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To the Secretary,

**Prospect Logistics Estate, Pemulwuy**  
**SSD 10399**

We write to advise the Department that pursuant to Condition A11, the development of the estate will be undertaken in stages, each subject to a Construction Certificate from the Principal Certifying Authority. The staging of the works is proposed as follows:

| Stage        | Work Elements                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stage 1a     | Earthworks and associated retaining (excluding those works impacting on the Sydney Water main, and Warehouse 1 & 7 impacted by Blacktown City Council's regional stormwater basin) |
| Stage 1b     | Earthworks and associated retaining not included in Stage 1a                                                                                                                       |
| Stage 2      | Construction of warehouse 2                                                                                                                                                        |
| Stage 3      | Construction of warehouse 7                                                                                                                                                        |
| Stage 4      | Internal estate roadway and associated infrastructure including authority services connections                                                                                     |
| Stages 5 & 6 | Remaining warehouse construction                                                                                                                                                   |

Stage 1A works are currently underway with the commencement of Stage 2 anticipated in the coming weeks subject to the Construction Certificate.

In line with the staging of the development, the Department's endorsement of the Design Acoustic Validation required under Condition B34 is also sought to be staged. Prior to commencement of each warehouse, the Design Noise Validation Report will be submitted for endorsement by the Planning Secretary. The report accompanying this letter seeks endorsement for Warehouse 2 only, outlining that the operational noise levels of the warehouse are expected to comply with the trigger levels following the inclusion of reasonable mitigation measures.

The report will be updated to reflect the noise impacts of the entirety of the estate once wider design information is confirmed, particularly prior to the construction of Warehouse 3 where further additional mitigation measures will be required.

Aliro and ISPT seek the Department's endorsement for the operational noise levels for Warehouse 2 enabling construction of warehouse 2 to commence.

Yours Sincerely



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# ELEVATION AT GREYSTANES

**Operational Noise Impact Assessment  
Warehouse 2  
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### BASIS OF REPORT

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# 1 Introduction

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) has been commissioned by Aliro Group on behalf of ISPT Pty Ltd (the Applicant) to undertake a noise impact assessment in support of a State Significant Development (SSD) application (SSD 10399) for Elevation at Greystanes at 44 Clunies Ross Street, Lot 107 Clunies Ross Street, Prospect NSW and 615A Great Western Highway Pemulwuy, NSW (the development/project).

SSD 10399 was approved for development on 2 July 2021 and allows for the establishment of a warehouse and logistics estate with a combined gross floor area of 95,150 m<sup>2</sup>.

This report summarises the assessment of the potential operational noise impacts associated with the development and details the mitigation and management procedures for dealing with potential impacts. Operational noise impacts were previously assessed in a report produced by White Noise Acoustics title *Clunies Ross Street, SSD 10399 – Prospect Logistics Estate, Noise Impact Assessment* in August 2020 (the DA NIA).

SLR is suitably qualified and endorsed by the Planning Secretary to produce this noise impact assessment. SLR is a member of the Australian Acoustical Society (AAS) and a member firm of the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC).

This report assesses the potential impacts from the entire Elevation at Greystanes development but is focused on evaluating the impacts at receivers adjacent to Warehouse 2. Reasonable assumptions have been made regarding the likely noise sources at the other warehouses based on the currently available information. This report will be updated at a later stage to assess the impacts adjacent to the remaining warehouses when design information for the wider site is confirmed.

The following report uses specialist acoustic terminology. An explanation of common terms is provided in **Appendix A**.

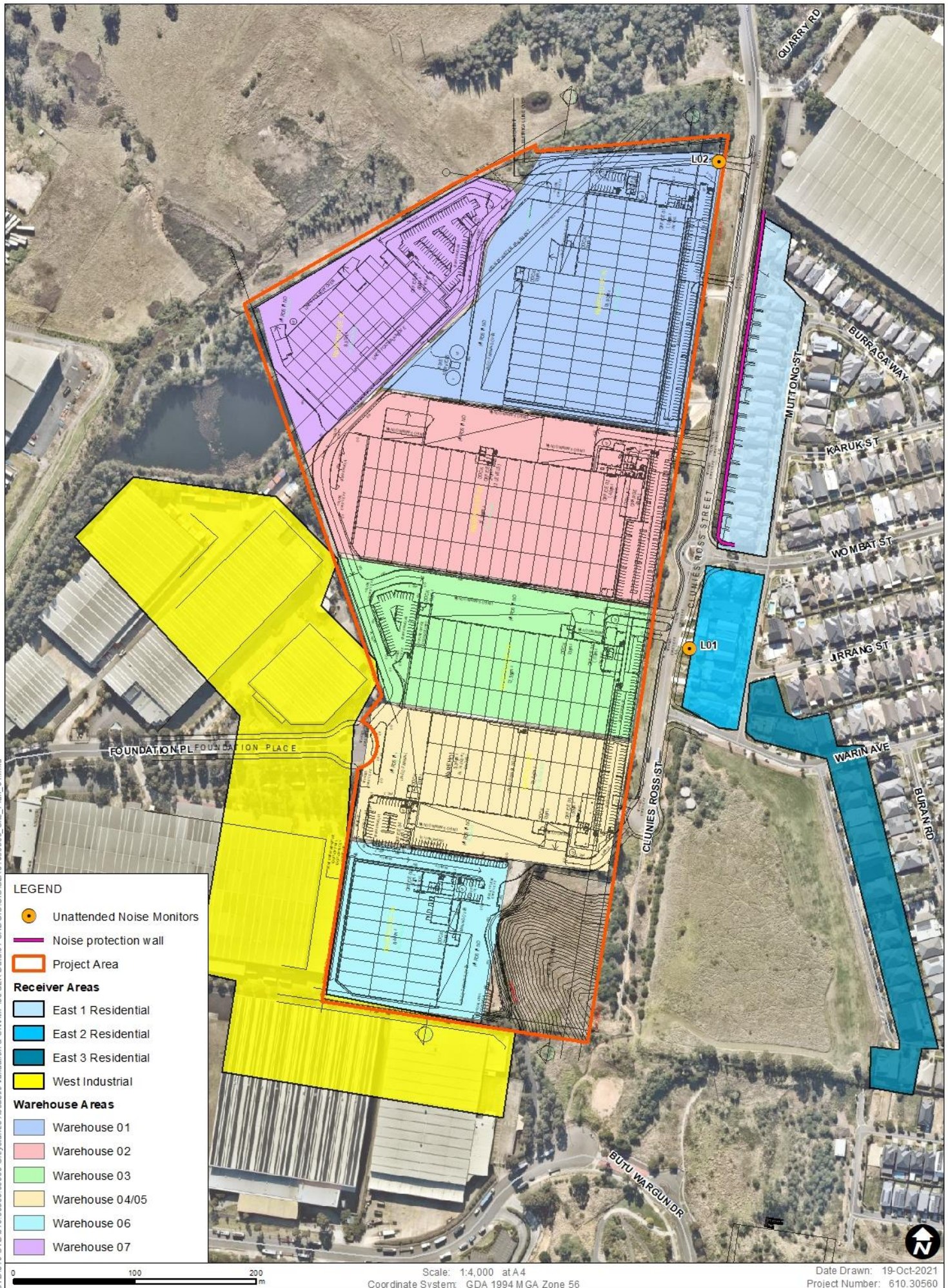
## 1.1 Proposal Description

Elevations at Greystanes is being developed to offer modern, high-quality warehousing, distribution and logistics facilities with associated ancillary offices, internal roads and carparking, landscaping and a small cafe. The development, comprising of seven warehouse buildings, will allow a range of potential industrial uses, each consistent with the land use zoning approved under the WSEA SEPP. These may include but not be limited to, logistic and distribution centres, depots, freight transport facilities and hardware and building supplies. Two of the warehouses have procured incoming tenants with one identified for cold storage and distribution of food and another as a distribution centre.

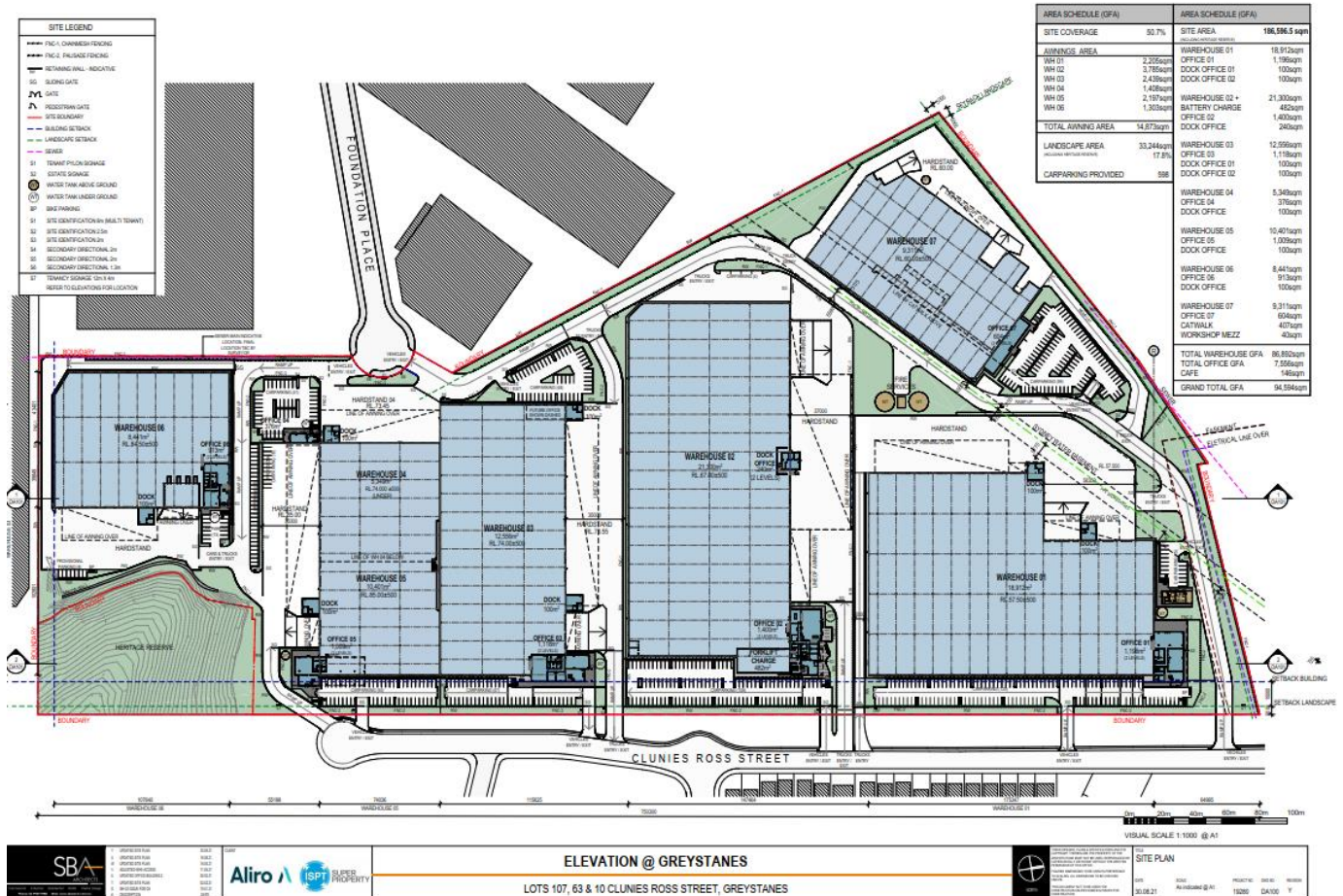
The location of the development and surrounding receivers is shown in **Figure 1** and the proposed layout is shown in **Figure 2**.

