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1 INTRODUCTION

Acoustic Logic Consultancy has been engaged to prepare a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan for the proposed development at 74 Edinburgh Road, Marrickville.

The principal objective of this study is to undertake an evaluation of works/activities to be performed during the demolition of the project and forecast the potential impacts of noise and vibration. This assessment will be used to formulate and streamline effective regulation and mitigation measures.

The principal issues which will be addressed in this report are:

- Identification of the noise and vibration standards which will be applicable to this project
- Identification of potentially impacted nearby development
- Identify likely sources of noise and vibration generation and predicted noise levels at nearby development, and
- Formulation of a strategy to comply with the standards identified and mitigation treatments in the event that compliance is not achievable.

Provided all measures outlined in this report are fully implemented, noise and vibration impacts associated with the demolition of the development site will be strictly controlled, and the impact on the surrounding environment minimised.

We note that the author is qualified and eligible for membership of the Association of Australasian Acoustic Consultants (AAAC). The author is a member of the Australian Acoustical Society (MAAS), the professional body covering acoustic consultant in Australia.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

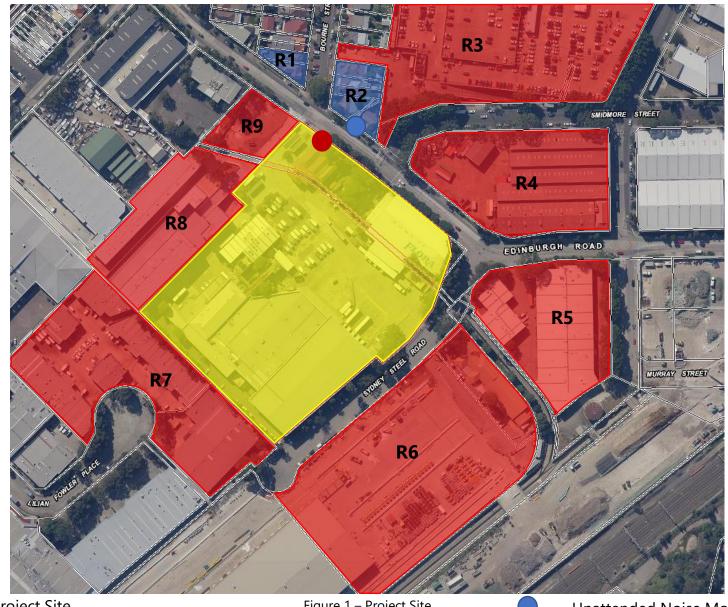
The current proposed timeline extends over an approximate 2 month period for demolition of the existing buildings.

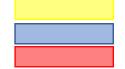
Investigation has been carried out by this office in regards to the existing properties and noise impacts surrounding the proposed development, which is detailed below:

- Existing residential blocks to the north east along Edinburgh Road, and
- Existing industrial receivers surrounding the site.

The nearest noise receivers around the site include:

- **R1:** Residential Receiver 1 Single storey residential development to the north at 2-4 Bourne Street
- **R2:** Residential Receiver 2 Single storey residential development to the north at 1-7 Bourne Street and 65 Edinburgh Road
- **R3:** Commercial Receiver 3 Commercial development to the north at Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre, 34 Victoria Road
- R4: Commercial Receiver 4 Commercial development to the north east at 45-51 Edinburgh Road
- **R5:** Industrial Receiver 5 Industrial development to the east at 108-112 Edinburgh Road
- **R6:** Industrial Receiver 6 Industrial development to the south at 1 Sydney Steel Road
- **R7:** Industrial Receiver 7 Industrial developments to the south west at 10-16 Lilian Fowler Place
- **R8:** Industrial Receiver 8 Industrial development to the north west at 76 Edinburgh Road, and
- **R9:** Commercial Receiver 9 Commercial development to the north west at 76A Edinburgh Road.
- A site map, measurement description and surrounding receivers are presented in Figure 1 below.





Project Site Residential Receivers Commercial/ Industrial Receivers Figure 1 – Project Site Source: NSW Six Maps

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Unattended Noise Monitor Attended Measurements

3 NOISE DESCRIPTORS

Ambient noise constantly varies in level from moment to moment, so it is not possible to accurately determine prevailing noise conditions by measuring a single, instantaneous noise level.

To quantify ambient noise, a 15 minute measurement interval is typically utilised. Noise levels are monitored continuously during this period, and then statistical and integrating techniques are used to characterise the noise being measured.

The principal measurement parameters obtained from the data are:

 L_{eq} – represents the average noise energy during a measurement period. This parameter is derived by integrating the noise levels measured over the measurement period. L_{eq} is important in the assessment of noise impact as it closely corresponds with how humans perceive the loudness of time-varying noise sources (such as traffic noise).

 L_{90} – This is commonly used as a measure of the background noise level as it represents the noise level heard in the typical, quiet periods during the measurement interval. The L₉₀ parameter is used to set noise emission criteria for potentially intrusive noise sources since the disturbance caused by a noise source will depend on how audible it is above the pre-existing noise environment, particularly during quiet periods, as represented by the L₉₀ level.

 L_{10} is used in some guidelines to measure noise produced by an intrusive noise source since it represents the average of the loudest noise levels produced at the source. Typically, this is used to assess noise from licenced venues.

 L_{max} is the highest noise level produced during a noise event, and is typically used to assess sleep arousal impacts from short term noise events during the night. It is also used to assess internal noise levels resulting from aircraft and railway ground vibration induced noise.

 L_1 is sometimes used in place of L_{max} to represent a typical noise level from a number of high level, short term noise events.

4 AMBIENT NOISE SURVEY

NSW EPA's Rating Background Noise Level (RBL) assessment procedure requires determination of background noise level for each day (the ABL) then the median of the individual days as set out for the entire monitoring period.

