}$ ). The roof is considered to be constructed of 1 mm sheet steel ( $R_w = 25 \text{ dB}$ ). The roller shutter doors have been modelled in the open position.
- The walls of the site building at 16 Kiora Crescent have been modelled as perforated brick 115 mm thick ( $R_w = 48 \text{ dB}$ ). The roof is considered to be constructed out of Trimdek 0.48 ( $R_w = 22 \text{ dB}$ ). The roller shutter doors have been modelled in the open position.
- All receptors were modelled at 1.5 m above ground level.
- All ground areas have been modelled considering different ground factors ranging from 0 to 1 (Hard to Soft ground). The subject site and immediate surrounding industrial area have been modelled with a ground absorption factor of 0. The residential areas to the north of the site



have been modelled with a ground absorption factor of 0.5. Parklands and bushland areas have been modelled with a ground absorption coefficient of 1.

- Trucks have been modelled considering two moving point sources at heights of 1.5 m and 3 m above ground level in order to account for the engine (1.5 m) and the exhaust outlet (3 m). An on-site speed of 10 km/hr has been considered.
- One (1) truck has been modelled entering and leaving both 14 and 16 Kiora Crescent over a 15 minute period to envisage a worst case scenario.
- Internal noise sources associated with the site activities (i.e. air compressor and pump at 14 Kiora Crescent and the conveyor, shredder and material handling at 16 Kiora Crescent) have been modelled as operational for 100% of the operational hours of the site.
- The forklifts have been assumed to operate for 100% of the 15 minute period.

An outline of the noise sources and operational noise modelling stages has been provided below.

### 7.1.3 Noise Sources

The sound power levels for the identified noise sources associated with the operational activities are shown in Table 7-1 below. The sound power levels have been calculated from measurements of sound pressure levels taken at the existing site, as well as from Benbow Environmental's extensive noise source database.

Table 7-1: A-weighted Sound Power Levels Associated with Operational Activities, dB(A)

Noise Source	L <sub>Max</sub>	Overall L <sub>Aeq</sub>	Third Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)									
			25	31	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200
			250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k
			2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k	6.3k	8k	10k	12.5k	16k	20k
Truck Engine	106	103	44	48	57	65	70	73	78	78	80	82
			83	85	94	98	94	96	89	88	82	87
			85	84	82	83	83	82	78	-	-	-
Truck Exhaust	104	101	42	46	55	63	68	71	76	76	78	80
			81	83	92	96	92	94	87	86	80	85
			83	82	80	81	81	80	76	-	-	-
Pump	-	102	40	44	45	76	72	63	69	68	75	75
			78	78	81	85	84	87	93	91	95	93
			93	92	90	89	87	80	72	68	57	40
Air Compressor	-	95	33	38	46	53	56	65	66	68	69	76
			86	76	81	89	84	82	87	83	83	81
			80	78	78	71	68	64	57	53	46	37
LPG Forklift	94	92	36	59	61	51	65	66	77	68	60	62
			66	69	74	81	78	78	81	85	84	84
			81	75	71	71	65	63	56	51	45	42
Shredder	-	101	34	36	39	45	48	58	65	71	78	81
			82	84	88	91	91	93	90	92	90	90

Table 7-1: A-weighted Sound Power Levels Associated with Operational Activities, dB(A)

Noise Source	LMax	Overall LAeq	Third Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)									
			25	31	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200
			250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k
			2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k	6.3k	8k	10k	12.5k	16k	20k
			88	87	87	86	82	78	73	68	62	54
Material Handling	-	106	-	12	-	-	33	-	-	48	-	-
			63	-	-	75	-	-	82	-	-	86
			-	-	88	-	-	88	-	-	76	-
Conveyor	-	80	29	31	29	35	38	49	45	49	53	57
			57	65	68	70	68	71	70	72	71	70
			63	63	59	56	52	49	44	42	36	29

#### 7.1.4 Noise Modelling Scenarios

Two operational scenarios were considered in the noise model. The first scenario considered a situation in which all equipment were running for 100% of the time over the 15 minute assessment period, with two vehicle movement being considered within a 15 minute period. It is understood that the air compressor generally does not run for a full 15 minute period, therefore both scenarios present a conservative analysis and are considered worst case. The second scenario considers a full operational scenario but with temperature inversion weather conditions.

The equipment list for the operational scenarios is detailed in Table 7-2, with an equipment location diagram in Figure 7-1.

