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1 INTRODUCTION

This Acoustic Assessment accompanies an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) in support of an application for a State Significant Development (SSD-11233241).

The development is for a new primary school located at 2 Fairley Street, Murrumbateman.

1.1 Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

This report addresses the relevant Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), namely:

10. Noise and Vibration

- *Provide a noise and vibration impact assessment that:*
  - *includes a quantitative assessment of the main noise and vibration generating sources during demolition, site preparation, bulk excavation and construction.*
  - *details the proposed construction hours and provide details of, and justification for, instances where it is expected that works would be carried out outside standard construction hours.*
  - *includes a quantitative assessment of the main sources of operational noise, including consideration of any public-address system, school bell, mechanical services (e.g. air conditioning plant), use of any school hall for concerts etc. (both during and outside school hours) and any out of hours community use of school facilities.*
  - *outlines measures to minimise and mitigate the potential noise impacts on nearby sensitive receivers.*
  - *considers sources of external noise intrusion in proximity to the site (including, road rail and aviation operations) and identifies building performance requirements for the proposed development to achieve appropriate internal amenity standards.*
  - *demonstrates that the assessment has been prepared in accordance with polices and guidelines relevant to the context of the site and the nature of the proposed development.*

1.2 SEARs Satisfaction Table

In addressing the requirements of SEARs item 10 above, each item is addressed in the following section:

Table 1 SEARs Satisfaction Table

Acoustic Assessment SEARs Satisfaction Table		
SEAR	**SEAR Requirements**	**Document Reference**
10	*Provide a noise and vibration impact assessment that:*	-
	Includes a quantitative assessment of the main noise and vibration generating sources during demolition, site preparation, bulk excavation and construction.	Refer to section 7
	Details the proposed construction hours and provide details of, and justification for, instances where it is expected that works would be carried out outside standard construction hours.	Refer to section 7
	Includes a quantitative assessment of the main sources of operational noise, including consideration of any public-address system, school bell, mechanical services (e.g. air conditioning plant), use of any school hall for concerts etc. (both during and outside school hours) and any out of hours community use of school facilities.	Refer to section 6

Acoustic Assessment SEARs Satisfaction Table		
	Outlines measures to minimise and mitigate the potential noise impacts on nearby sensitive receivers.	Refer to section 6
	Considers sources of external noise intrusion in proximity to the site (including, road rail and aviation operations) and identifies building performance requirements for the proposed development to achieve appropriate internal amenity standards.	Refer to section 5
	Demonstrates that the assessment has been prepared in accordance with polices and guidelines relevant to the context of the site and the nature of the proposed development.	Refer to section 1.3

1.3 Relevant Guidelines

Acoustic criteria which have been adopted in this assessment include requirements from the following guidelines or legislative documents:

- Yass Valley Council *Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013*;
- Yass Valley Council *Development Control Plan (DCP), Fairley Commercial Centre, Murrumbateman 2015*;
- NSW Education *Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG)*;
- NSW EPA *Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017*;
- NSW EPA *Road Noise Policy (RNP) 2011*;
- NSW EPA *Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) 2009;*
- NSW EPA *Environmental Noise Control Manual (ENCM) 1994;*
- NSW EPA (formerly, Department of Environment and Climate Change) *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline 2006 (AV-TG)*;
- Australian Standard AS 2670.2 1990 - *Evaluation of Human Exposure to Whole Body Vibration - Part 2: Continuous and Shock Induced Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)*
- British Standard BS 6472 - 2008 - *Evaluation of Human Exposure Vibration in Buildings (1 Hz to 80 Hz)*
- Australian & New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2107:2016 *Acoustics–Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors*;
- German DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 *"Effects of Vibration on Structure"* (DIN 1999); and
- ASHRAE *"Sound and Vibration Control" 2007.*

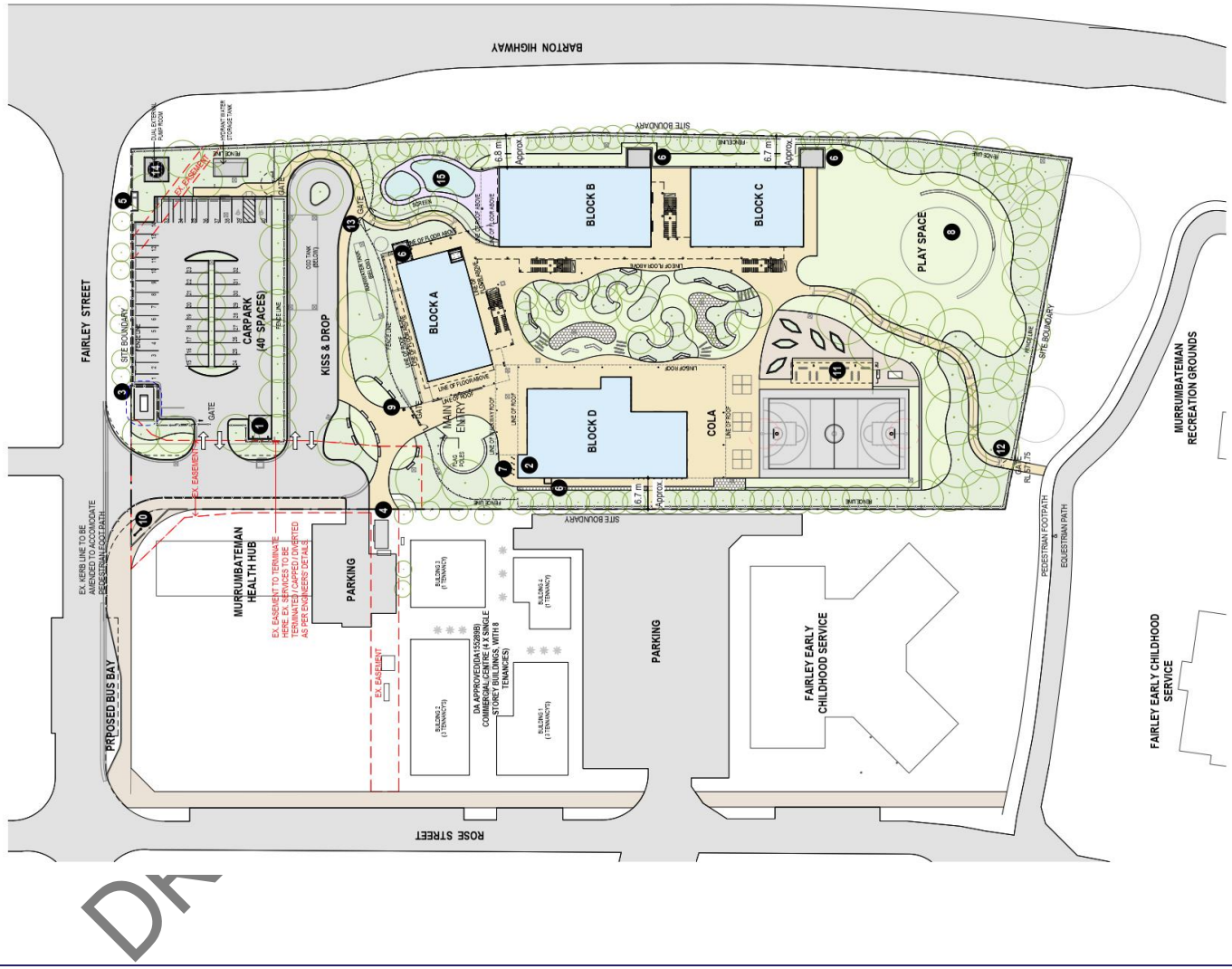
1.4 Proposal

The proposed development is for construction and operation of a new primary school with Core 21 facilities in Murrumbateman that will accommodate up to 368 students.

The proposed development includes the following (also see Figure 1 below):

- A collection of 1 to 2 storey buildings containing 14 home base units, 2 special education learning units, hall, administration facilities and a library.
- On-site parking lot with 40 spaces and a kiss-and-ride area.
- Outdoor sports court and play area.
- Integrated landscaping, fencing and signage.

Figure 1 Architectural Site Plan (Drawing MURR – SSDA – 001)



1.5 Site Description

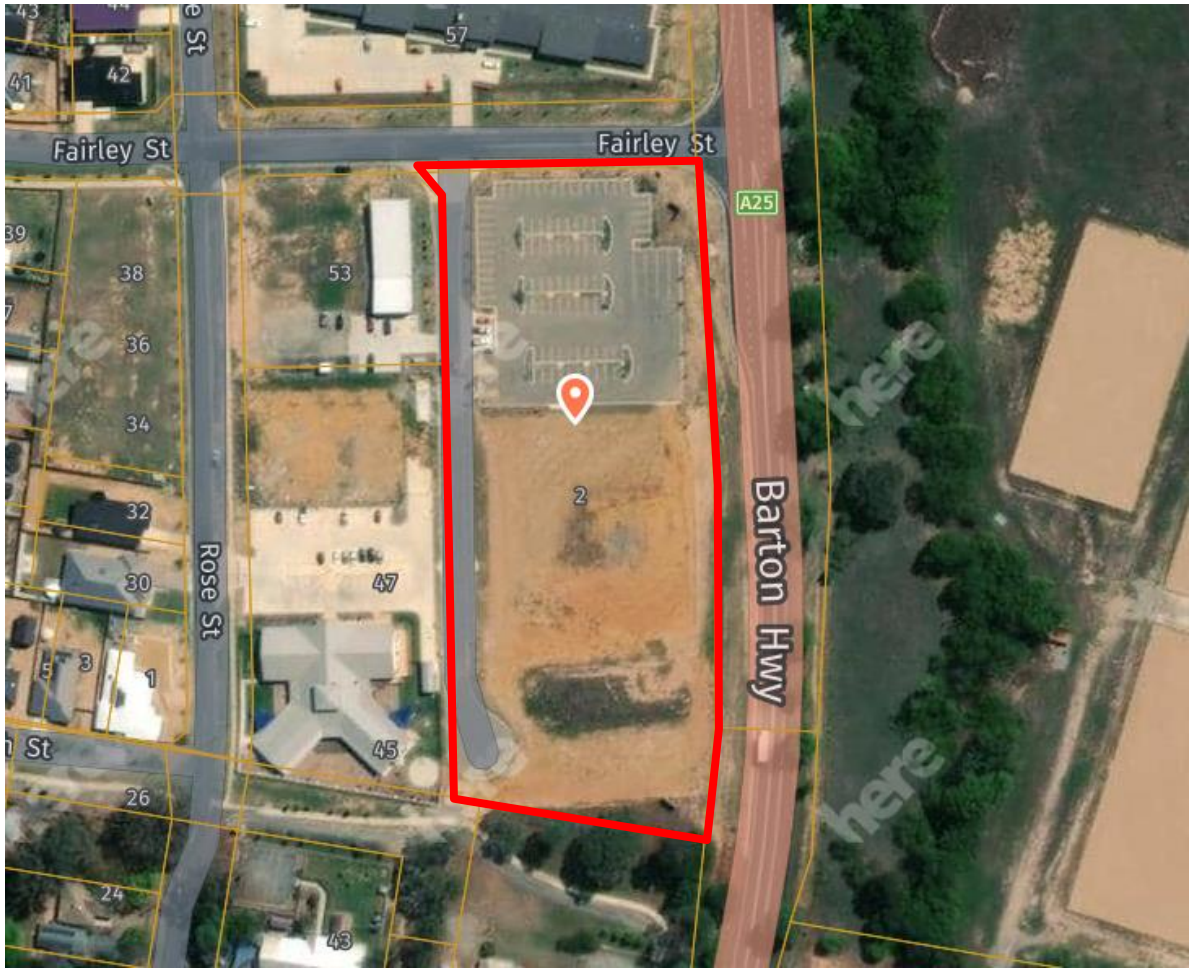
The site is located at 2 Fairley Street, Murrumbateman, in the local government area of Yass Valley Council. The site is formally described as Lot 302 DP1228766 (refer to Figure 2 below). The site is irregular in shape and has an area of 15,434.92m².

The site is located at the northern end of the Murrumbateman village, which is characterised by a mix of uses including low density residential and some commercial.

Immediately surrounding development includes a tourist hotel to the north across Fairley Street, Murrumbateman Library (located in the former Murrumbateman schoolhouse, a local heritage item) to the south, a medical centre and childcare centre to the west, and rural land and equestrian facilities to the east across Barton Highway. There is also a cycling and equestrian pathway to the south between the site and library.

The site contains an existing parking lot in its northern end and a driveway along its western boundary. There is also a mound of soil at the southern end of the site. The site is otherwise cleared and vacant.

Figure 2 Project Site Location – Sourced from NearMap



2 SURROUNDING RECEIVERS

The nearest sensitive receivers to the site are identified below.

Receiver 1: Single storey residential dwellings located to the east of the site Rose Street. Receivers are located along the western side of Rose Street (No. 30-38) and northern side of North Street on the same block (no. 1-3). Receiver one will be known as *Rose Street Receivers* in this report.

Receiver 2: Single storey residential dwellings located to the north west of the site across Rose Street/Fairley Street. Receivers are located along the northern side of Fairley Street and western side of Rose Street (No. 42). Receiver two will be known as *Fairley Street Receiver* in this report.

Receiver 3: Single storey commercial hotel building ("*Abode Apartment Hotels*") located to the north of the site across Fairley Street. Receiver is located along the northern side of Fairley Street and eastern side of Rose Street (No. 57). Receiver three will be known as *Abode Receiver* in this report.

Receiver 4: Single storey commercial podiatry building ("*Your Happy Feet Podiatry*") located along the western boundary of the site, across the internal road. Receiver is located along the southern side of Fairley Street and eastern side of Rose Street (No. 53). Receiver four will be known as *Happy Feet Receiver* in this report.

Receiver 5: Single storey Child Care Centre building ("*Fairley Early Childhood Service*") located along the western boundary of the site, across the internal road. Receiver is located along the eastern side of Rose Street (No. 47). Receiver five will be known as *Fairley Early Childhood Receiver* in this report.

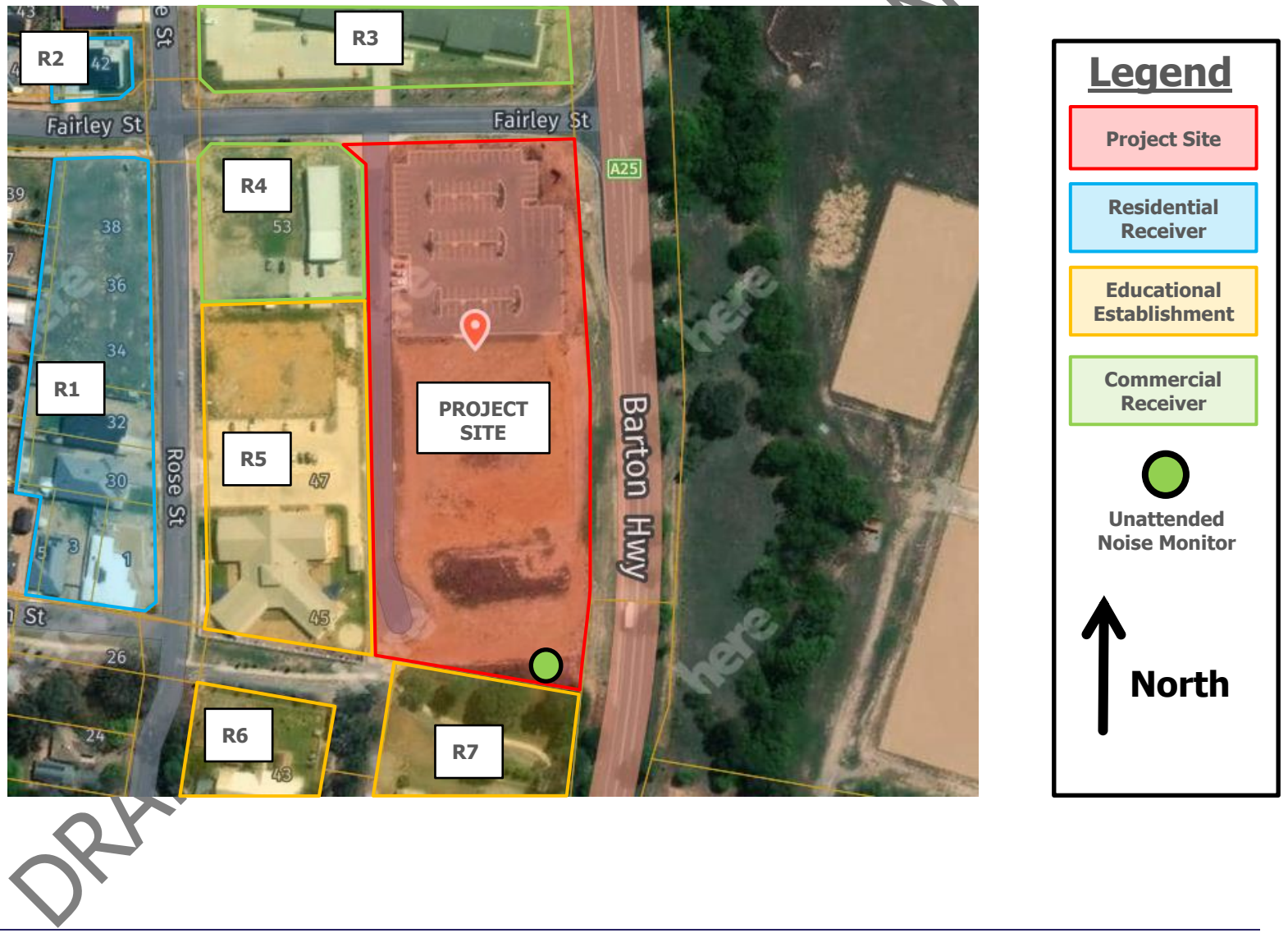
Receiver 6: Single storey Preschool building ("*Murrumbateman Preschool*") located to the south west of the site. Receiver is located along the eastern side of Rose Street (No. 43). Receiver six will be known as *Murrumbateman Preschool Receiver* in this report.

Receiver 7: Single storey Murrumbateman Library located in the former Murrumbateman School house; a local heritage item located to the south of the site. Receiver is located along the western side of Barton Highway (No. 30-32). Receiver seven will be known as *Murrumbateman Library Receiver* in this report.

Based on the topography of the site, receivers located to the west of the site across Rose Street are situated on a higher RL level than the project site and would have some localised shielding from the child care centre and podiatry facility which is situated between the receiver and the site.

A map showing the site location as well as nearest receivers is provided in Figure 3 below. This figure also shows the location of onsite unattended measurements which were conducted as part of this assessment.

Figure 3 Site Map, Measurement Locations and Surrounding Receivers – Sourced from NearMap



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3 ACOUSTIC NOISE SURVEY

3.1 Onsite Noise Measurements

Measured noise levels from the onsite unattended noise survey are outlined below.

3.1.1 Unattended Noise Monitoring

An unattended noise survey was conducted between Friday 9th April 2021 and Sunday 18th April 2021 along the south-eastern corner of the site as shown in Figure 3 above. This survey was conducted to measure the existing background noise level. All data in the graphs presented in Appendix B have not been corrected (i.e., raw data is presented).

Due to the site being a vacated lot and other surrounding noise sources (i.e., dwelling construction works, child care, pre-school, etc.) the logger location was limited and selected to be located away from the listed extraneous noise sources as well as security.

Instrumentation for the survey comprised one Rion NL-42 sound level meter (serial number 00998079). Calibration of the logger was checked prior to and following the measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5 dB. All equipment carried appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates.