Vehicle access to the site would be via Foundation Place to the west and Clunies Ross Street to the east. The development would operate 24 hours a day. The identified sources of noise from the proposed development include:

- Vehicle movements on public roads, internal access roads, and in hardstands and parking areas.
- Mechanical plant and operation of the loading docks.



**Figure 2 Proposed Development**



## 1.2 Nearest Receivers

The nearest sensitive receivers are residential properties to the east. The nearest commercial receivers are located to the immediate west. The nearest receivers are shown in **Figure 1** and detailed in **Table 1**.

**Table 1 Surrounding Sensitive Receivers**

| ID                 | Address                                               | Type        | Distance (m) | Direction  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| East 1 Residential | Residences north of Wombat Street, Pemulwuy           | Residential | 50           | East       |
| East 2 Residential | Residences south of Wombat Street, Pemulwuy           | Residential | 50           | East       |
| East 3 Residential | Residences on Durawi Street, Pemulwuy                 | Residential | 180          | South east |
| West Industrial    | Industrial developments on Foundation Place, Pemulwuy | Industrial  | 40           | West       |

## 1.3 Development Consent Conditions

The Development Consent Conditions for SSD 10399 were issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in July 2021. The requirements relevant to noise and vibration are shown in **Table 2**.

**Table 2 Development Consent Conditions**

| Noise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Where Addressed  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b><i>Design Noise Validation</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -                |
| <i>B34. Prior to the commencement of construction of each warehouse, the Applicant must prepare a noise validation report(s), to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The report(s) must:</i>                                                                                                      |                  |
| (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Section 1</b> |
| (b) establish noise criteria for the nearest sensitive receivers in accordance with the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry 2017;                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Section 3</b> |
| (c) detail the design specifications for mechanical plant and equipment, ducting and fans, and any acoustic treatments to ensure compliance with the noise limits established in accordance with condition B34(b); and                                                                                    | <b>Section 6</b> |
| (d) recommend, prioritise and implement measures to improve noise controls on site, including but not limited to, programming mechanical plant to reduce night-time noise, implementing a driver code of conduct to reduce vehicle noise and ensuring roller doors are closed when there is no un/loading | <b>Section 6</b> |
| <b><i>B35. The Applicant must:</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | -                |
| (a) not commence construction of the relevant warehouse until the noise validation report required by condition B34 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and                                                                                                                                            | -                |
| (b) implement the noise control recommendations of the noise validation report approved by the Planning Secretary, in a timeframe agreed with the Planning Secretary.                                                                                                                                     | -                |

## 2 Existing Noise Environment

Unattended noise monitoring was completed in the study area during January and February 2020 and as part of the DA NIA. The measured noise levels have been used to determine the existing noise environment and to set the criteria used to assess the potential impacts from the proposal.

The noise monitoring locations are shown in **Figure 1** and the results are summarised in **Table 3**.

**Table 3 Summary of Unattended Noise Monitoring Results**

| ID  | Address           | Measured Noise Levels (dBA) <sup>1,2</sup> |         |       |                      |         |       |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|-------|----------------------|---------|-------|
|     |                   | Background Noise (RBL)                     |         |       | Average Noise (LAeq) |         |       |
|     |                   | Day                                        | Evening | Night | Day                  | Evening | Night |
| R01 | Northern location | 52                                         | 50      | 44    | 58                   | 54      | 52    |
| R02 | Southern location | 48                                         | 46      | 40    | 52                   | 51      | 44    |

Note 1: The assessment periods are the daytime which is 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday and 8 am to 6 pm on Sundays and public holidays, the evening which is 6 pm to 10 pm, and the night-time which is 10 pm to 7 am on Monday to Saturday and 10 pm to 8 am on Sunday and public holidays. See the NSW EPA *Noise Policy for Industry*.

Note 2: The survey was completed by White Noise Acoustics in 2020.

Short-term attended noise monitoring was also completed at each monitoring location for the DA NIA. The attended measurements concluded that the noise levels during the survey were dominated by vehicle movements of Clunies Ross Street, nearby motorways and existing industrial facilities.

## 3 Assessment Criteria

### 3.1 Noise Policy for Industry

The NSW *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPfI) was released in 2017 and sets out the requirements for the assessment and management of operational noise from industry in NSW.

#### 3.1.1 Industrial Noise Trigger Levels

The NPfI defines how to determine ‘trigger levels’ for noise emissions from industrial developments. Where a development is likely to exceed the trigger levels at existing noise sensitive receivers, feasible and reasonable noise management measures are required to be considered to reduce the impacts.

There are two types of trigger levels – one to account for ‘intrusive’ noise impacts and one to protect the ‘amenity’ of particular land uses:

- The **intrusiveness** of an industrial noise source is generally considered acceptable if the  $L_{Aeq}$  noise level of the source, measured over a period of 15-minutes, does not exceed the representative background noise level by more than 5 dB. Intrusive noise levels are only applied to residential receivers. For other receiver types, only the amenity levels apply.
- To limit continual increases in noise levels from the use of the intrusiveness level alone, the ambient noise level within an area from all industrial sources should remain below the recommended **amenity** levels specified in the NPfI for that particular land use.

Intrusive and amenity noise levels are not used directly as regulatory limits. They are used to assess the potential impact of noise, assess feasible and reasonable mitigation options, and subsequently determine achievable noise requirements.

The NPfI provides guidance on assigning residential receiver amenity noise categories based on the site-specific features shown in **Table 4**.

**Table 4 Residential Receiver Amenity**

| Receiver Category | Typical Planning Land Use Zoning                                                                                                                    | Typical Existing Background Noise Levels (RBL)      | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rural             | RU1 – primary production<br>RU2 – rural landscape<br>RU4 – primary production small lots<br>R5 – large lot residential<br>E4 – environmental living | Daytime <40 dBA<br>Evening <35 dBA<br>Night <30 dBA | 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 due to existing industry or intensive agricultural activities, the selection of a higher noise amenity area should be considered. |

| Receiver Category    | Typical Planning Land Use Zoning                                                                                                                                                       | Typical Existing Background Noise Levels (RBL)        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Suburban residential | RU5 – village<br>RU6 – transition<br>R2 – low density residential<br>R3 – medium density residential<br>E2 – environmental conservation<br>E3 – environmental management               | Daytime <45 dBA<br>Evening <40 dBA<br>Night <35dBA    | 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<br>R4 – high density residential<br>B1 – neighbourhood centre (boarding houses and shop-top housing)<br>B2 – local centre (boarding houses)<br>B4 – mixed use | Daytime > 45 dBA<br>Evening > 40 dBA<br>Night >35 dBA | Urban – an area with an acoustical environment that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Has through-traffic with characteristically heavy and continuous traffic flows during peak periods</li> <li>• Is near commercial districts or industrial districts</li> <li>• Has any combination of the above.</li> </ul> |

Amenity noise categories have been determined with reference to the NPFI. The assessment is shown in **Table 5**.

**Table 5 Residential Receiver Amenity Category Assessment**

| Area              | Land Use Zoning                 | Existing Background Noise Levels RBL (dBA) |     |       | Resulting Amenity Classification | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                   |                                 | Day                                        | Eve | Night |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| East 1            | R3 – medium density residential | 52                                         | 50  | 44    | Urban                            | The area is zoned as R3 – medium density residential, however, residences have been classified as urban due to high existing background noise levels that are dominated by road traffic and industrial noise, and being near to commercial/industrial districts. |
| East 2 and East 3 |                                 | 48                                         | 46  | 40    | Urban                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### 3.1.2 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The trigger levels for industrial noise from the proposal are summarised in **Table 6**. They are based on the previously measured background noise levels. The Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTL) are the most stringent of the intrusiveness and amenity trigger level for each period and are highlighted below.

**Table 6 Project Noise Trigger Levels**

| Receiver Location/<br>Type    | Period      | Amenity Noise Level LAeq (dBA) | Measured Noise Level (dBA) |      | Project Noise Trigger Levels LAeq(15minute) (dBA) |                       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                               |             |                                | RBL <sup>1</sup>           | LAeq | Intrusiveness                                     | Amenity <sup>2</sup>  |
| East 1 Residential            | Day         | 60                             | 52                         | 58   | <b>57</b>                                         | 63 <sup>3</sup>       |
|                               | Evening     | 50                             | 50                         | 54   | 55                                                | <b>53<sup>3</sup></b> |
|                               | Night       | 45                             | 44                         | 52   | 49                                                | <b>48<sup>3</sup></b> |
| East 2 and East 3 Residential | Day         | 60                             | 48                         | 52   | <b>53</b>                                         | 58 <sup>4</sup>       |
|                               | Evening     | 50                             | 46                         | 51   | 51                                                | <b>48<sup>4</sup></b> |
|                               | Night       | 45                             | 40                         | 44   | 45                                                | <b>43<sup>4</sup></b> |
| Commercial                    | When in use | 65                             | -                          |      | -                                                 | 63                    |
| Industrial                    |             | 70                             | -                          |      | -                                                 | 68                    |

Note 1: RBL = Rating Background Level.