Table 7-2: Modelled Scenarios for Proposed Operations

Stage	Time of the day	Noise Sources for Worst 15-minute Period
Scenario 1. All operations Neutral Weather Conditions	24/7	<p><b>14 Kiora Crescent</b></p> <p>Indoor Noise Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pump</li> <li>• Air compressor</li> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Noise sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> <li>• LPG Forklift</li> </ul> <p><b>16 Kiora Crescent</b></p> <p>Indoor Noise Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveyor</li> <li>• Shredder</li> <li>• Material Handling</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Noise sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> <li>• LPG Forklift</li> </ul>
Scenario 2. All operations Temperature Inversions	24/7	<p><b>14 Kiora Crescent</b></p> <p>Indoor Noise Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pump</li> <li>• Air compressor</li> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Noise sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> <li>• LPG Forklift</li> </ul> <p><b>16 Kiora Crescent</b></p> <p>Indoor Noise Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveyor</li> <li>• Shredder</li> <li>• Material Handling</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Noise sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Truck Engine</li> <li>• Truck Exhaust</li> <li>• LPG Forklift</li> </ul>

Figure 7-1: Operational noise sources - 14 Kiora Crescent





## **7.2 OPERATIONAL PREDICTED NOISE LEVELS**

Results of the predictive noise modelling are shown in Table 7-3 for the two scenarios.

During the day, evening and night periods the operational noise levels are predicted to comply with the Noise Policy for Industry at all receivers for both weather scenarios. During standard operations, sleep disturbance is not expected to occur at any residential receiver.

It is therefore concluded that the proposed site activities will not have a detrimental impact on surrounding receivers. Proactive noise control measures are recommended in Section 7.3.

Table 7-3: Predicted Noise Levels – Operational Activities dB(A)

Receptor	Project Criteria $L_{eq}(15 \text{ minute})$			Project Criteria $L_{Amax}$	Scenario 1		Scenario 2	
	Day	Evening	Night		Predicted $L_{Aeq}(15 \text{ minute})$	Predicted $L_{Amax}$	Predicted $L_{Aeq}(15 \text{ minute})$	Predicted $L_{Amax}$
R1	47	43	38	52	22 ✓	32 ✓	26 ✓	37 ✓
R2	47	43	38	52	29 ✓	38 ✓	34 ✓	43 ✓
R3	47	43	38	52	26 ✓	38 ✓	32 ✓	44 ✓
R4	47	43	38	52	29 ✓	39 ✓	35 ✓	45 ✓
R5	47	43	38	52	30 ✓	40 ✓	35 ✓	46 ✓
R6	47	43	38	52	26 ✓	36 ✓	31 ✓	43 ✓
R7	47	43	38	52	24 ✓	37 ✓	29 ✓	43 ✓
R8	47	43	38	52	16 ✓	19 ✓	21 ✓	25 ✓
R9	47	43	38	52	19 ✓	29 ✓	24 ✓	34 ✓
R10	50			NA	22 ✓	NA	26 ✓	NA
R11	50			NA	22 ✓	NA	29 ✓	NA
R12	50			NA	26 ✓	NA	31 ✓	NA
R13	53			NA	21 ✓	NA	27 ✓	NA
R14	68			NA	62 ✓	NA	63 ✓	NA
R15	68			NA	42 ✓	NA	43 ✓	NA
R16	68			NA	52 ✓	NA	54 ✓	NA

✓Complies ✗ Non-compliance

### **7.3 RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES**

As mentioned in Section 7.2, operational noise levels are predicted to comply with the project criteria at all receivers.

Whilst further noise controls are not predicted to be required to meet the operational noise criteria, the following management practices are recommended as good practice:

- Prohibition of extended periods of on-site revving/idling;
- Keeping the roller shutter door closed where possible;
- Minimisation of the use of truck exhaust brakes on site;
- Enforcement of low on-site speed limits; and
- On-site vehicles and machinery to be maintained in accordance with a preventative maintenance program to ensure optimum performance and early detection of wearing or noisy components.



## 8. ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A description of the calculation methodology and the noise predictions associated with road traffic has been provided below.

The most likely routes for trucks that have receivers along them would involve travelling along Fairfield Road when heading north, Military Road when heading east, and along Pine Road when heading south and along Polding Street North when heading west as shown in Figure 8-1. The nearest residential receptors to the site along these routes are located along Pine Road, with the closest residential receiver identified as:

- 163 Military Road, Guildford;
- R8, 17 Pine Road, Fairfield;
- 134 Fairfield Road Guildford West; and
- 4 Polding Street North, Fairfield.

Calculation of road traffic noise contribution has been undertaken using SoundPLAN v7.3.