Charts presenting summaries of the measured daily noise data are attached in Appendix B. The charts present each 24-hour period and show the L_{A1}, L_{A10}, L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} noise levels for the corresponding 15-minute periods. This data has been filtered to remove periods affected by adverse weather conditions based on weather information.

Based on the unattended noise measurements, the results of the survey have been presented below.

3.1.1.1 Results in accordance with the NSW *EPA Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017* (RBL's)

In order to assess the acoustical implications of the development at nearby noise sensitive receivers, the measured background noise data of the logger was processed in accordance with the NSW EPA's *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPI, 2017).

The Rating Background Noise Level (RBL) is the background noise level used for assessment purposes at the nearest potentially affected receiver. It is the 90th percentile of the daily background noise levels during each assessment period, being day, evening and night. RBL $L_{A90\ (15minute)}$ and L_{Aeq} noise levels are presented in Table 2.

Data affected by adverse meteorological conditions and by spurious and uncharacteristic events have been excluded from the results, and also excluded from the data used to determine the noise emission criteria. Meteorological information has been obtained from the Mullion (PCS) Southern Tablelands, NSW (ID 250070) which is located within 30km. Levels presented below are processed results with extraneous weather events removed.

However, for the purpose of this assessment the assume background noise levels for the project will adopt the minimum prescribed levels outlined in the NSW EPA NPI. Measured noise levels outlined in Table 2 are just for reference purposes only. Refer to section 3.2 for a further discussion.

Table 2 Measured Ambient Noise Levels corresponding to the NPI's Assessment Time Periods

Measurement Location	Daytime[1] 7:00 am to 6:00 pm		Evening[1] 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm		Night-time[1] 10:00 pm to 7:00 am	
	L_{A90}[2] (dBA)	L_{Aeq}[3] (dBA)	L_{A90}[2] (dBA)	L_{Aeq}[3] (dBA)	L_{A90}[2] (dBA)	L_{Aeq}[3] (dBA)
2 Fairley Street, Murrumbateman – See Figure 3.	54	58	51	56	31	54

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 7:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 8:00 am

Note 2: The L_{A90} noise level is representative of the "average minimum background sound level" (in the absence of the source under consideration), or simply the background level.

Note 3: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

Based on analysis of the measured noise levels and onsite observations we note:

- Daytime and evening noise levels are higher than those during the night periods due to a more frequent flow of traffic along the Barton Highway. This can be determined by comparison between L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} levels for each period.
- Measured L_{A90} noise levels are consistent with a suburban receiver category with the exception of flowing traffic from Barton Highway.

3.1.1.2 Results in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning "Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline"

In determining the required façade construction for the proposed building in accordance with the internal noise level requirements of NSW Department of Planning "Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline", measured noise levels are shown based on the time periods defined by the SEPP below.

Data affected by adverse meteorological conditions and by spurious and uncharacteristic events have been excluded from the results, and also excluded from the data used to determine the noise emission criteria.

Table 3 Measured Ambient Noise Levels corresponding to the "Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline" Assessment Time Periods

Measurement Location	Daytime [1] 7:00 am to 10:00 pm	Night-time [1] 10:00 pm to 7:00 am
	L_{Aeq} (whole period) [2] (dBA)	L_{Aeq} (whole period) [2] (dBA)
2 Fairley Street, Murrumbateman – See Figure 3.	58	53

Note 1: For Monday to Sunday, Daytime 7:00 am – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 7:00 am.

Note 2: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

3.2 Minimum Rating Background Noise Levels

In formulating the Noise Management Levels (NML's) and Project Trigger Noise Levels (PTNLs), the NSW EPA NPI provides minimum Rating Background Levels (RBLs) which apply. These are presented in Table 2.1 in section 2.3 of the policy and reproduced below.

Table 4 Minimum assumed RBL's and project intrusiveness noise levels.

Time of day	Minimum assumed rating background noise level (dB[A])	Minimum project intrusiveness noise levels ($L_{Aeq,15min}$ dB[A])
Day	**35**	40
Evening	**30**	35
Night	**30**	35

For the formulation of the relevant of the NMLs and PTNLs for the residences which are located across Rose Street to the west of the site (Receiver 1 & 2) the minimum prescribed noise levels in the policy are proposed to be adopted. These are in lieu of the measured noise levels from the unattended noise monitoring identified above.

4 NOISE & VIBRATION CRITERIA

All relevant noise and vibration criteria for the project is presented below. It has been separated into four main components: external noise emission criteria, building envelope criteria (façade), vibration criteria and construction noise/ vibration criteria. Each are discussed in detail below.

4.1 External Noise Emission Criteria

4.1.1 Yass Valley Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 & Development Control Plan (DCP), Fairley Commercial Centre, Murrumbateman 2015

Acoustic requirements relevant to noise emitted from the building are not provided in the Yass Valley Council LEP or DCP documents. Therefore, requirements of the NSW Education EFSG, NSW EPA NPI 2017 and RNP 2011 will be adopted. Each is discussed in detail below.

4.1.2 NSW Education's Educational Facilities Services Guidelines (EFSGs)

Section DG11 **Acoustics** of the EFSGs states the following:

> *Noise emission considerations include:*
>
> - *Noise emission from school activity (e.g.: music performance, sporting activity)*
> - *Noise emission from a mechanical services (such as air conditioning unit or fan)*
>
> *The extent to which noise emission will have to be considered and the extent of acoustic treatment required will depend upon:*
>
> - *Whether noisy activities take place in a room or space*
> - *Whether the room or space is naturally ventilated and therefore windows and/or doors are expected to be open when noisy activities are taking place*
> - *Room facade construction and orientation of 'acoustically weak' facades relative to noise-sensitive receivers*
> - *Distance to noise-sensitive receivers*
> - *Whether mandatory noise emission criteria are required to be satisfied at nearby boundaries and land uses.*

Note: In addressing the above, the following is proposed:

- In the assessment of noise emissions from plant items, the NSW EPA NPI 2017 will be adopted.
- In the assessment of vehicles on the site, guidance from the NSW EPA NPI 2017 will be adopted.
- In the assessment of vehicles on public roads, the NSW RNP 2011 will be adopted.
- In the assessment of school activities, guidance from the AAAC Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment V3.0.

All are discussed below.

4.1.3 NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017

(Assessment of Building Services & Onsite Vehicles)

In NSW, the control of noise emissions is the responsibility of Local Governments and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA).

The NSW EPA has recently released a document titled *Noise Policy for Industry* (NSW NPI) which provides a framework and process for determining external noise criteria for the assessment of noise emission from industrial developments. The NSW NPI criteria for industrial noise sources have two components:

- Controlling the intrusive noise impacts for residents and other sensitive receivers in the short term; and
- Maintaining noise level amenity of particular land uses for residents and sensitive receivers in other land uses.

4.1.3.1 Intrusive Noise Impacts (Residential Receivers)

The NSW NPI states that the noise from any single source should not intrude greatly above the prevailing background noise level. Industrial noises are generally considered acceptable if the equivalent continuous (energy-average) A-weighted level of noise from the source (L_{Aeq}), measured over a 15-minute period, does not exceed the background noise level measured in the absence of the source by more than 5 dB(A). This is often termed the Intrusiveness Criterion.

The 'Rating Background Level' (RBL) is the background noise level to be used for assessment purposes and is determined by the methods given in the NSW NPI. Using the rating background noise level approach results in the intrusiveness criterion being met for 90% of the time. Adjustments are to be applied to the level of noise produced by the source that is received at the assessment point where the noise source contains annoying characteristics such as tonality or impulsiveness.

4.1.3.2 Protecting Noise Amenity (All Receivers)

To limit continuing increase in noise levels, the maximum ambient noise level within an area from industrial noise sources should not normally exceed the acceptable noise levels specified in Table 2.2 of the NSW NPI. That is, the ambient L_{Aeq} noise level should not exceed the level appropriate for the particular locality and land use. This is often termed the 'Background Creep' or Amenity Criterion.

The amenity assessment is based on noise criteria specified for a particular land use and corresponding sensitivity to noise. The cumulative effect of noise from industrial sources needs to be considered in assessing the impact. These criteria relate only to other continuous industrial-type noise and do not include road, rail or community noise. If the existing (measured) industrial-type noise level approaches the criterion value, then the NSW NPI sets maximum noise emission levels from new sources with the objective of ensuring that the cumulative levels do not significantly exceed the criterion.

Project amenity noise level for industrial developments is specified as the recommended amenity noise level (Table 2.2 of the NPI) minus 5 dB(A). To standardise the time periods for the intrusiveness and amenity noise levels, this policy assumes that the $L_{Aeq,15min}$ will be taken to be equal to the $L_{Aeq,period}$ + 3 decibels (dB).

Where the resultant project amenity noise level is 10 dB or more lower than the existing traffic noise level, the project amenity noise levels can be set at 15 dB below existing traffic noise levels (i.e. *$L_{Aeq,period(traffic)}$ minus 15 dBA*).

4.1.3.3 Commercial, Education, Hospital, Worship & Passive Recreation Areas

Amenity levels for non-residential areas around the site are shown below.

Table 4-1 NSW NPI – Recommended L_{Aeq} Noise Levels from Noise Sources

Type of Receiver	Time of Day[1]	Recommended Amenity Noise Level ($L_{Aeq, period}$)[2] (dBA)
Commercial (i.e., Happy Feet Receiver)	When in use	65
School classroom (i.e., Child Care Centre/Preschool)		
- Internal	Noisiest 1-hour period when in use	35
- External	Noisiest 1-hour period when in use	50
Hotels (i.e., Abode Hotel)	Day	Suburban Amenity + 5dBA
	Evening	(See below)
	Night	

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 7:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 8:00 am

Note 2: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound

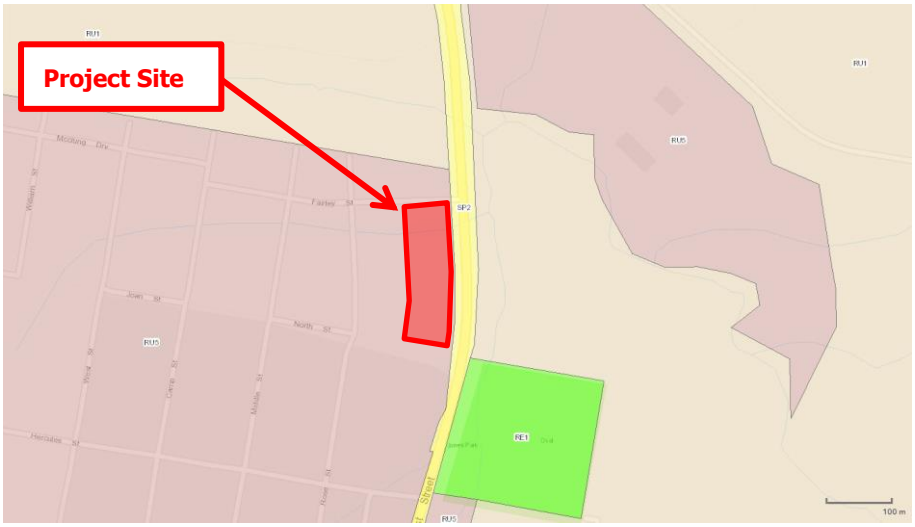
4.1.3.4 Residential Receivers – Area Classification

The NSW NPI characterises the "Suburban Residential" noise environment as an area that has the following characteristics:

- An acoustical environment that:
  - An area that has local traffic with characteristically intermittent traffic flows or with some limited commercial industry.
  - This area often has the following characteristic: evening ambient noise levels defined by the natural environment and human activity.

Figure 4 is obtained from the NSW ePlanning Spatial Viewer and shows the land zoning map of the proposed site and the nearest sensitive receivers.

Figure 4 NSW ePlanning Spatial Viewer



As shown above, the site and its surrounding receivers are within an area made up of RU1 (primary production) and RU5 (village). Based on the measured onsite noise levels and the classification of RU5, using table 2.3 of the NPI (see below), we believe the surrounding residential receivers are defined as suburban residential.

Figure 5 NPI Extract – Table 2.3 *Determining which of the residential receiver categories applies.*

Table 2.3: Determining which of the residential receiver categories applies.

Receiver category	Typical planning zoning – standard instrument*	Typical existing background noise levels	Description
Rural residential	RU1 – primary production RU2 – rural landscape RU4 – primary production small lots R5 – large lot residential E4 – environmental living	Daytime RBL <40 dB(A) Evening RBL <35 dB(A) Night RBL <30 dB(A)	**Rural** – an area with an acoustical environment that is dominated by natural sounds, having little or no road traffic noise and generally characterised by low background noise levels. Settlement patterns would be typically sparse. Note: Where background noise levels are higher than those presented in column 3 due to existing industry or intensive agricultural activities, the selection of a higher noise amenity area should be considered.
Suburban residential	RU5 – village RU6 – transition R2 – low density residential R3 – medium density residential E2 – environmental conservation E3 – environmental management	Daytime RBL<45 dB(A) Evening RBL<40 dB(A) Night RBL <35dB(A)	**Suburban** – an area that has local traffic with characteristically intermittent traffic flows or with some limited commerce or industry. This area often has the following characteristic: evening ambient noise levels defined by the natural environment and human activity.
Urban residential	R1 – general residential R4 – high density residential B1 – neighbourhood centre (boarding houses and shop-top housing) B2 – local centre (boarding houses) B4 – mixed use	Daytime RBL> 45 dB(A) Evening RBL> 40 dB(A) Night RBL >35 dB(A)	**Urban** – an area with an acoustical environment that: • is dominated by 'urban hum' or industrial source noise, where urban hum means the aggregate sound of many unidentifiable, mostly traffic and/or industrial related sound sources • has through-traffic with characteristically heavy and continuous traffic flows during peak periods • is near commercial districts or industrial districts • has any combination of the above.

Notes: *As cited in Standard Instrument – Principal Local Environmental Plan, New South Wales Government, Version 15 August 2014. RBL = rating background noise level.

Resultant amenity levels for urban receivers are shown below.

Table 4-2 NSW NPI – Recommended L_{Aeq} Noise Levels from Noise Sources

Type of Receiver	Indicative Noise Amenity Area	Time of Day[1]	Recommended Amenity Noise Level ($L_{Aeq, period}$)[2] (dBA)
Residence	Suburban	Day	55
		Evening	45
		Night	40

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 7:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 8:00 am

Note 2: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound

4.1.3.5 Maximum Noise Level Event (Sleeping Disturbance)

Section 2.5 of the NPI states the following:

> *The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from premises during the night-time period needs to be considered. Sleep disturbance is considered to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages.*
>
> *Where the subject development/premises night-time noise levels at a residential location exceed:*
>
> - *$L_{Aeq,15min}$ 40 dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater, and/or*
> - *L_{AFmax} 52 dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 15 dB, whichever is the greater,*
>
> *a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken.*

As outlined in section 3.1 above, the measured rating background noise level during the night hours (10:00pm to 7:00am) is 31dBAL_{A90}. Therefore, the resultant RBL + 15dB is 46dBA which is below the minimum 52dBA L_{AFmax}. As such the 52dBA will be adopted for this assessment.

4.1.3.6 Project Specific External Noise Emission Criteria

(Assessment of Building Services and onsite vehicle noise)

The intrusive, amenity and maximum noise event criteria for noise emissions, derived from the measured data, are presented in Table 4-3. These criteria are nominated for the purpose of determining the operational noise limits for building services associated with the development which can potentially affect noise sensitive receivers.

For each assessment period, the lower (i.e., the more stringent) of the amenity or intrusive criteria are adopted. These are shown in bold text in Table 4-3..

Table 4-3 External noise level criteria in accordance with the NSW NPI

Receiver Type	Time of Day [1]	Project Amenity Noise Level, $L_{Aeq, period}$ [2] (dBA)	Measured $L_{A90, 15\ min}$ (RBL) [3] (dBA)	Measured $L_{Aeq, period}$ Noise Level [4] (dBA)	Intrusive $L_{Aeq, 15\ min}$ Criterion for New Sources (dBA)	Amenity $L_{Aeq, 15\ min}$ Criterion for New Sources (dBA)
Surrounding Residences	Day	50	35 (Assumed minimums)	-	**40**	53
	Evening	45	30 (Assumed minimums)	-	**35**	48
	Night	40	30 (Assumed minimums)	-	**35**	43
Hotel Receiver	Day	-	-	-	-	**58**
	Evening	-	-	-	-	**53**
	Night	-	-	-	-	**48**
Commercial Receiver	When in use	-	-	-	-	**65**
Educational Establishment	When in use	-	-	-	-	**35 (Internal)**
		-	-	-	-	**50 (External)**

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Note 2: Project Amenity Noise Levels corresponding to "Suburban" areas, equivalent to the Recommended Amenity Noise Levels minus 5 dBA.

Note 3: L_{A90} Background Noise or Rating Background Level.

Note 4: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound

Note 5: According to Section 2.2 of the NSW NPI, the $L_{Aeq, 15\ minutes}$ is equal to the $L_{Aeq, period}$ + 3 dB.

Note 6: Project Noise Trigger Levels are shown in bold.

In addition, a maximum noise level criterion of 52dBA L_{AFmax} during the night period (10:00pm to 7:00am) at residential receivers also applies.

4.1.4 NSW EPA (Formerly DECCW) NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP) 2011

(Assessment of Vehicles on Public Roads)

For existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by additional traffic on existing roads, the NSW Road Noise Policy states that for noise associated with increased road traffic generated by land use developments, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB during both day and night-time periods. An increase of 2 dB represents a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person.

4.1.5 School Activity Noise

Noise associated with school activities (i.e., playgrounds, school halls, outdoor learning spaces etc.) is not well addressed in NSW. Both Yass Valley Council LEP/DCP and the NSW EPA NPI are not intended for the application of noise associated with these types of areas. School activity noise is also not listed under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environmental Operations Act* (POEO) of 1997.

In the absence of any applicable acoustic criteria related to the activity noise associated with schools we believe in our professional guidance should be sought from the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC) document *Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment*. The Child Care Centre Guideline was first prepared in 2008 as a guide for AAAC members in conducting assessments of these type of facilities due to the absence of acoustic criteria.

In the current revision of the guideline, the AAAC recommends the following criteria be adopted for residential receivers:

> ***Up to 4 hours (total) per day –*** *If outdoor play is limited to no more than 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon, the contributed Leq, 15minute noise level emitted from the outdoor play shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 10 dB at the assessment location.*

Also, the guideline recommends the following criteria be adopted for other types of surrounding receivers:

> *The cumulative $L_{eq,15min}$ noise level emitted from the use and operation of the childcare centre shall not exceed 65 dB(A), from all activities (including outdoor play), when assessed at the most affected point on or within any commercial property boundary.*
>
> *Where appropriate, assessment should include consideration of noise emission to other sensitive uses including schools, hospitals, places of worship and parks (active and passive). Depending on the requirements of the state or territory where the centre is located, in the absence of applicable noise criteria for such a sensitive use, the cumulative Leq,15min noise level emitted from the use and operation of the child care centre shall not exceed 65 dB(A), from all activities (including outdoor play), when assessed at the most affected point on or within the sensitive property boundary, and shall not exceed 45 dB(A) internally, with windows or doors of the sensitive receiver open.*

A typical structure of a public-school day will include use of the outdoor play areas before school (typically 8:00am to 9:00am), a short break mid-morning (typically 11:00am to 11:30am) and finally an hour in the middle/early afternoon (typically 12:30pm to 1:30pm). This would result in approximately 2.5 hours of outdoor play with a buffer of 1.5 hours for additional activities.