Note 2: The project amenity noise levels have been converted to a 15-minute level by adding 3 dB, as outlined in the NPfI.

Note 3: The recommended amenity noise levels have been used as the project amenity noise levels as no other sources of additional industrial noise would likely be introduced in the area that would affect these receivers and all existing sources are shielded by intervening buildings and structures.

Note 4: The recommended amenity noise levels have been reduced by 5 dB, where appropriate, to give the project amenity noise levels.

The residential receivers in the East 1 Residential area are in close proximity to the development site and noise from the development would be the dominant source at facades which face west. The existing industrial sites in the area are shielded from these facades by other intervening buildings and structures, and no future development is likely to occur that would introduce additional sources of industrial noise that would impact these receivers. For this reason, the recommended amenity noise levels have been used as the project amenity noise levels for receivers in the East 1 Residential area.

The residential areas to the south (East 2 and East 3 Residential) are potentially exposed to industrial noise from existing (or future) developments and the recommended amenity noise levels for these areas have been reduced by 5 dB to give the project amenity noise levels for these areas.

### 3.1.3 Modifying Factors

Sources of industrial noise can cause greater annoyance where they contain certain characteristics, such as tonality, intermittency or dominant low-frequency content. The NPfI specifies the following modifying factors, shown in **Table 7**, which are to be applied where annoying characteristics are present.

**Table 7 NPfl Modifying Factors**

| Factor              | Assessment/Measurement                                                                                     | When to Apply                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Correction <sup>1</sup>                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tonal noise         | One-third octave or narrow band analysis                                                                   | Level of one-third octave band exceeds the level of the adjacent bands on both sides by the levels defined in the NPfl.                                                                                                             | 5 dB <sup>2</sup>                                                        |
| Low-frequency noise | Measurement of source contribution C-weighted and A-weighted level and one-third octave measurements       | Measure/assess source contribution C and A weighted Leq,t levels over same time period. Correction to be applied where the C minus A level is 15 dB or more and the level to which the thresholds defined in the NPfl are exceeded. | 2 or 5 dB <sup>2</sup>                                                   |
| Intermittent noise  | Subjectively assessed but should be assisted with measurement to gauge the extent of change in noise level | The source noise heard at the receiver varies by more than 5 dB and the intermittent nature of the noise is clearly audible.                                                                                                        | 5 dB <sup>3</sup>                                                        |
| Maximum adjustment  | Refer to individual modifying factors                                                                      | Where two or more modifying factors are indicated.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Maximum correction of 10 dB <sup>2</sup> (excluding duration correction) |

Note 1: Corrections to be added to the measured or predicted levels.

Note 2: Where a source emits tonal and low-frequency noise, only one 5 dB correction should be applied if the tone is in the low-frequency range, that is, at or below 160 Hz.

Note 3: Adjustment to be applied to night-time only.

Details of the modifying factors applied in the assessment are provided in **Section 4.1**.

## 3.2 Sleep Disturbance

The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events during the night-time from the development is required to be considered.

The NPfl defines the sleep disturbance screening level as 52 dBA LAFmax or the prevailing background level plus 15 dB, whichever is greater.

The sleep disturbance screening levels for the development are shown in **Table 8**.

**Table 8 Sleep Disturbance Screening Levels**

| Location          | Noise Level (dBA)                               |                                                |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                   | Measured Prevailing Night-time Background Level | Sleep Disturbance Screening Level <sup>1</sup> |
| East 1            | 44                                              | 59                                             |
| East 2 and East 3 | 40                                              | 55                                             |

Note 1: The sleep disturbance screening level as 52 dBA LAFmax or the prevailing background level plus 15 dB, whichever is greater

A detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be completed where the sleep disturbance screening level is exceeded. The detailed assessment should cover the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the RBL, and the number of times this happens during the night-time period.

The NPfI refers to the *Road Noise Policy* (RNP) for additional information regarding sleep disturbance. enHealth Council studies are referenced which indicate that for short-term or transient noise events, for good sleep over eight hours the indoor LAF<sub>max</sub> sound pressure level should ideally not exceed around 45 dBA more than 10 or 15 times per night.

The RNP goes on to conclude that from the research on sleep disturbance to date:

- Maximum internal noise levels below 50 dBA to 55 dBA are unlikely to awaken people from sleep
- One or two events per night with maximum internal noise levels of 65-70 dBA are not likely to affect health and wellbeing significantly.

### 3.3 Traffic on Surrounding Roads

The potential impacts from proposal related traffic on the surrounding public roads are assessed using the NSW EPA *Road Noise Policy* (RNP).

An initial screening test is first applied to evaluate if existing road traffic noise levels are expected to increase by more than 2.0 dB. Where this is considered likely, further assessment is required using the RNP criteria shown in **Table 9**.

**Table 9 RNP/NCG Criteria for Assessing Traffic on Public Roads**

| Road Category                               | Type of Project/Land Use                                                                                                               | Assessment Criteria (dBA)     |                              |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                             |                                                                                                                                        | Daytime<br>(7 am – 10 pm)     | Night-time<br>(10 pm – 7 am) |
| Freeway/<br>arterial/<br>sub-arterial roads | Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing freeways/arterial/sub-arterial roads generated by land use developments | LAeq(15hour) 60<br>(external) | LAeq(9hour) 55<br>(external) |
| Local roads                                 | Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments                          | LAeq(1hour) 55<br>(external)  | LAeq(1hour) 50<br>(external) |

## 4 Methodology

### 4.1 Operational Noise Assessment

The potential operational noise levels from the development have been predicted to the surrounding receivers using CONCAWE industrial noise algorithms in SoundPLAN. The model includes ground topography, buildings and representative noise sources from the proposal.

The potential impacts have been determined by comparing the predicted noise levels to the NPfI PNTLs in a 15-minute assessment period.

#### 4.1.1 Operational Noise Sources

The project is in the early design stages and certain future tenants are currently unknown. Several assumptions have been made by Aliro Group regarding the likely future tenants, uses and sources of noise, based on the likely uses which may include logistic and distribution centres, depots, freight transport facilities and hardware and building supplies. The main sources of operational noise at the development are expected to include:

- On-site light and heavy vehicle movements
- Loading dock activities in hardstands
- Mechanical plant
- Off-site vehicle movements.

A summary of the noise sources associated with the operation of the development is provided below.

#### On-Site Traffic

On-site vehicles have been modelled using the data in **Table 10**. The volumes are representative of the worst-case 15-minute period for the daytime, evening and night-time. The vehicle routes are shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**.

**Table 10 Vehicle Traffic Data – Worst-case 15-Minute Period**

| Vehicle Type   | Location      | Sound Power Level (dBA) | Vehicle Speed (km/h) | Access Point                                                                          | Number of Vehicles in Worst-case 15-minute Period <sup>1</sup> |                       |                          |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                |               |                         |                      |                                                                                       | Daytime (7am to 6pm)                                           | Evening (6pm to 10pm) | Night-time (10pm to 7am) |
| Warehouse 1    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                       |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry via Clunies Ross St (100%), exit via Foundation Pl (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%) | 3                                                              | 3                     | 2                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                       |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Clunies Ross Street (100%)                                                            | 7                                                              | 7                     | 6                        |

| Vehicle Type   | Location      | Sound Power Level (dBA) | Vehicle Speed (km/h) | Access Point                                                                               | Number of Vehicles in Worst-case 15-minute Period <sup>1</sup> |                       |                          |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            | Daytime (7am to 6pm)                                           | Evening (6pm to 10pm) | Night-time (10pm to 7am) |
| Warehouse 2    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry and exit via Foundation PI (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%)                              | 2                                                              | 2                     | 2                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Clunies Ross Street (100%)                                                                 | 3                                                              | 3                     | 2                        |
| Warehouse 3    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry and exit via Foundation PI (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%)                              | 2                                                              | 2                     | 2                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Clunies Ross Street (100%)                                                                 | 5                                                              | 5                     | 4                        |
| Warehouse 4    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry and exist via Foundation PI (100%)                                                   | 1                                                              | 1                     | 1                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Foundation PI (100%)                                                                       | 2                                                              | 2                     | 2                        |
| Warehouse 5    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry via Foundation PI (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%), exist via Clunies Ross Street (100%) | 2                                                              | 2                     | 1                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Clunies Ross Street (100%)                                                                 | 4                                                              | 4                     | 3                        |
| Warehouse 6    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry via Foundation PI (100%), exit via Clunies Ross (100%)                               | 1                                                              | 1                     | 1                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Foundation PI (100%)                                                                       | 3                                                              | 3                     | 3                        |
| Warehouse 7    |               |                         |                      |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Large Trucks   | Access routes | 108 <sup>2</sup>        | 25                   | Entry and exit via Foundation PI (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%)                              | 2                                                              | 1                     | 1                        |
|                | Loading docks |                         | 5                    |                                                                                            |                                                                |                       |                          |
| Light Vehicles | Car park      | 96 <sup>3</sup>         | 20                   | Foundation PI (70%) and Clunies Ross (30%)                                                 | 10                                                             | 5                     | 25                       |

Note 1: Two-way movement, includes both inbound and outbound vehicles.

Note 2: Based on a combined sound power level of 106 dBA for large trucks at slow speed for 80% of the time and 111 dBA for trucks accelerating at slow speed for 20% of the time.

Note 3: Taken from Road Traffic Noise Prediction Model "ASJ RTN-Model 2013" Proposed by the Acoustical Society of Japan – Part 2: Study on Sound Emission of Road Vehicles, OKADA et al, Internoise 2014, and accounts for vehicles accelerating.

