

**Noise Impact Assessment
Horizon Lee 5
Mixed-Use Development
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1 INTRODUCTION

Reverb Acoustics has been commissioned to conduct a noise impact assessment for the proposed Horizon Lee 5 mixed-use development at 45 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle. The purpose of this assessment is to determine the noise impact from passing road traffic, commercial and port activities within habitable spaces of the development and to ensure that noise levels comply with the requirements of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Newcastle City Council (NCC). Further assessment has also been carried out to determine the noise impact activities and equipment associated with the development may have on nearby neighbours (i.e. mechanical plant).

The assessment was requested by Horizon Newcastle Pty Ltd to form part of and in support of a Development Application to NCC and to ensure any noise control measures are incorporated into the design of the new buildings and site.

2 TECHNICAL REFERENCE / DOCUMENTS

AS 2107-2016 *"Acoustics-Recommended Design Sound Levels and Reverberation Times for Building Interiors"*.

AS 1276.1-1999 *"Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements. Part 1: Airborne sound insulation"*.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure (2008). *"Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guidelines"*.

NSW Environment Protection Authority (2013). *Rail Infrastructure Noise Guideline*.

NSW Environment Protection Authority (2011). *NSW Road Noise Policy*

NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (2001). *Environmental Noise Management Manual*

NSW Environment Protection Authority (2017). *Noise Policy for Industry*

Plans supplied by CKDS Architecture Pty Ltd, Issue D, dated 15 April 2019. Note that variations from the design supplied to us may affect our acoustic recommendations.

A Glossary of commonly used acoustical terms is presented in Appendix A to aid the reader in understanding the Report.

3 EXISTING ACOUSTIC ENVIRONMENT

A long-term background and ambient noise level survey was completed by Renzo Tonin & Associates at 16 Honeysuckle Drive in 2017 as part of the Application for a nearby development. A summary of their results is shown in Table 1. Table 2 presents results of additional attended noise level monitoring conducted by Reverb Acoustics in March 2019 at the site approximately 5 metres from the near lane of traffic on Honeysuckle Drive (Monitoring Location 2).

Table 1: Summary of Long-Term Monitoring – Location 1, dB(A) 2017

Time Period	Background L90			Ambient Leq		
	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night 10pm-7am	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night 10pm-7am
RBL	52	52	46	--	--	--
LAeq	--	--	--	61	61	55

Table 2: Measured Noise Levels, dB(A) 2019

Time	Date	Lmax	L90	Leq
Monitoring Location 2 – Honeysuckle Drive				
08:15	14/03/19	79.5	60.5	63.5
02:30	15/03/19	78.0	49.0	60.0

Attended monitoring conducted along the foreshore by Reverb Acoustics over several days revealed that noise sources in the area consisted of ship horns in the harbour, general port activities and industry hum. Maximum average noise from of 49-58dB(A), Lmax were measured for these activities.

Site, weather and measuring conditions were all satisfactory during our noise surveys. We therefore see no serious reason to modify the results because of influencing factors related to the site, weather or our measuring techniques.

Figure 1: Location Plan



4 CRITERIA

4.1 Road Traffic

Criteria for the assessment of quasi-steady-state noise sources, such as continuous road traffic and mechanical services, are sourced from AS/NZS 2107-2016 “Acoustics-Recommended Design Sound Levels and Reverberation Times for Building Interiors” and are detailed below.

Room Type	dBA
RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS	
<i>Houses and apartments near major roads</i>	
Living areas	35 – 45
Sleeping areas	35 – 40
Common areas (foyer, lobby)	45 – 50
SHOP BUILDINGS	
Small retail stores	<50
OFFICE BUILDINGS	
Reception areas	40 – 45
General office areas	40 – 45
Executive offices	35 – 40

DPE’s “Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guidelines” (released in December 2008) is a more recent document for assessment of road traffic noise impacts on residential developments. Limits specified within the Policy, which are virtually identical to those in AS/NZS2107-2016 are shown below:

Type of Occupancy	Noise Level in dB(A)	Applicable Time Period
Sleeping areas (bedroom)	35	Night 10pm to 7am
Other habitable rooms (excluding garages, kitchens bathrooms & hallways)	40	At any time

The RMS describes cognate criteria for the assessment of road traffic noise upon residential developments in their Environmental Noise Management Manual. Reference to Page 160 of the RTA’s Manual, indicates that noise reduction measures for new developments should endeavour to meet the noise level targets set out in the EPA’s Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN). The ECRTN has been superseded by the NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP) which contains a number of criteria applied to a variety of road categories (freeway, arterial, sub-arterial and local roads) and situations (new, upgraded roads and new developments affected by road traffic). Table 3 shows the relevant category, taken from Table 3 of the RNP:

Table 3: - Extract from Table 3 of RNP Showing Relevant Criteria.

Road Category	Day	Night
New residential developments affected by noise from existing freeway/arterial /sub-arterial roads	55 LAeq,15hr	50 LAeq,9hr

Table 4 summarises satisfactory internal noise levels for residences, used for the basis of this assessment.

Table 4: Internal Traffic Noise Level Criteria (Residential)

Location	Criteria – dB(A),Leq		Remarks
	Day	Night	
Sleeping areas	-	35	Windows closed
	-	45	Windows open
Other habitable rooms	40	-	Windows closed
	50	-	Windows open

Note: Provision for air conditioning will be available, therefore windows open criteria do not apply in this case.

Note that limits specified in the EPA documents are in agreement with those contained in AS/NZS 2107-2016 and DPE's Guideline. Therefore, the aim of the assessment is to ensure that the allowable noise levels shown above and in Table 3 are not (theoretically) exceeded within any habitable room due to road traffic noise. Transmission paths considered in the assessment are windows and doors with allowances made for shielding by balconies, intervening acoustic barriers, buildings/terraces, etc.