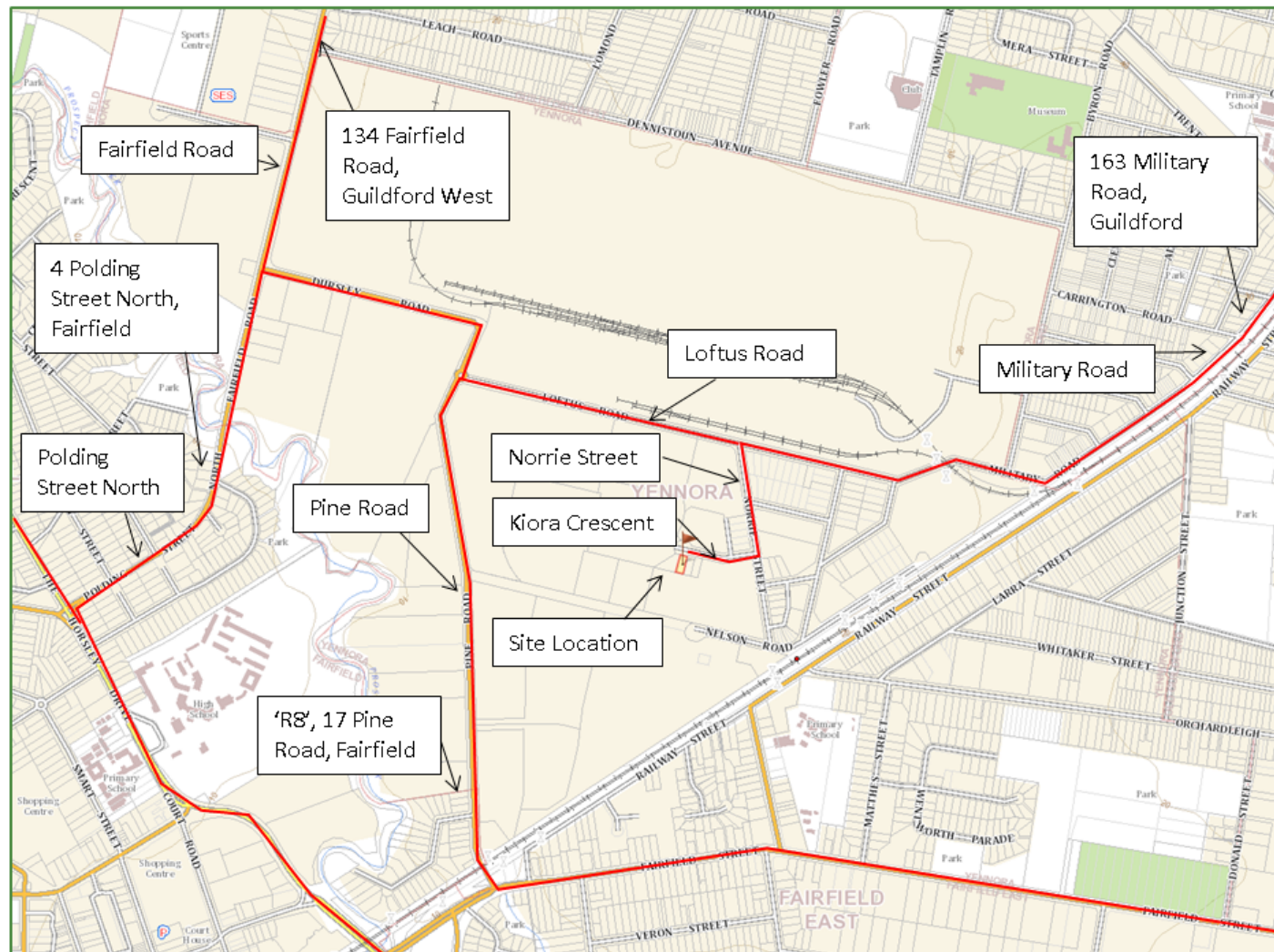
One truck has been considered to pass the residences along local roads: Pine Road, Fairfield Road and Polding Street North, in a 15 minute period, therefore four truck pass bys have been considered to occur in any one hour period in the day. Two trucks per hour have been modelled during the night period along local roads. For the subarterial road, Military Road, truck numbers have been proportionally divided up in their different time periods with 40 trucks per day and 10 trucks per night. The trucks are assumed to travel at the posted speed of 50 km/h along Pine road and Military Road and 60 km/h along Fairfield Road and Polding Street North for daytime and night-time scenarios. Trucks have been modelled considering two moving point sources at heights of 1.5 m and 3 m above ground level in order to account for the engine (1.5 m) and the exhaust outlet (3 m).