Figure 3 Truck Routes

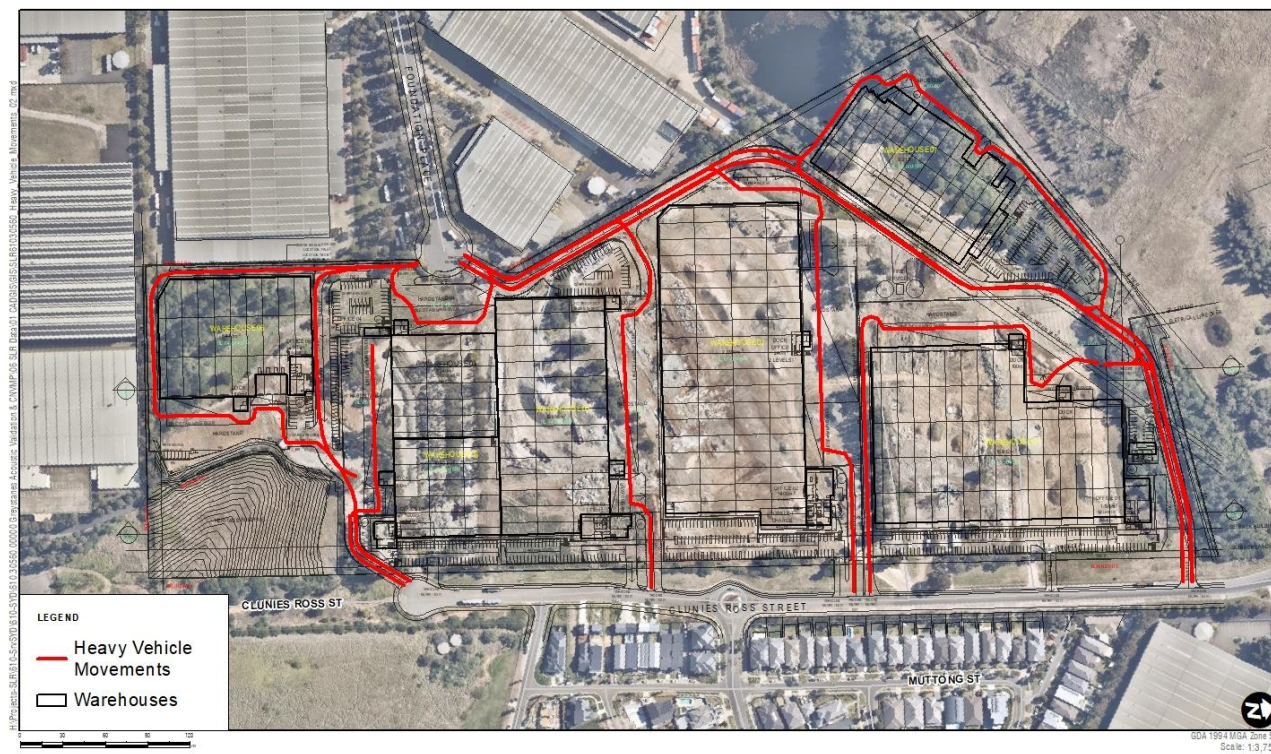
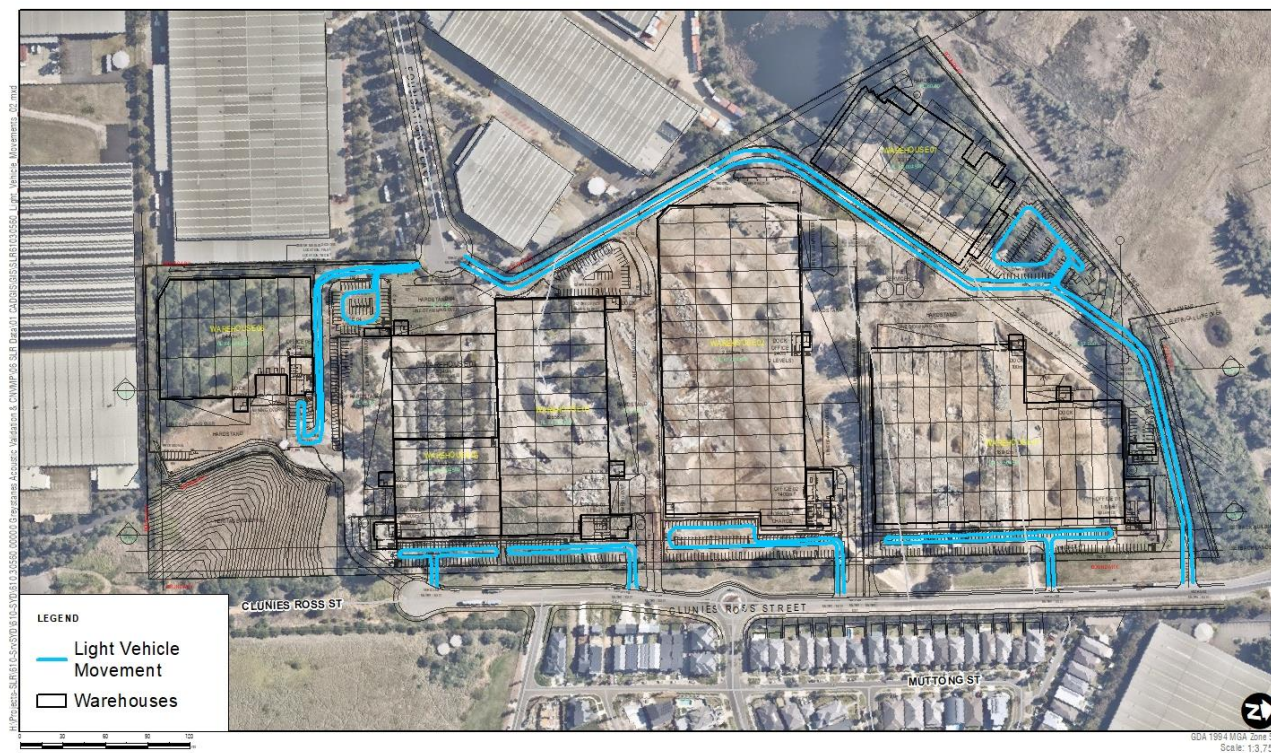


Figure 4 Light Vehicle Routes



## Loading Docks

Details of the loading dock noise sources are shown in **Table 11**. The various sources have been modelled in the loading docks and hardstands as shown in **Figure 5**.

**Table 11 Typical Loading Dock Noise Sources – All Warehouses**

| Noise Source                          | Sound Power Level (dBA) | Typical Duration of Use in Worst-case 15-minute Period | Source Height (m) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Truck reversing alarm <sup>1</sup>    | 107 <sup>2</sup>        | 60 seconds                                             | 1.0               |
| Forklift reversing alarm <sup>1</sup> | 102 <sup>2</sup>        | 90 seconds                                             | 0.5               |
| Air brakes                            | 118                     | 1 second                                               | 1.0               |
| Roller door                           | 94                      | 15 seconds                                             | 4.0               |
| Electric Forklift                     | 84 <sup>3</sup>         | 900 seconds                                            | 1.0               |

Note 1: The operation of this equipment is typically intermittent and a +5 dB modifying correction factor has been added to the night-time noise level in accordance with the NPfl.

Note 2: SWL includes a -3 dB reduction due to alarms being discrete events.

Note 3: SWL based on measurements.

**Figure 5 Loading Dock Locations**



## Internal Activities

The internal noise-generating activities at all warehouses are expected to generally be minimal. An internal sound power level of 75 dBA has been included for each warehouse to cover general internal activities. Warehouse roller shutter doors are assumed to be open during loading dock activities.

## Mechanical Plant

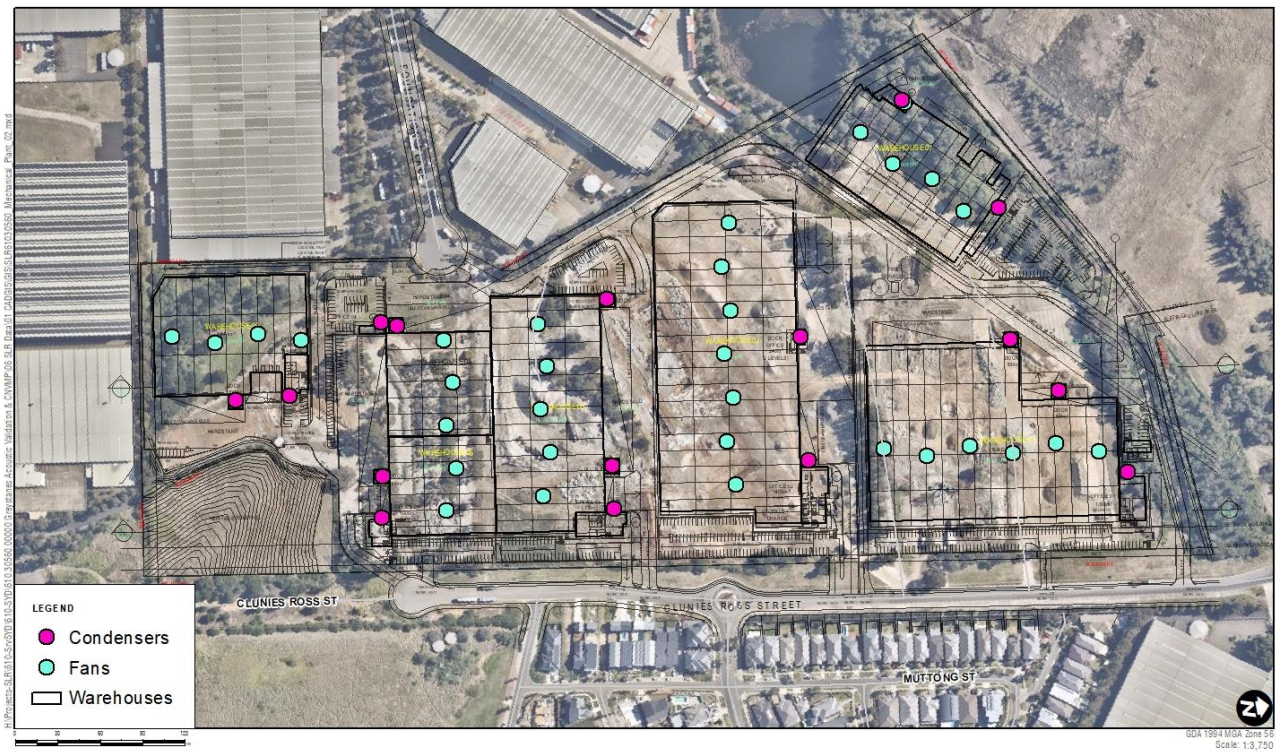
Mechanical plant associated with the development includes air-conditioning equipment serving the office buildings for each warehouse and roof fans. Compressors and condensers would be required within the Warehouse 7 plant room.

The details of the mechanical plant are based on preliminary data and are shown in **Table 12**. The assumed hours of operational of the various items are shown in table. The locations of the sources are shown in **Figure 6**.