4.2 Site Noise/Mechanical Plant

Noise from industrial noise sources scheduled under the Protection of Environment Operations Act is assessed using the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry (NPI). However, local Councils and Government Departments may also apply the criteria for land use planning, compliance and complaints management. The NPI specifies two separate criteria designed to ensure existing and future developments meet environmental noise objectives. The first limits intrusive noise to 5dB(A) above the background noise level and the other aims to protect against progressively increasing noise in developing areas, based on the existing (Leq) noise level from industrial noise sources. Project Noise Trigger Levels are established for new developments by applying both criteria to the situation and adopting the more stringent of the two.

The existing L(A)eq for the receiver areas is dominated by traffic on nearby roads, and some commercial industrial activity during the day, evening and night. Reference to Table 2.2 of the NPI shows that all receiver areas are classified as urban. The Project Amenity Level is derived by subtracting 5dB(A) from the recommended amenity level shown in Table 2.2. A further +3dB(A) adjustment is required to standardise the time periods to LAeq,15 minute. The adjustments are carried out as follows:

Recommended Amenity Noise Level (Table 2.2) – 5dB(A) +3dB(A)

Table 5 below specifies the applicable project intrusiveness and amenity noise trigger levels for the proposed redevelopment.

Table 5: - Base Noise Level Objectives

Period	Intrusiveness Criteria	Amenity Criteria
Day	57 (52+5)	58 (60-5+3)
Evening	57 (52+5)	48 (50-5+3)
Night	51 (46+5)	43 (45-5+3)
Receiver Type: Urban (See EPA's NPI - Table 2.2)		

Project specific noise levels, determined as the more stringent of the intrusiveness criteria and the amenity / high traffic criteria, are as follows:

Day **57dB LAeq,15 Minute** 7am to 6pm Mon to Sat or 8am to 6pm Sun and Pub Hol.
Evening **48dB LAeq,15 Minute** 6pm to 10pm
Night **43dB LAeq,15 Minute** 10pm to 7am Mon to Sat or 10pm to 8am Sun and Pub Hol.

4.3 Maximum Noise Level Event Assessment - Sleep Arousal

Section 2.5 of EPA's NPI requires a detailed maximum noise level event assessment to be undertaken where the subject development/premises night-time noise levels exceed the following:

- LAeq (15 minute) 40dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 5dB whichever is greater, and/or
- LAFmax 52dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 15dB, whichever is greater.

The detailed assessment should cover the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the RBL, and the number of times this happens during the night period.

4.4 Construction Noise – Residential Receivers

Various authorities have set maximum limits on allowable levels of construction noise in different situations. Arguably the most universally acceptable criteria, and those which will be used in this Report, are taken from the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's) Interim NSW Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG). Since the project involves a significant period of construction activity, a "quantitative assessment" is required, i.e. comparison of predicted construction noise levels with relevant criteria. For assessment of noise impacts at residential receivers Table 3 of the ICNG is reproduced below in Table 6:

Table 6: - Table 3 of ICNG Showing Relevant Criteria at Residences

Time of Day	Management Level Leq (15min)	How to Apply
Recommended Standard Hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm Saturday 8am to 1pm No work on Sundays or Public holidays	Noise affected RBL +10dB(A) i.e. 62dB(A) day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. - Where the predicted or measured LAEQ (15min) is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to minimise noise. - The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details
	Highly noise affected 75dB(A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise. - Where noise is above this level, the proponent should consider very carefully if there is any other feasible and reasonable way to reduce noise to below this level. - If no quieter work method is feasible and reasonable, and the works proceed, the proponent should communicate with the impacted residents by clearly explaining duration and noise level of the works, and by describing any respite periods that will be provided.
Outside recommended Standard hours	Noise affected RBL +5dB(A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A strong justification would typically be required for works outside the recommended standard hours. - Proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. <p>Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied and noise is more than 5dB(A) above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For guidance on negotiating agreements see Section 7.2.2

Section 4.2 of the ICNG also specifies the following external noise level limits for commercial and industrial premises.

Industrial premises	75dB(A),Leq (15 min)
Offices, retail outlets	70dB(A),Leq (15 min)

Construction will only occur during standard construction hours, i.e. 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday, with no construction permitted on Sundays or public holidays. Table 7 details relevant criteria for potentially affected receivers (also see Figure 1).

Table 7: Criteria Summary

Assessment Location	Standard Construction Hours		Outside Standard Hours
	Noise Affected	Highly Noise Affected	
Residential Dev'p	62	75	57/51 #
Commercial Dev'p	70	75	70

#Evening and night periods.

4.5 Construction Vibration

Personal Comfort

The majority of maximum limits on allowable ground and building vibration in different circumstances and situations are directed at personal comfort rather than building damage. This usually leads, in virtually every situation, to people who interpret the effects of a vibration to ultimately determine its acceptability. The ICNG recommends that the EPA guideline, *Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline (2006)*, should be used for assessing construction vibration. Limits set out in the Guideline are for vibration in buildings, and are directed at personal comfort for continuous, impulsive and intermittent vibrations. Table 8 shows the Vibration Dose Values for intermittent vibration activities such as pile driving and use of vibrating rollers etc, taken from Table 2.4 of the Guideline, above which various degrees of adverse comment may be expected.

**Table 8: Acceptable Vibration Dose Values (m/s^{1.75})
Above which Degrees of Adverse Comment are Possible**

Location	Day (7am-10pm)		Night (10pm-7am)	
	Preferred	Maximum	Preferred	Maximum
Critical areas #	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.20
Residences	0.20	0.40	0.13	0.26
Offices	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
Workshops	0.80	1.60	0.80	1.60

Hospital operating theatres, precision laboratories, etc.

Building Safety:

Other criteria specifically dealing with Building Safety Criteria include Australian Standard AS2187.2-1993, dealing specifically with blasting vibration, specifies a maximum peak particle velocity of 10mm/sec for houses and a preferred limit of 5mm/sec where site specific studies have not been undertaken.

German Standard DIN 4150 - 1986, Part 3 Page 2, specifies a maximum vibration velocity of 5 to 15 mm/sec in the foundations for dwellings and 3 to 8 mm/sec for historical and sensitive buildings, for the range 10 to 50Hz. British Standard BS 7385 Part 2, specifies a maximum vibration velocity of 15mm/sec at 4Hz increasing to 20mm/sec at 15Hz increasing to 50mm/sec at 40Hz and above, measured at the base of the building.