The  $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ hour}}$  and  $L_{Aeq, 9 \text{ hour}}$  noise descriptors have been calculated at the most affected residential receptor located along the closest sub-arterial road and the  $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$  noise descriptor has been used for the closest residential receptors along local roads. The predicted noise levels are displayed in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1: Predicted Levels for Road Traffic Noise

Receptor	Local Roads Noise Criteria		Site Contribution	
	Day	Night	Day	Night
163 Military Road, Guildford	60 $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ hour}}$	55 $L_{Aeq, 9 \text{ hour}}$	50 $L_{Aeq, 15 \text{ hour}}$ ✓	46 $L_{Aeq, 9 \text{ hour}}$ ✓
R8, 17 Pine Road, Fairfield	55 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	50 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	52 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓	49 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓
134 Fairfield Road, Guildford West	55 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	50 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	51 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓	48 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓
4 Polding Street North, Fairfield	55 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	50 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$	50 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓	47 $L_{Aeq, 1 \text{ hour}}$ ✓

Figure 8-1: Truck Routes





The road traffic noise impacts from vehicles travelling on Loftus Road, Norrie Street and Kiora Crescent are well shielded from the residential receivers, with industrial properties and significant distances located between the roads and the residential receivers. From Table 8-1, it can be seen that the predicted road traffic noise contributions will comply with the road noise criteria.

Therefore, the proposed vehicle movements are predicted to comply with the NSW Road Noise Policy, and no additional mitigation strategies are recommended.

## 9. STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL NOISE IMPACT

A noise impact assessment was undertaken to assess the potential noise emissions from the proposed increase of proposed increase in processing capacity from 900 tonnes per annum to 110,000 tonnes per annum, and an increase in the maximum quantity to be stored at any one time from 110 tonnes to 477 tonnes at the processing facility at 14-16 Kiora Crescent, Yennora.

The noise impact assessment was undertaken in accordance with the following guidelines:

- NSW Environmental Protection Authority, Noise Policy for Industry 2017; and
- Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Road Noise Policy (DECCW, 2011).

The nearest receivers and noise criteria were identified. The site operations were modelled using the predictive noise software, Sound Plan V7.3.

The activities proposed by the proponent were found to comply with the NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry.

The noise generating scenario is predicted to comply with the project specific noise levels at all receivers.

Compliance with the guidelines set out in the NSW Road Noise Policy was predicted at all considered receptors.

No construction will take place therefore construction noise and vibration impacts are not expected.

This concludes the report.



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## 10. LIMITATIONS

Our services for this project are carried out in accordance with our current professional standards for site assessment investigations. No guarantees are either expressed or implied.

This report has been prepared solely for the use of Enviro Waste Services Group Pty Ltd, as per our agreement for providing environmental services. Only Enviro Waste Services Group Pty Ltd is entitled to rely upon the findings in the report within the scope of work described in this report. Otherwise, no responsibility is accepted for the use of any part of the report by another in any other context or for any other purpose.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**



## **Glossary of Noise Terminology**

### **'A' FREQUENCY WEIGHTING**

The 'A' frequency weighting roughly approximates to the Fletcher-Munson 40 phon equal loudness contour. The human loudness perception at various frequencies and sound pressure levels is equated to the level of 40 dB at 1 kHz. The human ear is less sensitive to low frequency sound and very high frequency sound than midrange frequency sound (i.e. 500 Hz to 6 kHz). Humans are most sensitive to midrange frequency sounds, such as a child's scream. Sound level meters have inbuilt frequency weighting networks that very roughly approximates the human loudness response at low sound levels. It should be noted that the human loudness response is not the same as the human annoyance response to sound. Here low frequency sounds can be more annoying than midrange frequency sounds even at very low loudness levels. The 'A' weighting is the most commonly used frequency weighting for occupational and environmental noise assessments. However, for environmental noise assessments, adjustments for the character of the sound will often be required.

### **AMBIENT NOISE**

The ambient noise level at a particular location is the overall environmental noise level caused by all noise sources in the area, both near and far, including all forms of traffic, industry, lawnmowers, wind in foliage, insects, animals, etc. Usually assessed as an energy average over a set time period 'T' ( $L_{Aeq,T}$ ).

### **AUDIBLE**

Audible refers to a sound that can be heard. There are a range of audibility grades, varying from "barely audible", "just audible" to "clearly audible" and "prominent".

### **BACKGROUND NOISE LEVEL**

Total silence does not exist in the natural or built-environments, only varying degrees of noise. The Background Noise Level is the minimum repeatable level of noise measured in the absence of the noise under investigation and any other short-term noises such as those caused by all forms of traffic, industry, lawnmowers, wind in foliage, insects, animals, etc.. It is quantified by the noise level that is exceeded for 90 % of the measurement period 'T' ( $L_{A90,T}$ ). Background Noise Levels are often determined for the day, evening and night time periods where relevant. This is done by statistically analysing the range of time period (typically 15 minute) measurements over multiple days (often 7 days). For a 15 minute measurement period the Background Noise Level is set at the quietest level that occurs at 1.5 minutes.

### **'C' FREQUENCY WEIGHTING**

The 'C' frequency weighting approximates the 100 phon equal loudness contour. The human ear frequency response is more linear at high sound levels and the 100 phon equal loudness contour attempts to represent this at various frequencies at sound levels of approximately 100 dB.



