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1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been engaged by pitt&sherry Operations Pty Ltd (PS) on behalf of Photon Energy (Photon) to complete a Noise Assessment (NA) for the proposed Maryvale Solar Farm near Wellington, NSW. This report presents the methodology and findings of the NA for the construction and operation of the project.

1.1 Purpose and Objectives

A NA is required as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The purpose of the NA is to quantify potential environmental noise levels associated with the construction and operation of the project.

Where impacts are identified, the assessment includes recommendations for potential noise mitigation and management measures.

1.2 Scope of the Assessment

The NA includes the following key tasks:

- review construction and operating activities to identify noise generating plant, equipment, machinery or activities proposed to be undertaken as part of the project;
- identify the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors situated within the area of influence to the project;
- quantify the existing noise environment by conducting unattended and operator attended noise measurements at locations representative of the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors;
- establish existing noise levels to determine project-specific construction Noise Management Levels (NMLs), and operational noise criteria;
- undertake 3D noise modelling to predict noise levels that may occur as a result of the construction and operation of the project at the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors;

- provide a comparison of predicted noise levels against relevant construction NMLs and operational noise criteria;
- assess the potential noise impacts associated with construction and operational aspects of the project; and
- provide feasible and reasonable noise mitigation and management measures, and monitoring options, where NMLs or operational noise criteria may be exceeded.

A glossary of terms, definitions and abbreviations used in this report is provided in **Appendix A**.

2 Project Description

2.1 Background

Photon Energy (Photon) propose to construct and operate a 125 Megawatt (MW) solar farm (the “project”) using photovoltaic (PV) technology at Maryvale, NSW (the ‘Site’).

The Proposal would be located at “Waroona” 121 Maryvale Road, Maryvale 2820 and “Scarborough House”, 801 Cobbora Road, Maryvale, NSW, 2820 and contained within part of Lot 2 DP 573426, Lot 1 DP 1095725, Lot 2 DP 1095725, Lot 1 DP 1006557, part of Lot 182 and Lot 122 DP754318 (the “Subject Land”). The Site is approximately 1,200 hectares which is currently used for agriculture, specifically grazing and the solar farm will occupy up to 375 hectares. The project is located within the Dubbo Local Government Area (LGA) and is approximately 14km north from the Wellington town centre. The area was previously considered part of the Wellington LGA, which has recently amalgamated with Dubbo to form the Dubbo Regional Council. The Wellington Local Environmental Plan (LEP 2012) is still current and applies to the Site.

2.2 Description of Proposed Construction Works

The project includes installation of groups of north facing PV modules (approximately 2m x 1m) on mounting structures approximately 4m in height. An estimated 450,000 PV panels will be installed tilted using a single axis tracking system, tilted +/- 60° along the north-south axis. The PV mounting structure would comprise steel posts driven approximately 2m below ground using a small pile driver. Additional support structures would be attached to the piles, which would then support the PV panels.

Earthworks will primarily involve trenching which is required for cabling of each PV array/module to inverters and substation. Other minor earthworks would be completed for the preparation of the site and in most cases a concrete slab would be required to support the ancillary infrastructure. Most of the infrastructure would be pre-fabricated off-site, delivered and assembled on-site.

It is anticipated that the solar farm would be constructed over a 9 to 12 month period.

All vehicles would access the Site via Seatonville Road, from Maryvale Road and Cobbora Road. Currently, Seatonville Road and Maryvale road will be upgraded to allow for heavy vehicles and construction materials.

During construction, traffic generated by the works would include employee and delivery vehicles. During the peak construction period, the traffic volume is expected to be up to 20 heavy vehicles and 75 light commercial vehicles or mini buses for worker transport per day.

2.3 Description of Proposed Operation

PV infrastructure on site will comprise of groups of PV panels located 4m above ground with a 10m set back from the site boundaries. The PV infrastructure will be mounted on support structures attached to the driven galvanized steel posts. Electrical cabling would be attached beneath the modules and would connect the individual PV modules to each other. Inverters will be located centrally to groups of PV panels that will be connected to each other by underground cables. The PV modules utilise a single axis tracker system which will follow the sun and move in an east to west direction.