Appendices in this report present results of unattended noise monitoring conducted at the project site. Weather affected data was excluded from the assessment. The processed RBL (lowest 10th percentile noise levels during operation time period) are presented in Table 4-1.

4.1.1 Measurement Position

One unattended noise monitor was located in the front yard of 65 Edinburgh Road. Refer to Figure 1 for detailed location.

4.1.2 Measurement Period

Unattended noise monitoring was conducted from Wednesday 10th of June 2020 to Monday 22nd of June 2020.

On review of the monitoring data, the measured L_{90} noise levels during high wind speed days do not increase background noise levels significantly as periods with little to no wind. This demonstrates that even though wind speeds measured at Sydney Airport exceed EPA guidelines, either:

- The wind speed on site at this time was significantly lower than at Sydney Airport (which is likely given Sydney Airport is located in a very exposed area) and/or
- The wind on site was not sufficiently consistent to increase background noise levels compared to calm periods.

Therefore, only periods of adverse weather that were determined to have affected the noise data have been eliminated when determining the rating background noise level at the site, which is presented in the following table.

4.1.3 Measurement Equipment

Equipment used consisted of an Acoustic Research Laboratories Pty Ltd noise logger. The logger was set to Aweighted fast response and was programmed to store 15-minute statistical noise levels throughout the monitoring period. The monitor was calibrated at the start and end of the monitoring period using a Rion NC-73 calibrator. No significant drift was noted. Noise logger data is provided in Appendix One – Unattended Noise Monitoring.

4.1.4 Summarised Rating Background Noise Levels

Summarised rating background noise levels for the project site and immediate surroundings are presented below.

| Monitor | Time of day | Rating Background Noise Level dB(A) _{L90(Period)} |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| | Day (7am – 6pm) | 54 |
| 65 Edinburgh Road | Evening (6pm – 10pm) | 44 |
| | Night (10pm – 7am) | 42 |

Table 4-1 – Measured Noise Levels

5 CONSTRUCTION HOURS

The site is currently approved under an SSD with the following hours of demolition allowed as dictated by the development consent:

- Monday to Friday: 7:00am-6:00pm, and
- Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm.

Demolition works during the above hours have been assessed with reference to the standard hours noise management levels (background + 10 dB(A)) in the NSW DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline.

Vibration objectives will be assessed to management levels defined in Section 6.2.

6 CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND VIBRATION OBJECTIVES

6.1 NOISE OBJECTIVES

Noise associated with construction activities on the site will be assessed in conjunction with the following guidelines:

- NSW DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline (2009), and
- Australian Standard 2436-2010 "Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance Sites."

6.1.1 NSW DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline (2009)

The DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) assessment requires:

- Determination of noise management levels (based on ambient noise monitoring);
- Review of operational noise levels at nearby development; and
- If necessary, recommendation of noise controls strategies in the event that compliance with noise emission management levels is not possible.

DECC guidelines adopt differing strategies for noise control depending on the predicted noise level at the nearest residences:

- "Noise affected" level. Where construction noise is predicted to exceed the "noise affected" level at a nearby residence, the proponent should take reasonable/feasible work practices to ensure compliance with the "noise affected level". For residential properties, the "noise affected" level occurs when construction noise exceeds ambient levels by more than 10dB(A)Leq(15min).
- "Highly noise affected level". Where noise emissions are such that nearby properties are "highly noise affected", noise controls such as respite periods should be considered. For residential properties, the "highly noise affected" level occurs when construction noise exceeds 75dB(A)Leq(15min) at nearby residences.

In addition to the above management levels for residential receivers, the ICNG nominates a Management Level of 70dB(A) $L_{eq(15min)}$ at commercial receiver facades (typical office, retail). And a Management Level of RBL + 5 dB(A) for any work done outside of standard hours.

A summary of the above recommended noise levels from the ICNG is presented below.

Table 6-1 – Noise Emission Goal at Residential Property Boundaries

| Location | "Noise Affected" Level - dB(A)L _{eq(15min)} Standard Hours | "Highly Noise Affected" Level - dB(A)L _{eq(15min)} |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Residents opposite Edinburgh Road | 64, externally at façade | 75 |

Where noise from the construction works is above the "noise affected" level, the proponent should apply any feasible and reasonable work practices to minimise noise. The "noise affected level is representative of a level where there may be some community reaction to noise.

If noise emissions are likely to exceed 75 dB(A) $L_{eq(15min) "highly noise affected"}$ at the boundary of surrounding affected residential receivers, the receiver is deemed to be "highly noise affected". The "highly noise affected" level is representative of a level where strong community reaction to noise is expected. Introduction of management controls such as scheduling of noisy periods, or respite periods is then recommended. Refer to Section 8 for specific recommendations.

Section 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of the DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline also nominates management levels for other sensitive land uses (other than residences). Criteria relevant to this assessment is detailed below;

 Table 6-2 – Noise Emission Goal at Commercial/Sensitive Property Boundaries

| Location | "Noise Affected" Level – dB(A)L _{eq(15min)} Standard Hours |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Surrounding Commercial Receivers | 70 externally at façade |
| Surrounding Industrial Receivers | 75 externally at façade |

6.1.2 Australian Standard AS2436:2010 "Guide to Noise Control on Construction, Maintenance and Demolition Sites"

The Australian Standard AS2436 states that where all reasonable and available measures have been taken to reduce construction noise, mitigation strategies may be put in place to reduce levels noise levels to within a reasonable and acceptable level.

For the control and regulation of noise from construction sites, AS2436:1981 nominates the following:

- a. That reasonable suitable noise criterion is established,
- b. That all practicable measures be taken on the building site to regulate noise emissions, including the siting of noisy static processes to locations of the site where they can be shielded, selecting less noisy processes, and if required regulating construction hours, and
- c. The undertaking of noise monitoring where non-compliance occurs to assist in the management and control of noise emission from the construction site.