## **DECIBEL**

The decibel (dB) is a logarithmic scale that allows a wide range of values to be compressed into a more comprehensible range, typically 0 dB to 120 dB. The decibel is ten times the logarithm of the ratio of any two quantities that relate to the flow of energy (i.e. power). When used in acoustics it is the ratio of square of the sound pressure level to a reference sound pressure level, the ratio of the sound power level to a reference sound power level, or the ratio of the sound intensity level to a reference sound intensity level. See also Sound Pressure Level and Sound Power Level. Noise levels in decibels cannot be added arithmetically since they are logarithmic numbers. If one machine is generating a noise level of 50 dB, and another similar machine is placed beside it, the level will increase to 53 dB (from  $10 \log_{10} (10^{(50/10)} + 10^{(50/10)})$ ) and not 100 dB. In theory, ten similar machines placed side by side will increase the sound level by 10 dB, and one hundred machines increase the sound level by 20 dB. The human ear has a vast sound-sensitivity range of over a thousand billion to one so the logarithmic decibel scale is useful for acoustical assessments.

**dBA – See ‘A’ frequency weighting**

**dBC – See ‘C’ frequency weighting**

## **EQUIVALENT CONTINUOUS SOUND LEVEL, $L_{Aeq}$**

Many sounds, such as road traffic noise or construction noise, vary repeatedly in level over a period of time. More sophisticated sound level meters have an integrating/averaging electronic device inbuilt, which will display the energy time-average (equivalent continuous sound level -  $L_{Aeq}$ ) of the ‘A’ frequency weighted sound pressure level. Because the decibel scale is a logarithmic ratio, the higher noise levels have far more sound energy, and therefore the  $L_{Aeq}$  level tends to indicate an average which is strongly influenced by short term, high level noise events. Many studies show that human reaction to level-varying sounds tends to relate closer to the  $L_{Aeq}$  noise level than any other descriptor.

## **‘F’ (FAST) TIME WEIGHTING**

Sound level meter design-goal time constant which is 0.125 seconds.

## **FREE FIELD**

In acoustics a free field is a measurement area not subject to significant reflection of acoustical energy. A free field measurement is typically not closer than 3.5 metres to any large flat object (other than the ground) such as a fence or wall or inside an anechoic chamber.

## **FREQUENCY**

The number of oscillations or cycles of a wave motion per unit time, the SI unit is the hertz (Hz). 1 Hz is equivalent to one cycle per second. 1000 Hz is 1 kHz.

## **IMPULSE NOISE**

An impulse noise is typified by a sudden rise time and a rapid sound decay, such as a hammer blow, rifle shot or balloon burst.

**MAXIMUM NOISE LEVEL,  $L_{AFmax}$** 

The root-mean-square (rms) maximum sound pressure level measured with sound level meter using the 'A' frequency weighting and the 'F' (Fast) time weighting. Often used for noise assessments other than aircraft.

**NOISE**

Noise is unwanted, harmful or inharmonious (discordant) sound. Sound is wave motion within matter, be it gaseous, liquid or solid. Noise usually includes vibration as well as sound.

**NOISE REDUCTION COEFFICIENT – See: "Sound Absorption Coefficient"****OFFENSIVE NOISE**

Reference: Dictionary of the NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997).

"Offensive Noise means noise:

(a) that, by reason of its level, nature, character or quality, or the time at which it is made, or any other circumstances:

(i) is harmful to (or likely to be harmful to) a person who is outside the premise from which it is emitted, or

(ii) interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or

(b) that is of a level, nature, character or quality prescribed by the regulations or that is made at a time, or in other circumstances prescribed by the regulations."

**SOUND ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT,  $\alpha$** 

Sound is absorbed in porous materials by the viscous conversion of sound energy to a small amount of heat energy as the sound waves pass through it. Sound is similarly absorbed by the flexural bending of internally damped panels. The fraction of incident energy that is absorbed is termed the Sound Absorption Coefficient,  $\alpha$ . An absorption coefficient of 0.9 indicates that 90 % of the incident sound energy is absorbed. The average  $\alpha$  from 250 to 2 kHz is termed the Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC).

**SOUND ATTENUATION**

A reduction of sound due to distance, enclosure or some other device. If an enclosure is placed around a machine, or an attenuator (muffler or silencer) is fitted to a duct, the noise emission is reduced or attenuated. An enclosure that attenuates the noise level by 20 dB reduces the sound energy by one hundred times.

**SOUND PRESSURE**

The rms sound pressure measured in pascals (Pa). A pascal is a unit equivalent to a newton per square metre (N/m<sup>2</sup>).