Additionally, The Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council (ANZECC) guideline "*Technical basis for guidelines to minimise annoyance due to blasting overpressure and ground vibration*" limit peak particle velocities from blasting to below 5mm/sec at residential receivers, with a long term regulatory goal of 2mm/sec.

The above listed criteria vary from 3mm/sec up to 15mm/sec, therefore, the more conservative limit of **3mm/sec** will be adopted for the purposes of Building Safety Criteria. It should be acknowledged, however, that intermittent ground vibration velocities at 5mm/sec are generally considered the threshold at which architectural (cosmetic) damage to normal dwellings may occur and velocities at 10mm/sec should not cause any significant structural damage, with the exception of the most fragile and brittle of buildings.

5 METHODOLOGY

5.1 Road Traffic

Applicable noise level metrics, namely, Leq (day peak) and Leq (night) are those calculated from our measurements at the site, following the methodology outlined in the EPA's RNP. A +2.5dB(A) facade adjustment must be added to our results, as measurements were taken in the free-field.

$$\text{measured noise (2019)} + \text{facade correction} = \text{received noise (2019)}$$

Applying the above formula gives:

Hannell Street:

Day	63.0dB(A) + 2.5dB(A) = 65.5dB(A) Leq15hr	7am – 10pm
Night	58.5dB(A) + 2.5dB(A) = 61.0dB(A) Leq9hr	10pm – 7am

No recent AADT figures could be sourced at the time of writing this report, therefore for assessment purposes we have assumed 18,000 vehicles pass the site along Honeysuckle Drive for the year 2019. A figure of 5% heavy vehicles has been adopted. The AADT's for the year 2019 were applied to our computer programme, based on the EPA and RMS approved CoRTN Method of Traffic Noise Prediction, and noise levels were calculated to the theoretical facade at each level of the development. The adopted AADT figures and CoRTN values are merely arbitrary, as calculated noise levels are adjusted to correlate with our measured peak external noise levels, with the intention is to provide a (theoretical) means of determining the degree of noise control required for a particular building component.

5.1.1 CoRTN Model Conversion

The EPA released their ECRTN in June 1999 and RNP in 2011, which specify modified assessment periods for day and night, namely, Leq,15hr (7am to 10pm) and Leq,9hr (10pm to 7am). These assessment periods have rendered the original Australian version of the CoRTN model invalid, which was designed to assess the impact over a single 24 or 18 hour period. Consequently, modification of the Model is required to adequately describe the new metrics.

The CoRTN algorithm pertaining to traffic flow percentages has been modified by inserting all AADT figures for arterial roads, contained in RMS publications - Traffic Volume Data for Hunter and Northern Regions, 1998, and establishing AADT figures for the applicable day and night periods. Our CoRTN model was then calibrated against long term measurements made at locations with reliable AADT figures.

5.2 Site Noise/Mechanical Plant

The sound power level of each activity impacting on the site and at nearby receivers was determined according to the procedures described in AS2102 or AS1217 as appropriate, and theoretically propagated at to nearby receivers. Propagation calculations were carried out using the following in-house equation. Where noise impacts above the criteria are identified, suitable noise control measures are implemented and reassessed to demonstrate satisfactory received noise levels in the residential area.

Equation 1:

$$L_{eq,T} = L_w - 10 \log(2\pi r^2) + 10 \log \frac{(D \times N)}{T}$$

Where L_w is sound power level of source (dB(A))
 R distance to receiver (m)
 D is duration of noise for each event (sec)

N is number of events
 T is total assessment period (sec)

6 ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

6.1 Received Noise Levels – Road Traffic (Impact on Dev'p)

Shown below is a sample calculation detailing the procedure followed in order to calculate required glazing for a typical bedroom on Level 2 of the west building, located on the south facade, facing Honeysuckle Drive. The traffic noise level at the outer face of the glazing is calculated as follows,

**Table 9: Sample Calculation - Traffic Impact at Bedroom Window
Level 2 South Facade of West Building**

Propagation calculation	dB(A)	Octave band Sound Pressure Levels, dB(A)							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
Facade traffic noise, Leq^1	66	46	54	55	59	61	58	52	44
Architectural shielding ²		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directivity/distance Correction ³		-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Traffic noise at window	64	44	52	53	57	59	56	50	42

1. Measured noise level. 2. Deck/enclosed balustrade. 3. Includes angle of incidence & distance correction.

As the criterion for the bedroom is 35dB(A), see Section 4.1, the required traffic noise reduction is $TNR = 64 - 35 = 29\text{dB(A)}$. The traffic noise attenuation, TNA , required of the glazing is calculated according to the equation given in Clause 3.4.2.6 of AS 3671,

$$TNA = TNR + 10 \log_{10}[(S/S_f) \times 3/h \times 2T_{60} \times C] \quad \text{equation 1}$$

where

- S = Surface area of glazing = 2m^2
- S_f = Surface area of floor = 10m^2
- h = Ceiling height, assumed to be 2.5m
- T_{60} = Reverberation time, s
- C = No. of components = 2 (glazing, wall)

Assuming that the room is acoustically average (neither too 'live' nor too 'dead') equation 9.26 in Noise and Vibration Control, L.L. Beranek, 1971, gives a reverberation time of 0.46s. Consequently, the value of 0.5s was used in equation 1.

Using the values listed above gives

$$TNA = 25\text{dB(A)} \text{ for the glazing}$$

Substituting this value into the equation given in Clause 3.4.3.1 of AS3671 gives

$$Rw = TNA + 6 \approx 31.$$

Published sound insulation performance in terms of Rw or STC ratings relate to partitions tested in ideal laboratory conditions or opinions based on such measurements. Field conditions (eg. flanking paths, penetrations, air leaks etc) caused by lack of supervision of workmanship or inadequate attention to detail at design/specification stage can reduce the Rw rating. For this reason, we recommend selecting partition systems with a laboratory Rw rating 1-2dB higher than required on site. Therefore, the glazing in the bedroom must have a tested $Rw33$ rating. Based on typical laboratory performance data the glazing would consist of single-glaze laminated glass fitted with acoustic seals at sliders. Similar calculations to those above have been performed for windows and doors on affected facades. From these calculations, a glazing schedule has been compiled. See Section 7.