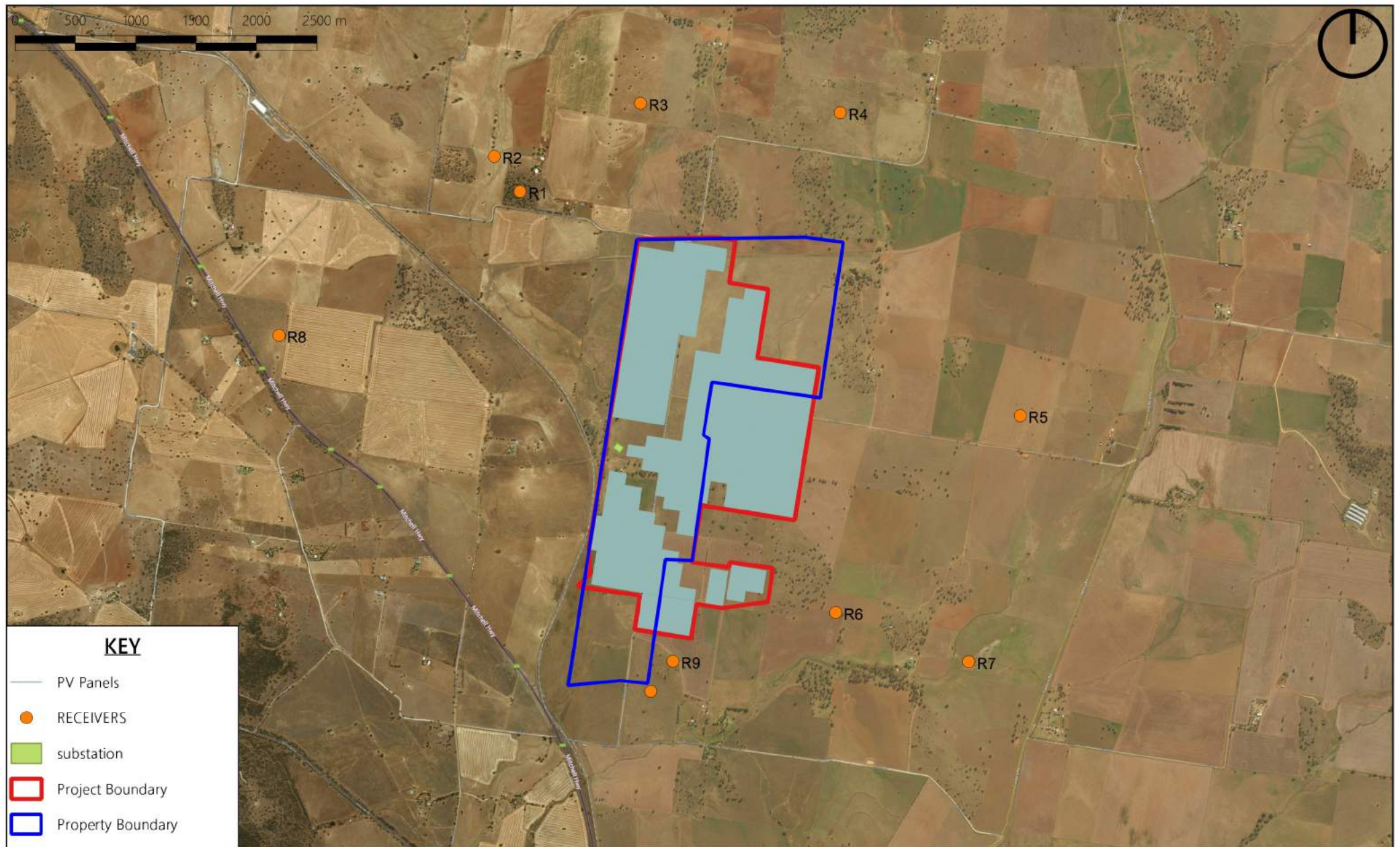
The project will be contained solely within the site, including areas required for stockpiling and materials laydown during construction as shown in **Figure 1**.