The guideline reflects on feasible and reasonable mitigation strategies, management controls and public liaising in the effort to reach realistic comprises between construction sites and potential noise affected receivers.

Based on these criteria the following procedure will be used to assess noise emissions:

- Predict noise levels produced by typical construction activities at the sensitive receivers.
- Adopt management conditions as per AS2436 in the event of a non-compliance.

6.2 VIBRATION OBJECTIVES

Vibration caused by construction at any residence or structure outside the subject site will be assessed with reference to:

- For structural damage vibration, German Standard DIN 4150-3 *Structural Vibration: Effects of Vibration on Structures*, and
- For human exposure to vibration, Department of Environment and Conservation NSW "Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline" (Feb 2006) is based on the guidelines contained in BS 6472:1992 *Guide to Evaluate Human Exposure to Vibration in Buildings (1Hz to 80Hz)* for low probability of adverse comment.

The criteria and the application of this standard are discussed in separate sections below.

6.2.1 Structure Borne Vibrations

German Standard DIN 4150-3 (1999-02) provides a guideline for acceptable levels of vibration velocity in building foundations, to assess the effects of vibration on structures. The table give guidance on the maximum accepted values of velocity at the foundation and in the plane of the highest floor of various types of buildings, to prevent any structural damage.

The table below lists the peak particle velocity, which is the maximum absolute value of the velocity signals for the three orthogonal components. This is measured as a maximum value of any of the three orthogonal component particle velocities when measured at the foundation, and the maximum levels measured in the x- and y-horizontal directions in the plane of the floor of the uppermost storey.

| | | PEAK PARTICLE VELOCITY (mms ⁻¹) | | | | |
|---|--|---|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| | TYPE OF STRUCTURE | At Foundation at a Frequency of | | | Plane of Floor of Uppermost Storey | |
| | | < 10Hz | 10Hz to 50Hz | 50Hz to 100Hz | All Frequencies | |
| 1 | Buildings used in 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 or 2 and have intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order) | 3 | 3 to 8 | 8 to 10 | 8 | |

Table 6-3 – DIN 4150-3 (1999-02) Safe Limits for Building Vibration

6.2.2 Assessing Amenity

The NSW EPA's Assessing Vibration – a technical guideline is based on the guidelines contained in British Standard BS 6472-1992 'Guide to Evaluate Human Exposure to Vibration Buildings (1Hz to 80Hz'. This guideline provides procedures for assessing tactile vibration and regenerated noise within potentially affected buildings.

The recommendations of this guideline should be adopted to assess and manage vibration from the site. Where vibration exceeds, or is likely to exceed, the recommended levels then an assessment of reasonable and feasible methods for the management of vibration should be undertaken.

| | | RMS acc (m, | eleration /s²) | RMS veloc | ity (mm/s) | Peak veloc | ity (mm/s) |
|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Place | Time | Preferred | Maximum | Preferred | Maximum | Preferred | Maximum |
| | Continuou | s Vibration | | | | | |
| Residences | Daytime | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.28 | 0.56 |
| Offices | Day or night- | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.56 | 1.1 |
| Workshops | time | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| | Impulsive | Vibration | | | | | |
| Residences | Daytime | 0.3 | 0.6 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 8.6 | 17.0 |
| Offices | Day or night- | 0.64 | 1.28 | 13 | 26 | 18 | 36 |
| Workshops | time | 0.64 | 1.23 | 13 | 26 | 18 | 36 |

Table 6-4 – BS 6472 Vibration Criteria

Note 1: Continuous vibration relates to vibration that continues uninterrupted for a defined period (usually throughout the daytime or night-time), e.g., continuous construction or maintenance activity. (DECC, 2006).

Note 2: Impulsive vibration relate to vibration that builds up rapidly to a peak followed by a damped decay and that may or may not involve several cycles of vibration (depending on frequency and damping), with up to three occurrences in an assessment period, e.g., occasional loading and unloading, or dropping of heavy equipment. (DECC, 2006).

7 PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

We have been advised of the typical equipment/processes anticipated to be used for the demolition of the subject development. Noise impacts from these activities on the amenity of the surrounding identified sensitive receivers, will be predicted in this section. Typically, the most significant sources of noise or vibration generated during a construction project will be demolition, excavation, civil works (compaction, asphalting) and piling.

The A-weighted sound power levels for the expected loudest equipment/processes for each stage of development are outlined in the table below.

Table 7-1 – Proposed Demolition Activities and Associated Typical Sound Power Levels

| Construction Stage | Equipment /Process | Typical Sound Power Level dB(A) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 113 |
| Demolition | Excavator & Trucks | 107 |
| | Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 102 |

The noise levels presented in the above table are derived from the following sources:

- 1. On-site measurements
- 2. Table A1 of Australian Standard 2436-2010, and
- 3. *Data held by this office from other similar studies.

Noise levels take into account correction factors (for tonality, intermittency where necessary).

8 NOISE AND VIBRATION ASSESSMENT

8.1 NOISE IMPACT ASSESMENT

The predicted noise levels during excavation and construction will depend on:

- The activity undertaken.
- The distance between the work site and the receiver. For many of the work areas, the distance between the noise source and the receiver will vary depending on which end of the site the work is undertaken. For this reason, the predicted noise levels will be presented as a range.

Predicted noise levels are presented below. Predictions take into account the following:

- Noise reduction as a result of distance.
- Barrier effects resulting from shielding of the surrounding buildings (where applicable).

The following predictions represent a worst case scenario for each respective item.

Table 8-1 – Predicted Noise Generation to R1 Residential Receiver North West of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 57-73 | Exceeds 64 dB(A) Noise Management Level when |
| Excavator & Trucks | 51-67 | working close to the north western boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 46-62 | Under 64 dB(A) Noise Management Level but over 59 dB(A) Noise Management Level for outside of standard hours. |

Table 8-2 – Predicted Noise Generation to R2 Residential Receiver North of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 58-76* | Exceeds 64 dB(A) Noise Management Level when |
| Excavator & Trucks | 52-70 | working close to the northern boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 47-65* | Under 64 dB(A) Noise Management Level but over 59 dB(A) Noise Management Level for outside of standard hours. |

*A 1 dB(A) exceedance is considered imperceptible.