For the purpose of this assessment, it is proposed that the levels outlined in the AAAC guideline are adopted.

4.2 Noise Intrusion Criteria

4.2.1 Yass Valley Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 & Development Control Plan (DCP), Fairley Commercial Centre, Murrumbateman 2015

Acoustic requirements relevant to noise emitted from the building are not provided in the Yass Valley Council LEP or DCP documents. Therefore, requirements of the NSW Education EFSG will be adopted. Each is discussed in detail below.

4.2.2 NSW Education's Educational Facilities Services Guidelines (EFSGs)

Section DG11 **Acoustics** of the EFSGs states the following:

> An internal noise level assessment must be carried out for all new buildings to ensure comfortable acoustic conditions for the spaces occupied.

The internal noise levels within the space must meet the limits stipulated in Table 11.06.1 of Section 11.6 Acoustic Performance Guidelines or be within the range stipulated in Table 1 of the AS/NZS 2107:2016 standard. The more stringent of the two should be met.

Noise measurements conducted for at least 10% of the spaces will be required to demonstrate compliance with the noise levels criteria. The spaces considered for onsite testing shall be the ones most susceptible to internal and external noise sources as a conservative measure.

Sound Sources Description

- Steady-state(consistent) noise intrusion from external sources:
    - Road (and in some cases, rail) traffic noise
    - Industry
    - General environmental noise including external school activity
- Intermittent (occasional) noise intrusion from external sources:
    - Individual rail pass-bys
    - Aircraft flyovers
    - Rain noise
- Steady-state (consistent) noise contribution of internal sources:
    - Mechanical equipment
    - Air conditioning
- Intermittent (occasional) noise intrusion from internal sources:
    - Hydraulic services
- The potential impact of the noise and the extent of acoustic treatment will depend upon:
    - Required internal noise levels
    - The sensitivity of a room or space to a particular intermittent or intrusive noise source
    - The proximity of the room or space to external noise sources and the external noise level incident upon the facade (principally the glazing, ventilation openings or lightweight facade or roof construction)
    - Whether mechanical ventilation or air conditioning is present
    - Rainfall conditions in the region

Table 11.06.1 from the EFSGs provides the following Acoustic Performance Guidelines; see below.

Table 4-4 Table 11.06.1 from DG11 - EFSGs

Room	Internal noise level (dBA L_{Aeq})
Art/craft studios	40
Assembly halls up to 250 seats	35
Assembly halls over 250 seats	35
Audio-visual areas	35
Computer rooms – Teaching	40
Computer rooms – Laboratories	45
Conference room	35
Corridors and lobbies	45
Dance Studios	40
Dining rooms	45
Drama Studios	30
Duplicating rooms/stores	50
Engineering workshops	45
Gymnasiums	40
Interview/counselling rooms	35
Kitchens	50
Laboratories – Teaching	40
Laboratories – Working	45
Lecture rooms – up to 50 seats	35
Lecture theatres – without speech reinforcement and >50 seats	30
Lecture theatres – with speech reinforcement	35
Libraries – General areas	40
Libraries – Reading areas	35
Libraries – Stacker areas	45
Manual arts workshops	40
Medical rooms (first aid)	40
Music practice rooms	35
Music Studios	30
Office areas	40
Open plan teaching areas	40
Professional and Administrative offices	35
Staff common rooms	40
Study Rooms	35

Table 4-4 Table 11.06.1 from DG11 - EFSGs (Cont.)

Room	Internal noise level (dBA L_{Aeq})
Teaching spaces – students who are dear or heard of hearing	30
Teaching spaces – Primary schools	35
Teaching spaces – Secondary schools	35
Toilet/change/showers	50

4.2.3 NSW EPA Road Noise Policy (RNP) 2011

External noise impacts also include noise targets for outdoor passive and active areas of a School Playground. Table 4 of the NSW EPA RNP 2011 recommends that a school playground (deemed a passive area) should have traffic noise levels which are below 55dBA$_{Aeq\ (15hour)}$ when in use.

4.3 Vibration Criteria

4.3.1 Yass Valley Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 & Development Control Plan (DCP), Fairley Commercial Centre, Murrumbateman 2015

Acoustic requirements relevant to noise emitted from the building are not provided in the Yass Valley Council LEP or DCP documents. Therefore, requirements of the NSW EPA AV-TG 2006, British Standard BS 7385: Part 2-1993 AND German DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 – Building Damage will be adopted. Each is discussed in detail below.

4.3.2 NSW EPA (formerly, Department of Environment and Climate Change) *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline 2006* – Human Comfort

Vibration effects relating specifically to the human comfort aspects of the project are taken from the guideline titled *"Assessing Vibration – A Technical Guideline"*. (AV-TG). This type of impact can be further categorised and assessed using the appropriate criterion as follows:

- Continuous vibration – from uninterrupted sources
- Impulsive vibration – up to three instances of sudden impact e.g., dropping heavy items, per monitoring period.
- Intermittent vibration – such as from drilling, compacting or activities that would result in continuous vibration if operated continuously.

Table 4-5 Continuous vibration acceleration criteria (m/s^2) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Assessment period	Preferred Values		Maximum Values	
		z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Critical areas (Assumed operating theatres, surgical areas or similar)	Day- or night-time	0.0050	0.0036	0.010	0.0072
Residences (Assumed ward areas)	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014
	Night-time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010
Offices, schools, education institutions and places of worship	Day- or night-time	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028
Workshops	Day- or night-time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058

Table 4-6 Impulsive vibration acceleration criteria (m/s^2) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Assessment period	Preferred Values		Maximum Values	
		z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Critical areas (Assumed operating theatres, surgical areas or similar)	Day- or night-time	0.0050	0.0036	0.010	0.0072
Residences (Assumed ward areas)	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42
	Night-time	0.10	0.071	0.20	0.14
Offices, schools, education institutions and places of worship	Day- or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92
Workshops	Day- or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92

Table 4-7 Continuous vibration velocity criteria (mm/s and dB re 10^{-9} m/s) 1 Hz-80 Hz, Z axis

Location	Assessment period	Z axis	
		Preferred Values	Maximum Values
Critical Spaces (Assumed operating theatres, surgical areas or similar)	Day or night-time	0.10 mm/s 100 dB	0.20 mm/s 106 dB
Residences (Assumed ward areas)	Daytime	0.20 mm/s 106 dB	0.40 mm/s 112 dB
	Night-time	0.14 mm/s 103 dB	0.28 mm/s 109 dB
Offices	Day or night-time	0.40 mm/s 112 dB	0.80 mm/s 118 dB
Workshops	Day- or night-time	0.80 mm/s 118 dB	1.6 mm/s 124 dB

Table 4-8 Impulsive vibration velocity criteria (mm/s and dB re 10^{-9} m/s) 1 Hz-80 Hz, Z axis

Location	Assessment period	Z axis	
		Preferred Values	Maximum Values
Critical Spaces (Assumed operating theatres, surgical areas or similar)	Day or night-time	0.10 mm/s 100 dB	0.20 mm/s 106 dB
Residences (Assumed ward areas)	Daytime	6 mm/s 136 dB	12 mm/s 142 dB
	Night-time	2 mm/s 126 dB	4 mm/s 132 dB
Offices	Day or night-time	13 mm/s 142 dB	26 mm/s 148 dB
Workshops	Day- or night-time	13 mm/s 142 dB	26 mm/s 148 dB

Table 4-9 Intermittent vibration impacts criteria (m/s$^{1.75}$) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Daytime		Night-time	
	Preferred Values	Maximum Values	Preferred Values	Maximum Values
Critical Spaces (Assumed operating theatres, surgical areas or similar)	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.20
Residences (Assumed ward areas)	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

4.3.3 British Standard BS 7385: Part 2-1993 AND German DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 – Building Damage

It is expected that the human comfort criteria discussed in Section 4.3.2 will be more stringent than that corresponding to building damage.

Table 4-10 Structural damage criteria as per standard DIN 4150 Part 3 - 1999

Type of Structure	Peak Component Particle Velocity, mm/s			
	Vibration at the foundation at a frequency of			Vibration of horizontal plane of highest floor at all frequencies
	1 Hz to 10 Hz	10 Hz to 50 Hz	50 Hz to 100 Hz[1]	
Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40
Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or use	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15
Structures that, because of their sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in lines 1 and 2 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8

Note 1: For frequencies above 100Hz, at least the values specified in this column shall be applied.

4.4 Construction Noise & Vibration Criteria

4.4.1 Construction Noise Criteria

Relevant construction noise criteria applicable to this project are outlined below.

4.4.1.1 Yass Valley Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 & Development Control Plan (DCP), Fairley Commercial Centre, Murrumbateman 2015

Acoustic requirements relevant to noise emitted from the building are not provided in the Yass Valley Council LEP or DCP documents. Therefore, requirements of the NSW EPA ICNG 2009 will be adopted. Each is discussed in detail below.

4.4.1.2 NSW EPA (Former DECC) Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) 2009

Noise criteria for construction and demolition activities are discussed in the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG). The ICNG also recommends procedures to address potential impacts of construction noise on residences and other sensitive land uses. The main objectives of the ICNG are summarised as follows:

- Promote a clear understanding of ways to identify and minimise noise from construction works;
- Focus on applying all "feasible" and "reasonable" work practices to minimise construction noise impacts;
- Encourage construction to be undertaken only during the recommended standard hours unless approval is given for works that cannot be undertaken during these hours;
- Streamline the assessment and approval stages and reduce time spent dealing with complaints at the project implementation stage; and
- Provide flexibility in selecting site-specific feasible and reasonable work practices in order to minimise noise impacts.

The ICNG contains a quantitative assessment method which is applicable to this project. Guidance levels are given for airborne noise at residences and other sensitive land uses.

The quantitative assessment method involves predicting noise levels at sensitive receivers and comparing them with the Noise Management Levels (NMLs). The NML affectation categories for residential receivers have been reproduced from the guideline and are listed in the table below.

Table 4-11 NMLs for quantitative assessment at residences

Time of Day	Noise Management Level $L_{Aeq(15minute)}$[1,2]	How to Apply
Recommended standard hours: Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm Saturday 8 am to 1 pm No work on Sundays or public holidays	Noise affected RBL + 10 dB	The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. • Where the predicted or measured $L_{Aeq(15minute)}$ is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. • The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.
	Highly noise affected 75 dBA	The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise. • Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority (consent, determining or regulatory) may require respite periods by restricting the hours that the very noisy activities can occur, taking into account: 1. Times identified by the community when they are less sensitive to noise (such as before and after school for works near schools, or mid-morning or mid-afternoon for works near residences. 2. If the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction in exchange for restrictions on construction times.

Table 4-11 NMLs for quantitative assessment at residences (Cont.)

Time of Day	Noise Management Level $L_{Aeq(15minute)}$[1,2]	How to Apply
Outside the recommended standard hours above	Noise affected RBL + 5 dB	• A strong justification would typically be required for works outside the recommended standard hours. • The proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. • Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied and noise is more than 5 dB above the noise affected level, the proponent should notify the community.

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

Note 2 The RBL is the overall single-figure background noise level measured in each relevant assessment period (during or outside the recommended standard hours). The term RBL is described in detail in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (EPA 2000).

Construction noise levels at other noise receivers are outlined below:

- Construction noise levels within classrooms other educational institutions is not to exceed 45dBA LAeq,15minute, when measured internally.
- Construction noise levels at offices and retail outlets are not to exceed 70dBA LAeq,15minute, when measured externally.

Based on the measured background noise levels summarised in section 3.1.1, and the NMLs outlined above, the construction noise criteria to be used in this assessment are listed in Table 4-12.

Table 4-12 NMLs as basis for the acoustic assessment

Receiver Types	NML, dB $L_{Aeq(15minute)}$	
	Standard Hours **Monday to Friday: 7:00am to 6:00pm** **Saturday: 8:00am to 1:00pm**	**Outside Standard Hours** **All hours not listed in the adjacent column.**
Residences (Measured externally)	**45** (RBL (35) + 10dB)	RBL + 5dB
Education institutions (Measured internally)	**45**	
Offices & retail outlets (Measured externally)	**70**	

4.4.2 Vibration Criteria

Effects of ground borne vibration on buildings may be segregated into the following three categories:

- Human comfort – vibration in which the occupants or users of the building are inconvenienced or possibly disturbed. Refer to further discussion in Section 4.4.2.1.
- Effects on building contents – where vibration can cause damage to fixtures, fittings and other non-building related objects. Refer to further discussion in Section 4.4.2.3.

- Effects on building structures – where vibration can compromise the integrity of the building or structure itself. Refer to further discussion in Section 4.4.2.4.

4.4.2.1 Vibration Criteria – Human Comfort

Vibration effects relating specifically to the human comfort aspects of the project are taken from AV-TG. This type of impact can be further categorised and assessed using the appropriate criterion as follows:

- Continuous vibration – from uninterrupted sources.
- Impulsive vibration – up to three instances of sudden impact e.g., dropping heavy items, per monitoring period.
- Intermittent vibration – such as from drilling, compacting or activities that would result in continuous vibration if operated continuously.

Table 4-13 Continuous vibration acceleration criteria (m/s^2) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Assessment period	Preferred Values		Maximum Values	
		z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Critical working areas (e.g. hospital operating theatres, precision laboratories)	Day or night-time	0.0050	0.010	0.10	0.20
Residences	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014
	Night-time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-time	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028
		0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058
Workshops	Day or night-time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058

Table 4-14 Impulsive vibration acceleration criteria (m/s^2) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Assessment period	Preferred Values		Maximum Values	
		z-axis	x- and y-axis	z-axis	x- and y-axis
Critical working areas (e.g. hospital operating theatres, precision laboratories)	Day or night-time	0.0050	0.010	0.10	0.20
Residences	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42
	Night-time	0.10	0.071	0.20	0.14
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92
Workshops	Day or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92

Table 4-15 Intermittent vibration impacts criteria (m/s$^{1.75}$) 1 Hz-80 Hz

Location	Daytime		Night-time	
	Preferred Values	Maximum Values	Preferred Values	Maximum Values
Critical working areas (e.g. hospital operating theatres, precision laboratories)	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.20
Residences	0.20	0.40	0.13	0.26
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	0.40	0.80	0.40	0.80
Workshops	0.80	1.60	0.80	1.60

4.4.2.2 Vibration Criteria – Building Contents and Structure

The vibration effects on the building itself are assessed against international standards as follows:

- For transient vibration: British Standard BS 7385: Part 2-1993 *"Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings Part 2: Guide to damage levels from ground borne vibration"* (BSI 1993); and
- For continuous or repetitive vibration: German DIN 4150: Part 3 – 1999 *"Effects of Vibration on Structure"* (DIN 1999).

4.4.2.3 Standard BS 7385 Part 2 - 1993

For transient vibration, as discussed in standard BS 7385 Part 2-1993, the criteria are based on peak particle velocity (mm/s) which is to be measured at the base of the building. These are summarised in Table 4-16 and illustrated in Figure 6.

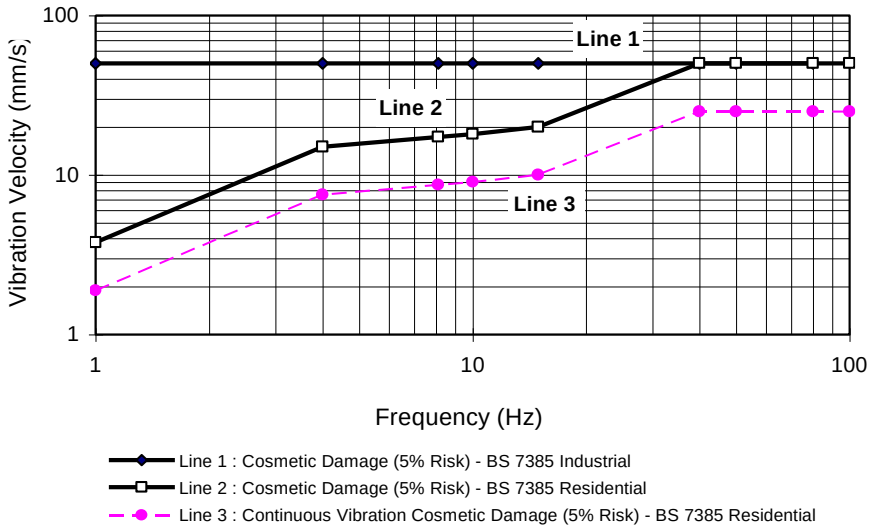
Table 4-16 Transient vibration criteria as per standard BS 7385 Part 2 - 1993

Line in Figure 6	Type of Building	Peak Component Particle Velocity in Frequency Range of Predominant Pulse	
		4 Hz to 15 Hz	15 Hz and Abovae
1	Reinforced or framed structures Industrial and heavy commercial buildings	50 mm/s at 4 Hz and above	
2	Unreinforced or light framed structures Residential or light commercial type buildings	15 mm/s at 4 Hz increasing to 20 mm/s at 15 Hz	20 mm/s at 15 Hz increasing to 50 mm/s at 40 Hz and above

Standard BS 7385 Part 2 – 1993 states that the values in Table 4-16 relate to transient vibration which does not cause resonant responses in buildings.

Where the dynamic loading caused by continuous vibration events is such that it results in dynamic magnification due to resonance (especially at the lower frequencies where lower guide values apply), then the values in Table 4-16 may need to be reduced by up to 50% (refer to Line 3 in Figure 6).

Figure 6 BS 7385 Part 2 – 1993, graph of transient vibration values for cosmetic damage



In the lower frequency region where strains associated with a given vibration velocity magnitude are higher, the recommended values corresponding to Line 2 are reduced. Below a frequency of 4 Hz, where a high displacement is associated with the relatively low peak component particle velocity value, a maximum displacement of 0.6 mm (zero to peak) is recommended. This displacement is equivalent to a vibration velocity of 3.7 mm/s at 1 Hz.

The standard also states that minor damage is possible at vibration magnitudes which are greater than twice those given in Table 4-16, and major damage to a building structure may occur at values greater than four times the tabulated values.

Fatigue considerations are also addressed in the standard and it is concluded that unless the calculation indicates that the magnitude and number of load reversals is significant (in respect of the fatigue life of building materials) then the values in Table 4-16 should not be reduced for fatigue considerations.

4.4.2.4 Standard DIN 4150 Part 3 - 1999

For continuous or repetitive vibration, standard DIN 4150 Part 3-1999 provides criteria based on values for peak particle velocity (mm/s) measured at the foundation of the building; these are summarised in Table 4-17. The criteria are frequency dependent and specific to particular categories of structures.

Table 4-17 Structural damage criteria as per standard DIN 4150 Part 3 - 1999

Type of Structure	Peak Component Particle Velocity, mm/s			
	Vibration at the foundation at a frequency of			Vibration of horizontal plane of highest floor at all frequencies
	1 Hz to 10 Hz	10 Hz to 50 Hz	50 Hz to 100 Hz[1]	
Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40
Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or use	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15

Table 4-17 Structural damage criteria as per standard DIN 4150 Part 3 - 1999 (Cont.)

Type of Structure	Peak Component Particle Velocity, mm/s			
	Vibration at the foundation at a frequency of			Vibration of horizontal plane of highest floor at all frequencies
	1 Hz to 10 Hz	10 Hz to 50 Hz	50 Hz to 100 Hz[1]	
Structures that, because of their sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in lines 1 and 2 and are of great intrinsic value (e.g. buildings that are under a preservation order)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8

Note 1: For frequencies above 100Hz, at least the values specified in this column shall be applied.