DPE's Guideline states that if road traffic noise criteria cannot be met with windows open then they must be shut, if desired, while also meeting the ventilation requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This does not preclude the use of operable windows, however, the National Construction Code (NCC) states that when the minimum criteria cannot be met, mechanical ventilation is required (ref: Section 3.1.2 ABCB Indoor Air Quality, 2016). However, the DPE's Apartment Design Guide Objective 4B-1 specifies all habitable rooms should be naturally ventilated in apartment complexes. A typical open window will reduce noise by 15dB(A) or more when contained within a masonry structure, therefore the windows open criteria will be met. Nonetheless, we understand that mechanical ventilation will be installed in all habitable rooms.

6.2 External Noise Sources (Impact on Development)

The following Tables show sample calculation of received noise levels from activities/equipment associated with nearby commercial developments, and port activities propagated to Bedrooms of nearest apartments. All calculations are based on distances scaled from plans supplied by CKDS Architecture Pty Ltd and through measurement during our site visits.

**Table 10: Received Noise – External Noise Sources, dB(A),Leq
Propagated to Apartment Bedrooms**

Activity	Harbour Activities	Industry	People on Streets	Retail Outlets/Mech
SPL/Lw dB(A)	55 #	55	80	72
Ave Dist to rec (m)	At Receiver	At Receiver	10	20
Duration of event	15 min	15 min	30 sec	15 min
No. of events	Numerous	Numerous	5	5
Rec dB(A),Leq	55	55	44	38
Combined	58			
Criteria (D/E/N)	57dB(A),Leq / 48dB(A),Leq / 43dB(A),Leq			
Impact	1/10/15			

**Table 11: Received Noise – Short Duration Events dB(A),Lmax
Propagated to Apartment Bedrooms**

Activity	Harbour Activities	Industry	People Streets	Retail Outlets/Mech
SPL/Lw dB(A), Lmax	55 #	55	88	72
Ave Dist to rec (m)	At Receiver	At Receiver	10	20
Rec dB(A),Lmax	58	58	60	38
Criteria (night)	56dB(A),Leq			
Impact	2	2	4	0

As can be seen by the above results, noise from nearby external activities/equipment is predicted to be exceed the criteria by up to 15dB(A) during the night at the facade of nearest residential units. Glazing to habitable rooms must therefore be modified acoustically. Theoretical calculations reveal that all glazing within the bedroom must achieve an Rw32 rating. This can typically be achieved with laminated glass and acoustic seals fitted at sliders. See Section 7 for glazing schedule and required acoustic design modifications.

6.3 Received Noise Mechanical Plant (Impact of Dev'p on Neighbours)

Council prefers the background noise level of the area to be maintained, although, in certain circumstances may permit the noise level in question to exceed the prevailing background noise level by 5dB(A), provided the sound is bland and free from impulsive and/or tonal components. This is in agreement with conditions contained within EPA's INP. In respect to the above, a planning limit of **43dB(A),Leq** for night (10pm-7am) at the boundary of nearest residences.

The number and location of noise generating items associated with the development is unknown at this time. For assessment purposes, we have assumed that the majority of mechanical plant will be located in the carpark, on the roof of each building, or on balconies of each apartment. We have further assumed that carpark exhaust outlets may also be located on the roof. Listed below is the anticipated type and number of plant items for each building.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Plant Item</i>
Carpark	Commercial Air Con Condensers (x6)
Roof	Air Con Condensers (x8) Carpark Exhaust (x2) Pool Pumps, etc
Individual Balconies	Residential Air Con Condensers

NOTE: Alternatively, air conditioning condensers may be located on individual balconies for residential apartments. If this is the case, noise emissions from individual residential air conditioning condensers are expected to be satisfactory at nearest receivers, providing solid balustrade is used on balconies (also see Section 7).

As the exact type of plant is not known at this stage, we have sourced information from our library of technical data. The sound power of the proposed plant is propagated to residential locations taking into account sound intensity losses due to geometric spreading and barrier insertion loss provided by intervening structures, with additional minor losses such as molecular absorption, directivity and ground absorption ignored in the calculations. As a result, predicted received noise levels are expected to slightly overstate actual received levels and thus provide a measure of conservatism. Comparison of the predicted noise levels produced by the plant and the allowable level are then compared to give the noise impact at the receiver.

Sample calculations of noise produced by roof-top packaged air conditioning condensers is shown in following Table, propagated to nearest residential boundaries.

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**Table 12: Calculated SPL – Roof-Top Air Conditioning Plant
Propagated to Nearest Residential Boundaries**

Item	dB(A)	Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
Combined Lw	86	60	69	74	78	80	81	76	66
Barrier loss ¹		4	5	6	7	8	9	11	14
SPL at receiver	42	21	29	33	36	41	35	30	17
Criterion (night)	43								
Impact	-								

1. Parapet walls or similar.

Results in the above Table show that noise emissions from anticipated air conditioning plant is predicted to be compliant with the EPA (and therefore Council) criteria at nearest residences, based on typical source noise levels and providing plant is installed at the specified location of the roof.

No acoustic barriers are required adjacent to roof-top air conditioning plant or exhaust plant providing noise emissions for individual items are below the specified limits:

Item	Max SPL at a Dist of 1 metre	Lw
Air Conditioning Condenser	63dB(A)	69dB(A)
Exhaust Discharge	65dB(A)	71dB(A)

If noise emission levels exceed the above limits, acoustic barriers must be erected along 3 sides towards any residential receiver, extending minimum 600mm above the top of the highest plant item. If ventilation issues arise acoustic louvres may be installed in preference to solid walls. See Section 7 for design specifications.

Once mechanical plant selections and locations have been finalised, details should be sent to the acoustic consultant for approval.

6.4 Predicted Noise levels - Construction Plant and Equipment

Received noise produced by anticipated construction activities is shown in Table 13 below, for a variety of distances to a typical receiver, with no noise barriers or acoustic shielding in place and with each item of plant operating at full power.