Table 8-3 – Predicted Noise Generation to R3 Commercial Receiver North of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 56-67 | |
| Excavator & Trucks | 50-61 | Under 70 dB(A) Noise Management Level |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 45-56 | |

Table 8-4 – Predicted Noise Generation to R4 Commercial Receiver North East of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 57-73 | Exceeds 70 dB(A) Noise Management Level when working close to the north eastern boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Excavator & Trucks | 51-67 | Linder 70 dB(A) Neiss Monogeneant Lovel |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 46-62 | Under 70 dB(A) Noise Management Level |

Table 8-5 – Predicted Noise Generation to R5 Industrial Receiver East of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 57-75 | |
| Excavator & Trucks | 69-51 | Under 75 dB(A) Noise Management Level |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 46-64 | |

Table 8-6 – Predicted Noise Generation to R6 Industrial Receiver South East of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 58-73 | |
| Excavator & Trucks | 52-67 | Under 75 dB(A) Noise Management Level |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 47-62 | |

 Table 8-7 – Predicted Noise Generation to R7 Industrial Receiver South West of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 58-85 | Exceeds 75 dB(A) Noise Management Level when |
| Excavator & Trucks | 52-79 | working close to the south western boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 47-74 | Under 75 dB(A) Noise Management Level |

Table 8-8 – Predicted Noise Generation to R8 Industrial Receiver West of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 58-91 | |
| Excavator & Trucks | 52-85 | Exceeds 75 dB(A) Noise Management Level when working close to the western boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 47-80 | |

Table 8-9 – Predicted Noise Generation to R9 Commercial Receiver North West of Site

| Activity | Predicted Level – dB(A) L _{eq(15min)} (External Areas) | Comment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Machine Mounted Hydraulic Drill | 58-77 | Exceeds 70 dB(A) Noise Management Level when working close to the north western boundary (Refer to Recommendations Section 9) |
| Excavator & Trucks | 47-71* | Linder 70 dD(A) Neiss Mensgerenst Level |
| Powered Hand Tools (Electric) | 47-66 | Under 70 dB(A) Noise Management Level |

**A 1 dB(A) exceedance is considered imperceptible.

8.2 GENERAL DISCUSSION

<u>Noise</u>

Primarily, the use of hydraulic drills are predicted to be the highest noise generating equipment. All noise predictions have been presented as external noise levels. Internal noise levels at all locations are expected to be 10-20 dB(A) lower dependant on the façade of each receiver. It is also noted that the chosen demolition methodology will minimise demolition time to ensure that works are quickly completed, minimising the range of time that surrounding receivers are affected.

Receivers R7, R8 and R9 directly share a boundary with the site and therefore are exposed to higher levels of construction noise. It is noted that typical barrier effects from hoarding surrounding the site will only benefit the ground floor of surrounding receivers, especially those at R7, R8 and R9. Treatment processes are recommended as per Section 9.

Vibration

Typically, excavation, activities have greatest potential for generation of vibration, however demolition near surrounding structures may also be an issue that has the potential to produce vibration levels approaching the criteria set out in Section 6.2.

The primary potential vibration source will be from use of machine mounted hydraulic drills, especially when operating close to adjacent receivers. The vibration impact on all receivers is expected to be compliant with the criteria in Section 6.2.

9 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In light of the above, we recommend:

- 1. **Community Consultation/Notification:** Notification (leaflet or similar) of all receivers within 200m of the development is recommended prior to commencement of works. Notification should advise of anticipate date and duration of excavation.
- 2. **<u>Respite Periods</u>:** To protect the amenity of nearby residential receivers, it is proposed to introduce respite periods where construction activities exceed the 'highly noise affected level (75 dB(A) L_{eq(15min)}) based on the predicted noise levels presented in Section 8.1. In the event that respite periods are to be imposed, it is recommended to consider respite hours as follows:
 - a. Monday to Friday: 7:00am-8:00am
 - b. Saturday: 8:00am-9:00am
 - c. Monday to Friday: 12:00pm-1:00pm
 - d. It is noted that the construction plant which is predicted to exceed the 'highly noise affected level' would only be in use intermittently during the demolition and excavation stage. As part of any proposed respite conditions, it is recommended to limit demolition works to not be carried out outside of standard hours.
 - e. It is noted that respite periods will extend the length of demolition works and may provide heavier loss of amenity compared to non-imposed excavation.
- 3. **<u>Vibration monitoring</u>**: In the event of continuous complaint, we recommend vibration monitoring is to be implemented along the property boundary closest to the vibration receiver who issued the complaint.

4. Quiet Work Methods/Technologies:

- a. As much as practicable, use of quieter demolition methods is to be adopted.
- b. The external walls of buildings shall be left in place until the final stage of building demolition to act as acoustic barriers, shielding noise generating processes from relevant receivers.
- c. Materials handling/vehicles:
 - i. Trucks and bobcats to use a non-tonal reversing beacon (subject to OH&S requirements) to minimise potential disturbance of neighbours.
 - ii. Avoid careless dropping of construction materials into empty trucks.
 - iii. Locate drop zones away from residential receivers.
 - iv. Trucks, trailers and concrete trucks (if feasible) should turn off their engines during idling to reduce noise impacts (unless truck ignition needs to remain on during concrete pumping).
- 5. **<u>Complaints Handling</u>**: In the event of complaint, the procedures outlined in Section 11 should be adopted.

6. <u>Site Induction:</u>

- a. A copy of the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan is to be available to contractors. The location of the CNVMP should be advised in any site induction.
- b. Site induction should also detail the site contact in the event of noise complaint.