4.4.3 Construction Traffic Noise Criteria

For existing residences and other sensitive land uses affected by additional traffic on existing roads, the NSW *Road Noise Policy (RNP)* states that for noise associated with increased road traffic generated by land use developments, any increase in the total traffic noise level should be limited to 2 dB during both day and night-time periods. An increase of 2 dB represents a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person.

5 EXTERNAL NOISE INTRUSION ASSESSMENT

5.1 Façade Acoustic Treatments

Preliminary façade acoustic treatments based on the external levels from Barton Highway (being the dominate source) discussed in section 3.1.1 above are provided below.

5.1.1 Glazing Recommendations

The recommended sound transmission loss requirement required to satisfy the specified internal noise level criteria outlined above are summarised in Table 5-1 below.

Please note these recommendations are also based on the floor details shown in the architectural drawings included in Appendix C.

Please note for windows, this performance is not only subject to the glazing selection but also to the construction of the window frame and the frame seal selection. Therefore, it is recommended that the window manufacturer should confirm that the required sound insulation can be achieved. It is anticipated that the window system should comprise Q-Lon (or equivalent) or fin seals with deep C channels as part of the window track **(i.e., Performance levels outlined above need to be achieved with glazed panels + frame + seals).**

Table 5-1 In-principle Glazing Recommendations.

Building	Facade	Occupancy Area [1]	Minimum Glazing System Rating Requirements [1]
Block A	Northern Façade	Office Areas	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
		Interview/Private Office	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
		Staff Annex	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
		Library	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
	Eastern Façade (Towards Barton Highway)	Library	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
	Southern Façade	Library	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
		Staff Annex	Rw (C;Ctr): 29 (-0;-3)
		Office Areas	Rw (C;Ctr): 29 (-0;-3)
		Interview	Rw (C;Ctr): 29 (-0;-3)
	Western Façade	Office Areas	Rw (C;Ctr): 29 (-0;-3)
		Library	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
Block B & Block C	Northern Façade	Corridor	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
		Homebases	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
	Eastern Façade (Towards Barton Highway)	Homebases	Rw (C;Ctr): 33 (-0;-3)
	Western Façade	Homebases	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
Block D	Northern Façade	Community Hall	Rw (C;Ctr): 31 (-0;-3)
	Eastern Façade (Towards Barton Highway)	Community Hall	Rw (C;Ctr): 35 (-0;-3)
	Southern Façade	Community Hall	Rw (C;Ctr): 35 (-0;-3)
	Western Façade	Community Hall	Rw (C;Ctr): 35 (-0;-3)

Note 1: These are preliminary selections will be confirmed in the detailed design stage once the layouts and façade orientations are finalised.
Note 2: Glazing recommendations have been formulated in conjunction with noise emission control mitigation measures.

5.1.2 External Wall Construction

External wall constructions which are constructed from a concrete or masonry construction will be acoustically sufficient and no further acoustic upgrading is required. However, for wall systems constructed from a lightweight cladding system, the following construction is recommended.

Table 5-2 Recommended Light Weight External Wall Construction

Location	Occupancy Area [1]	Minimum External Wall Rating Requirements [1]
Building A & B Eastern Facades and Community Hall	All Spaces	Rw (C;Ctr): 45 (-0;-11)
All other Facades		Rw (C;Ctr): 43 (-0;-11)

Note 1: Recommended constructions are identical for each level.
Note 2: These are preliminary selections will be confirmed in the detailed design stage once the layouts and façade orientations are finalised.
Note 3: Alternate constructions are suitable on assumption equal acoustic performance is achieved.
Note 4: Glazing recommendations have been formulated in conjunction with noise emission control mitigation measures.

If penetrations through any external skin are required, all gaps remaining in the penetration are to be filled with an acoustic grade sealant which provides an equal or better performance to the system being penetrated.

5.1.3 External Roof Construction

External roofs will be constructed from a lightweight sheet metal cladding. It is recommended the following minimum construction is installed.

Table 5-3 Recommended Light Weight Roof Construction

Building	Occupancy Area [1]	
Building B and Community Hall	All Spaces	Rw (C;Ctr): 47 (-0;-9)
Al other buidlings		Rw (C;Ctr): 45 (-0;-9)

Note 1: Recommended constructions are identical for each level.
Note 2: These are preliminary selections will be confirmed in the detailed design stage once the layouts and façade orientations are finalised.
Note 3: Alternate constructions are suitable on assumption equal acoustic performance is achieved.
Note 4: Recommended system does not address rain noise criteria. Further detailing is required for compliance with rain noise criteria.
Note 5: Glazing recommendations have been formulated in conjunction with noise emission control mitigation measures.

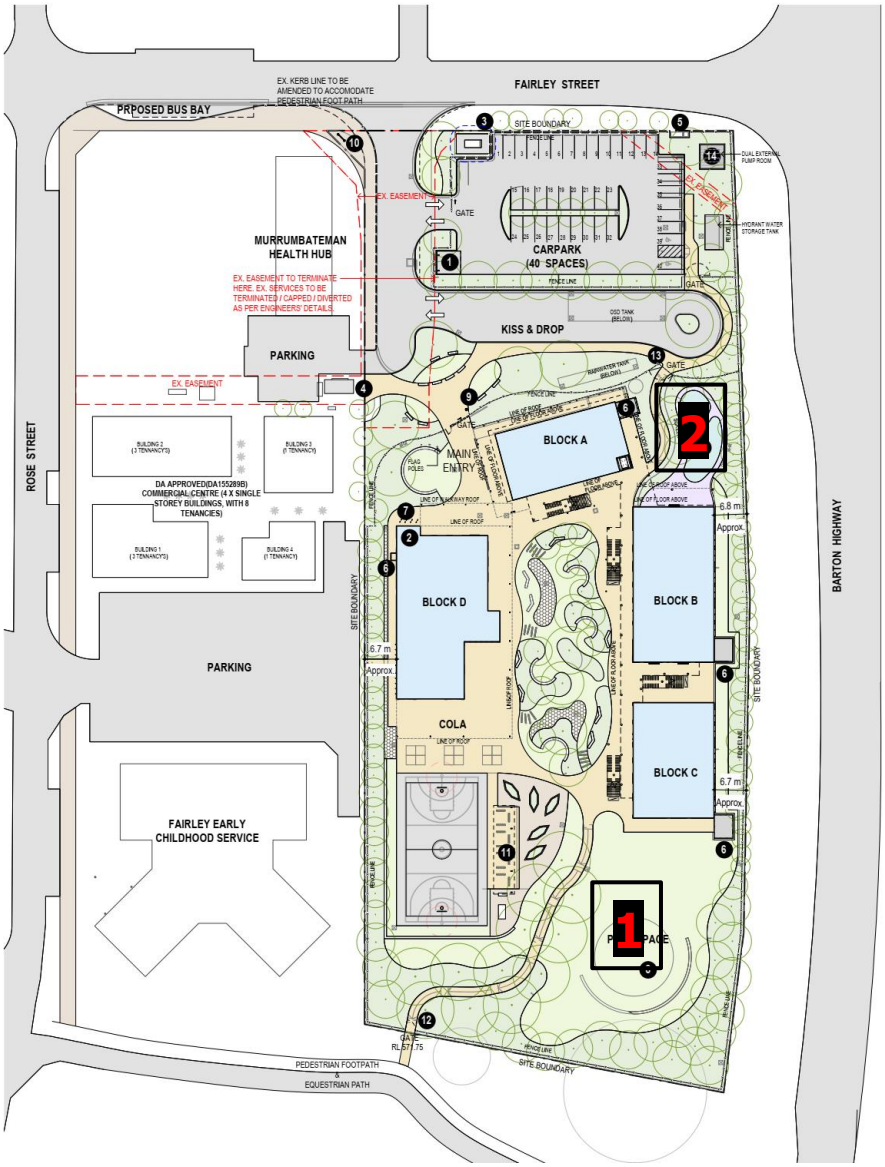
If penetrations through any external skin are required, all gaps remaining in the penetration are to be filled with an acoustic grade sealant which provides an equal or better performance to the system being penetrated.

5.2 External Noise Level within Playground

Two (2) main outdoor areas are proposed along the eastern boundary of the site:

1. Main outdoor play area is located in the south-east corner of the site as per Figure 7 below.
2. A secondary smaller external area is provided in the north-east corner of the site as per Figure 7 below.

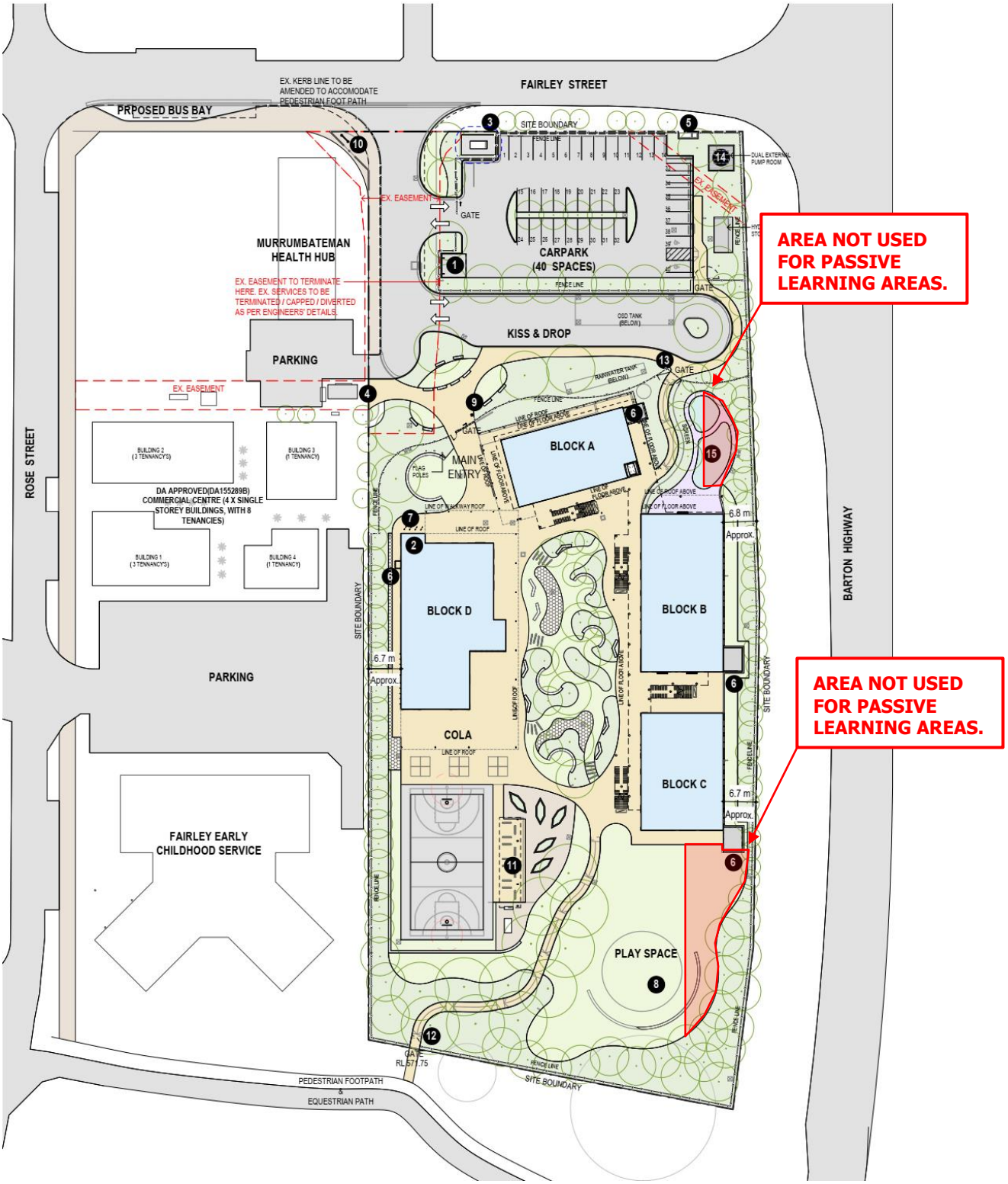
Figure 7 Murrumbateman School Site Plan



As outlined in section 0 above, the NSW EPA RNP recommends open passive learning spaces to have a 55dBA $L_{Aeq(15\text{-hour})}$ noise level exposure. Additionally, PWNA recommend an additional requirement of 60dBA for active spaces which would be used for general activity times such as recess and lunch times.

Measured onsite noise levels indicate existing traffic noise levels in line with the future boundary fence along Barton Highway was 58dBAL_{Aeq}. As such, we recommend management allocation of areas used for passive learning activities and areas for active lunch and recess uses. See Figure 8

Figure 8 Murraumbateman School Site Plan – Non Passive Areas



6 OPERATIONAL NOISE EMISSION ASSESSMENT

Assessment of the potential noise emissions from the operation of the proposed school building and impacting on the adjacent land users are outlined below. Noise emissions expected from the operation of the building are mainly from any base building services (mechanical, electrical, hydraulic) and vehicle movements around and within the site. Each major component is discussed in detail below.

6.1 Noise from Engineering Services

It is proposed that the air conditioning condenser plant will be located four (4) locations, north-eastern corner of Block A, south-eastern corner of Block B & C and western corner of Block D.

For the condenser plant are proposed along the western façade of Block D it is envisioned that a single condenser unit will be required to serve the Hall. Due to the distance between the future plant enclosure and neighbouring properties (both residential and commercial) acoustic treatment of the plant items will be required to ensure compliance with the project's trigger noise levels. The recommended treatments are:

- Plant to be screened by 300mm deep acoustic louvres (or equal) on all sides.
- Discharge air is to be ducted through a 90° internally lined bend (or equal).
- Plant items are to be vibration isolated from the base building structure using a correctly sized isolating pad.

For the condenser plant proposed within Block A, B and C it is envisioned that several condenser units will be located within each plant area. Unlike the Block D, the plant area for Blocks A, B and C are located away from neighbouring properties and or along high noise environments. For example, Block A is approximately 100m from the Abode Murrumbateman to the north and Block B and C are located along Barton Highway which has daily noise levels measured by the onsite survey above 65dBA. From our review of the plant items and their locations no additional acoustic treatments are required to ensure compliance with the project's trigger noise levels.

In addition to the condenser plant proposed, several mechanical exhaust systems will be required around the site. These include mechanical ventilation for bathrooms and staff amenities and exhaust systems for the school canteen. Each item is discussed below.

Mechanical ventilation systems which will be required for ventilating the school bathrooms and staff amenities are only low air volume systems. This will result in systems which are considerably quieter compared to the noise levels of the condenser plant discussed above. From our review of the plant items and their locations no additional acoustic treatments are required to ensure compliance with the project's trigger noise levels.

Located in Block D is the school Canteen, it is located along the northeast corner of the building on the façade away from the adjacent properties. A small sized domestic rangehood is proposed over the stove. A small mechanical ventilation system will be required to serve the range hood. From our review of the plant items and their locations no additional acoustic treatments are required to ensure compliance with the project's trigger noise levels.

6.2 Vehicle Movements

Vehicle movements in and out of the site will be done via Fairley Street and be localised to the northern portion of the site. Located adjacent Fairley Street along the northern boundary is a staff carpark which can accommodate 40 spaces. Further south is the school *Kiss & Drop* area.

Assessment of both noise impacts are addressed below.

6.2.1 Vehicle Noise Data

To quantify the noise level likely to take place with regards to onsite vehicle movements, the noise levels of the relevant vehicles are obtained from previous project experience. Therefore, the sound power levels used in the noise impact assessment are listed in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1 Sound power levels for vehicular events

Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz							Overall dBA
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	
Noise Events								
Car movement at 40km/hr	90	89	86	85	85	84	77	**90**
Car movement at 10 km/hr	60	63	69	73	75	74	71	**80**[1]

Additionally, noise information for short term loud events that are likely to cause sleep disturbance is summarised in Table 6-2. This information is used in our assessment of sleep arousal at the nearest affected residences.

Table 6-2 L_{max} sound power levels for short term events

Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz							Overall dBA
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	
L_{Amax}[1]								
Car door slam	80	83	85	85	86	82	80	**90**
Engine Start	78	81	83	83	85	80	78	**88**
Note 1: Noise information used for the prediction of short-term noise events and sleep arousal assessment.								

PWNA have been provided with the following vehicle movement data from the project traffic consultant – Ason Group.

Figure 9 Ason Group – Predicted AM/PM Peak Traffic Movements

It is assumed that the managed, time restricted (maximum 2 minutes) Drop-Off / Pick-Up (DOPU) zone could potentially cater for parent drop-off/pick-up movements over a 45 minute period during the school's morning and afternoon peak periods. In this regard, the maximum number of movements the DOPU zone could accommodate would be as follows:

- 14 spaces (includes queuing space along cul-de-sac)
- 45-minute period
- 2-minute Drop-Off & Pick-Up
- 14 spaces x 45 minutes / 2 minutes DOPU = 315 vehicle movements (Trips)

As noted in Section 8.1.5, the estimated traffic generation potential of the Site is:

- School AM Peak: 176 Trips
- School PM Peak: 146 Trips

On the basis of the above, it is considered that there is sufficient capacity within the DOPU Zones to accommodate the generated traffic without any adverse impacts on the adjoining rod network.

6.2.2 Kiss & Ride Activities on Surrounding Roadways

Noise impacts from the increase in vehicle movements during Kiss & Ride Activities in the morning and afternoon along Fairley Street and are assessed in accordance with the NSW EPA Road Noise Policy (RNP) 2011 below.

In undertaking our noise modelling below, we have assumed the following from the information provided above:

- Fourteen (14) Kiss & Ride spaces are provided to the south of the on-grade carpark along Fairley Street.
- Kiss & Ride activities are a 45-minute period.

- 176 combined AM Peak movements.
- 146 combined PM Peak movements.
- In the assessment of noise from the use of the Kiss & Ride areas onto nearby residential receivers has been undertaken using the EPA's Road Noise Policy for a Local Road as Fialrey Street is defined as a Local Road, see highlighted yellow in the table below.

Table 6-3 *Table 3* of RNP "Road traffic noise assessment criteria for residential land uses

Road Category	Type of project/land use	Assessment criteria – dB(A)	
		Day (7 a.m.–10 p.m.)	Night (10 p.m. – 7 a.m.)
Local Roads	~~4. Existing residences affected by noise from **new** local road corridors.~~ ~~5. Existing residences affected by noise from **redevelopment** of existing local roads.~~ 6. Existing residences affected by **additional traffic** on existing local roads generated by land use developments	$L_{Aeq, (1\ hour)}$ 55 (External)	$L_{Aeq, (1\ hour)}$ 50 (External)

The results of the acoustic assessment because of Kiss & Ride activities along Fairley Street are detailed in the table below.

Table 6-4 Result of the Acoustic Assessment of Kiss & Ride

Receiver Location	Time of Day	Calculated Noise Level dBA $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}minute)}$	EPA's Road Noise Policy dBA $L_{Aeq\ 1hour,}$	Comments
Receiver 1 (Fairley Street Receiver)	45-minute AM Peak Period	57	55	Short term exceedance with EPA's RNP, see comments below.
Refer to Figure 3	45-minute PM Peak Period	56	55	Short term exceedance with EPA's RNP, see comments below.

Note 1: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

Based on the assessment of Kiss & Ride periods along Fairley Street is likely to result in a short-term exceedance as predicted above. As noted above the likely exceedances will occur during two periods each weekday for approximately 45-minutes.