## **SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL, $L_p$**

The level of sound measured on a sound level meter and expressed in decibels (dB). Where  $L_p = 10 \log_{10} (P_a/P_o)^2$  dB (or  $20 \log_{10} (P_a/P_o)$  dB) where  $P_a$  is the rms sound pressure in Pascal and  $P_o$  is a reference sound pressure conventionally chosen is  $20 \mu\text{Pa}$  ( $20 \times 10^{-6}$  Pa) for airborne sound.  $L_p$  varies with distance from a noise source.

## **SOUND POWER**

The rms sound power measured in watts (W). The watt is a unit defined as one joule per second. A measures the rate of energy flow, conversion or transfer.

## **SOUND POWER LEVEL, $L_w$**

The sound power level of a noise source is the inherent noise of the device. Therefore sound power level does not vary with distance from the noise source or with a different acoustic environment.  $L_w = L_p + 10 \log_{10} 'a'$  dB, re: 1pW, ( $10^{-12}$  watts) where 'a' is the measurement noise-emission area ( $\text{m}^2$ ) in a free field.

## **STATISTICAL NOISE LEVELS, $L_n$ .**

Noise which varies in level over a specific period of time 'T' (standard measurement times are 15 minute periods) may be quantified in terms of various statistical descriptors for example:-

- The noise level, in decibels, exceeded for 1 % of the measurement time period, when 'A' frequency weighted and 'F' time weighted is reference to as  $L_{AF1}$ , T. This may be used for describing short-term noise levels such as could cause sleep arousal during the night.
- The noise level, in decibels, exceeded for 10 % of the measurement time period, when 'A' frequency weighted and 'F' time weighted is reference to as  $L_{AF10}$ , T. In most countries the  $L_{AF10}$ , T is measured over periods of 15 minutes, and is used to describe the average maximum noise level.
- The noise level, in decibels, exceeded for 90 % of the measurement time period, when 'A' frequency weighted and 'F' time weighted is reference to as  $L_{AF90}$ , T. In most countries the  $L_{AF90}$ , T is measured over periods of 15 minutes, and is used to describe the average minimum or background noise level.

## **STEADY NOISE**

Noise, which varies in level by 6 dB or less, over the period of interest with the time-weighting set to "Fast", is considered to be "steady". (Refer AS 1055.1—1997).

## **WEIGHTED SOUND REDUCTION INDEX, $R_w$**

This is a single number rating of the airborne sound insulation of a wall, partition or ceiling. The sound reduction is normally measured over a frequency range of 100 Hz to 3.150 kHz and averaged in accordance with ISO standard weighting curves (Refer AS/NZS ISO 717-1:2004). Internal partition wall  $R_w + C$  ratings are frequency weighted to simulate insulation from human voice noise. The  $R_w + C$  is similar in value to the STC rating value. External walls, doors and windows may be  $R_w + C_{tr}$  rated to simulate insulation from road traffic noise. The spectrum adaptation term  $C_{tr}$  adjustment factor takes account of low frequency noise. The weighted sound reduction index is normally similar or slightly lower number than the STC rating value.

## **'Z' FREQUENCY WEIGHTING**

The 'Z' (Zero) frequency weighting is 0 dB within the nominal 1/3 octave band frequency range centred on 10 Hz to 20 kHz. This is within the tolerance limits given in AS IEC 61672.1—2004: *'Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Specifications'*.





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## Sound Level Meter AS 1259.1:1990 - AS 1259.2:1990 Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C19409

<b>Client Details</b>	Benbow Environmental 25-27 Sherwood Street NORTHMEAD NSW 2152
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<b>Equipment Tested/ Model Number :</b>	ARL EL-215
<b>Instrument Serial Number :</b>	194702
<b>Microphone Serial Number :</b>	N/A
<b>Pre-amplifier Serial Number :</b>	N/A

<b>Atmospheric Conditions</b>	
<b>Ambient Temperature :</b>	22.9°C
<b>Relative Humidity :</b>	37.2%
<b>Barometric Pressure :</b>	100.71kPa

<b>Calibration Technician :</b>	Lucky Jaiswal	<b>Secondary Check:</b>	Sandra Minto
<b>Calibration Date :</b>	22 Jul 2019	<b>Report Issue Date :</b>	25 Jul 2019

Approved Signatory :  Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
10.2.2: Absolute sensitivity	Pass	10.3.4: Inherent system noise level	Pass
10.2.3: Frequency weighting	Pass	10.4.2: Time weighting characteristic F and S	Pass
10.3.2: Overload indications	Pass	10.4.3: Time weighting characteristic I	Pass
10.3.3: Accuracy of level range control	Pass	10.4.5: R.M.S performance	Pass
8.9: Detector-indicator linearity	Pass	9.3.2: Time averaging	Pass
8.10: Differential level linearity	Pass	9.3.5: Overload indication	Pass

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	±0.15dB	Temperature	±0.2°C
12.5kHz	±0.2dB	Relative Humidity	±2.4%
16kHz	±0.29dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.013kPa
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	±0.11dB		

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.