10 ADDITIONAL NOISE AND VIBRATION CONTROL METHODS

In the event of complaints, there are a number of noise mitigation strategies available which can be considered.

The determination of appropriate noise control measures will be dependent on the particular activities and construction appliances. This section provides an outline of available methods.

10.1 SELECTION OF ALTERNATE APPLIANCE OR PROCESS

Where a particular activity or construction appliance is found to generate excessive noise levels, it may be possible to select an alternative approach or appliance. For example, the use of a hydraulic hammer on certain areas of the site may potentially generate high levels of noise. Undertaking this activity using bulldozers, ripping and/or milling machines will result in lower noise levels.

10.2 ACOUSTIC BARRIER

Given the position of adjacent development, it is unlikely that noise screens will provide significant acoustic benefit for industrial receivers, but will provide noticeable improvement for those on ground level including single storey residential receivers.

The placement of barriers at the source is generally only effective for static plant. Equipment which is on the move or working in rough or undulating terrain cannot be effectively attenuated by placing barriers at the source.

Barriers can also be placed between the source and the receiver.

The degree of noise reduction provided by barriers is dependent on the amount by which line of sight can be blocked by the barrier. If the receiver is totally shielded from the noise source reductions of up to 15dB(A) can be effected. Where only partial obstruction of line of sight occurs, noise reductions of 5 to 8dB(A) may be achieved. Where no line of sight is obstructed by the barrier, generally no noise reduction will occur.

As barriers are used to provide shielding and do not act as an enclosure, the material they are constructed from should have a noise reduction performance that is approximately 10dB(A) greater than the maximum reduction provided by the barrier. In this case the use of a material such as 10mm or 15mm thick plywood (radiata plywood) would be acceptable for the barriers.

10.3 MATERIAL HANDLING

The installation of rubber matting over material handling areas can reduce the sound of impacts due to material being dropped by up to 20dB(A).

10.4 TREATMENT OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

In certain cases, it may be possible to specially treat a piece of equipment to dramatically reduce the sound levels emitted.

10.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF SITE PRACTICES

This involves the formulation of work practices to reduce noise generation. A more detailed management plan will be developed for this project in accordance to the construction methodology outlining work procedures and methods for minimising noise.

10.6 COMBINATION OF METHODS

In some cases, it may be necessary that two or more control measures be implemented to minimise noise.

11 COMMUNITY INTERACTION AND COMPLAINTS HANDLING

11.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH AFFECTED PARTIES

In order for any construction noise management programme to work effectively, continuous communication is required between all parties, which may be potentially impacted upon, the builder and the regulatory authority. This establishes a dynamic response process which allows for the adjustment of control methods and criteria for the benefit of all parties.

The objective in undertaking a consultation process is to:

- Inform and educate the groups about the project and the noise controls being implemented;
- Increase understanding of all acoustic issues related to the project and options available;
- Identify group concerns generated by the project, so that they can be addressed; and
- Ensure that concerned individuals or groups are aware of and have access to a Constructions Complaints Register which will be used to address any construction noise related problems should they arise.

Community consultation is recommended prior to any works commencing on site, with letterbox notifications to all identified surrounding sensitive receivers (refer section 2). This will include a construction management plan detailing the proposed works on site and duration of each stage.

11.2 DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

Should ongoing complaints of excessive noise or vibration criteria occur immediate measures shall be undertaken to investigate the complaint, the cause of the exceedances and identify the required changes to work practices. In the case of exceedances of the vibration limits all work potentially producing vibration shall cease until the exceedance is investigated.

The effectiveness of any changes shall be verified before continuing. Documentation and training of site staff shall occur to ensure the practices that produced the exceedances are not repeated.

If a noise complaint is received the complaint should be recorded on a Noise Complaint Form. The complaint form should list:

- The name and address of the complainant (if provided);
- The time and date the complaint was received;
- The nature of the complaint and the time and date the noise was heard;
- The name of the employee who received the complaint;
- Actions taken to investigate the complaint, and a summary of the results of the investigation;
- Required remedial action, if required;
- Validation of the remedial action; and
- Summary of feedback to the complainant.

A permanent register of complaints should be held. All complaints received should be fully investigated and reported to management. The complainant should also be notified of the results and actions arising from the investigation.

The investigation of a complaint shall involve where applicable;

- Noise measurements at the affected receiver;
- An investigation of the activities occurring at the time of the incident;
- Inspection of the activity to determine whether any undue noise is being emitted by equipment; and
- Whether work practices were being carried out either within established guidelines or outside these guidelines.

Where an item of plant is found to be emitting excessive noise, the cause is to be rectified as soon as possible. Where work practices within established guidelines are found to result in excessive noise being generated then the guidelines should be modified so as to reduce noise emissions to acceptable levels. Where guidelines are not being followed, the additional training and counselling of employees should be carried out.

Measurement or other methods shall validate the results of any corrective actions arising from a complaint where applicable.

11.3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The following shall be kept on site:

- 1. A register of complaints received/communication with the local community shall be maintained and kept on site with information as detailed in this report.
- 2. Where noise/vibration complaints require noise/vibration monitoring, results from monitoring shall be retained on site at all times.
- 3. Any noise exceedances occurring including the actions taken and results of follow up monitoring.
- 4. A report detailing complaints received and actions taken shall be presented to the construction liaison committee.

11.4 CONTINGENCY PLANS

Where non-compliances or noise complaints are raised the following methodology will be implemented.

- 1. Determine the offending plant/equipment/process.
- 2. Locate the plant/equipment/process further away from the affected receiver(s) if possible.
- 3. Implement additional acoustic treatment in the form of localised barriers, silencers etc where practical.
- 4. Selecting alternative equipment/processes where practical.

12 CONCLUSION

A construction noise and vibration assessment has been undertaken of the proposed demolition works to be undertaken for 74 Edinburgh Road, Marrickville. Potential noise and vibration impacts on nearby developments have been assessed.