The project would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and would generally not involve the presence of staff on-site and would typically see minimal plant and equipment operating on site. During operation, the PV panels would generate electricity which would be fed into the power grid via the substation. Key noise emissions from the operation of the project are associated with the inverter and transformer components of the substation. It is noted that emissions from these sources are anticipated to be acoustically insignificant compared to ambient background noise levels at assessed receptors.

When required, maintenance activities will be undertaken during standard working hours (except for emergencies) and are expected to include:

- panel cleaning;
- repairs or replacement of infrastructure, as required; and
- land management including mowing to control vegetation as required.

Typical noise sources associated with maintenance activities would be associated with light vehicles movements on site and maintenance equipment.



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3 Noise Policy and Guidelines

This Noise Assessment has been conducted in accordance with the following key policy and guidelines:

- NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG), 2009;
- Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), 2017; and
- NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP), 2011.

The assessment has also considered and applied the following additional policy, guidelines and standards where relevant:

- Standards Australia AS 2436–2010(2016) (AS2436) – Guide to Noise and Vibration Control on Construction, Demolition and Maintenance sites;
- Standards Australia AS1055–1997 (AS1055) – Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise;
- Standards Australia AS IEC 61672.1–2004 (AS61672) – Electro Acoustics - Sound Level Meters Specifications Monitoring or Standards Australia AS1259.2-1990™ (AS1259) – Acoustics – Sound Level Meters – Integrating/Averaging as appropriate to the device; and
- Standards Australia AS/IEC 60942:2004/IEC 60942:2003 (IEC60942) – Australian Standard – Electroacoustics – Sound Calibrators.

3.1 Interim Construction Noise Guideline

The assessment and management of noise from construction work is completed with reference to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG). The ICNG is specifically aimed at managing noise from construction work regulated by the EPA, and is used to assist in setting statutory conditions in licences or other regulatory instruments. The types of construction regulated by the EPA under the POEO Act (1997), include construction, maintenance and renewal activities carried out by a public authority, such as road upgrades as described in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act.

The ICNG sets out procedures to identify and address the impact of construction noise on residences and other sensitive land uses. This section provides a summary of noise objectives that are applicable to the assessment.

The ICNG provides two methodologies for the assessment of construction noise emissions:

- Quantitative, which is suited to major construction projects with typical durations of more than three weeks; or
- Qualitative, which is suited to short term infrastructure maintenance (for projects with a typical duration of less than three weeks).

The methodology for a quantitative assessment requires a more complex approach, involving noise emission predictions from construction activities to the nearest relevant receptors. The qualitative assessment methodology is a more simplified approach that relies more on noise management strategies. This study has adopted a quantitative assessment approach.

The quantitative approach includes identification of potentially affected receptors, description of activities involved in the project, derivation of the construction noise management levels, quantification of potential noise impact at receptors and, provides management and mitigation recommendations.

Table 1 summarises the ICNG recommended standard hours for construction.

Table 1 Recommended Standard Hours for Construction	
Period	Preferred Construction Hours
Day (Standard construction hours)	Monday to Friday - 7am to 6pm
	Saturdays - 8am to 1pm
	Sundays or Public Holidays - No construction

The recommended hours do not apply in the event of direction from police, or other relevant authorities, for safety reasons or where required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm. Work conducted outside of standard hours are considered out of hours work (OOH). OOH periods are divided into two categories representing evening and night periods and cover the hours listed below:

Period 1 (evening/low risk period): Monday to Friday – 6pm to 10pm, Saturdays – 1pm to 6pm, Sundays 8am to 6pm.

Period 2 (night/medium to high risk period): Monday to Friday – 10pm to 7am, Saturdays/Sundays – 6pm to 7am (8am on Sunday mornings).

There are no out of hours work proposed for this project.

3.1.1 Construction Noise Management Levels

Section 4 of the ICNG details the quantitative assessment method involving predicting noise levels and comparing them with the Noise Management Level (NML) and are important indicators of the potential level of construction noise impact. **Table 2** provides the ICNG recommended $LA_{eq}(15min)$ NMLs and how they are to be applied.

3.1.2 Construction Sleep Disturbance

Section 4.3 of the ICNG (DECC, 2009) states that a sleep disturbance assessment is required where construction activities are planned to occur for more than two consecutive nights.