**Table 12 Mechanical Plant**

| Noise Source               | Sound Power Level (dBA) | Location                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Air-conditioning equipment | 78                      | Office and dock offices for all warehouses (see <b>Figure 6</b> ).<br>Air-conditioning operational hours are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Warehouse 1 to 6: 7am to 6pm</li><li>- Warehouse 7: 24/7</li></ul> |
| Compressor                 | 88 (two compressors)    | Within Warehouse 7 plant room, assumes facade is precast concrete. Compressor operational hours for Warehouse 7 are 24/7.                                                                                                |
| Condenser                  | 100                     | Roof of Warehouse 7 plant room. Condenser operational hours for Warehouse 7 are potentially 24/7.                                                                                                                        |
| Warehouse roof fans        | 98                      | Roof of all warehouses and roof of Warehouse 7 plant room (see <b>Figure 6</b> ). Roof fans may operate at any time so have been assumed to be 24/7 at all warehouses.                                                   |

**Figure 6 Modelled Source Locations**



#### 4.1.2 Noise Sources with Potential for Sleep Disturbance

As the development would operate 24-hours a day, noise emissions during the night-time require assessment for potential sleep disturbance at the nearest residential receivers. The details of typical activities with the potential to cause sleep disturbance are shown in **Table 13**.

**Table 13 Sleep Disturbance Noise Events – L<sub>Amax</sub> Sound Power Levels**

| Noise Source                         | Sound Power Level L <sub>Amax</sub> (dBA) | Source Height |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Trucks manoeuvring around warehouses | 111                                       | 1 m           |
| Truck airbrakes                      | 118                                       | 1 m           |
| Truck reversing alarm                | 110                                       | 1 m           |
| Forklift reversing alarm             | 105                                       | 0.5 m         |
| Roller door                          | 94                                        | 4 m           |

These sources have been assumed to be in each operational loading dock.

### 4.1.3 Off-site Road Traffic

Transport Noise Model (TNM) has been used in SoundPLAN to model traffic on the surrounding roads. The following has been included in the assessment:

- Heavy vehicle volumes have been modelled as 'heavy trucks' in TNM
- Development related traffic has been modelled separately with all vehicles accelerating from the site entrances for a distance of 150 m (distance calculated based on a typical acceleration rate for a cat 3 semi-trailer heavy vehicle to 60 km/h). Once the site vehicles are past this point they are assumed to be free-flowing.

Light and heavy vehicles would access the development directly from Prospect Highway from the west, via Foundation Place, and Clunies Ross Street from the east. The potential noise impacts from additional traffic have been assessed based on traffic data shown in **Table 14**.

**Table 14 Traffic Volumes – All Warehouses**

| Road                             | Existing Traffic volumes |       |                             |       | Development Related Traffic Volumes |       |                             |       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                  | Daytime<br>(7am to 10pm) |       | Night-time<br>(10pm to 7am) |       | Daytime<br>(7am to 10pm)            |       | Night-time<br>(10pm to 7am) |       |
|                                  | Light                    | Heavy | Light                       | Heavy | Light                               | Heavy | Light                       | Heavy |
| Prospect Hwy                     | 24,231                   | 5,020 | 1,547                       | 320   | 435                                 | 109   | 77                          | 19    |
| Clunies Ross Street <sup>1</sup> | 5,757                    | 240   | 1,016                       | 15    | 219                                 | 55    | 39                          | 10    |

Note 1: Traffic volumes have been split equally between the various site entrances/roundabouts.

## 5 Assessment of Impacts

### 5.1 Operational Noise Assessment

#### 5.1.1 Predicted Unmitigated Noise Levels

A summary of the noise assessment at the receivers surrounding the development is shown in **Table 15**. Impacts have been predicted at all floors of the nearest receivers. The predicted worst-case levels are compared to the relevant criteria to determine the potential impact from the development. Noise contours of the operational noise impacts are in **Appendix B**.

The full development has been modelled and the potential noise emissions from the entire site have been predicted. The discussion below focuses on evaluating the impacts at receivers in the East 1 Residential area (see **Figure 1**) as these receivers are adjacent the entrance to Warehouse 2 and the most potentially impacted by operation of this warehouse. Reasonable assumptions have been made regarding the likely noise sources at the other warehouses based on the currently available information. This report will be updated at a later stage to assess the impacts adjacent to the remaining warehouses when design information for the wider site is confirmed.

**Table 15 Operational Noise Assessment – Unmitigated**

| Warehouse         | Receiver Location  | Period      | Noise Level LAeq(15minute) (dBA) |           |            | Compliance |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                   |                    |             | Noise Criteria                   | Predicted | Exceedance |            |
| Warehouse 2 alone | East 1 Residential | Day         | 57                               | 52        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Evening     | 53                               | 52        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Night       | 48                               | 52        | 4          | No         |
|                   | West Industrial    | When in use | 68                               | 56        | -          | Yes        |
| All Warehouses    | East 1 Residential | Day         | 57                               | 56        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Evening     | 53                               | 55        | 2          | No         |
|                   |                    | Night       | 48                               | 55        | 7          | No         |
|                   | West Industrial    | When in use | 68                               | 66        | -          | Yes        |

The above assessment indicates that noise from the operation of Warehouse 2 alone is predicted to comply with the PNTLs at receivers in the East 1 Residential area during the daytime and evening. Noise levels during operation of the entire development are predicted to comply in the East 1 Residential area during the daytime only.

A relatively minor exceedance of 2 dB is predicted in the evening in the East 1 Residential area during operation of the entire development. Night-time exceedances of 4 dB during operation of Warehouse 2 alone and 7 dB during operation of the entire development are predicted in the East 1 Residential area.

Noise levels in the West Industrial area are predicted to comply during operation of Warehouse 2 alone and the entire development.

The predicted exceedances are caused by a combination of noise from the roof mounted fans, noise from the various loading docks and on-site truck movements.

### 5.1.2 Predicted Mitigated Noise Levels

Feasible and reasonable mitigation measures have been investigated for the development with the aim of reducing noise levels to the Project Noise Trigger Levels. A detailed investigation of feasible and reasonable mitigation is provided in **Section 6.1**. In summary, the following measures have been applied to reduce noise emissions:

- Lower noise output roof mounted fans for all warehouses.
- The majority of trucks would access the site from the west, via Foundation Place. Around 70% of trucks are expected to use this route with only 30% accessing via Clunies Ross Street.
- Absorptive materials to be used in construction elements of Warehouse 2 and 3 loading docks.
- A driver code of conduct will be produced (required as part Consent Condition B34(d)). This will promote awareness of the proximity of residential receivers to the site and the need to minimise noise emissions from trucks, where possible.
- Use of broadband and/or ambient noise sensing reversing alarms to minimise potentially annoyance.
- Roller doors will be kept closed when un/loading is not occurring.
- It is noted that an existing 4.8 to 5.4 m noise barrier already provides noise mitigation to residential receivers in the East 1 Residential area

A summary of the predicted impacts in the mitigated scenario is shown in **Table 16**.

**Table 16 Operational Noise Assessment – Mitigated**

| Warehouse         | Receiver Location  | Period      | Noise Level LAeq(15minute) (dBA) |           |            | Compliance |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                   |                    |             | Noise Criteria                   | Predicted | Exceedance |            |
| Warehouse 2 alone | East 1 Residential | Day         | 57                               | 46        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Evening     | 53                               | 46        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Night       | 48                               | 46        | -          | Yes        |
|                   | West Industrial    | When in use | 68                               | 56        | -          | Yes        |
| All Warehouses    | East 1 Residential | Day         | 57                               | 52        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Evening     | 53                               | 48        | -          | Yes        |
|                   |                    | Night       | 48                               | 48        | -          | Yes        |
|                   | West Industrial    | When in use | 68                               | 66        | -          | Yes        |

The above assessment indicates that the proposed mitigation is expected to reduce noise levels at receivers in the East 1 Residential area to comply with the Project Noise Trigger Levels.

### 5.1.3 Sleep Disturbance

The predicted maximum noise levels at the nearest residential receivers during the night-time are shown in **Table 17**. These include the mitigation measures specified in **Section 5.1.2**.

**Table 17 Sleep Disturbance Assessment**

| Warehouse         | Receiver Location  | Source                   | Maximum Noise Level L <sub>Amax</sub> (dBA) |           |            | Below Screening Level |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|
|                   |                    |                          | Sleep Dist. Screening Level                 | Predicted | Exceedance |                       |
| Warehouse 2 alone | East 1 Residential | Truck Movement           | 59                                          | 55        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Airbrake (Warehouse 2)   |                                             | 63        | 4          | No                    |
|                   |                    | Truck Reversing Alarm    |                                             | 55        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Forklift Reversing Alarm |                                             | 49        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Roller Door              |                                             | 36        | -          | Yes                   |
| All Warehouses    | East 1 Residential | Truck Movement           | 59                                          | 55        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Airbrake (Warehouse 2)   |                                             | 63        | 4          | No                    |
|                   |                    | Truck Reversing Alarm    |                                             | 55        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Forklift Reversing Alarm |                                             | 49        | -          | Yes                   |
|                   |                    | Roller Door              |                                             | 36        | -          | Yes                   |

The above shows that maximum noise levels are generally expected to comply with the sleep disturbance screening level at receivers in the East 1 Residential area. Exceedances are, however, predicted at receivers opposite the entrance to Warehouse 2 when truck airbrakes are used at loading docks of this warehouse.

The NPfI requires a detailed maximum noise level assessment to be completed where night-time noise levels exceed the sleep disturbance screening level.

#### 5.1.3.1 Detailed Maximum Noise Level Assessment

The detailed maximum noise levels assessment is summarised in **Table 18**. The only source predicted to have exceedances of the sleep disturbance screening level is truck airbrakes in the loading dock of Warehouse 2.

**Table 18 Detailed Maximum Noise Level Assessment**

| Source                                                    | Maximum Noise Level L <sub>Amax</sub> (dBA) |                                                                 |                                          |                         |                                      | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           | External Sleep Disturbance Goals (dBA)      |                                                                 | Development Related Maximum Noise Events |                         | Existing Maximum Noise Levels        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                           | Awakening Response <sup>1</sup>             | Good Sleep                                                      | Predicted                                | Frequency of Occurrence |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| East 1 Residential Area (receivers adjacent WH2 entrance) |                                             |                                                                 |                                          |                         |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Truck airbrakes at WH2                                    | 65                                          | Around 55 (should not occur more than 10 to 15 times per night) | 59-63                                    | <10 events              | Unknown – not reported in the DA NIA | <p><b>Awakening Response:</b> maximum noise levels predicted to be below the ‘awakening response’ level.</p> <p><b>Good Sleep:</b> around 10 trucks are expected on Clunies Ross Street during the night-time period (see <b>Table 14</b>). These would be split between all warehouses. Maximum noise events from truck airbrakes at Warehouse 2 are, therefore, not expected adversely affect ‘good sleep’ (ie they wouldn’t occur more than 10-15 times per night).</p> <p><b>Existing maximum noise levels:</b> the residential receivers adjacent to Warehouse 2 were also adjacent to the entrance of the previous industrial facility which operated 24/7. Development related maximum noise levels are likely to be similar in magnitude to the maximum levels from the previous use of the site.</p> |

Note 1: Based on RNP guidance that maximum internal noise levels below 50 dBA to 55 dBA are unlikely to awaken people from sleep. This equates to an external noise level of 65 dBA when assuming a 10 dB loss for partially open windows for ventilation.