Provided that the mitigation techniques and vibration monitoring recommended in Sections 9, 10 & 11 of this report are adopted, noise and vibration impacts on the adjacent buildings are expected to be acceptable.

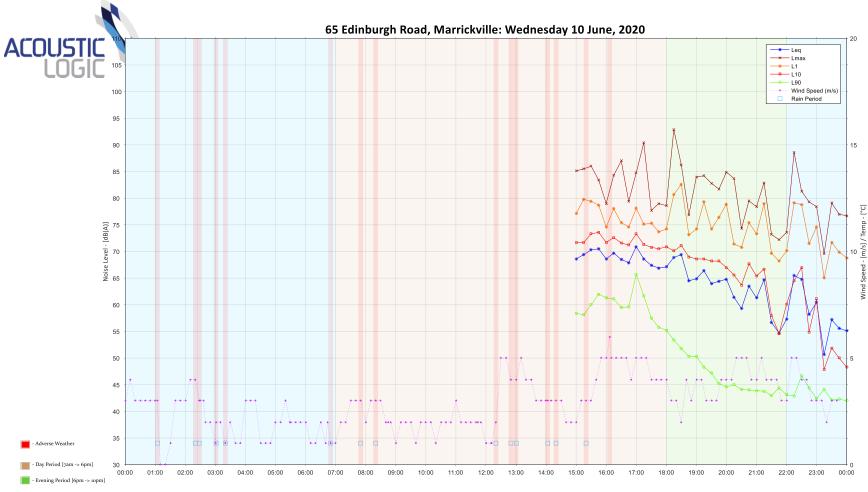
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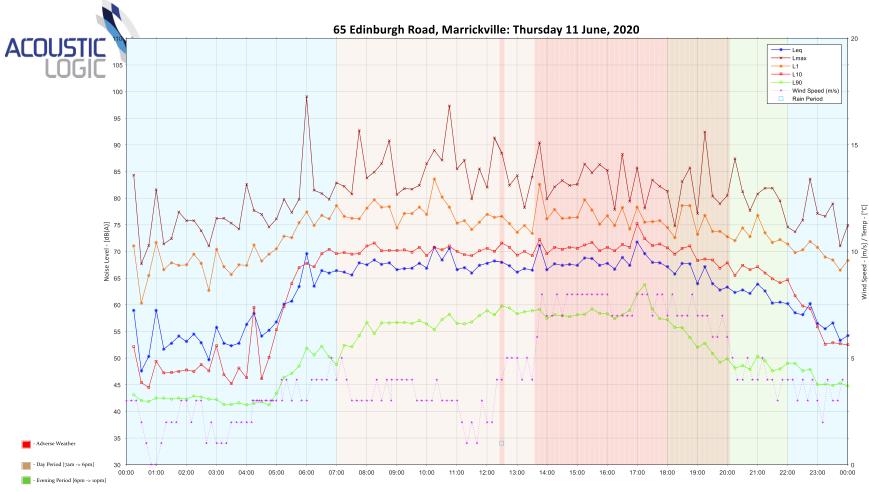
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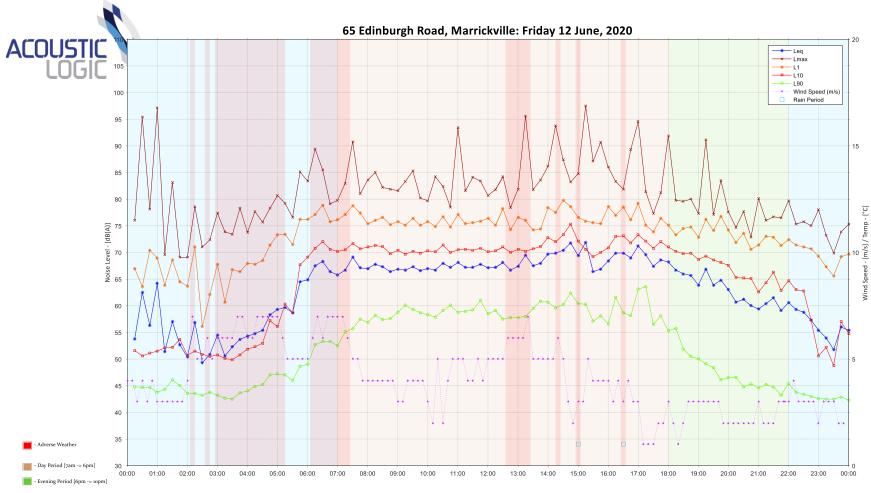
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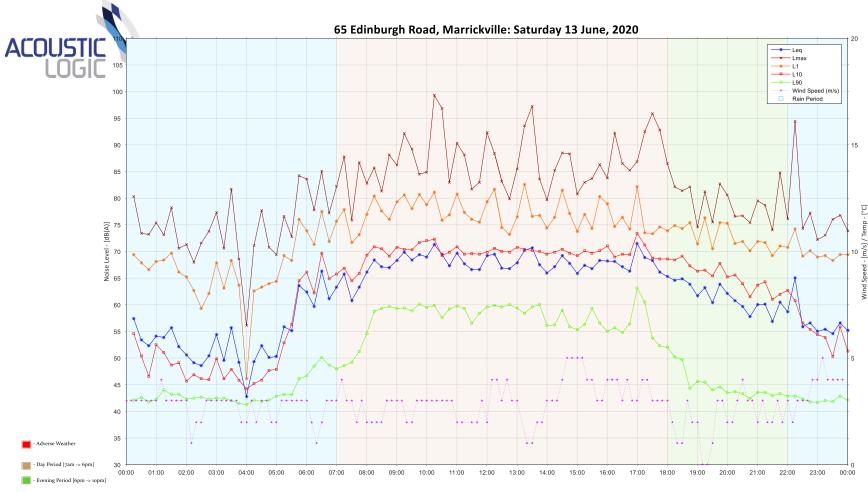