Table 13: Predicted Plant Item Noise Levels, dB(A)Leq

Plant/Activity	(Lw)	Distance to Residence			
		40m	80m	100m	200m
Tower crane	(104)	64	58	56	50
Hammering	(98)	58	52	50	44
Angle grinder	(106)	66	60	58	52
Air wrench (silenced)	(98)	58	52	50	44
Compactor	(111)	71	65	63	57
Road truck	(104)	64	58	56	50
Grader	(102)	62	56	54	48
Air compressor	(98)	58	52	50	44
Concrete Agitator	(112)	72	66	64	58
Concrete Pump	(110)	70	64	62	56
Pile boring machine	(112)	72	66	64	58
Excavator	(104)	64	58	56	50

6.5 Predicted Noise Impacts

Future residential apartments are within 40-50 metres of the site and some construction activities are expected to exceed the criteria, particularly mobile plant. Noise levels above 70dB(A) are possible at closest locations, and community reaction is possible. The ICNG recommends that as a first course of action, consideration should be given as to whether any alternate feasible or reasonable method of construction is possible. Consultation with the construction contractor confirms that due to the nature of ground conditions there are no quieter alternates available. The ICNG further recommends that when alternate feasible and reasonable options have been considered the proponent then should communicate with the impacted residents by clearly explaining the duration and noise level of the works, and any respite periods that will be provided. These strategies will be discussed in more detail in Section 8.

When pile boring occurs noise levels in the order of 69-72dB(A) are possible at nearest locations, which we acknowledge is high. To reduce noise levels any appreciable amount a physical barrier would be required to intercept the line of site between the source and receivers. We suggest that temporary acoustic barriers between the source and receiver. Placing shipping containers or similar moveable barriers adjacent to a rig is another practical method of noise control. Note that barriers will not be required in situations where intervening structures provide acoustic barriers between the source and receiver. The above strategies may reduce noise levels at residential locations by up to 10dB(A),

It should be noted that calculations are based on plant items operating in exposed locations and at full power, with no allowances made for intervening topography or shielding provided by intervening structures. Cumulative impacts, from several machines operating simultaneously, may be reduced when machines are operating in shielded areas not wholly visible to receivers. In saying this, if two or more machines were to operate simultaneously on the site, received noise levels would be raised and higher exceedances may occur.

Initial earthworks are expected to employ an excavator, and 1-2 dump trucks. The combined acoustic power level of these machines, assuming normal contractor's machines up to 10 years old in reasonably good condition, is expected to be in the range 100 to 104B(A),Leq. However, the machines will typically be spread over the site, and noise at any receiver is typically dominated by the few closest machines, such as an excavator loading a truck, while a second truck reverses into position to be loaded by an excavator. With a combined acoustic power level of 102 dB(A) for 3 typical machines operating at full power, above 60dB(A) is expected at the closest residence during peak activity.

Constructing temporary barriers of plywood, excess fill, etc, at least 2m high, at the perimeter of the construction site (or at least adjacent to noisy plant items) may be considered for mitigating some of the construction noise at nearest receivers. These barriers will offer the additional benefit of securing the site from unwanted visitors. With barriers in place, worst case construction will reduce by up to 10dB(A), although, as previously stated, these noise levels are expected to occur for a relatively short time and reduce as work progresses to a new area.

It should be acknowledged that construction activities that produce higher noise for a shorter period are often more desirable than alternate construction techniques that produce lower noise for a much longer period. This combined with noise control strategies discussed in Section 8 will ensure that minimum disruption occurs.

6.6 Predicted Vibration Impacts - Construction Plant and Equipment

Occupants of nearby buildings may also have concerns about ground vibration levels from vibrating machinery (excavators, compactors, etc). Ground vibration measurements carried out previously, on other sites, can be used to indicate the likely range of vibration levels produced by construction activities. Previous results do not necessarily apply to this site without considering influencing factors such as ground resonant frequency, energy produced, etc. Table 14 lists the results of previous vibration measurements, with each measurement corrected to a standard distance of 20m to represent nearest residential receivers.

Table 14: Average Maximum Ground Vibration Measurement Results, mm/s Peak.

Ground Type	Measured Distance to Vibration mm/sec	Minimum 40m to Receiver mm/sec
Excavator on clay soil	80m, 0.012	0.14
Excavator on dry alluvial soil	15m, 0.23	0.16
Excavator on wet alluvial soil	10m, 0.52	0.28
Road truck on potholes	10m, 0.15-2.7	0.1-1.2
Compactor on clay	40m, 0.20	0.20

Table 14 shows a variety of vibration levels mainly due to differences in ground conditions from one site to the next. The Table shows a marked difference between clay and dry ground, with low resulting vibration, and water saturated ground with vibration levels an order of magnitude higher. Results from measurements on wet alluvial or clay soil are likely to apply to the site.

Since vibration varies over time for each process the EPA Guideline recommends that the following formula be used to estimate the vibration dose at the receiver location:

$$\text{Equation 1:} \quad eVDV = 1.4 \times a \times t^{0.25}$$

where: k is nominally 1.4 for crest factors below 6 a_{rms} = weighted rms accel (m/s²)
 t = total cumulative time (seconds) of the vibration event(s)

The following estimated vibration doses are expected at nearest receivers:

	$eVDV$
Excavator	0.18
Compactor	0.24

Based on the above results, adverse comment is possible, particularly when earthworks take place. We therefore recommend that these activities are not carried out unless simultaneous attended vibration monitoring is conducted when within safe working distances noted in Table 7. As previously stated, in many cases higher levels of vibration (and noise) are preferable that occur for only a short period of time than processes producing lower amplitudes for a much longer time period.

The effect of vibration in a building is observed in two ways, namely, it is felt by the occupant, or it causes physical damage to the structure. Subjective detection can be one of direct perception from rattling of windows and ornaments, or dislodgement of hanging pictures and other loose objects. The second is structural damage which may be either architectural (or cosmetic) such as plaster cracking, movement or dislodgement of wall tiles, cracked glass etc, or major such as cracking walls, complete falls of ceilings, etc, which is generally considered to impair the function or use of the dwelling. Vibration can be felt at levels well below those considered to cause structural damage. Complaints from occupiers are usually due to the belief that if vibration can be felt then it is likely to cause damage. Slamming of doors or footfall within a building can produce vibration levels above those produced by construction activities.