Note 2: Based on RNP guidance (from enHealth studies) that for a good sleep over eight hours the indoor L<sub>Amax</sub> sound pressure level should not exceed around 45 dBA more than 10 or 15 times per night. This equates to an external noise level of around 55 dBA when assuming a 10 dB loss for partially open windows for ventilation.

The above indicates that the predicted sleep disturbance exceedances are unlikely to result in awakenings or adversely affected good sleep. The development related maximum noise levels are also likely to be similar to maximum events from the previous industrial use of the site. The exceedances are, therefore, considered of relatively low significance and do not warrant any specific mitigation measures.

#### 5.1.4 Off-site Traffic Assessment

The results of the off-site traffic assessment are shown in **Table 19**. The assessment has been completed at the sensitive receivers adjacent to Clunies Ross Street and Prospect Highway.

**Table 19 Traffic Noise Assessment**

| Location           | Road                | RNP Increase Criterion (dB) | Predicted Increase (dB) |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
|                    |                     |                             | Day                     | Night |
| East 1 Residential | Clunies Ross Street | 2.0                         | <1.0                    | <1.0  |
| East 2 Residential | Clunies Ross Street |                             | 1.0                     | 1.5   |
| East 3 Residential | Clunies Ross Street |                             | <1.0                    | <1.0  |
| West               | Prospect Highway    |                             | <1.0                    | <1.0  |

The above assessment shows that the increase in noise from vehicle movements on the surrounding roads at the nearest receivers are expected to be below 2.0 dB. Increases of less than 2.0 dB represent a minor impact that is considered barely perceptible to the average person.

It is noted that the assessment predicts the potential increase in road traffic noise by comparing the existing situation with the existing situation plus development related traffic. A significant proportion of the existing traffic volumes on Clunies Ross Street would be associated with the previous use of the site which is replaced by the subject development (and not in addition too). This means that the actual increase would likely be lower than predicted above.

## 6 Mitigation and Management Measures

### 6.1 Operational Noise – Feasible and Reasonable Mitigation Assessment

Potential feasible and reasonable mitigation measures have been investigated and a summary of the measures considered are shown in **Table 20**.

**Table 20 Feasible and Reasonable Mitigation Options**

| Mitigation Option                                       | Noise Impact/Benefit                                                                                                   | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Reasonable and Feasible to Apply |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Source Control</b>                                   |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                  |
| Roof mounted fans                                       | The roof mounted fans contribute to the predicted exceedances. Reduction in SWL provides substantial noise benefit     | Roof fans SWL reduced from 98 dBA to 78 dBA.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes                              |
| Limit truck volumes, particularly during the night-time | Noise from trucks on site roads and in loading docks contributes to the predicted exceedances                          | The majority of trucks would access the site from the west, via Foundation Place. Around 70% of trucks are expected to use this route with only 30% accessing via Clunies Ross Street.                                                         | Yes                              |
|                                                         |                                                                                                                        | The truck volumes used in this assessment are needed to meet tenant's requirements. Changes to internal truck routes and/or numbers not considered feasible.                                                                                   | No                               |
| Absorption used in loading dock                         | Reduce noise emissions from the site                                                                                   | Absorptive materials to be used in construction elements of Warehouse 2 and 3 loading docks.                                                                                                                                                   | Yes                              |
| Broadband and/or ambient sensing reversing alarms       | Reduce potential for annoying noise emissions during the night-time from heavy vehicles and forklifts                  | Use of broadband and/or ambient sensing alarms on heavy vehicles and forklifts where they are required to reverse during the night-time.                                                                                                       | Yes                              |
| Noise from abnormal heavy vehicle events                | Minimise noise emissions the potential annoying characteristics                                                        | A driver code of conduct (required as part Consent Condition B34(d)) will be produced. This will promote awareness of the proximity of residential receivers to the site and the need to minimise noise emissions from trucks, where possible. | Yes                              |
| Roller doors                                            | Use of roller doors                                                                                                    | Roller doors will be kept closed when un/loading is not occurring.                                                                                                                                                                             | Yes                              |
| <b>Path Control</b>                                     |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                  |
| Noise barriers                                          | Noise barriers can provide around 5 to 15 dB noise benefit where they screen the source of noise from the receiver(s). | An existing 4.8 to 5.4 m noise barrier already provides noise mitigation to residential receivers in the East 1 Residential area.                                                                                                              | -                                |

## 7 Conclusion

SLR has been engaged to assess the potential operational noise emissions from the Elevation at Greystanes development. The site is being developed to offer modern, high-quality warehousing, distribution and logistics facilities with associated ancillary offices, internal roads and carparking, landscaping and a small cafe. The development, comprising of seven warehouse buildings, will allow a range of potential industrial uses, each consistent with the land use zoning approved under the WSEA SEPP. These may include but not be limited to, logistic and distribution centres, depots, food and drink premises, freight transport facilities and hardware and building supplies.

This report assesses the potential impacts from the entire Elevation at Greystanes development but is focused on evaluating the impacts at receivers adjacent to Warehouse 2. This report will be updated at a later stage to assess the impacts adjacent to the remaining warehouses when design information for the wider site is confirmed.

Operational noise levels are generally expected to comply with the trigger levels with the inclusion of the specified mitigation measures.

# APPENDIX A

## Acoustic Terminology

### 1. Sound Level or Noise Level

The terms 'sound' and 'noise' are almost interchangeable, except that 'noise' often refers to unwanted sound.

Sound (or noise) consists of minute fluctuations in atmospheric pressure. The human ear responds to changes in sound pressure over a very wide range with the loudest sound pressure to which the human ear can respond being ten million times greater than the softest. The decibel (abbreviated as dB) scale reduces this ratio to a more manageable size by the use of logarithms.

The symbols SPL, L or LP are commonly used to represent Sound Pressure Level. The symbol LA represents A-weighted Sound Pressure Level. The standard reference unit for Sound Pressure Levels expressed in decibels is  $2 \times 10^{-5}$  Pa.

### 2. 'A' Weighted Sound Pressure Level

The overall level of a sound is usually expressed in terms of dBA, which is measured using a sound level meter with an 'A-weighting' filter. This is an electronic filter having a frequency response corresponding approximately to that of human hearing.

People's hearing is most sensitive to sounds at mid frequencies (500 Hz to 4,000 Hz), and less sensitive at lower and higher frequencies. Different sources having the same dBA level generally sound about equally loud.

A change of 1 dB or 2 dB in the level of a sound is difficult for most people to detect, whilst a 3 dB to 5 dB change corresponds to a small but noticeable change in loudness. A 10 dB change corresponds to an approximate doubling or halving in loudness. The table below lists examples of typical noise levels.

| Sound Pressure Level (dBA) | Typical Source                             | Subjective Evaluation |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 130                        | Threshold of pain                          | Intolerable           |
| 120                        | Heavy rock concert                         | Extremely noisy       |
| 110                        | Grinding on steel                          |                       |
| 100                        | Loud car horn at 3 m                       | Very noisy            |
| 90                         | Construction site with pneumatic hammering |                       |
| 80                         | Kerbside of busy street                    | Loud                  |
| 70                         | Loud radio or television                   |                       |
| 60                         | Department store                           | Moderate to quiet     |
| 50                         | General Office                             |                       |
| 40                         | Inside private office                      | Quiet to very quiet   |
| 30                         | Inside bedroom                             |                       |
| 20                         | Recording studio                           | Almost silent         |

Other weightings (eg B, C and D) are less commonly used than A-weighting. Sound Levels measured without any weighting are referred to as 'linear', and the units are expressed as dB(lin) or dB.

### 3. Sound Power Level

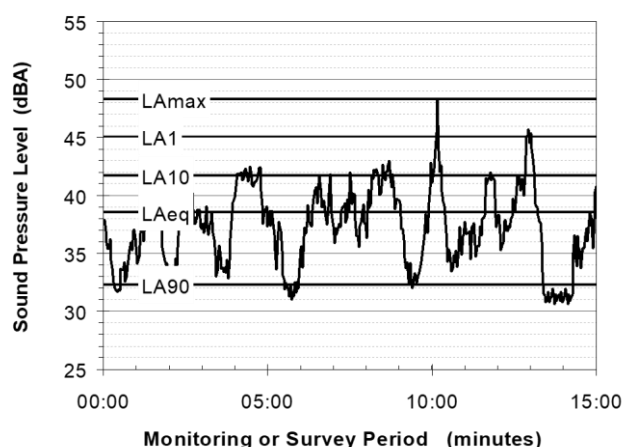
The Sound Power of a source is the rate at which it emits acoustic energy. As with Sound Pressure Levels, Sound Power Levels are expressed in decibel units (dB or dBA), but may be identified by the symbols SWL or LW, or by the reference unit  $10^{-12}$  W.

The relationship between Sound Power and Sound Pressure is similar to the effect of an electric radiator, which is characterised by a power rating but has an effect on the surrounding environment that can be measured in terms of a different parameter, temperature.

### 4. Statistical Noise Levels

Sounds that vary in level over time, such as road traffic noise and most community noise, are commonly described in terms of the statistical exceedance levels LAN, where LAN is the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for N% of a given measurement period. For example, the LA1 is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time, LA10 the noise exceeded for 10% of the time, and so on.

The following figure presents a hypothetical 15 minute noise survey, illustrating various common statistical indices of interest.



Of particular relevance, are:

LA1 The noise level exceeded for 1% of the 15 minute interval.

LA10 The noise level exceeded for 10% of the 15 minute interval. This is commonly referred to as the average maximum noise level.

LA90 The noise level exceeded for 90% of the sample period. This noise level is described as the average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration), or simply the background level.