Given that construction activities are only expected to occur during standard construction hours, sleep disturbance has not been considered in this assessment.

Table 2 Noise Management Levels

Time of Day	Management Level LAeq,15min ¹	How to Apply
Recommended standard hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm Saturday 8am to 1pm No work on Sundays or public holidays.	Noise affected RBL + 10dB.	The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. Where the predicted or measured LAeq(15min) is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of work to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.
	Highly noise affected 75dBA.	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 times identified by the community when they are less sensitive to noise (such as before and after school for work near schools, or mid-morning or mid-afternoon for work near residences; and if the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction in exchange for restrictions on construction times.
Outside recommended standard hours.	Noise affected RBL + 5dB.	A strong justification would typically be required for work 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 5dBA above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community. For guidance on negotiating agreements see section 7.2.2.

Note 1: The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the construction noise management levels for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the ABL's.

3.2 Noise Policy for Industry

The EPA released the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) in October 2017 which provides a process for establishing operational noise criteria for development consents and/or licenses where the EPA regulate noise emissions from scheduled premises under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

The objectives of the NPI are to:

- provide noise criteria to assess the change in both short term and long term noise levels;
- provide a clear and consistent framework for assessing environmental noise impacts from industrial premises and industrial development proposals;
- promote the use of best-practice noise mitigation measures that are feasible and reasonable where potential impacts have been identified; and
- support a process to guide the determination of achievable noise limits for planning approvals and/or licences, considering the matters under the relevant legislation (such as the economic and social benefits and impacts of industrial development).

The policy sets out a process for industrial noise management during operation, including:

1. Determine the Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) (ie criteria) for a development. These are the levels, above which noise management measures are required to be considered. They are derived by considering two factors: shorter-term intrusiveness due to changes in the noise environment; and maintaining the noise amenity of an area.
2. Predict or measure the noise levels produced by the development with regard to the presence of annoying noise characteristics and meteorological effects such as temperature inversions and wind.
3. Compare the predicted or measured noise level with the PNTLs, assessing impacts and the need for noise mitigation and management measures.
4. Consider residual noise impacts, where noise levels exceed the PNTLs after the application of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures. This may involve balancing economic, social and environmental costs and benefits from the proposed development against the noise impacts, including consultation with the affected community where impacts are expected to be significant.
5. Set statutory compliance levels that reflect the best achievable and agreed noise limits for the development.
6. Monitor and report environmental noise levels from the development.

3.2.1 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The policy sets out the procedure to determine the PNTLs relevant to an industrial development. The PNTL is the lower (ie, the more stringent) value of the **Project Intrusiveness Noise Level (PINL)** and **Project Amenity Noise Level (PANL)** determined in accordance with Section 2.3 and Section 2.4 of the NPI.

3.2.2 Project Intrusiveness Noise Level

The PINL (LAeq,15min) is the RBL + 5dB and seeks to limit the degree of change a new noise source introduces to an existing environment. When assessing intrusiveness, background noise levels needs to be measured, from which RBLs are determined.

3.2.3 Project Amenity Noise Levels

PANL is relevant to a specific land use or locality. To limit continuing increases in intrusiveness levels, the ambient noise level within an area from all combined industrial sources should remain below the recommended amenity noise levels specified in Table 2.2 (of the NPI) and are reproduced in **Table 3**. The NPI defines two categories of amenity noise levels:

- **Amenity Noise Levels (ANL)** – are determined considering all current and future industrial noise within a receiver area.
- **Project Amenity Noise Levels (PANL)** – is the recommended levels for a receiver area, specifically focusing the project under investigation.

Additionally, Section 2.4 of the NPI states: *“to ensure that industrial noise levels (existing plus new) remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, a project amenity noise levels applies for each new source of industrial noise as follows”*:

- areas with high traffic noise levels;
- proposed developments in major industrial clusters;
- existing industrial noise and cumulative industrial noise effects; and
- greenfield sites.

Notwithstanding, where the PANL is applicable and can be satisfied, the assessment of cumulative industrial noise is not required.