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Any future structural damage, whether cosmetic or major, which may occur to any building will only be a result of natural causes such as differential settlement of foundations (particularly if on poorly compacted fill), expansion and contraction cycles due to changes in temperature, shrinkage due to drying out of timber framing and pre-stressed areas of the building. Obvious structural damage from any of these sources can usually be identified with the particular cause. Generally, one particular source is not the cause of damage to a structure, but rather a combination of two or more.

Vibration levels are unlikely to cause direct failure, and it is considered the main action is triggering cracks in materials already subjected to stress or natural forces, however, as previously mentioned, this may also arise from internal forces such as slamming of doors. In our experience, vibration will only begin to trigger "natural cracking" at levels above 1mm/sec. Findings by the Road Research Laboratory in the early 1970's, reproduced in Table 15, gives an indication of the effects from varying magnitudes of vibration.

Table 15: Reaction of People and Damage to Buildings

Peak Vel (mm/s)	Human Reaction	Effect on Buildings
0 to 0.15	Imperceptible by people – no intrusion	Highly unlikely to cause damage
0.15 to 0.3	Threshold of perception – possibility of intrusion	Highly unlikely to cause damage
2.0	Vibrations perceptible	Recommended upper level of vibration for historical buildings
2.5	Level at which vibration becomes annoying	Very little risk of damage
5	Annoying to occupants	Threshold at which the risk of damage to houses is possible
10 to 15	Vibrations considered unpleasant and unacceptable	Will cause cosmetic damage and possibly structural damage

Construction noise and vibration strategies are discussed in detail in Section 8.

7 NOISE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS – OPERATION

7.1 Glazing Construction

7.1.1 Similar calculations to those in Section 6 were performed for all building elements. From these calculations, a schedule of required glazing has been compiled, shown below. The glazing systems, sighted in the following Table, are presented as a guide for the supplier:

Glazing Systems:

- Type A: Standard glazing. No acoustic requirement.
- Type B: Single-glaze 5-8mm clear float glass.
- Type C: Single glaze laminated or VLam Hush glass
- Type D: Double-glaze or Insulating Glass Unit (IGU)

Note: The typical glazing shown in the following Tables should be used as a guide only. The supplier of the window/door must be able to provide evidence from a registered laboratory that the complete system will achieve the specified Rw performance, i.e. do not simply install our recommended glass in a standard window frame.

Table 16: Glazing Schedule

Facade	Location	Required Rw Compliance Requirement	Typical Glazing System (Not for Specification)
Facing South (Honeysuckle Dv)	Commercial/Retail	30	Type C
	All Bedrooms	35	Type C or D
	All Liv/Din/Kitch	33	Type C
	All Bath/WC	30	Type C
Facing East/West	Commercial/Retail	28	Type B
	All cnr Bedrooms #	35	Type C or D
	All Other Bedrooms	32	Type C
	All cnr Liv/Din/Kitch #	33	Type C
	All Other Liv/Din/Kitch	31	Type C
	All Bath/WC	28	Type B
Facing North (Harbour)	Commercial/Retail	26	Type B
	All Bedrooms	30	Type C
	All Liv/Din/Kitch	28	Type B
	All Bath/WC	24	Type B

Apartments closest to Honeysuckle Drive only.

7.2 Roof/Ceiling Construction

7.2.1 Roof construction may consist of *either* reinforced concrete *or* sisalation or wire mesh laid down on roof purlins. This is to be completely covered with a 30-40mm foil faced building blanket hard under the roof sheeting (in situations where joists are at centres close enough to avoid excessive sagging of the blanket, the sisalation/wire mesh may be omitted). Close off gaps between purlins and roof sheeting with Unisil Eaves Filler Strips, bituminous compound, or similar. Install an impervious ceiling of 1 sheet of taped and set 10mm plasterboard. To further assist in low frequency attenuation, all ceiling voids should contain a layer of fibreglass or rockwool insulation. The insulation is to be installed in addition to, not in lieu of the building blanket. Specialised acoustic insulation is preferred, however, dense thermal insulation (eg, R3 batts) will suffice and is much less expensive (\$15/m² for Rockwool 350 and \$5/m² for R3 batts).

7.3 Wall Construction

7.3.1 Brick veneer/cavity brick/masonry construction is acceptable. Where external brickwork stops below the height of the stud frame, plasterboard, Villaboard, or similar, is to be fixed to the outside of the stud frame to fill the void. The infill material is to extend from the top of the top plate to a point in line with the bottom of the top course of brickwork. Alternatively, an overside noggin is to be fixed to the underside of the top plate to project within 10-20mm of the inside surface of the external wall.

7.3.2 Lightweight cladding (i.e. Shadowclad, Colorbond, or similar) should include internal lining 1 sheet taped and set 13mm fire rated plasterboard, and a cavity infill of R1.5/S1.5 fibreglass or polyester insulation. The external face of all lightweight cladding should also be backed with either 6mm fibre cement sheeting (Villaboard, Hardiflex) or 10mm construction plywood.