LAeq The A-weighted equivalent noise level (basically, the average noise level). It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

### 5. Frequency Analysis

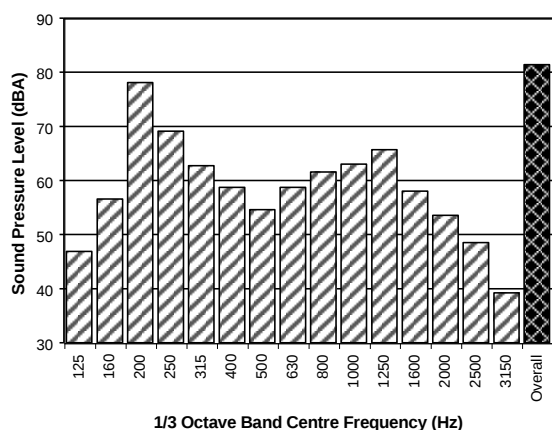
Frequency analysis is the process used to examine the tones (or frequency components) which make up the overall noise or vibration signal.

The units for frequency are Hertz (Hz), which represent the number of cycles per second.

Frequency analysis can be in:

- Octave bands (where the centre frequency and width of each band is double the previous band)
- 1/3 octave bands (three bands in each octave band)
- Narrow band (where the spectrum is divided into 400 or more bands of equal width)

The following figure shows a 1/3 octave band frequency analysis where the noise is dominated by the 200 Hz band. Note that the indicated level of each individual band is less than the overall level, which is the logarithmic sum of the bands.



## 6. Annoying Noise (Special Audible Characteristics)

A louder noise will generally be more annoying to nearby receivers than a quieter one. However, noise is often also found to be more annoying and result in larger impacts where the following characteristics are apparent:

- **Tonality** - tonal noise contains one or more prominent tones (ie differences in distinct frequency components between adjoining octave or 1/3 octave bands), and is normally regarded as more annoying than 'broad band' noise.
- **Impulsiveness** - an impulsive noise is characterised by one or more short sharp peaks in the time domain, such as occurs during hammering.
- **Intermittency** - intermittent noise varies in level with the change in level being clearly audible. An example would include mechanical plant cycling on and off.
- **Low Frequency Noise** - low frequency noise contains significant energy in the lower frequency bands, which are typically taken to be in the 10 to 160 Hz region.

## 7. Vibration

Vibration may be defined as cyclic or transient motion. This motion can be measured in terms of its displacement, velocity or acceleration. Most assessments of human response to vibration or the risk of damage to buildings use measurements of vibration velocity. These may be expressed in terms of 'peak' velocity or 'rms' velocity.

The former is the maximum instantaneous velocity, without any averaging, and is sometimes referred to as 'peak particle velocity', or PPV. The latter incorporates 'root mean squared' averaging over some defined time period.

Vibration measurements may be carried out in a single axis or alternatively as triaxial measurements (ie vertical, longitudinal and transverse).

The common units for velocity are millimetres per second (mm/s). As with noise, decibel units can also be used, in which case the reference level should always be stated. A vibration level  $V$ , expressed in mm/s can be converted to decibels by the formula  $20 \log (V/V_0)$ , where  $V_0$  is the reference level ( $10^{-9}$  m/s). Care is required in this regard, as other reference levels may be used.

## 8. Human Perception of Vibration

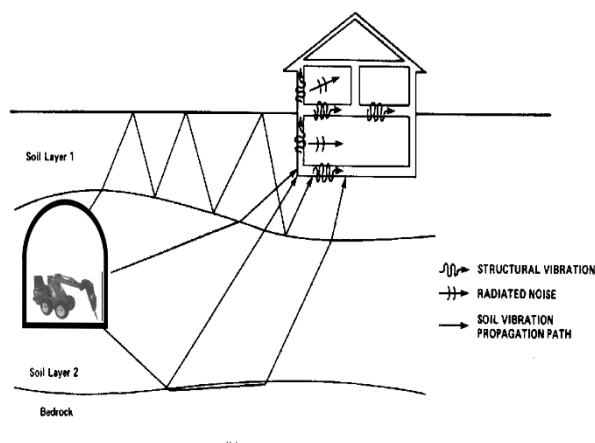
People are able to 'feel' vibration at levels lower than those required to cause even superficial damage to the most susceptible classes of building (even though they may not be disturbed by the motion). An individual's perception of motion or response to vibration depends very strongly on previous experience and expectations, and on other connotations associated with the perceived source of the vibration. For example, the vibration that a person responds to as 'normal' in a car, bus or train is considerably higher than what is perceived as 'normal' in a shop, office or dwelling.

## 9. Ground-borne Noise, Structure-borne Noise and Regenerated Noise

Noise that propagates through a structure as vibration and is radiated by vibrating wall and floor surfaces is termed 'structure-borne noise', 'ground-borne noise' or 'regenerated noise'. This noise originates as vibration and propagates between the source and receiver through the ground and/or building structural elements, rather than through the air.

Typical sources of ground-borne or structure-borne noise include tunnelling works, underground railways, excavation plant (eg rockbreakers), and building services plant (eg fans, compressors and generators).

The following figure presents an example of the various paths by which vibration and ground-borne noise may be transmitted between a source and receiver for construction activities occurring within a tunnel.

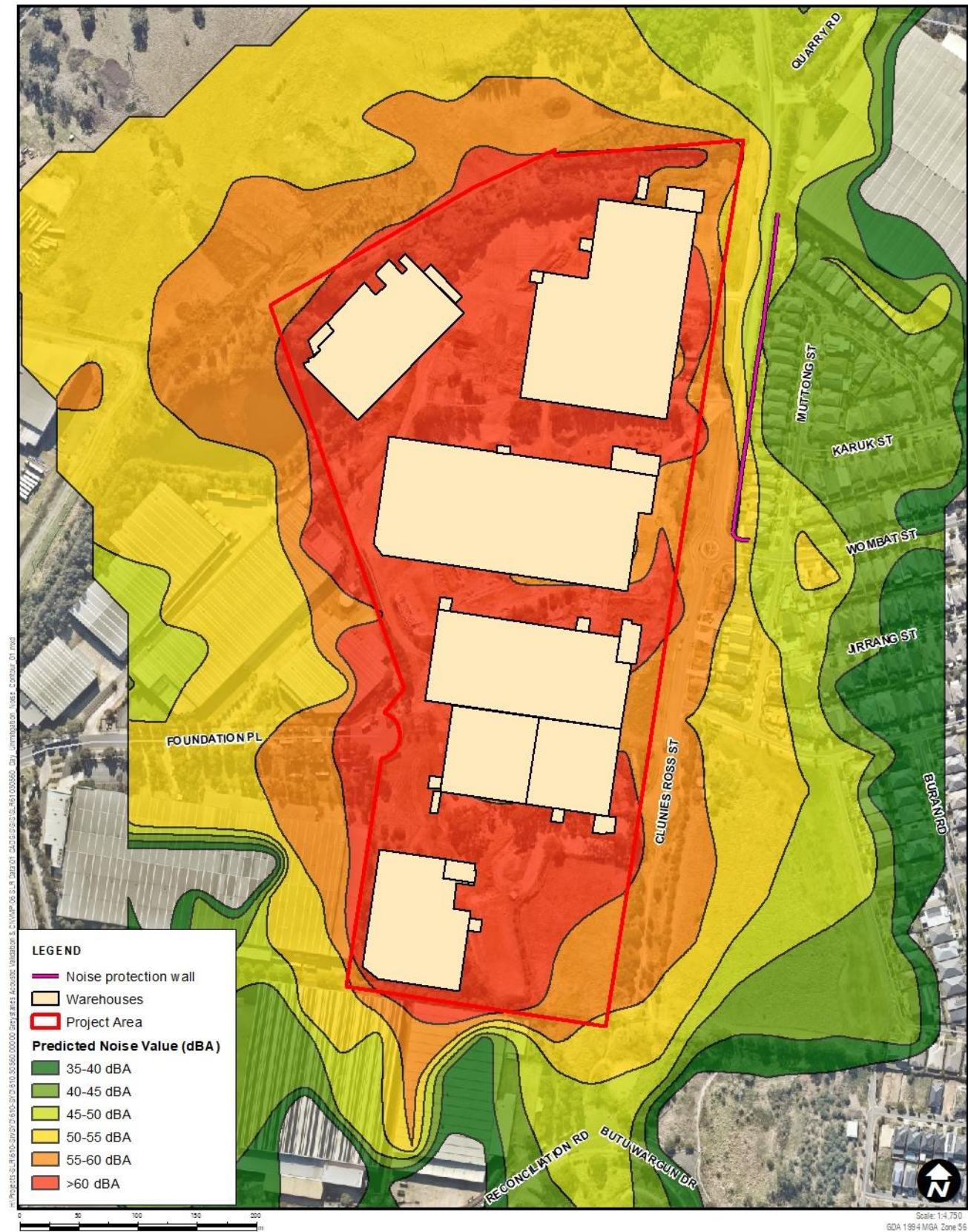


The term 'regenerated noise' is also used in other instances where energy is converted to noise away from the primary source. One example would be a fan blowing air through a discharge grill. The fan is the energy source and primary noise source. Additional noise may be created by the aerodynamic effect of the discharge grill in the airstream. This secondary noise is referred to as regenerated noise.