The sound level meter under test has been shown to conform to the type 2 requirements for periodic testing as described in AS 1259.1:1990 and AS 1259.2:1990 for the tests stated above.



This calibration certificate is to be read in conjunction with the calibration test report.

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: 25096

**EQUIPMENT TESTED:** Sound Level Calibrator

**Manufacturer:** Rion  
**Type No:** NC-73      **Serial No:** 10186522  
**Owner:** Benbow Environmental  
25-27 Sherwood Street  
Northmead, NSW 2152

**Tests Performed:** Measured output pressure level was found to be:

Parameter	Pre-Adj	Adj Y/N	Output: (db re 20 µPa)	Frequency: (Hz)	THD&N (%)
Level 1:	NA	N	94.15	990.93	1.41
Level 2:	NA	N	NA	NA	NA
<b>Uncertainty:</b>			±0.11 dB	±0.05%	±0.20 %

Uncertainty (at 95% c.i.) k=2

**CONDITION OF TEST:**

**Ambient Pressure:** 1020 hPa ±1.5 hPa    **Relative Humidity:** 52% ±5%

**Temperature:** 24 °C ±2° C

**Date of Calibration:** 05/07/2019

**Issue Date:** 08/07/2019

**Acu-Vib Test Procedure:** AVP02 (Calibrators)

**Test Method:** AS IEC 60942 - 2017

**CHECKED BY:** *JB*    **AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:** *Jack Rieth*

Accredited for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 - Calibration

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The uncertainties quoted are calculated in accordance with the methods of the ISO Guide to the Uncertainty of Measurement and quoted at a coverage factor of 2 with a confidence interval of approximately 95%.



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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE NO: 24945

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Calibrator

Manufacturer: B & K  
Type No: 4230 Serial No: 565912  
Owner: Benbow Environmental  
25-27 Sherwood Street  
Northmead, NSW 2152

Tests Performed: Measured output pressure level was found to be:

Parameter	Pre-Adj	Adj Y/N	Output: (db re 20 µPa)	Frequency: (Hz)	THD&N (%)
Level 1:	NA	N	94.03	987.01	0.45
Level 2:	NA	N	NA	NA	NA
Uncertainty:			±0.11 dB	±0.05%	±0.20 %

Uncertainty (at 95% c.l.) k=2

CONDITION OF TEST:

Ambient Pressure: 1001 hPa ±1.5 hPa Relative Humidity: 48% ±5%

Temperature: 23 °C ±2° C

Date of Calibration: 14/06/2019 Issue Date: 17/06/2019

Acu-Vib Test Procedure: AVP02 (Calibrators)

Test Method: AS IEC 60942 - 2017

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE NO.: **SLM 24948 & FILT 5245**

**Equipment Description:** Sound & Vibration Analyser

**Manufacturer:** Svantek  
**Model No:** Svan-957      **Serial No:** 15335  
**Microphone Type:** 7052H      **Serial No:** 40814  
**Preamplifier Type:** SV12L      **Serial No:** 18742  
**Filter Type:** 1/3 Octave      **Serial No:** 15335

**Comments:** All tests passed for class 1.  
(See over for details)

**Owner:** Benbow Environmental  
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Northmead, NSW 2152

**Ambient Pressure:** 1004 hPa  $\pm 1.5$  hPa

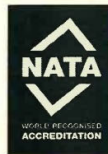
**Temperature:** 23 °C  $\pm 2^\circ$  C **Relative Humidity:** 39%  $\pm 5\%$

**Date of Calibration:** 14/06/2019      **Issue Date:** 17/06/2019  
**Acu-Vib Test Procedure:** AVP10 (SLM) & AVP06 (Filters)

**CHECKED BY:** *KB*

**AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:** *Jack Kielt*

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### **Calibration of Sound Level Meters**

A sound level meter requires regular calibration to ensure its measurement performance remains within specification. Benbow Environmental sound level meters are calibrated by a National Association of Testing Authority (NATA) registered laboratory or a laboratory approved by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) every two years and after each major repair, in accordance with AS IEC 61672.1–2019 Electroacoustics – Sound level meters - Specifications.

The calibration of the sound level meter was checked immediately before and after each series of measurements using an acoustic calibrator. The acoustic calibrator provides a known sound pressure level, which the meter indicates when the calibrator is activated while positioned on the meter microphone.

The sound level meters also incorporate an internal calibrator for use in setting up. This provides a check of the electrical calibration of the meter, but does not check the performance of the microphone. Acoustical calibration checks the entire instrument including the microphone. Calibration certificates for the instrument sets used have been included as Attachment 2.