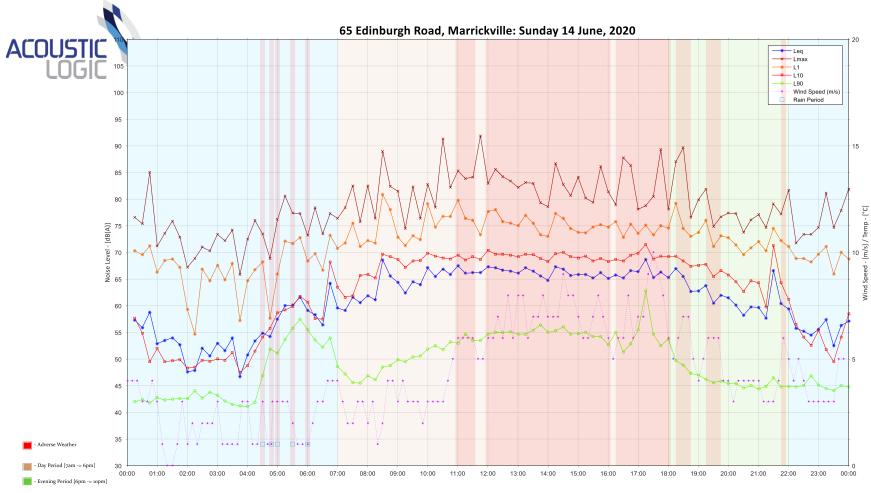


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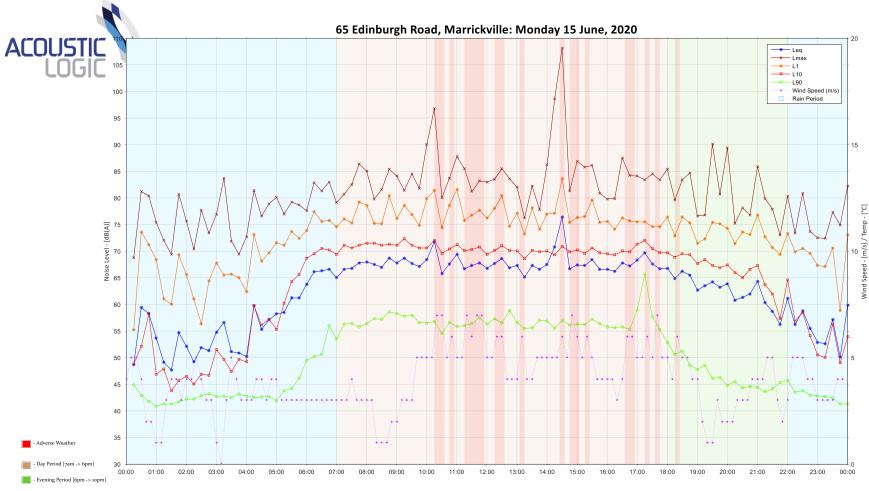


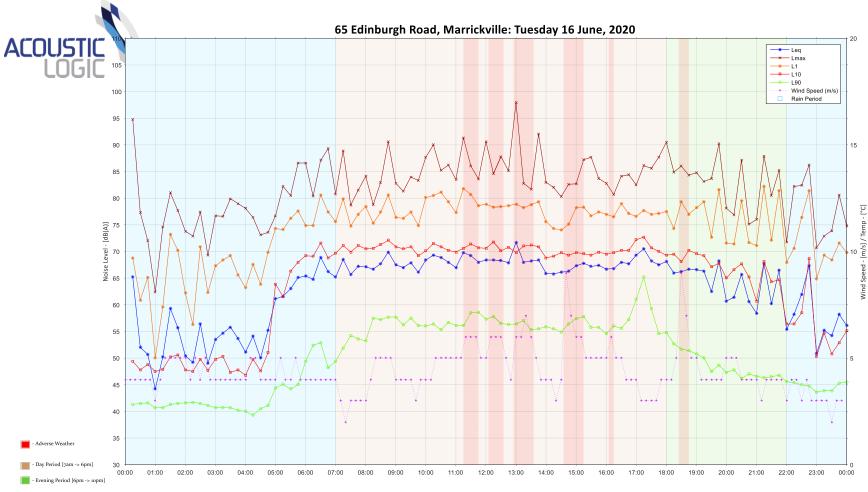
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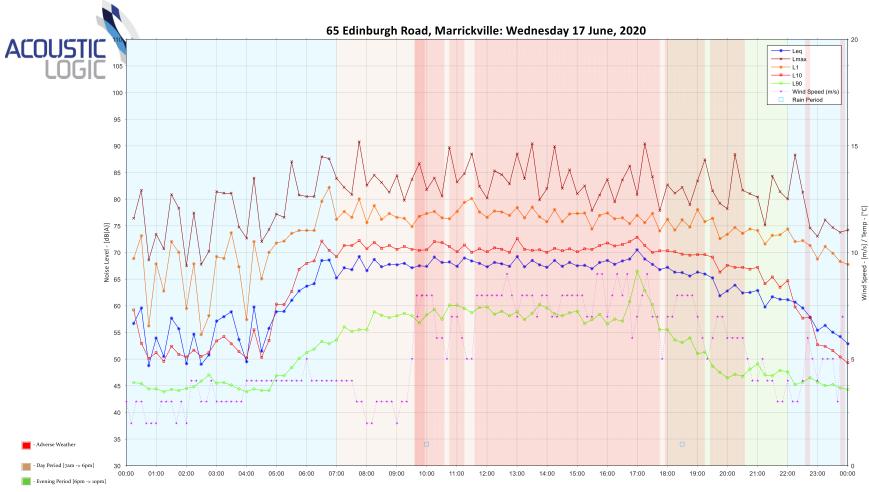