The predicted noise levels which are provided above are considered a worst case as they are predicted to the front façade of the adjacent dwellings. Review of the existing residential dwellings located along Aprasia Avenue and Gorman Drive show that private open spaces in all cases are provided in the rear of the property and modelling indicates full compliance with the 55dBA would be achieved in these areas.

Additionally, with regards to internal spaces located along these front facades, in the event windows are open, internal noise levels would also be with typically accepted levels for windows open scenarios.

Therefore, based on the limited daily frequency and the times of day in which the activities will including the implementation of school management we believe in our professional opinion the use of the Kiss & Ride activities will not result in unacceptable acoustic impacts for the existing surrounding residences.

6.2.3 Staff Carpark

As discussed above, located along the northern boundary of the site is the proposed Murrumbateman Public School staff carpark. As this carpark will only be for the use of staff, peak vehicle movements will be associated with staff arriving for the day between 7:30am and 8:30am and departing at the end of the day between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. An assessment of peak movements is provided below.

Table 6-5 Predicted Peak AM/PM Noise Levels from Carpark – $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}minute)}$

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Compliance?
Receiver 1 (Refer to Figure 3)	29	Day: 40	**Yes**
Receiver 2 (Refer to Figure 3)	28	Day: 40	**Yes**
Receiver 3 (Refer to Figure 3)	38	Day: 40	**Yes**
Receiver 4 (Refer to Figure 3)	37	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 5 (Refer to Figure 3)	33	When in use: 55 (Externally)	**Yes**
Receiver 6 (Refer to Figure 3)	<20	When in use: 55 (Externally)	**Yes**
Receiver 7 (Refer to Figure 3)	<20	When in use: 65	**Yes**

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Note 2: The L_{Aeq} is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

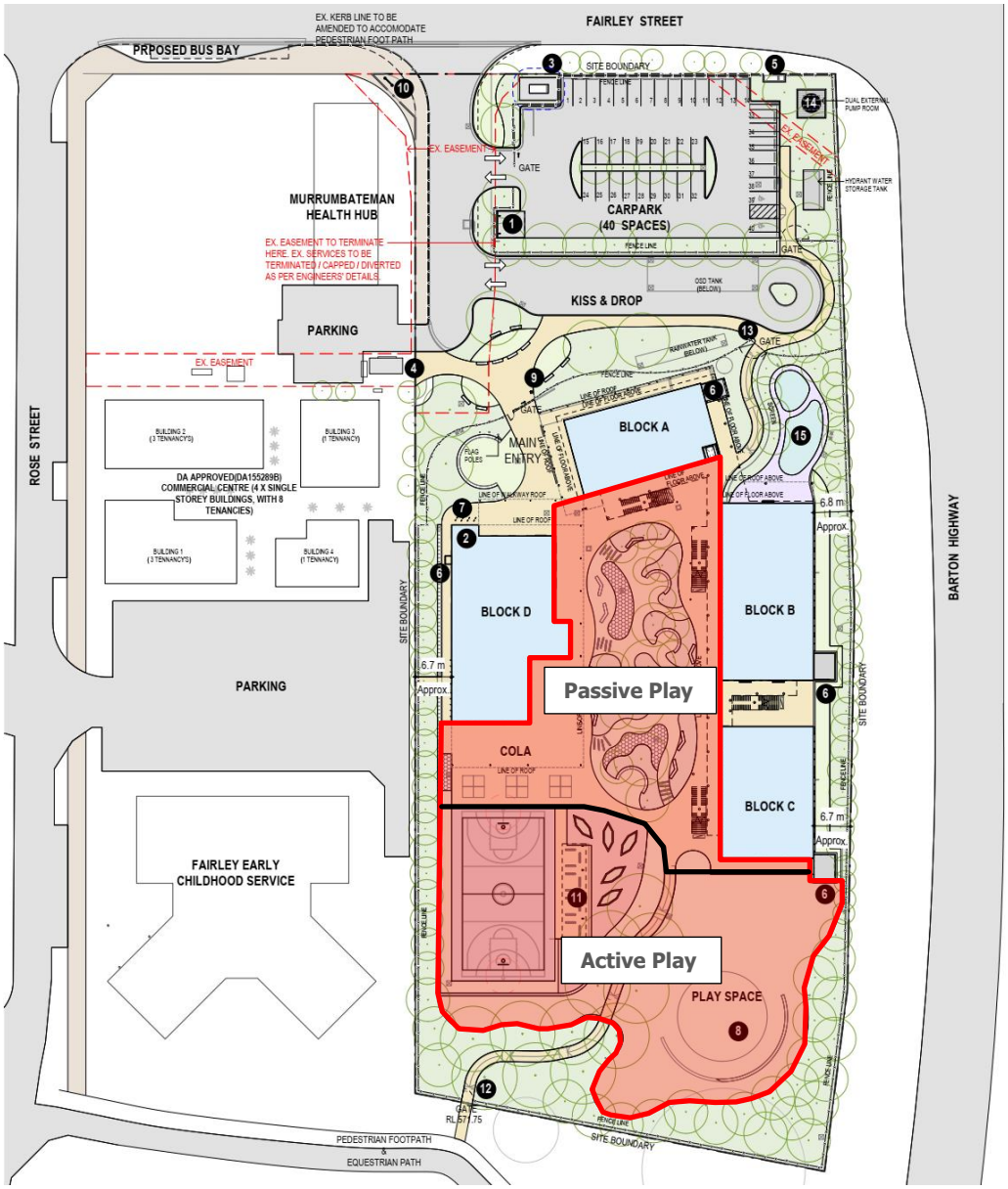
6.3 Activity Noise

Noise levels associated with the operation of the school are outlined below. It has been separated into three sections: outdoor play areas, internal areas classrooms and community hall; see below.

6.3.1 Noise from Outdoor Play Areas

Assessment of the use of the proposed external outdoor play areas is detailed below. The school is proposed to accommodate up to 368 students, as such a worst-case scenario of all students out during a recess or lunch period is detailed below. Regarding the modelling of student's coverage across the site, Figure 10 below indicates the area used in the modelling.

Figure 10 Outdoor Play Modelling – Student Coverage



Noise levels of students playing in outdoor areas which have been adopted in this assessment are provided below. These are determined based on PWNA professional experience and noise measurements undertaken at other school playgrounds during break periods (i.e., recess/lunch) for other School Infrastructure projects.

Table 6-6 Sound power levels for outdoor play activities

Parameter	Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz								Overall dBA
	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
Active Sports Play	85	95	100	104	107	104	98	96	**110**
Passive Play	79	89	94	98	101	98	92	90	**104**

As briefly described in the introduction section, the site has two natural falls. Firstly, the site in some area's slopes from west to east towards Barton highway with an approximate fall of up to several metres in some sections. The second fall is south to north towards Fairley Street with the difference between the south to the north also a few metres in some sections. As a result, in conjunction with the adjacent buildings acoustic screening to nearby residents has been incorporated into the modelling.

Based on the assumptions outlined above, predicted noise levels during outdoor play times are presented below.

Table 6-7 Predicted Outdoor Play Noise Levels – $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}minute)}$

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Compliance?
Receiver 1 (Refer to Figure 3)	61	Day: 45	**No, refer to comments below.**
Receiver 2 (Refer to Figure 3)	61		**No, refer to comments below.**
Receiver 3 (Refer to Figure 3)	65	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 4 (Refer to Figure 3)	66	When in use: 65	**Marginal exceedance.**
Receiver 5 (Refer to Figure 3)	68	When in use: 65	**No, refer to comments below.**
Receiver 6 (Refer to Figure 3)	66	When in use: 65	**Marginal exceedance.**
Receiver 7 (Refer to Figure 3)	65	When in use: 65	**Yes**

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Note 2: The LAeq is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

Predicted noise levels during periods of the day when the entire student faculty is utilising the outdoor play areas (i.e., recess and lunch) are likely to exceed the formulated noise objective in a worst-case scenario assessment. Noise levels during periods where the outdoor areas are used for structured learning activities to be significantly lower and are more frequent.

In many cases across NSW school playgrounds are located directly adjacent to surrounding residential receivers. Through strategic site planning, considerable landscaped buffer zones are provided along the frontages to maximise the distance between the activity areas and surrounding receivers.

Additionally, we do note that in an NSW Land and Environment Court (LEC) proceeding (Meriden School v Pedavoli) on the 22nd October 2009 case NSW LEC 183, the court noted *"All noise that emanates from the normal activities at a school is not offensive"*.

Therefore, in our professional opinion we believe the outdoor play area of the school is acoustically acceptable and justified.

6.3.2 Noise from Internal Areas (Classrooms)

In the assessment of noise from the homebases and associated support areas has been conducted on the assumption of a highly noise activity being undertaken with a sound pressure level within the classroom of 75dBA sound pressure level and windows open for natural ventilation purposes which would be considered a worst-case scenario. Predicted noise levels at surrounding receivers is provided below.

Table 6-8 Predicted Internal Homebases Noise Levels – $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}minute)}$

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Compliance?
Receiver 1 (Refer to Figure 3)	40	Day: 45	**Yes**
Receiver 2 (Refer to Figure 3)	39		**Yes**
Receiver 3 (Refer to Figure 3)	37	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 4 (Refer to Figure 3)	44	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 5 (Refer to Figure 3)	49	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 6 (Refer to Figure 3)	42	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 7 (Refer to Figure 3)	43	When in use: 65	**Yes**

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Note 2: The LAeq is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

6.3.3 Noise from Community Hall

Exact uses of the community hall are not known, however from our experience we would anticipate the use of the hall to include the use of amplified speech and music representing a school concert or external event. As such an assessment of the hall is undertaken for both during daytime representing use by the Murrumbateman School and the evening time representing use from the external community of Murrumbateman. For both assessments amplified speech and music will be assessed. In regard to internal noise levels the following is assumed:

- Sound pressure level within the hall during amplified music or speech is 90dBA.
- During events which create these type of noise levels, all windows and doors will be required to remain closed and is reflected in the modelling below.
- Building fabric constructions are as per those presented in section 5.1, noting an upgrade façade construction has been recommended.

Predicted noise levels from the day and evening time use of the community hall is presented below.

Table 6-9 Predicted Community Hall Noise Levels – $L_{Aeq(15\text{-}minute)}$

Receiver Location	Predicted Noise Level dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ (15\text{-}minute)}$	Compliance?
Receiver 1 (Refer to Figure 3)	22	Day: 45 Evening: 40	**Yes**
Receiver 2 (Refer to Figure 3)	21		**Yes**
Receiver 3 (Refer to Figure 3)	19	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 4 (Refer to Figure 3)	26	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 5 (Refer to Figure 3)	31	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 6 (Refer to Figure 3)	24	When in use: 65	**Yes**
Receiver 7 (Refer to Figure 3)	25	When in use: 65	**Yes**

Note 1: For Monday to Saturday, Daytime 7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Daytime 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Evening 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Night-time 10:00 pm – 1:00 am.

Note 2: The LAeq is the energy average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound.

6.4 Public Address Systems

The location and design of the Public Address/Bell system has not been undertaken at this stage, however, will be required from an operation perspective. As such we provide the following acoustic design advice which must be incorporated during the design phase:

- Noise levels at surrounding residents should not exceed the RBL + 10dBA criteria established above. This would equate to the following sound pressure level @ 5m:
    - Building A: 84dBA @ 5m distance.
    - Building B: 84dBA @ 5m distance.
    - Building C: 84dBA @ 5m distance.
    - Building D: 84dBA @ 5m distance.
    - Main Outdoor Play Area: 80dBA @ 5m distance.
- As a design principle, to minimise noise spill on surrounding receivers, more speakers operating a lower noise level is an effective way of controlling noise spill.
- A noise limiter should be incorporated into the audio design to ensure noise spill is reduced.
- Directional speakers located in the correct locations angled towards to the area requiring coverage will also reduce noise spill.

6.4.1 Out of Hours School Care (OOSH)

Out of hours school care is proposed for The New Primary School in Murrumbateman. The main areas which are expected to be used for the care programme are the school hall and the associated hard stand areas around the hall.

As shown in the modelling above, use of the school hall would be compliant with loud theatrical activities (such as dance or music performances) being undertaken as such any loud learning activities within the hall should be undertaken with the door closed. Additional modelling indicates if the school hall was being used for quiet learning activities doors can remain open. Noise associated with the outdoor play areas is addressed in section 6.3.1 above.

Based on the modelling undertaken above and in other sections of this report we believe noise associated with the OOSH will be acceptable.

6.5 Summary of Acoustic Treatments

Based on the modelling outlined above the following acoustic treatments and or management controls are required to be implemented:

- A detailed acoustic review of all building services is required prior to installation once final selections are made to ensure compliance.
- A review of the proposed Public Address/bell system is recommended once locations of speakers are known to ensure compliance.
- Use of the hall for activities which include the use of amplified music and or speech will require all doors and windows to remain closed.
- Use of the hall is permitted between 7:00am and 10:00pm only.

7 CONSTRUCTION NOISE & VIBRATION ASSESSMENT

A preliminary acoustic assessment of the noise and vibrations impact during the construction of the school has been undertaken below.

7.1 Construction Activities Sound Power Levels (Lw)

Sound power levels have been predicted for the construction tasks identified in the project program. The equipment anticipated for use in each task is based on previous project experience. The sound power levels for the equipment likely to be used for each of the listed tasks are provided in Table 7-1 below.

Table 7-1 Summary of predicted sound power levels

Tasks	Equipment	Sound Power Levels (dBA re 1pW)	Aggregate Sound Power Level per Task (dBA re 1pW)
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	110	113
	Power hand tools	109	
	Semi Rigid Vehicle [1]	105	
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	112	119
	Hand held jack hammer [1]	111	
	Dump truck [1]	104	
	Concrete saw [1]	114	
	Skid steer	110	
	Power hand tools	109	
Structure	Hand held jack hammer [1]	106	117
	Concrete saw [1]	114	
	Power hand tools	109	
	Welder	101	
	Concrete pump truck	110	
	Concrete agitator truck	108	
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	109
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	108	117
	Saw cutter [1]	104	
	Dump truck [1]	104	
	Concrete saw [1]	114	
	Power hand tools	109	

Note 1: An assumed time correction has been applied, this being 5 minutes of operation in any 15-minute interval.

7.2 Predicted Construction Noise Levels

Predicted construction noise levels are presented below for each of the surrounding receivers in accordance with the NSW EPA ICNG.

Table 7-2 Receiver 1 – Summary of preliminary predicted construction noise levels – Rose Street Residences

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	58 to 64	61 to 68	**Monday to Friday** 07.00-18.00 35 + 10 = **45** **Saturday** 08.00-13.00 35 + 10 = **45** **Highly Noise Affected Level** Standard Construction Hours **75**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the BG + 10dBA however below the Highly Noise Affected Level of 75dBA.**
	Power hand tools		57 to 63			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		53 to 60			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	60 to 66	66 to 73		
	Handheld jack hammer		54 to 61			
	Dump truck		52 to 59			
	Concrete saw		62 to 69			
	Skid steer		58 to 64			
	Power hand tools		57 to 63			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	54 to 61	65 to 72		
	Concrete saw		62 to 69			
	Power hand tools		57 to 63			
	Welder		49 to 55			
	Concrete pump truck		58 to 64			
	Concrete agitator truck		56 to 62			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	42 to 48	42 to 48		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	56 to 62	65 to 71		
	Saw cutter		52 to 59			
	Dump truck		52 to 59			
	Concrete saw		62 to 69			
	Power hand tools		57 to 63			

Table 7-3 Receiver 2 – Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Fairley Street Residences

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	53 to 63	56 to 67	**Monday to Friday** 07.00-18.00 35 + 10 = **45** **Saturday** 08.00-13.00 35 + 10 = **45** **Highly Noise Affected Level** Standard Construction Hours **75**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the BG + 10dBA however below the Highly Noise Affected Level of 75dBA.**
	Power hand tools		52 to 62			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		48 to 59			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	55 to 65	61 to 72		
	Handheld jack hammer		49 to 60			
	Dump truck		47 to 58			
	Concrete saw		57 to 68			
	Skid steer		53 to 63			
	Power hand tools		52 to 62			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	49 to 60	61 to 71		
	Concrete saw		57 to 68			
	Power hand tools		52 to 62			
	Welder		44 to 54			
	Concrete pump truck		53 to 63			
	Concrete agitator truck		51 to 61			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	37 to 47	37 to 47		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	51 to 61	60 to 70		
	Saw cutter		47 to 58			
	Dump truck		47 to 58			
	Concrete saw		57 to 68			
	Power hand tools		52 to 62			

Table 7-4 Receiver 3 - Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Abode Receivers

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	55 to 71	58 to 74	**Monday to Friday** 07.00-18.00 54 + 10 = 64 **Saturday** 08.00-13.00 54 + 10 = **64** **Highly Noise Affected Level** Standard Construction Hours **75**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the BG+10dBA and could have the potential to be above the Highly Noise Affected Level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		50 to 66			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	57 to 73	63 to 79		
	Handheld jack hammer		51 to 67			
	Dump truck		49 to 65			
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Skid steer		55 to 71			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	51 to 67	62 to 79		
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
	Welder		46 to 62			
	Concrete pump truck		55 to 71			
	Concrete agitator truck		53 to 69			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	39 to 55	39 to 55		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	53 to 69	61 to 78		
	Saw cutter		49 to 65			
	Dump truck		49 to 65			
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			

Note: for the purpose of this construction noise assessment *Abode Apartment Hotel* (Receiver 3) is considered residential.