### **Care and Maintenance of Sound Level Meters**

Noise measuring equipment contains delicate components and therefore must be handled accordingly. The equipment is manufactured to comply with international and national standards and is checked periodically for compliance. The technical specifications for sound level meters used in Australia are defined in Australian Standard AS IEC 61672.1–2019 Electroacoustics – Sound level meters - Specifications.

The sound level meters and associated accessories are protected during storage, measurement and transportation against dirt, corrosion, rapid changes of temperature, humidity, rain, wind, vibration, electric and magnetic fields. Microphone cables and adaptors are always connected and disconnected with the power turned off. Batteries are removed (with the instrument turned off) if the instrument is not to be used for some time.

### **Investigation Procedures**

All investigative procedures were conducted in accordance with AS 1055:2018 *Acoustics – “Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise”*.

The following information was recorded and kept for reference purposes:

- type of instrumentation used and measurement procedure conducted;
- description of the time aspect of the measurements, ie. measurement time intervals; and
- positions of measurements and the time and date were noted.

As per AS 1055:2018, all measurements were carried out at least 3.5 m from any reflecting structure other than the ground. The preferred measurement height of 1.2 m above the ground was utilised. A sketch of the area was made identifying positions of measurement and the approximate location of the noise source and distances in meters (approx.).

## **UNATTENDED NOISE MONITORING**

### ***NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT***

ARL noise logger type NGARA and EL-215 were used to conduct the long-term unattended noise monitoring. This equipment complies with Australian Standard AS IEC 61672.1–2019 *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Specifications* and are designated as a Type 2 instrument suitable for field use.

The measured data is processed statistically and stored in memory every 15 minutes. The equipment was calibrated prior and subsequent to the measurement period using a Rion NC-73 sound level calibrator. There were no significant variances observed in the reference signal between the pre-measurement and post-measurement calibrations. Instrument calibration certificates have also been included in Attachment 2.

### ***METEOROLOGICAL CONSIDERATION DURING MONITORING***

For the long-term attended monitoring, meteorological data for the relevant period were provided by the Bureau of Meteorology, which was considered representative of the site for throughout the monitoring period.

Measurements affected by wind or rain over certain limits were excluded from the final analyses of the recorded data in accordance with the EPA's Industrial Noise Policy (INP). The wind data were modified to take into account the difference of height between the AWS (Automatic Weather Station) used by the Bureau of Meteorology (10m above ground level), and the microphone (1.5m above ground level). The correction factor applied to the data was calculated according to the Australian Standard AS 1170.2 2011 (R2016).

### ***DESCRIPTORS & FILTERS USED FOR MONITORING***

Noise levels are commonly measured using A-weighted filters and are usually described as dB(A). The "A-weighting" refers to standardised amplitude versus frequency curve used to "weight" sound measurements to represent the response of the human ear. The human ear is less sensitive to low frequency sound than it is to high frequency sound. Overall A-weighted measurements quantify sound with a single number to represent how people subjectively hear different frequencies at different levels.

Noise environments can be described using various descriptors depending on characteristics of noise or purpose of assessments. For this survey the  $L_{A90}$ ,  $L_{Aeq}$  and  $L_{Amax}$  levels were used to analyse the monitoring results. The statistical descriptors  $L_{A90}$  measures the noise level exceeded for 90% of the sample measurement time, and is used to describe the "Background noise". Background noise is the underlying level of noise present in the ambient noise, excluding extraneous noise or the noise source under investigation. The  $L_{Aeq}$  level is the equivalent continuous noise level or the level averaged on an equal energy basis which is used to describe the "Ambient Noise". The  $L_{Amax}$  noise levels are maximum sound pressure levels measured over the sampling period and this parameter is commonly used when assessing noise impact.

Measurement sample periods were fifteen minutes. The Noise -vs- Time daily noise logger charts representing measured noise levels at the noise monitoring locations are presented in Attachment 4.

## **ATTENDED NOISE MONITORING**

### **NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT**

The attended short-term noise monitoring was carried out using a SVANTEK SVAN957 Class 1 Precision Sound Level Meters. The instrument was calibrated by a NATA accredited laboratory within two years of the measurement period. The instrument sets comply with AS IEC 61672.1-2019 and was set on A-weighted, fast response.

The microphone was positioned at 1.2 to 1.5 metres above ground level and was fitted with windsocks. The instrument was calibrated using a Rion NC-73 sound level calibrator prior and subsequent to the measurement period to ensure the reliability and accuracy of the instrument sets. There were no significant variances observed in the reference signal between the pre-measurement and post-measurement calibrations. Instrument calibration certificates have also been included in Attachment 2.

### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

It was clear, fine without significant breeze.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The attended noise measurements were carried out generally in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1055:2018 - "*Acoustics – Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise*".