7.4 Balconies

7.4.1 To reduce the field of view of the noise source (i.e. traffic, mech plant), enclosed balustrade is required for all residential apartments, consisting of stud wall, masonry or fixed glass panels to a height of minimum 900mm. Vertical gaps between each panel that do not exceed 75mm are permitted. A gap of say 50-100mm is permitted at floor level to allow cleaning, hosing, etc

7.5 Mechanical Plant

7.5.1 No acoustic barriers are required adjacent to roof-top mechanical plant providing noise emissions for individual items are below the specified limits:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Max SPL at a Dist of 1 metre</i>	<i>Lw</i>
Air Conditioning Condenser	63dB(A)	69dB(A)
Exhaust Discharge	65dB(A)	71dB(A)
Pool Pumps, Ancillary Equipment	66dB(A)	72dB(A)

7.5.2 Acoustic barriers are to be constructed at the fan discharge of exhaust plant that exceeds the limits specified in 7.5.1 above. Barriers must fully enclose at least three sides towards any residence. In our experience, a more efficient and structurally secure barrier is one that encloses all four sides. The barrier must extend at least 600mm above and below the fan centre and/or the discharge outlet and must be no further than 1200mm from the edges of the exhaust. Barrier construction should consist of either Acoustisorb panels (available through Modular Walls) or an outer layer of one sheet of 12mm fibre cement sheeting (Villaboard, Hardiflex), or 19mm marine plywood. The inside (plant side) is to be lined with an absorbent foam to reduce reverberant sound (fibrous infills are not recommended as they will deteriorate if wet), Note that variations to barrier construction or alternate materials are not permitted without approval from the acoustical consultant. Barrier construction is based solely on acoustic issues. Visual, wind load issues must be considered and designed by appropriately qualified engineers.

7.5.3 Acoustic barriers are to be constructed adjacent to air conditioning, refrigeration and pool plant that exceeds the limits specified in 7.5.1 above. Acoustic barriers must be equal in height to the highest plant item must be erected between the plant and residences. Barrier construction is to consist of either Acoustisorb panels (available through Modular Walls) or an outer layer of 12mm fibre cement sheeting, 25mm construction plywood, Hebel Powerpanel, or similar material, with an absorbent inner surface of perforated metal (minimum 10-15% open area) backed with a water resistant acrylic batt or blanket. The acoustic barrier must continue at least 300mm below the top of the plant deck.

7.5.4 No acoustic modifications are required for air conditioning condensers located on individual balconies of residential apartments, providing solid balustrade is used (see Item 7.4.1 above).

7.5.5 Where plant intended to be installed on the site produces noise in excess of specified levels, noise control will be required to ensure satisfactory noise emissions. The contractor responsible for supplying and installing the plant should be asked to supply evidence that installed plant meets this noise emission limit, or that noise control included with the plant is effective in reducing the sound level to the specified limit.

7.5.6 It should be noted that no penalties have been applied for tonality in our calculations, therefore the tenderer's attention is drawn to the fact that mechanical plant may be near sensitive receivers and it is vitally important that units are free from specifically annoying characteristics (eg. tones, squeaks, pulsations etc). Careful selection of plant, equipment, piping and ducting systems is recommended to ensure quiet and vibration free operation in compliance with the specified noise criteria. Replacement and/or modification will be necessary to all systems causing undue noise or vibration exceeding the specified criteria.

7.5.7 Once the plant layout and selection has been finalised, details should be forwarded to the acoustic consultant for approval. Revision of the plant layout may result in modification to acoustic recommendations.

7.6 Commercial/Retail Tenancies

7.6.1 Given the variability of the proposed commercial/retail occupancies, it is not possible to specify exact acoustic controls on a case-to-case basis. For example, a cafe may require exhaust or refrigeration plant, while no significant noise is expected from an office. In addition, the tenancy of retail outlets is usually dynamic dependent upon the success or otherwise of the occupant. For this reason, the onus is upon the tenant to ensure noise emission is kept to a minimum.

Future tenants should be assessed on a case to case basis and required to submit their own Noise Impact Assessment to Council, if noise generating activities are anticipated.

8 CONSTRUCTION NOISE & VIBRATION CONTROL STRATEGIES

8.1 Noise & Vibration Monitoring Program

We recommend that attended noise and vibration should be carried out at commencement of each process/activity that has the potential to produce excessive noise and/or vibration. Attended monitoring offers the advantage of immediate identification of noise or vibration exceedances at the receiver and ameliorative action required to minimise the duration of exposure. Unattended long-term monitoring only identifies a problem at a later date and is not recommended. Table 17 should be used as a guide for the construction team to consider and follow. When the nominated activity occurs within the safe working distance, attended vibration monitoring should be conducted at the relevant receiver type. It is usual practice to conduct attended noise monitoring in conjunction with vibration monitoring, as activities that produce high vibration amplitudes also regularly produce high levels of noise.

Table 17: Vibration Monitoring Program - Minimum Distance when Monitoring is Required

Activity/Process	Receiver Type	Distance to Receiver (m)
Tracked machine	Heritage structure	40
	Residential building	20
	Commercial	10
Pile boring	Heritage structure	40
	Residential building	20
	Commercial	10
Crane	Heritage structure	20
	Residential building	10
	Commercial	5
Concrete pours	Heritage structure	20
	Residential building	10
	Commercial	5
Truck movements	Heritage structure	20
	Residential building	10
	Commercial	5

Note: Attended vibration monitoring should also be conducted for other activities identified by the contractor that have the potential to create vibration, not noted in the above Table.

8.2 Vibration Management Strategies

In addition to vibration monitoring, the following management strategies should also be considered:

Dilapidation Survey: We understand that this has been done as part of the management process.

Monitoring Changes in Building: Use of callipers, tell tales, etc, prior to commencement of major vibration generating works.

Underpinning, Reinforcement, Bracing, etc: Additional structural support to adjoining buildings, excavations, etc.

8.3 Equipment Selection

All combustion engine plant, such as generators, compressors and welders, should be carefully checked to ensure they produce minimal noise, with particular attention to residential grade exhaust silencers and shielding around motors.

Trucks and other machines should not be left idling unnecessarily, particularly when close to residences. Machines found to produce excessive noise compared to industry best practice should be removed from the site or stood down until repairs or modifications can be made. Framing guns and impact wrenches should be used sparingly, particularly in elevated locations, with assembly of modules on the ground preferred.

Table 18 shows some common construction equipment, together with noise control options and possible alternatives.