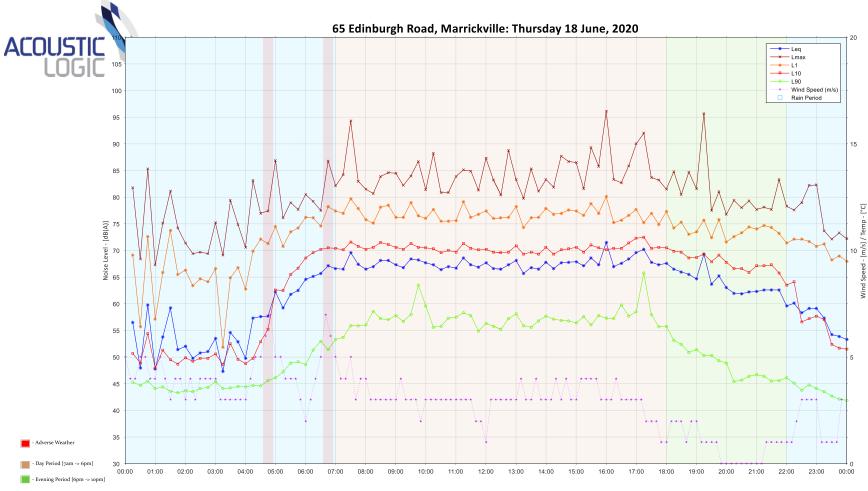
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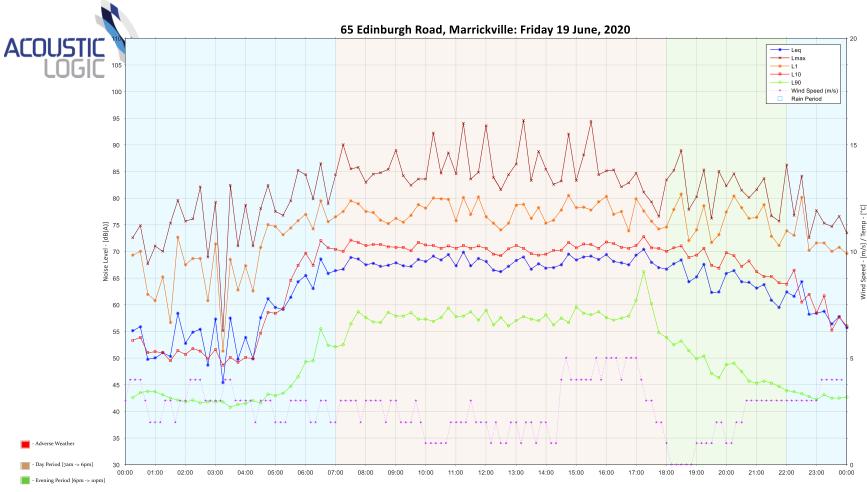


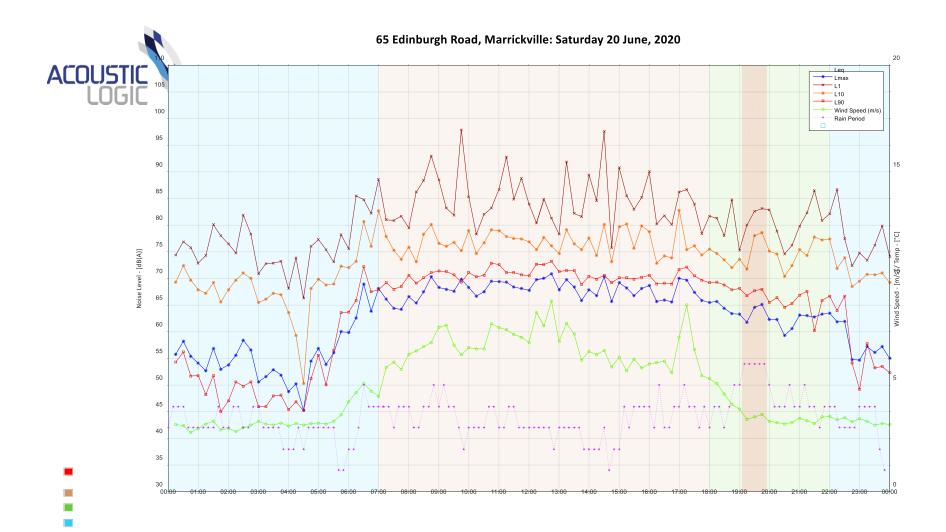


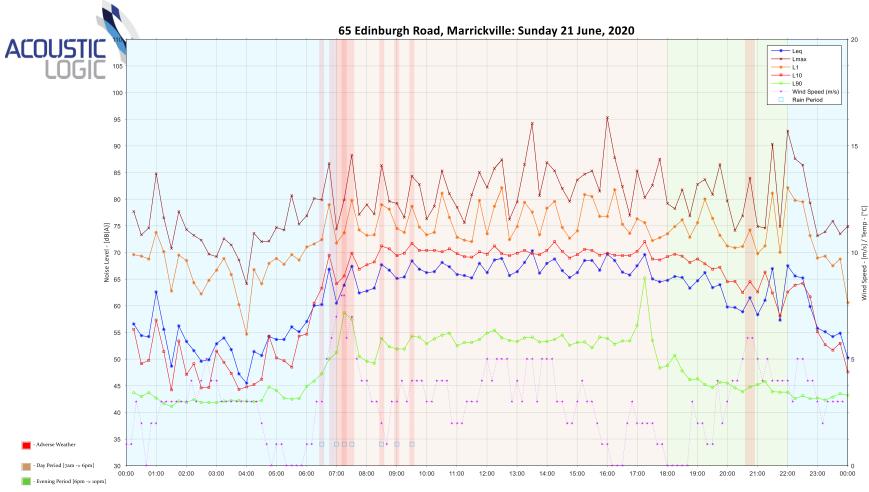


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