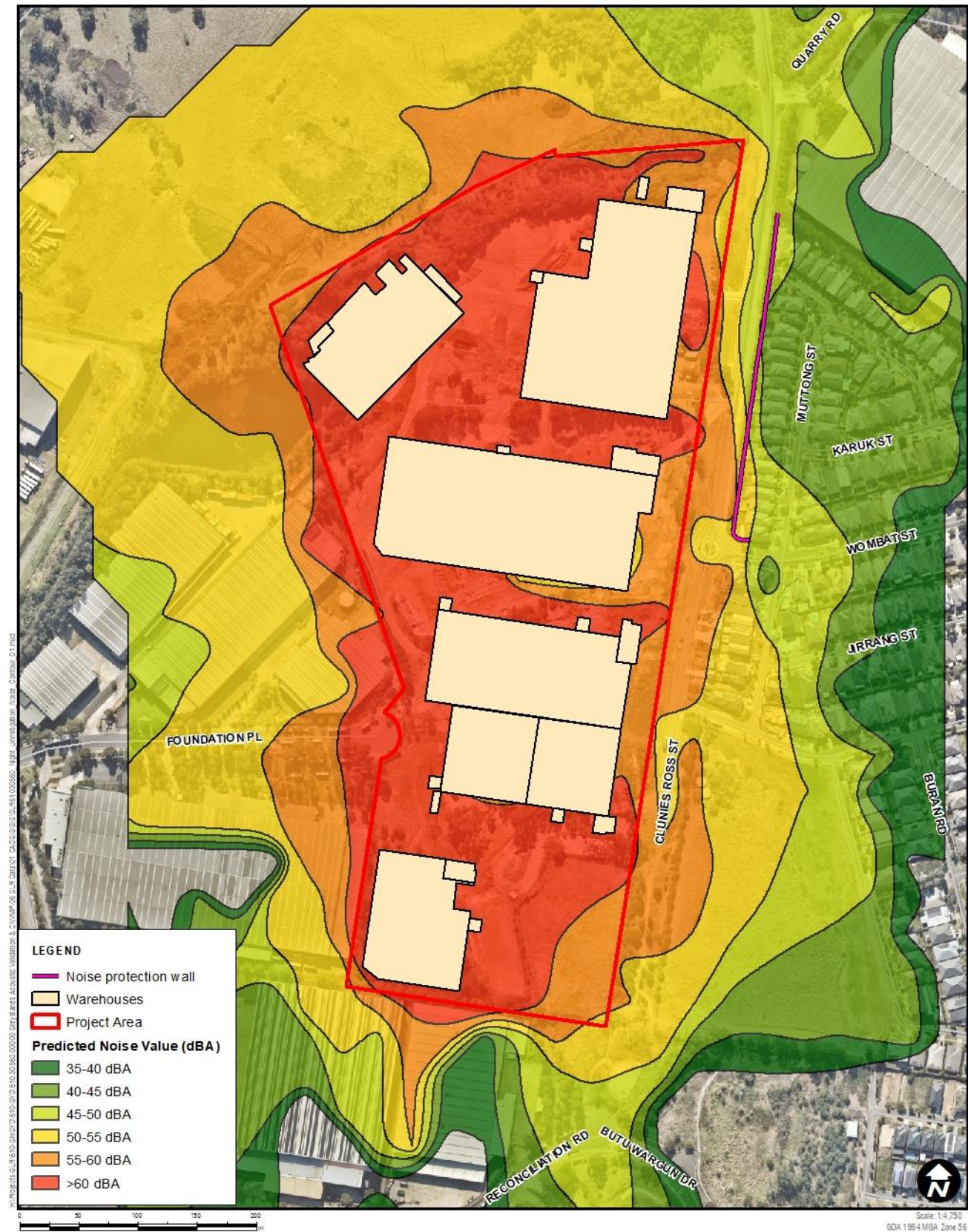
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## Operational Noise Contours

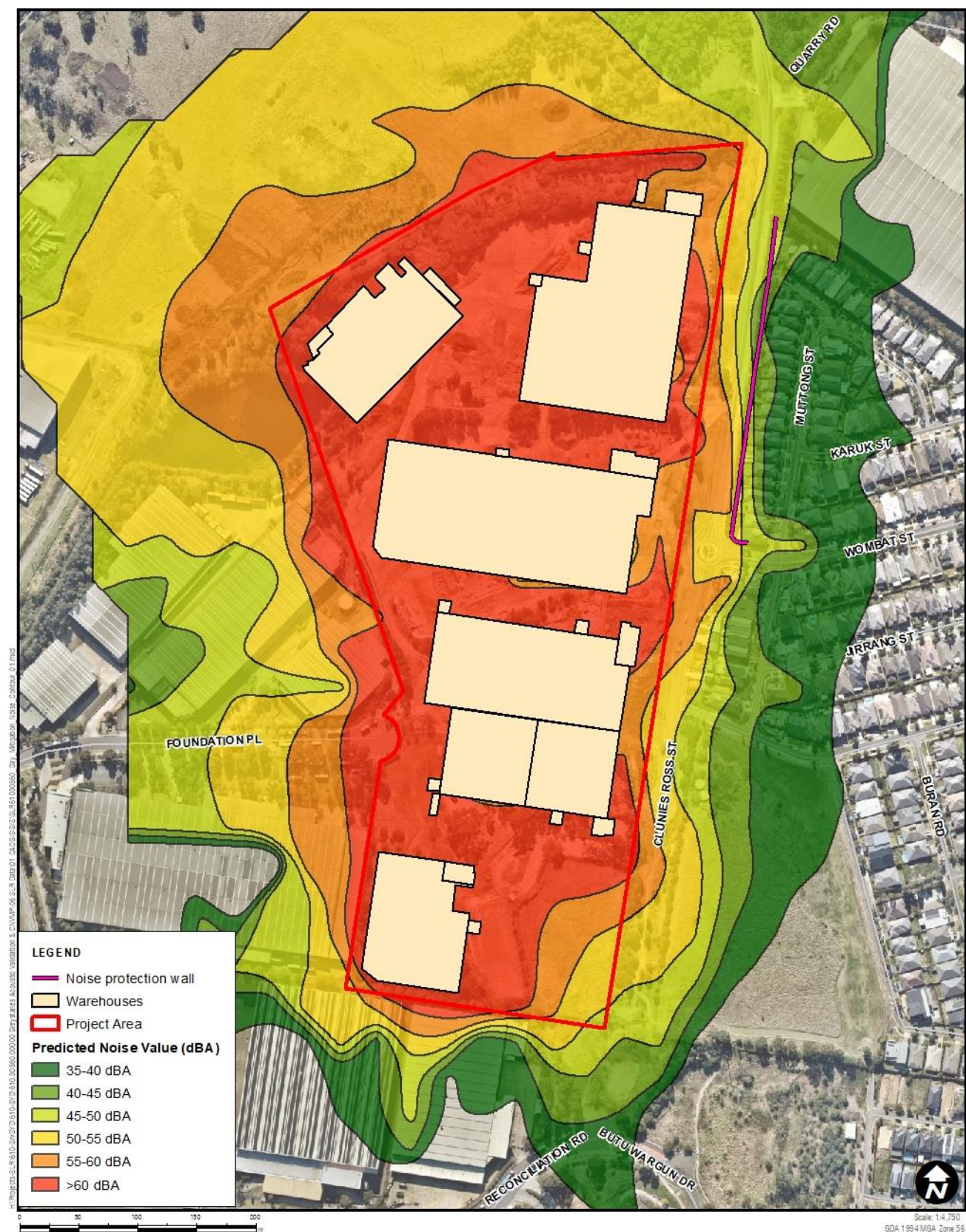
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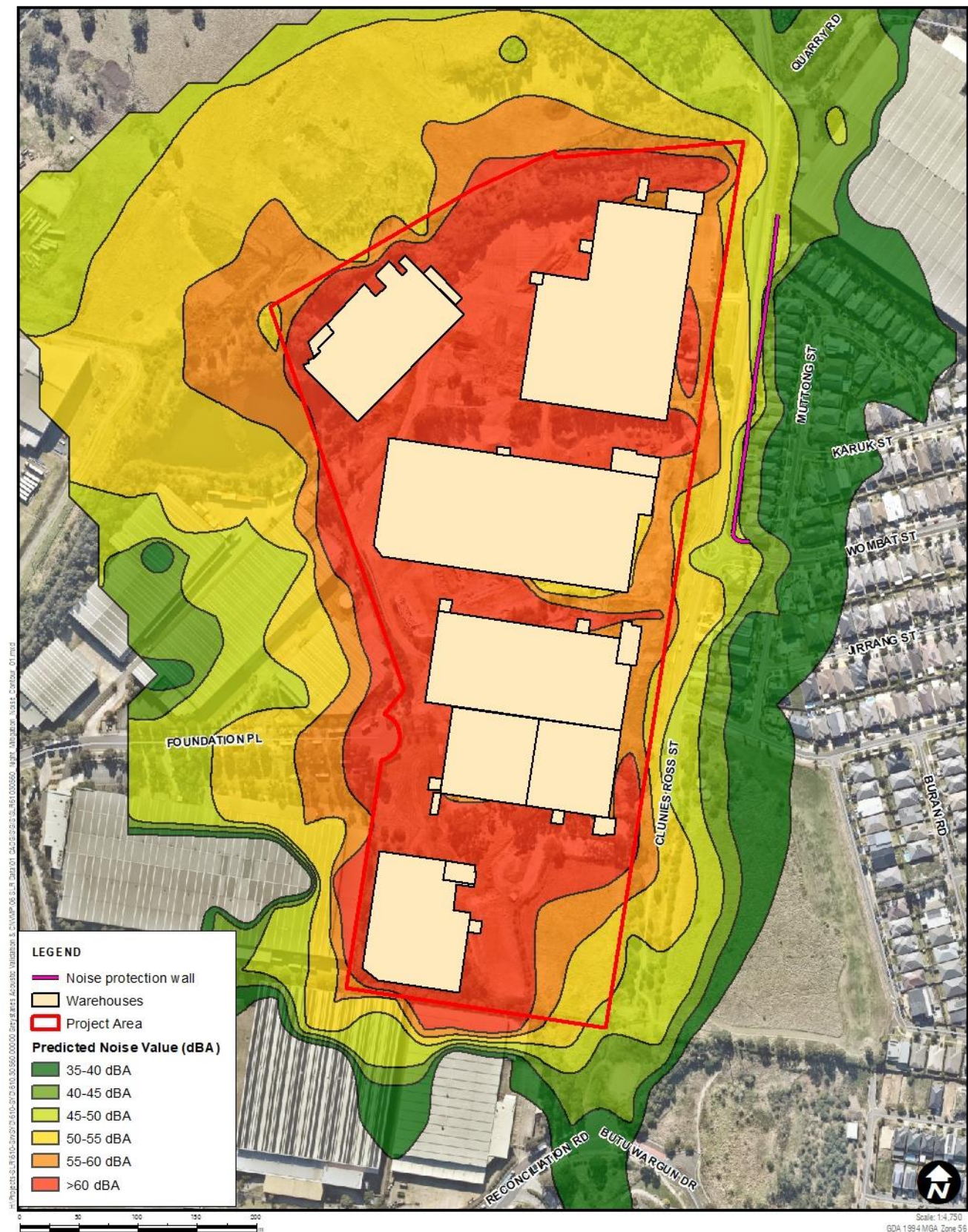
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Site Operations – Day (Mitigated)



Site Operations – Night (Mitigated)



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