Table 18: Noise Control, Common Noise Sources

Equipment / Process	Noise Source	Noise Control	Possible Alternatives
Compressor Generator	Engine	Fit residential muffler. Acoustic enclosure.	Electric in preference to petrol/diesel. Plant to be Located outside building Centralised system.
	Casing	Shielding around motor.	
Concrete breaking Drilling Core Holing	Hand piece	Fit silencer, reduces noise but not efficiency Enclosure / Screening	Use rotary drill or thermic lance (used to burn holes in and cut concrete) Laser cutting technology
	Bit	Dampened bit to eliminate ringing. Once surface broken, noise reduces. Enclosure / Screening.	
	Air line	Seal air leaks, lag joints	
	Motor	Fit residential mufflers.	
Drop/Circular saw Brick saw	Vibration of blade/product.	Use sharp saws. Dampen blade. Clamp product.	Use handsaws where possible. Retro-fitting.
Hammering	Impact on nail		Screws
Brick bolster	Impact on brick	Rubber matting under brick	Shielded area.
Rotary drills Boring	Drive motor and bit.	Acoustic screens and enclosures	Thermic lance Laser cutting technology.
Explosive tools (i.e. ramset gun)	Cartridge explosion	Use silenced gun	Drill fixing.
Material handling	Material impact	Cushioning by placing mattresses, foam, waffle matting on floor. Acoustic screening.	
Waste disposal	Dropping material in bin, trolley wheels.	Internally line bins/chutes with insertion rubber, conveyor belting, or similar.	
Dozer, Excavator, Truck, Grader, Crane	Engine, track noise	Residential mufflers, shielding around engine, rubber tyred machinery.	
Pile driving/boring	Hammer impact engine	Shipping containers between pile & receiver	Manual boring techniques

Note: Generally, noise reductions of 7-10dB will be achieved with the use of barriers, 15-30dB by enclosures, 5-10dB from silencers and up to 20-25dB by substitution with an alternate process.

8.4 Acoustic Barriers/Screening

To minimise noise impacts during construction, early work should concentrate on grading and levelling the areas closest to buildings. In the event of complaints arising from occupants of nearby buildings, we offer the following additional strategies for consideration:

- Place acoustic enclosures or screens directly adjacent to stationary noise sources such as compressors, generators, drill rigs, etc.
- Temporary barriers of plywood, excess fill, etc, at least 2m high, at the perimeter of the construction site

8.5 Consultation/Complaints Handling Procedure

The construction contractor should analyse proposed noise control strategies in consultation with the Acoustic Consultant as part of project pre-planning. This will identify potential noise problems and eliminate them in the planning phase prior to site works commencing.

Occupants of nearby buildings should be notified of the intended construction timetable and kept up to date as work progresses, particularly as work changes from one set of machines and processes to another. In particular, occupants should understand how long they will be exposed to each source of noise and be given the opportunity to inspect plans of the completed development. Encouraging resident understanding and "participation" gives the local community a sense of ownership in the development and promotes a good working relationship with construction staff. Programming noisy activities (such as sheet piling) outside critical times for court buildings should be arranged.

We recommend that construction noise management strategies should be implemented to ensure disruption to the occupants of nearby buildings is kept to a minimum. Noise control strategies include co-ordination between the construction team and building occupants to ensure the timetable for noisy activities does not coincide with sensitive activities.

The site manager/environmental officer and construction contractor should take responsibility and be available to consult with community representatives, perhaps only during working hours. Response to complaints or comments should be made in a timely manner and action reported to the concerned party.

All staff and employees directly involved with the construction project should receive informal training with regard to noise control procedures. Additional ongoing on the job environmental training should be incorporated with the introduction of any new process or procedure. This training should flow down contractually to all sub-contractors.

8.6 Risk Assessment

A risk assessment should be undertaken for all noisy activities and at the change of each process. This will help identify the degree of noise and/or vibration impact at nearby receivers and ameliorative action necessary. A sample Risk Assessment Check Sheet is included in Appendix B as a guide.

9 CONCLUSION

A noise impact assessment for the proposed Horizon Lee 5 development, has been completed. The report has shown that the site is suitable for the intended purpose, providing our recommendations are implemented. An assessment of external noise impacting on the development has resulted in the compilation of a schedule of minimum glazing, wall, roof construction, etc, to meet the requirements of the EPA and RMS. The recommended construction shown in Table 16 should be used as a guide only. The supplier of the window/door must be able to provide evidence from a registered laboratory that the complete system will achieve the specified Rw performance. Do not simply install the recommended glazing in a standard frame.

The guidelines herein are preliminary in that the selection of building materials depends on user/client requirements, space limitations, budgetary constraints and practicalities that relate to the acoustic design of suites. Adequate building facade design may be achieved through many different combinations of materials, all of which may achieve the same result, subject to review by us.

We have designed exposed facades of the building to ensure maximum noise level passbys from heavy vehicles are below 55-60dB(A). This upper limit is generally considered the threshold at which awakenings may occur.

In conclusion, providing the recommendations given in this report are implemented, external noise impacts (i.e. road traffic, port activities, etc), will comply with the requirements of the EPA, RMS, DPE and NCC within habitable spaces of the proposed development. We therefore see no acoustic reason why the proposal should be denied.

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APPENDIX A

Definition of Acoustic Terms

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Term	Definition
dB(A)	A unit of measurement in decibels (A), of sound pressure level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter ("A-weighted") so as to more closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
ABL	<i>Assessment Background Level</i> – A single figure representing each individual assessment period (day, evening, night). Determined as the L90 of the L90's for each separate period.
RBL	<i>Rating Background Level</i> – The overall single figure background level for each assessment period (day, evening, night) over the entire monitoring period.
Leq	Equivalent Continuous Noise Level - which, lasting for as long as a given noise event has the same amount of acoustic energy as the given event.
L90	The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. An indicator of the mean minimum noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for background or ambient noise (usually in dBA).
L10	The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. L ₁₀ is an indicator of the mean maximum noise level, and is generally used in Australia as the descriptor for intrusive noise (usually in dBA).

The graph illustrates the variation of noise levels over time. The y-axis represents Noise Level in dBA, and the x-axis represents Time. The noise profile shows several peaks and troughs. Horizontal dashed lines indicate specific noise levels: L_{min} (minimum), L_{max} (maximum), L₁₀ (exceeded 10% of the time), L_{eq} (equivalent continuous level), and L_{90,95} (exceeded 90% of the time).

APPENDIX B

Risk Assessment Checklist

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