Table 7-5 Receiver 4 - Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Happy Feet Receiver

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	57 to 72	60 to 76	**All days** All times = **70**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		52 to 68			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	59 to 74	65 to 81		
	Handheld jack hammer		53 to 69			
	Dump truck		51 to 67			
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Skid steer		57 to 72			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	53 to 69	64 to 80		
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
	Welder		48 to 63			
	Concrete pump truck		57 to 72			
	Concrete agitator truck		55 to 70			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	41 to 56	41 to 56		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	55 to 70	64 to 79		
	Saw cutter		51 to 67			
	Dump truck		51 to 67			
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			

Table 7-6 Receiver 5a - Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Fairly Early Childhood Receiver – Internal Areas

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	37 to 52	40 to 56	**All days** All times Internal Classrooms: **45**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		36 to 51			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		32 to 48			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	39 to 54	45 to 61		
	Handheld jack hammer		33 to 49			
	Dump truck		31 to 47			
	Concrete saw		41 to 57			
	Skid steer		37 to 52			
	Power hand tools		36 to 51			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	33 to 49	44 to 60		
	Concrete saw		41 to 57			
	Power hand tools		36 to 51			
	Welder		28 to 43			
	Concrete pump truck		37 to 52			
	Concrete agitator truck		35 to 50			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	21 to 36	21 to 36		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	35 to 50	44 to 59		
	Saw cutter		31 to 47			
	Dump truck		31 to 47			
	Concrete saw		41 to 57			
	Power hand tools		36 to 51			

Table 7-7 Receiver 5b - Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Fairly Early Childhood Receiver – External Areas

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	57 to 72	60 to 76	**All days** All times External Play Areas: **65** (Defined as active recreation area)	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		52 to 68			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	59 to 74	65 to 81		
	Handheld jack hammer		53 to 69			
	Dump truck		51 to 67			
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Skid steer		57 to 72			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	53 to 69	64 to 80		
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			
	Welder		48 to 63			
	Concrete pump truck		57 to 72			
	Concrete agitator truck		55 to 70			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	41 to 56	41 to 56		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	55 to 70	64 to 79		
	Saw cutter		51 to 67			
	Dump truck		51 to 67			
	Concrete saw		61 to 77			
	Power hand tools		56 to 71			

Table 7-8 Receiver 6a – Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Murrumbateman Preschool Receiver – Internal Areas

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	35 to 51	38 to 54	**All days** All times Internal Classrooms: 45	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		34 to 50			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		30 to 46			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	37 to 53	43 to 59		
	Handheld jack hammer		31 to 47			
	Dump truck		29 to 45			
	Concrete saw		39 to 55			
	Skid steer		35 to 51			
	Power hand tools		34 to 50			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	31 to 47	42 to 59		
	Concrete saw		39 to 55			
	Power hand tools		34 to 50			
	Welder		26 to 42			
	Concrete pump truck		35 to 51			
	Concrete agitator truck		33 to 49			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	19 to 35	19 to 35		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	33 to 49	41 to 58		
	Saw cutter		29 to 45			
	Dump truck		29 to 45			
	Concrete saw		39 to 55			
	Power hand tools		34 to 50			

Table 7-9 Receiver 6b – Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Murrumbateman Preschool Receiver– External Areas

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	55 to 71	58 to 74	**All days** All times External Play Areas: **65** (Defined as active recreation area)	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver.**
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		50 to 66			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	57 to 73	63 to 79		
	Handheld jack hammer		51 to 67			
	Dump truck		49 to 65			
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Skid steer		55 to 71			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	51 to 67	62 to 79		
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			
	Welder		46 to 62			
	Concrete pump truck		55 to 71			
	Concrete agitator truck		53 to 69			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	39 to 55	39 to 55		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	53 to 69	61 to 78		
	Saw cutter		49 to 65			
	Dump truck		49 to 65			
	Concrete saw		59 to 75			
	Power hand tools		54 to 70			

Table 7-10 Receiver 7 - Summary of predicted construction noise levels – Murrumbateman Library Receiver

Phase	Activity	Aggregate Sound Power Level (dBA re 1pW)	Predicted Individual Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Predicted Combined Noise Level at Receiver dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Criteria dBA $L_{Aeq\ 15\ minutes}$	Summary of Result
Site Establishment Works	Mobile crane	113	55 to 70	58 to 73	**All days** All times = **70**	**Works indicatively predicted to have the potential to exceed the internal noise management level when working near a receiver..**
	Power hand tools		54 to 69			
	Semi Rigid Vehicle		50 to 65			
Ground Works and Demolition	Excavator	119	57 to 72	63 to 78		
	Handheld jack hammer		51 to 66			
	Dump truck		49 to 64			
	Concrete saw		59 to 74			
	Skid steer		55 to 70			
	Power hand tools		54 to 69			
Structure	Handheld jack hammer	117	51 to 66	62 to 77		
	Concrete saw		59 to 74			
	Power hand tools		54 to 69			
	Welder		46 to 61			
	Concrete pump truck		55 to 70			
	Concrete agitator truck		53 to 68			
Internal Works	Power hand tools	109	39 to 54	39 to 54		
Common and External Works	Concrete agitator truck	117	53 to 68	61 to 77		
	Saw cutter		49 to 64			
	Dump truck		49 to 64			
	Concrete saw		59 to 74			
	Power hand tools		54 to 69			

7.3 Construction Traffic Noise Assessment

It is proposed that the construction traffic would access the site via Fairley Street and Barton Highway.

From the criteria discussed in Section 4.4, it is noted that vehicle numbers on surrounding roads would need to increase by around 60% from existing traffic flows, for a 2 dB increase in road traffic noise to occur. As noted previously, a 2 dB increase in road traffic noise is not considered to be noticeable.

Based on the number of vehicles projected over each of the phases, it is concluded that noise impacts from construction traffic is unlikely to have an impact at the nearest affected properties. As a result, no further assessment is required.

7.4 Vibration Assessment

In order to maintain compliance with the human comfort vibration criteria discussed in Section 4.4, it is recommended that the indicative safe distances listed in Table 7-11 should be maintained. These indicative safe distances should be validated prior to the start of construction works by undertaking measurements of vibration levels generated by construction and demolition equipment to be used on site.

Since the criteria for scientific or medical equipment (should any of these exist close to the site) can be more stringent than those required for human comfort, vibration validating measurements should be conducted at each site to determine the vibration level and potential impact onto this sensitive equipment.

Additionally, any vibration levels should be assessed in accordance with the criteria discussed in Section 4.4. This information should also be included as part of a *Construction Noise Vibration Management Plan* (CNVMP).

Table 7-11 Recommended indicative safe working distances for vibration intensive plant

Plant	Rating / Description	Safe Working Distances (m)	
		Cosmetic Damage (BS 7385: Part 2 DIN 4150: Part 3)	Human Comfort (AVTG)
Vibratory roller	< 50 kN (Typically 1 – 2 tonnes)	5	15 – 20
	< 100 kN (Typically 2 – 4 tonnes)	6	20
	< 200 kN (Typically 4 – 6 tonnes)	12	40
	< 300 kN (Typically 7 – 13 tonnes)	15	100
	> 300 kN (Typically more than 13 tonnes)	20	100
Small hydraulic hammer	300 kg, typically 5 – 12 tonnes excavator	2	7
Medium hydraulic hammer	900 kg, typically 12 – 18 tonnes excavator	7	23
Large hydraulic hammer	1600 kg, typically 18 – 34 tonnes excavator	22	73
Vibratory pile driver	Sheet piles	2 – 20	20
Jackhammer	Hand held	1	Avoid contact with structure and steel reinforcements

7.5 Acoustic Management Procedures

7.5.1 Summary of Management Procedures

Table 7-12 below summarises the management procedures recommended for airborne noise and vibration impact. These procedures are also further discussed in the report.

Table 7-12 Summary of mitigation procedures

Procedure	Abbreviation	Description
General Management Measures	GMM	Introduce best-practice general mitigation measures in the workplace which are aimed at reducing the acoustic impact onto the nearest affected receivers.
Project Notification	PN	Issue project updates to stakeholders, discussing overviews of current and upcoming works. Advanced warning of potential disruptions can be included. Content and length to be determined on a project-by-project basis.
Verification Monitoring	V	Monitoring to comprise attended or unattended acoustic surveys. The purpose of the monitoring is to confirm measured levels are consistent with the predictions in the acoustic assessment, and to verify that the mitigation procedures are appropriate for the affected receivers. If the measured levels are higher than those predicted, then the measures will need to be reviewed and the management plan will need to be amended.
Complaints Management System	CMS	Implement a management system which includes procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from affected stakeholders
Specific Notification	SN	Individual letters or phone calls to notify stakeholders that noise levels are likely to exceed noise objectives. Alternatively, contractor could visit stakeholders individually in order to brief them in regards to the noise impact and the mitigation measures that will be implemented.
Respite Offer	RO	Offer provided to stakeholders subjected to an ongoing impact.
Alternative Construction Methodology	AC	Contractor to consider alternative construction options that achieve compliance with relevant criteria. Alternative option to be determined on a case-by-case basis. It is recommended that the selection of the alternative option should also be determined by considering the assessment of on-site measurements (refer to Verification Monitoring above).

The application of these procedures is in relation to the exceedances over the relevant criteria. For airborne noise, the criteria are based on NMLs. The allocation of these procedures is discussed in Section 7.5.2

For vibration, the criteria either correspond to human comfort, building damage or scientific and medical equipment. The application of these procedures is discussed in Section 7.5.3.

7.5.2 Allocation of Noise Management Procedures

For residences, the management procedures have been allocated based on noise level exceedances at the affected properties, which occur over the designated NMLs (refer to Section 4.4 for list of NMLs used in the acoustic assessment). The allocation of these procedures is summarised in Table 7-13 below.

Table 7-13 Allocation of noise management procedures – residential receivers

Construction Hours	Exceedance over NML (dB)	Management Procedures (see definition above)
Standard Hours Mon – Fri: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Sat: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm	0 - 3	GMM
	4 - 10	GMM, PN, V [1], CMS, AC
	> 10	GMM, PN, V, CMS, SN, AC
Outside Standard Hours Sat: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	0 - 10	GMM, AC
	11 - 20	GMM, PN, V [1], CMS, AC
	> 20	GMM, PN, V, CMS, SN, RO, AC

Notes
1. Verification monitoring to be undertaken upon complaints received from affected receivers

7.5.3 Allocation of Vibration Management Procedures

Table 7-14 below summarises the vibration management procedures to be adopted based on exceedance scenarios (i.e., whether the exceedance occurs over human comfort criteria, building damage criteria, or criteria for scientific and medical equipment). Please note these management procedures apply for any type of affected receiver (i.e., for residences as well as non-residential receivers).

Table 7-14 Allocation of vibration management procedures

Construction Hours	Exceedance Scenario	Management Procedures
Standard Hours Mon – Fri: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Sat: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Over human comfort criteria (refer to Section 4.4)	GMM, PN, V, RO
	Over building damage criteria (refer to Section 4.4)	GMM, V, AC
Outside Standard Hours Sat: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Over human comfort criteria (refer to Section 4.4)	GMM, SN, V, RO, CMS
	Over building damage criteria (refer to Section 4.4)	GMM, V, AC

7.6 Site Specific Noise Mitigation Measures

7.6.1 General Comments

The contractor will, where reasonable and feasible, apply best practice noise mitigation measures. These measures shall include the following:

- Maximising the offset distance between plant items and nearby noise sensitive receivers.
- Preventing noisy plant working simultaneously and adjacent to sensitive receivers.
- Minimising consecutive works in the same site area.
- Orienting equipment away from noise sensitive areas.
- Carrying out loading and unloading away from noise sensitive areas.

In order to minimise noise impacts during the works, the contractor will take all reasonable and feasible measures to mitigate noise effects.

The contractor will also take reasonable steps to control noise from all plant and equipment. Examples of appropriate noise control include efficient silencers and low noise mufflers.

The contractor should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the NMLs and inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels, duration of noise generating construction works, and the contact details for the proposal.

7.6.2 Noise Monitoring

Noise monitoring, if required, will be performed by an acoustical consultant directly engaged by the contractor.

Noise monitoring for the excavation, compaction and construction works should be undertaken using statistical noise loggers. The statistical parameters to be measured should include the following noise descriptors: L_{Amin}, L_{A90}, L_{A10}, L_{A1}, L_{Amax} and L_{Aeq}. Unattended noise measurements should be conducted over consecutive 15 minute periods.

This monitoring should also be complemented by undertaking attended noise measurements in order to:

- Differentiate between construction noise sources and other extraneous noise events (such as road traffic and aircraft noise)
- Note and identify any excessive noise emitting machinery or operation.

In the event of any complaints, the noise impact at the affected location should be confirmed by conducting attended noise measurements.

The survey methodology and any equipment should comply with the requirements discussed in Standard AS 1055.1-1997.

7.6.3 Alternate Equipment or Process

Exceedance of the site's NMLs should result in an investigation as to whether alternate equipment could be used, or a difference process could be undertaken.

In some cases, the investigation may conclude that no possible other equipment can be used, however, a different process could be undertaken.

7.6.4 Acoustic Enclosures/Screening

Typically, on a construction site there are three different types of plant that will be used: mobile plant (i.e., excavators, skid steers, etc.), semi mobile plant (i.e., hand tools generally) or static plant (i.e., diesel generators).

For plant items which are static it is recommended that, in the event exceedances are being measured due to operation of the plant item, an acoustic enclosure/screen is constructed to reduce impacts. These systems can be constructed from Fibre Cement (FC) sheeting or, if airflow is required, acoustic attenuators or louvres.

For semi mobile plant, relocation of plant should be investigated to either be operated in an enclosed space or at locations away from a receiver.

With mobile plant it is generally not possible to treat these sources. However, investigations into the machine itself may result in a reduction of noise (i.e., mufflers/attenuators etc).

7.7 Vibration Mitigation Measures

7.7.1 General Comments

As part of the CNVMP, the following vibration mitigation measures should be implemented:

- Any vibration generating plant and equipment is to be in areas within the site in order to lower the vibration impacts.
- Investigate the feasibility of rescheduling the hours of operation of major vibration generating plant and equipment.
- Use lower vibration generating items of construction plant and equipment; that is, smaller capacity plant.
- Minimise conducting vibration generating works consecutively in the same area (if applicable).
- Schedule a minimum respite period of at least 30 minutes before activities commence which are to be undertaken for a continuous 4-hour period.
- Use only dampened rock breakers and/or "city" rock breakers to minimise the impacts associated with rock breaking works.
- Conduct attended measurements of vibration generating plant at commencement of works in order to validate the indicative safe working distances advised in Table 7-11 and, consequently, to establish safe working distances suitable to the project. Measurements should be conducted at the nearest affected property boundary. These safe working distances should be defined by considering the vibration criteria discussed in Section 4.4 (i.e., criteria for structural damage, human comfort and impact to scientific or medical equipment).

7.7.2 Vibration Monitoring

Vibration monitoring, if required, should be undertaken continuously at the nearest most affected structures.

The monitoring location would be on a stiff part of the structure (at the foundation) on the side of the structure adjacent to the subject demolition and construction works.

The vibration monitoring system will be configured to record the peak vibration levels and to trigger an audible/visual alarm when predetermined vibration thresholds are exceeded. The thresholds correspond to an "Operator Warning Level" and an "Operator Halt Level", where the Warning Level is 75% of the Halt Level. The Halt Level should be determined based on the vibration criteria for building contents and structure (refer to Section 4.4).

Exceedance of the "Operator Warning Level" would not require excavation or demolition work to cease, but rather, alerts the site manager to proceed with caution at a reduced force or load.

An exceedance of the "Operator Halt Level" would require the contractor to implement an alternative excavation technique pending further analysis of the vibration frequency content in order to determine any potential exceedance of the criteria.

The vibration monitoring equipment would be downloaded and analysed by the acoustical consultant.

Reports of the measured vibration levels and their likely impacts would be prepared by the acoustical consultant and issued to the contractor.

7.8 Community Consultation

7.8.1 Stakeholder Engagement

The overarching Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy for the project, as well as the Communications and Engagement plans to support each stage of the development, including the Project, have been developed in line with Schools Infrastructure guiding principles for capital projects, which centre on:

- Proactive stakeholder engagement
- Proactive and transparent communications
- Coordinated information
- Collaboration

7.8.2 Stakeholders

The Project's stakeholder environment is complex and extensive. The Project team has developed a deep understanding of stakeholders and the engagement environment which has informed the timing, method and level of engagement across all stages of the redevelopment. Key engagement methods include:

- Formal and information briefings and meetings
- Workshops
- Door Knocks
- Letterbox Drops
- Email Notifications

7.9 Complaints Management System

The Contractor is to establish a communication register for recording incoming complaints. The registration of a particular item will remain open until the complaint has been appropriately dealt with.

All complaints should be investigated by the Contractor in accordance with the procedures outlined in Australia Standard 2436-2010. In addition, the following procedures are an example of the procedures that are to be specifically adopted for complaints relating to noise.

Upon receipt of a complaint the Contractor is to:

- Try to ascertain from the complaint which appliance is causing the problem i.e., inside or outside the site and in what position.
- Establish from the monitoring equipment if the allowable noise levels have been complied with.
- Establish if the appliance positioning has previously been highlighted as a problem area. If not and the noise levels are above the allowable limit, then the equipment and its position shall be noted.
- Move machinery if the allowable levels have been exceeded or take other acoustic remedial action.
- The Site Supervisor is to ensure that a report of any incident is provided to the Project Manager.
- The Project Manager is to provide a report on the incident to the relevant stakeholders.
- The Contractor is to provide a 24-hour telephone contact number and this number is to be prominently displayed on the site.

7.10 Contingency Plans

Contingency plans are required to address noise or vibration problems if excessive levels are measured at surrounding sensitive receivers and/or if justified complaints occur. Such plans could include:

- Stop the onsite works.
- Identify the source of the main equipment within specific areas of the site which is producing the most construction noise and vibration at the sensitive receivers; and
- Review the identified equipment and determine if an alternate piece of equipment can be used or the process can be altered.
- In the event an alternate piece of equipment or process can be used, works can re-commence.
- In the event an alternate piece of equipment or process cannot be determined implement a construction assessment to be performed by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant.

7.11 General Mitigation Measures (Australia Standard 2436-2010)

As well as the above project specific noise mitigation controls, AS 2436-2010 "*Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance Sites*" sets out numerous practical recommendations to assist in mitigating construction noise emissions. Examples of strategies that could be implemented on the subject project are listed below, including the typical noise reduction achieved, where applicable.

7.11.1 Adoption of Universal Work Practices

- Regular reinforcement (such as at toolbox talks) of the need to minimise noise and vibration.
- Regular identification of noisy activities and adoption of improvement techniques.
- Avoiding the use of portable radios, public address systems or other methods of site communication that may unnecessarily impact upon nearby sensitive receivers.
- Where possible, avoiding the use of equipment that generates impulsive noise.
- Minimising the need for vehicle reversing for example (particularly at night), by arranging for one-way site traffic routes.
- Use of broadband audible alarms on vehicles and elevated work platforms used on site.
- Minimising the movement of materials and plant and unnecessary metal-on-metal contact.
- Minimising truck movements.

7.11.2 Plant and Equipment

- Choosing quieter plant and equipment based on the optimal power and size to most efficiently perform the required tasks.
- Selecting plant and equipment with low vibration generation characteristics.
- Operating plant and equipment in the quietest and most efficient manner.

7.11.3 On Site Noise Mitigation

- Maximising the distance between noise activities and noise sensitive land uses.
- Installing purpose-built noise barriers, acoustic sheds and enclosures.

7.11.4 Work Scheduling

- Providing respite periods which could include restricting very noisy activities to time periods that least affect the nearby noise sensitive locations, restricting the number of nights that after-hours work is conducted near residences or by determining any specific requirements.
- Scheduling work to coincide with non-sensitive periods.
- Planning deliveries and access to the site to occur quietly and efficiently and organising parking only within designated areas located away from the sensitive receivers.
- Optimising the number of deliveries to the site by amalgamating loads where possible and scheduling arrivals within designated hours.
- Including contract conditions that include penalties for non-compliance with reasonable instructions by the principal to minimise noise or arrange suitable scheduling.

7.11.5 Source Noise Control Strategies

Some ways of controlling noise at the source are:

- Where reasonably practical, noisy plant or processes should be replaced by less noisy alternatives.
- Modify existing equipment: Engines and exhausts are typically the dominant noise sources on mobile plant such as cranes, graders, excavators, trucks, etc. In order to minimise noise emissions, residential grade mufflers should be fitted on all mobile plant utilised on site.
- Siting of equipment: locating noisy equipment behind structures that act as barriers, or at the greatest distance from the noise-sensitive area; or orienting the equipment so that noise emissions are directed away from any sensitive areas, to achieve the maximum attenuation of noise.
- Regular and effective maintenance.

8 CONCLUSION

Pulse White Noise Acoustics Pty Ltd (PWNA) has undertaken a detailed acoustic assessment for The New Primary School in Murrumbateman to be located at 2 Fairley Street, Murrumbateman.

A review of existing onsite noise levels from the adjacent Barton Highway has resulted in recommended acoustic treatments to the future buildings facades to ensure internal noise levels are within permissible limits. These recommendations also assist with the control of noise emissions from high noise spaces such as the community hall will comply with relevant guidelines at nearby receivers.

Analysis of noise from internal areas such as homebases as well as the noise associated with from vehicle movements in and out of the site including the use of the public address system indicates the site is capable of achieving the sites applicable noise emission goals.

Noise emissions from the use of the school play areas during periods where maximum capacities are achieved (i.e. recess and lunch) is likely to exceed the formulated criteria outlined above. However as cited above, *"All noise that emanates from the normal activities at a school is not offensive"* and therefore is deemed acceptable.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us should you have any further queries.

Regards



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APPENDIX A: ACOUSTIC GLOSSARY

The following is a brief description of the acoustic terminology used in this report:

Ambient Sound	The totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time, usually composed of sound from all sources near and far.
Audible Range	The limits of frequency which are audible or heard as sound. The normal ear in young adults detects sound having frequencies in the region 20 Hz to 20 kHz, although it is possible for some people to detect frequencies outside these limits.
Character, acoustic	The total of the qualities making up the individuality of the noise. The pitch or shape of a sound's frequency content (spectrum) dictate a sound's character.
Decibel [dB]	The level of noise is measured objectively using a Sound Level Meter. The following are examples of the decibel readings of every day sounds; 0dB the faintest sound we can hear 30dB a quiet library or in a quiet location in the country 45dB typical office space. Ambience in the city at night 60dB Martin Place at lunch time 70dB the sound of a car passing on the street 80dB loud music played at home 90dB the sound of a truck passing on the street 100dB the sound of a rock band 115dB limit of sound permitted in industry 120dB deafening
dB(A)	*A-weighted decibels* The ear is not as effective in hearing low frequency sounds as it is hearing high frequency sounds. That is, low frequency sounds of the same dB level are not heard as loud as high frequency sounds. The sound level meter replicates the human response of the ear by using an electronic filter which is called the "A" filter. A sound level measured with this filter switched on is denoted as dB(A). Practically all noise is measured using the A filter. The sound pressure level in dB(A) gives a close indication of the subjective loudness of the noise.
Frequency	Frequency is synonymous to *pitch*. Sounds have a pitch which is peculiar to the nature of the sound generator. For example, the sound of a tiny bell has a high pitch and the sound of a bass drum has a low pitch. Frequency or pitch can be measured on a scale in units of Hertz or Hz.
Loudness	A rise of 10 dB in sound level corresponds approximately to a doubling of subjective loudness. That is, a sound of 85 dB is twice as loud as a sound of 75 dB which is twice as loud as a sound of 65 dB and so on
LMax	The maximum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
LMin	The minimum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
L1	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 1% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L10	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 10% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L90	The level of noise exceeded for 90% of the time. The bottom 10% of the sample is the L_{90} noise level expressed in units of dB(A).
Leq	The "equivalent noise level" is the summation of noise events and integrated over a selected period of time.
dB (A)	'A' Weighted overall sound pressure level
Sound Pressure Level, LP dB	A measurement obtained directly using a microphone and sound level meter. Sound pressure level varies with distance from a source and with changes to the measuring environment. Sound pressure level equals 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the rms sound pressure to the reference sound pressure of 20 micro Pascals.
Sound Power Level, Lw dB	Sound power level is a measure of the sound energy emitted by a source, does not change with distance, and cannot be directly measured. Sound power level of a machine may vary depending on the actual operating load and is calculated from sound pressure level measurements with appropriate corrections for distance and/or environmental conditions. Sound power levels is equal to 10 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power of the source to the reference sound power of 1 picoWatt

APPENDIX B: UNATTENDED NOISE MONITORING RESULTS

Weather Station: Mullion (PCS) Southern Tablelands

Weather Station ID: 250070

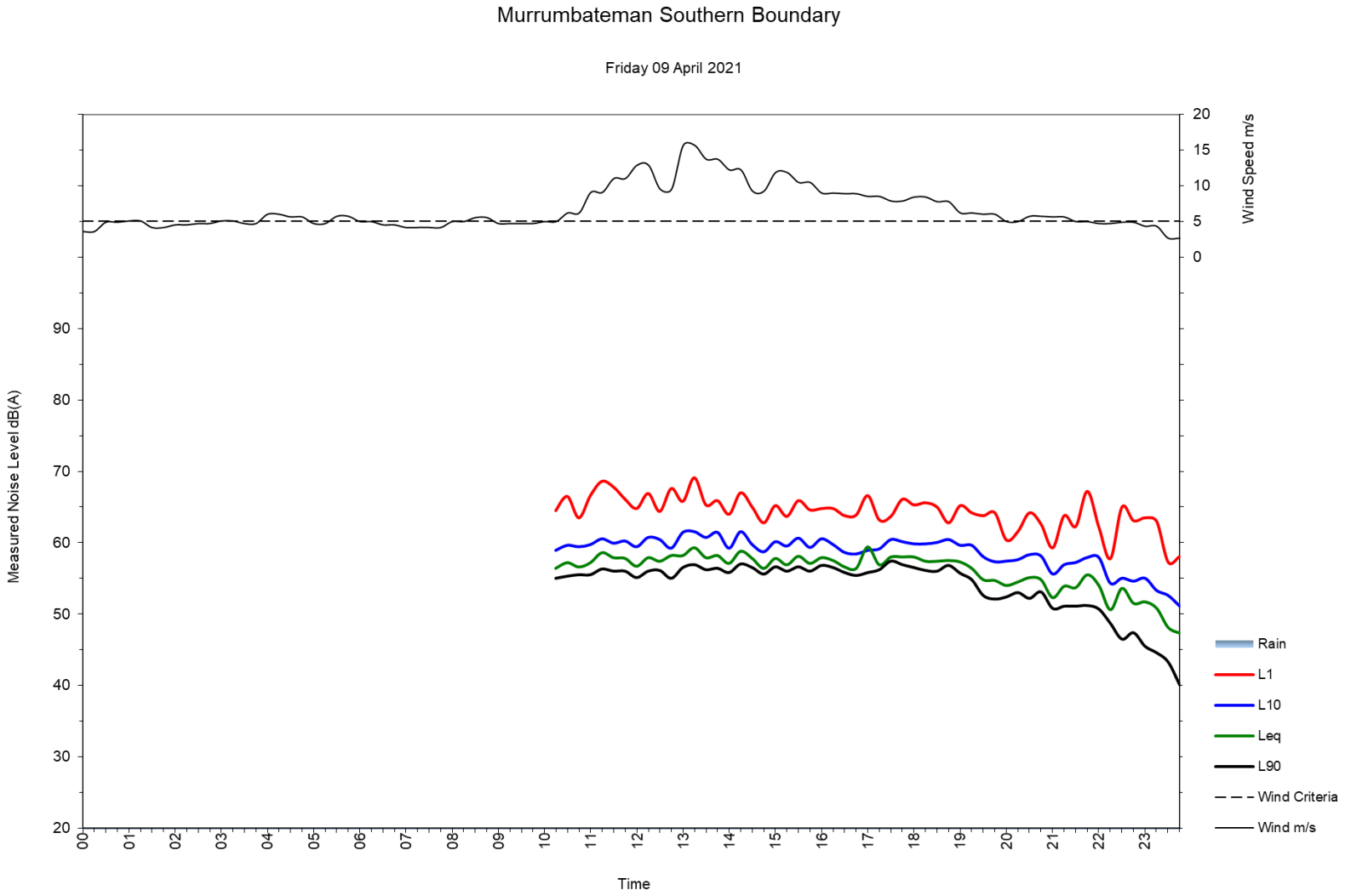
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Figure 11 Unattended Noise Monitor Location – Murrumbateman



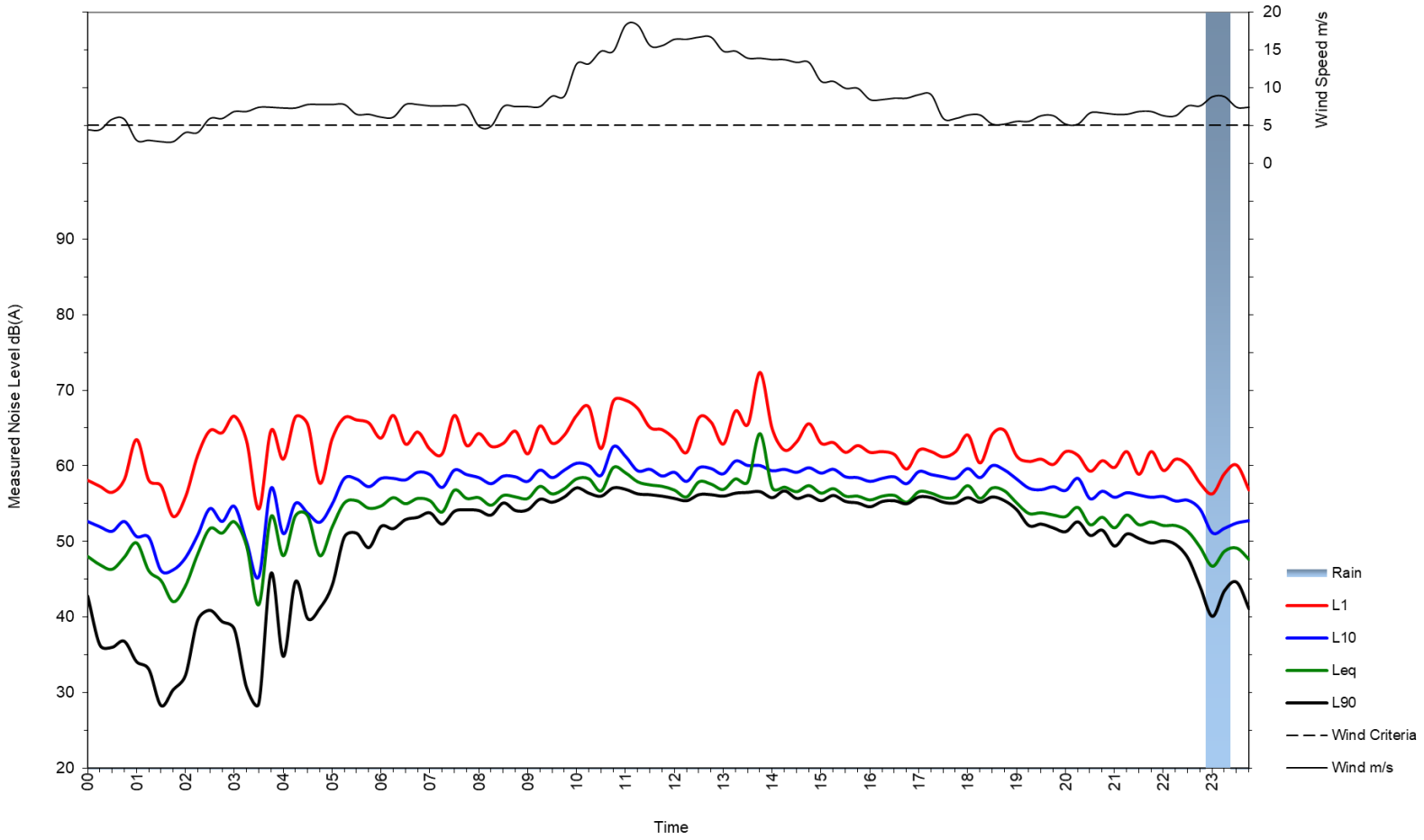
Table A--1 Tabulated Summary of Unattended Noise Measurements

Date	Daytime dBA – 7:00am to 6:00pm		Evening dBA – 6:00pm to 10:00pm		Night time dBA – 10:00pm to 7:00am (next day)	
	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}	L_{Aeq}	L_{A90}
Friday 09 April, 2021	58	55	56	51	52	31
Saturday 10 April, 2021	57	54	55	50	50	35
Sunday 11 April, 2021	57	54	54	48	54	34
Monday 12 April, 2021	57	53	56	51	55	33
Tuesday 13 April, 2021	59	53	56	51	55	30
Wednesday 14 April, 2021	60	56	58	51	55	30
Thursday 15 April, 2021	58	54	58	50	55	33
Friday 16 April, 2021	59	55	57	49	52	29
Saturday 17 April, 2021	57	54	56	52	52	28
Sunday 18 April, 2021	58	54	-	-	-	-


Murrumbateman Southern Boundary
Friday 09 April 2021
Measured Noise Level dB(A)
Wind Speed m/s
Time
Rain
L1
L10
Leq
L90
Wind Criteria
Wind m/s

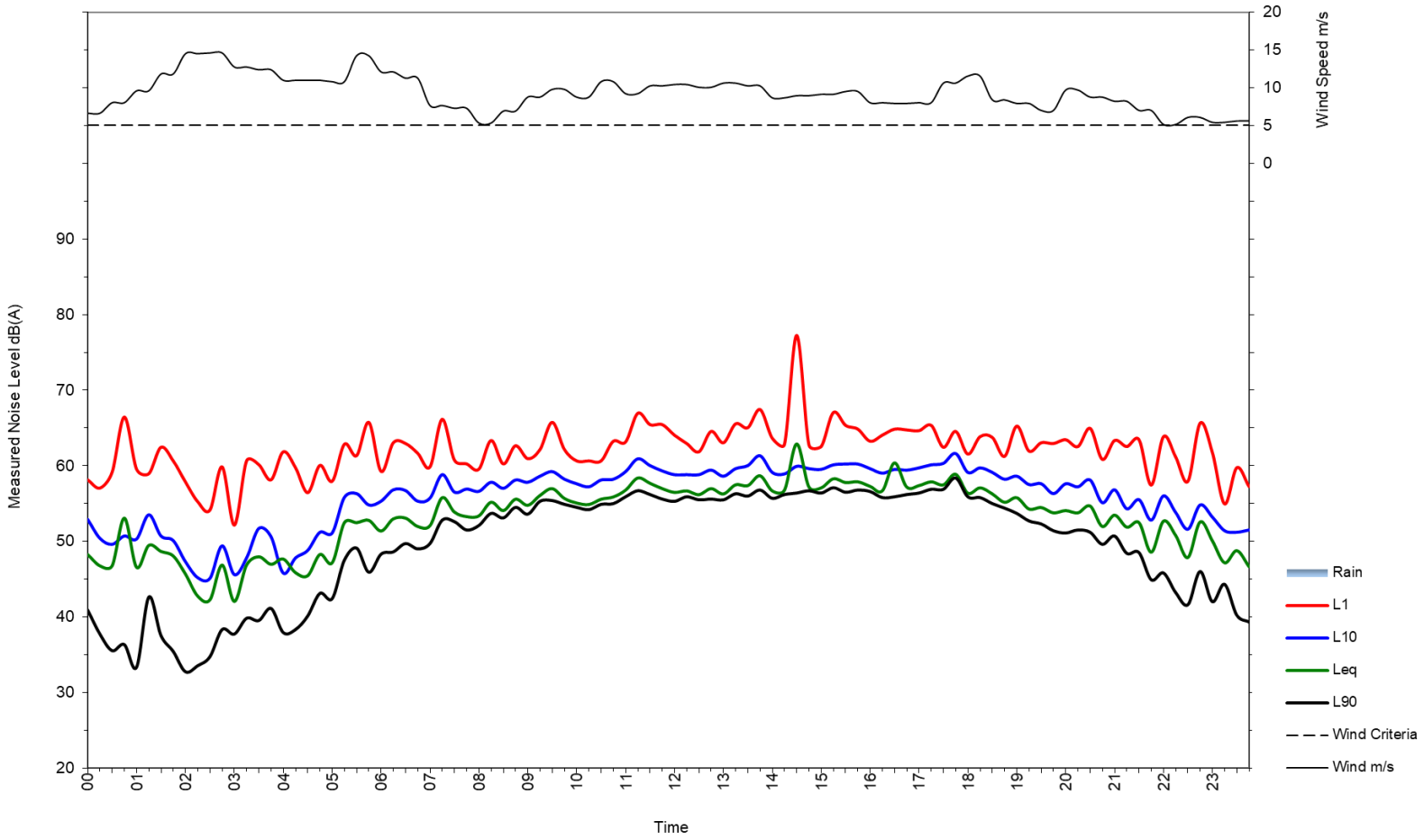
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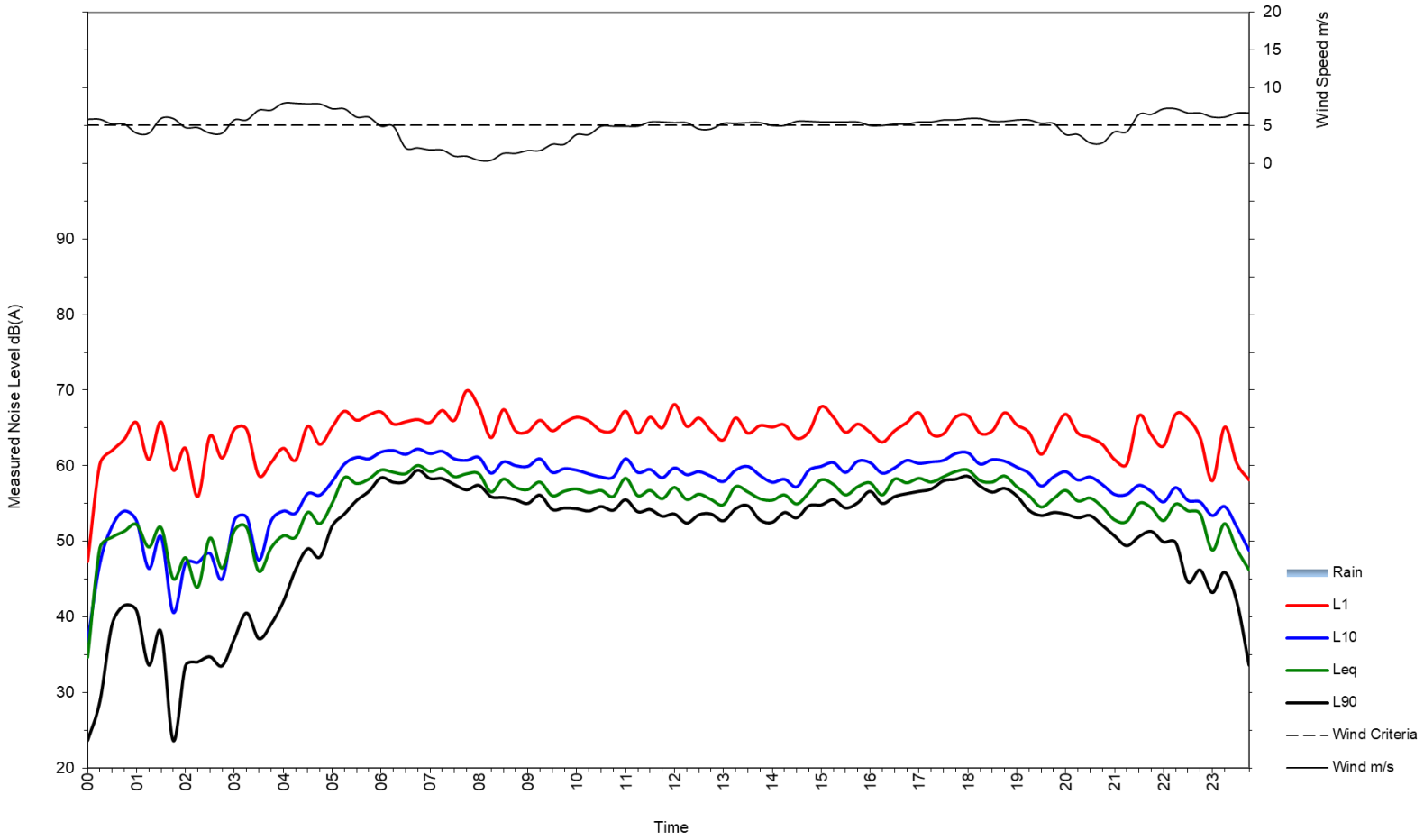
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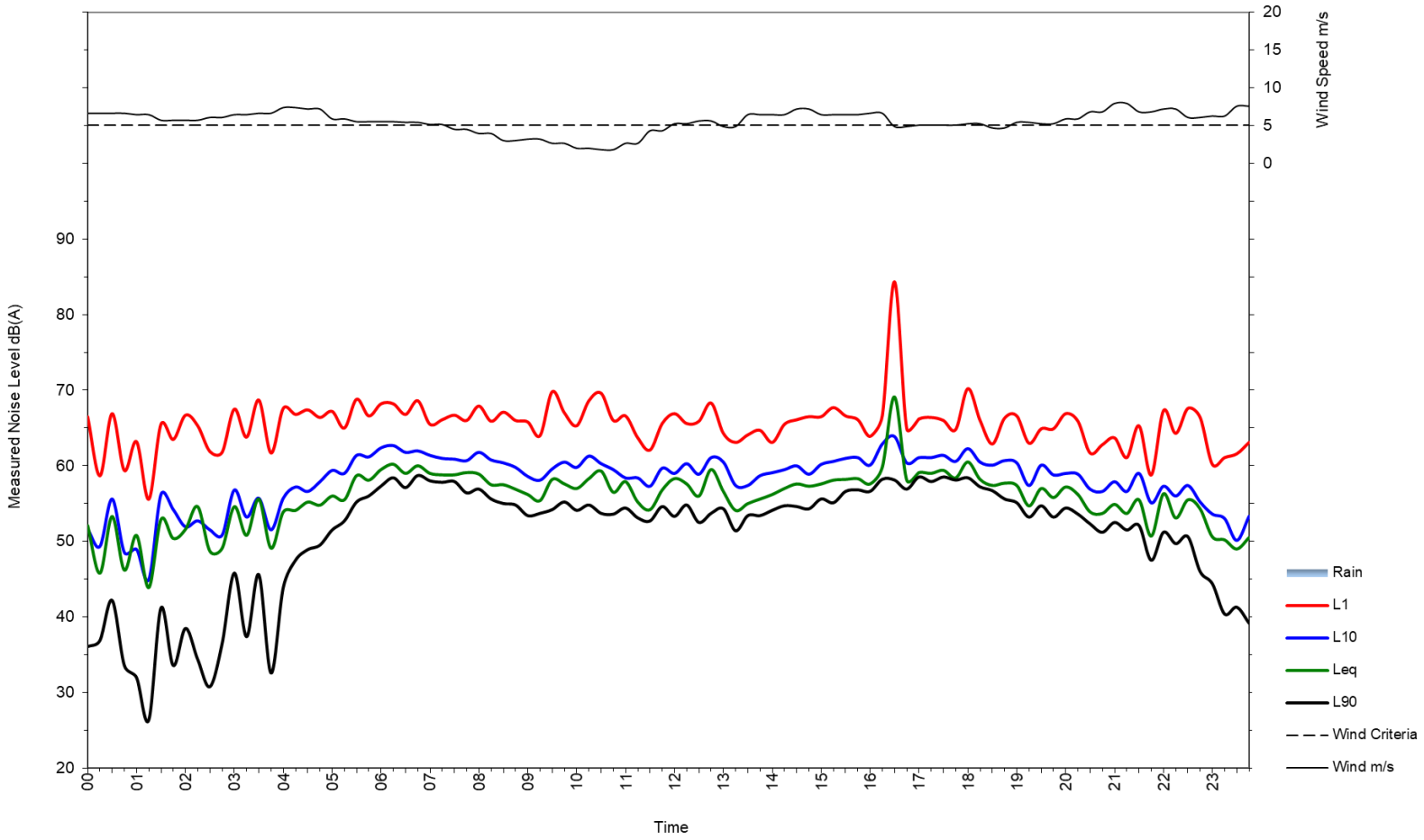
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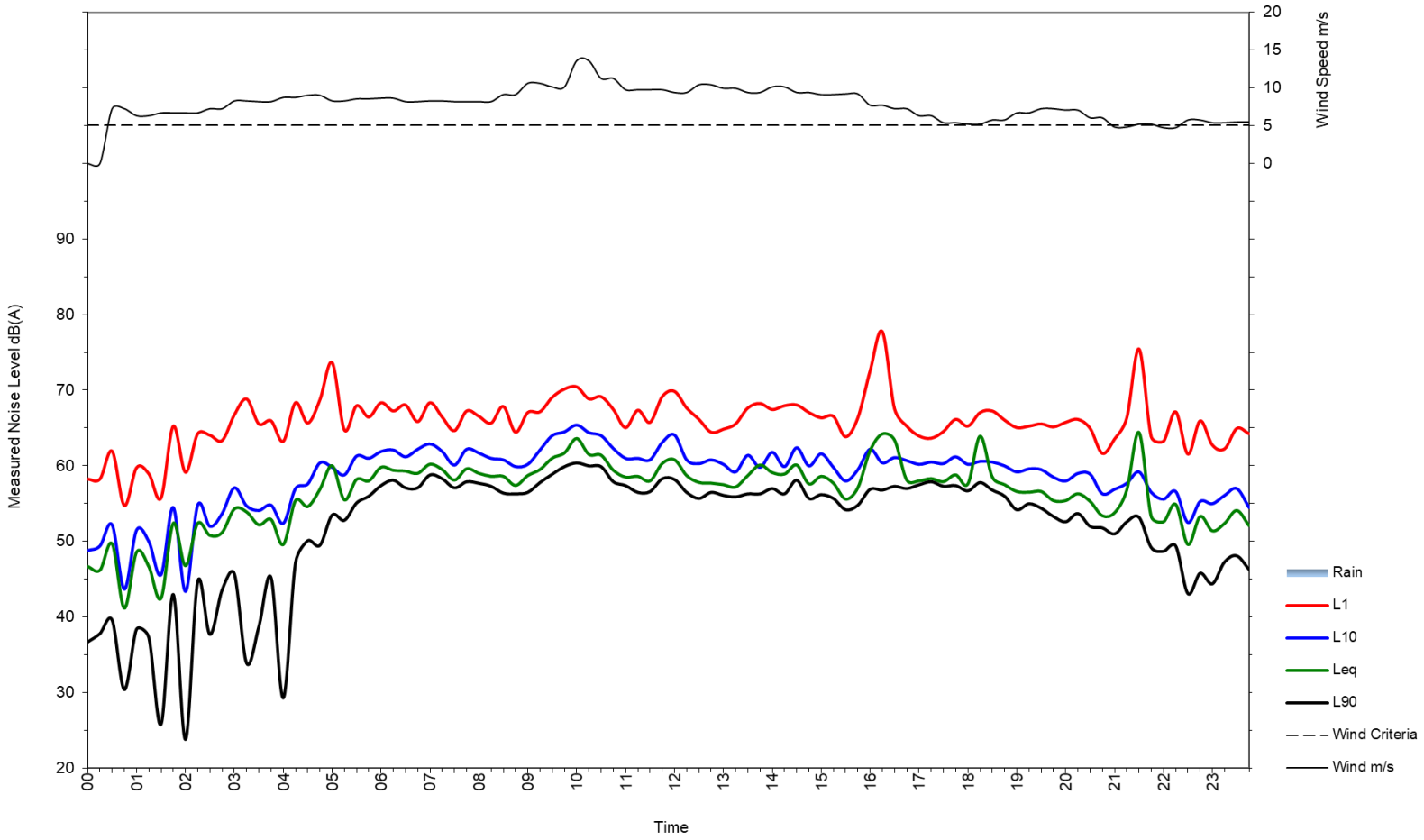
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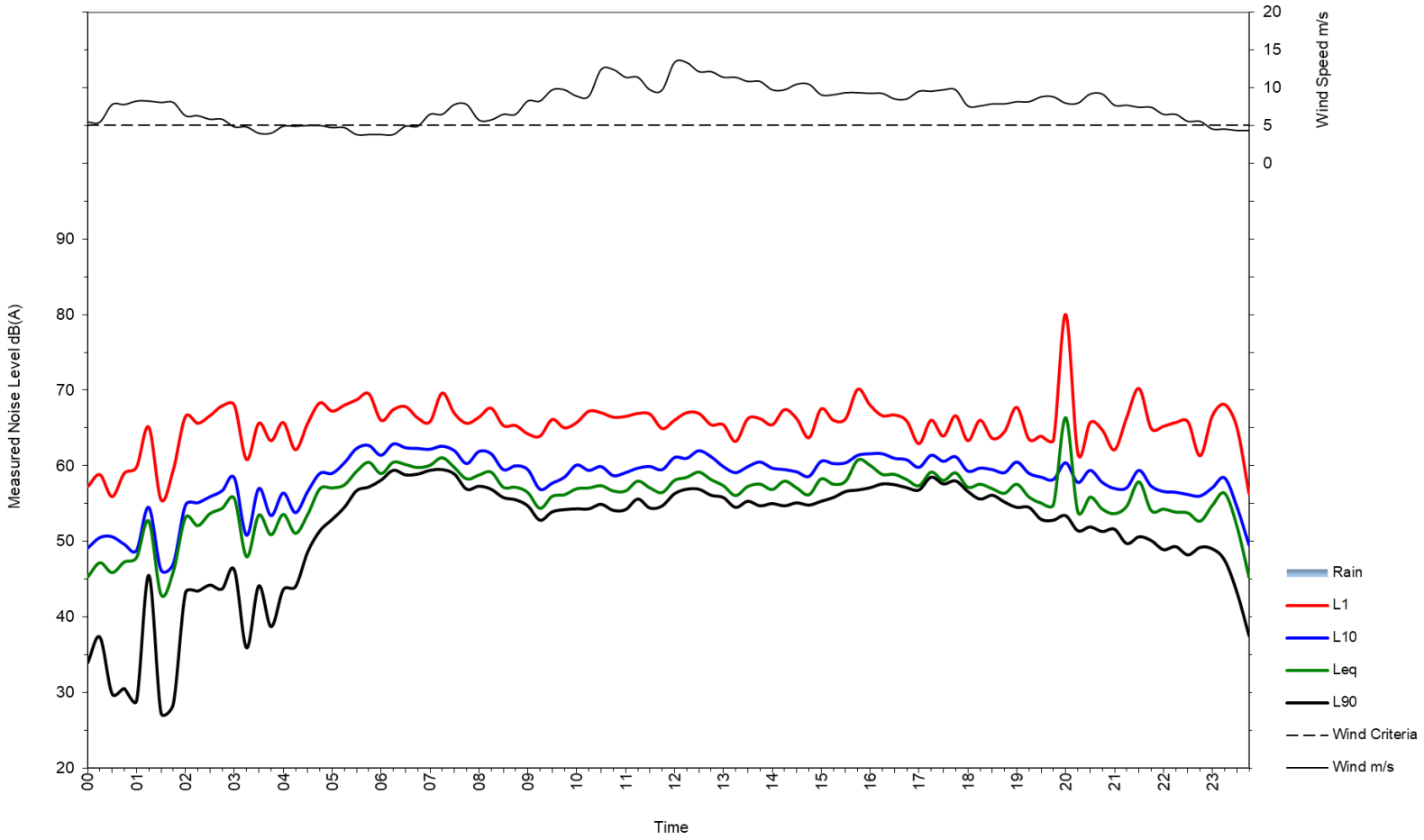
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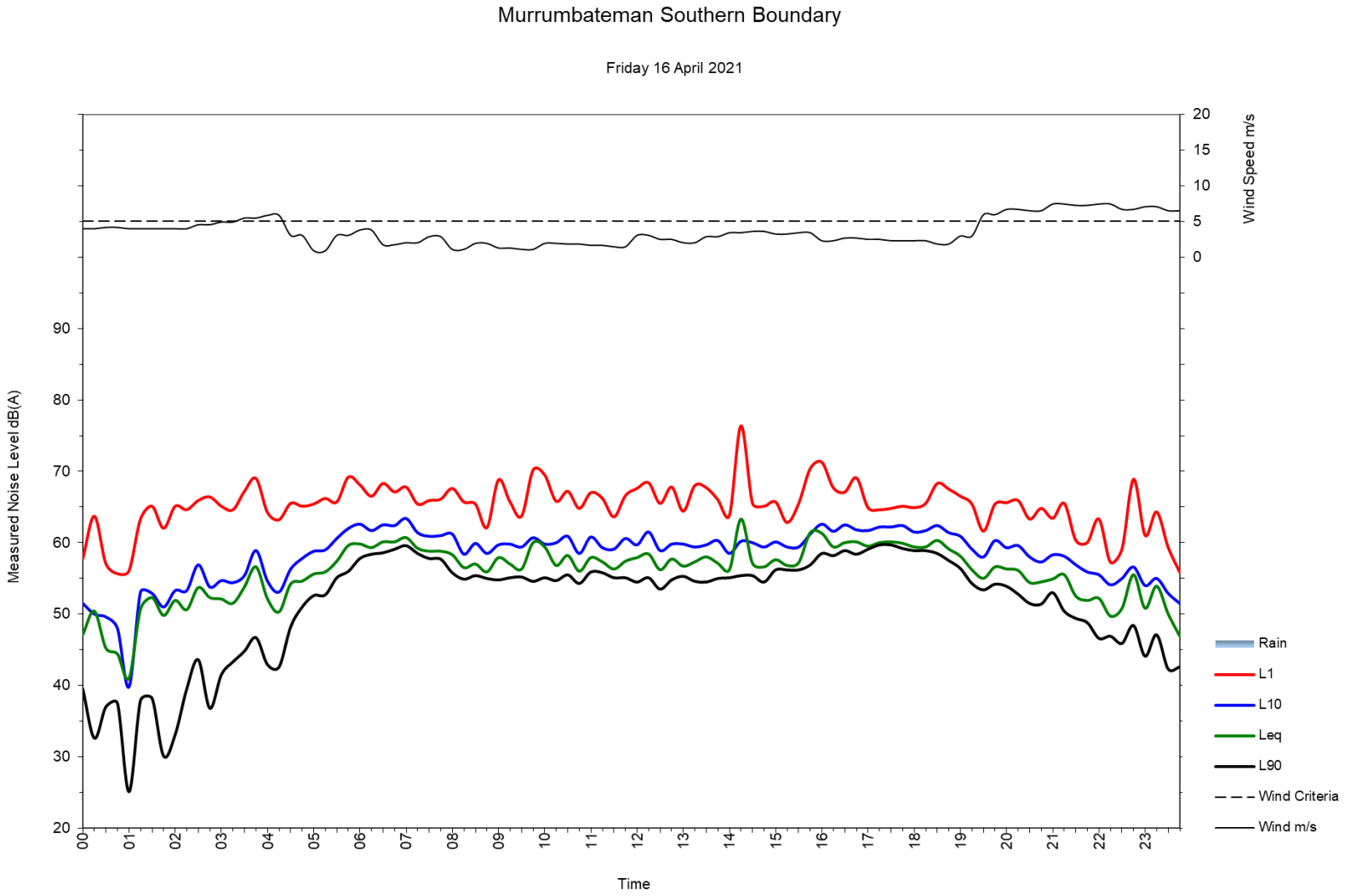
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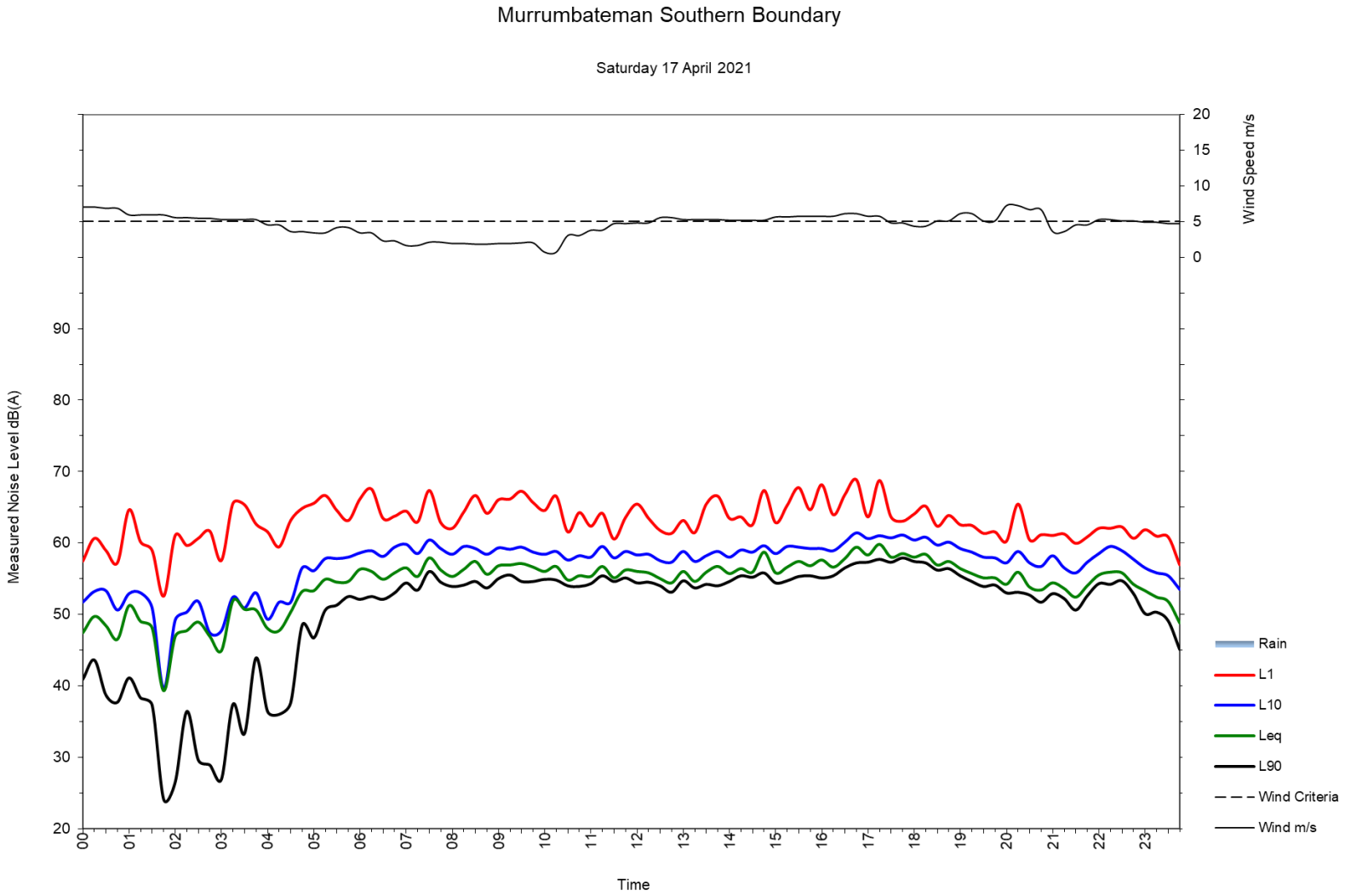


Murrumbateman Southern Boundary

Thursday 15 April 2021




Murrumbateman Southern Boundary
Friday 16 April 2021
Measured Noise Level dB(A)
Wind Speed m/s
Time
Rain
L1
L10
Leq
L90
Wind Criteria
Wind m/s


Murrumbateman Southern Boundary
Saturday 17 April 2021
Measured Noise Level dB(A)
Wind Speed m/s
Time
Rain
L1
L10
Leq
L90
Wind Criteria
Wind m/s

Murrumbateman Southern Boundary

Sunday 18 April 2021