Table 3 Amenity Criteria

Receiver Type	Noise Amenity Area	Time of day	Recommended amenity noise level LAeq, dBA
Residential	Rural	Day	50
		Evening	45
		Night	40
	Suburban	Day	55
		Evening	45
		Night	40
	Urban	Day	60
		Evening	50
		Night	45
Hotels, motels, caretakers' quarters, holiday accommodation, permanent resident caravan parks	See column 4	See column 4	5dBA above the recommended amenity noise level for a residence for the relevant noise amenity area and time of day
School classroom – internal	All	Noisiest 1-hour period when in use	35
Hospital ward			
- internal	All	Noisiest 1 hour	35
- external		Noisiest 1 hour	50
Place of worship – internal	All	When in use	40
Area specifically reserved for passive recreation (e.g. national park)	All	When in use	50
Active recreation area (e.g. school playground, golf course)	All	When in use	55
Commercial premises	All	When in use	65
Industrial premises	All	When in use	70
Industrial interface (applicable only to residential noise amenity areas)	All	All	Add 5dBA to recommended noise amenity area

Notes: The recommended amenity noise levels refer only to noise from industrial noise sources. However, they refer to noise from all such sources at the receiver location, and not only noise due to a specific project under consideration. The levels represent outdoor levels except where otherwise stated.

Types of receivers are defined as rural residential; suburban residential; urban residential; industrial interface; commercial; industrial – see Table 2.3 and Section 2.7.

Time of day is defined as follows: (These periods may be varied where appropriate, for example, see A3 in Fact Sheet A.)

- day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays;
- evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm;
- night – the remaining periods.

In the case where existing schools are affected by noise from existing industrial noise sources, the acceptable LAeq noise level may be increased to 40dB LAeq(1hr).

3.2.4 Maximum Noise Level Assessment

The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from a project during the night-time period needs to be considered. The NPI considers sleep disturbance to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages.

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

- LAeq(15min) 40dBA or the prevailing RBL plus 5dB, whichever is the greater, and/or
- LAmax 52dBA or the prevailing RBL plus 15dB, whichever is the greater,

a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken.

A detailed assessment should cover the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the rating background noise level, and the number of times this happens during the night-time period.

Other factors that may be important in assessing the impacts on sleep disturbance include:

- how often the events would occur;
- the distribution of likely events across the night-time period and the existing ambient maximum events in the absence of the development;
- whether there are times of day when there is a clear change in the noise environment (such as during early morning shoulder periods); and
- current understanding of effects of maximum noise level events at night.

3.3 Road Noise Policy

The road traffic noise criteria are provided in the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW (DECCW), Road Noise Policy (RNP), 2011. The policy sets out noise criteria applicable to different road classifications for the purpose of quantifying traffic noise impacts. Road noise criteria relevant to this assessment are presented in detail in **Section 6**.

4 Existing Environment

A key element in assessing environmental noise impacts is understanding the existing ambient and background noise levels at the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors to the project.

4.1 Potentially Sensitive Receptors

From observations on site, review of aerial photos and other project information, MAC has identified the following potentially sensitive receptors that may be affected by noise from operations, construction activities and related road traffic. **Table 4** presents a summary of receiver identification (MAC & P&S), type, address and coordinates. These are reproduced graphically in **Figure 1**.

Table 4 Noise Sensitive Receptors					
MAC ID	PS ID	Type	Description Address	Coordinates (MGA 56)	
				Easting	Northing
R1	1		469 Combo Road	115117	6403695
R2	n/a		433 Combo Road	114891	6403975
R3	n/a		Beulah Mount 847 Combo Road	116088	6404460
R4	n/a		Calliope 847 Combo Road	117748	6404446
R5	n/a	Rural	801 Cobbora Road	119335	6402004
R6	n/a	Residential	265 Maryvale Road	117866	6400320
R7	n/a		576 Cobbora Road	118986	6399956
R8	57		1148 Mitchell Highway	113163	6402429
R9	9		87-121 Maryvale Road	116533	6399867
R10	10		112 Maryvale Road	116358	6399612

4.2 Noise Monitoring Methodology

In accordance with NSW noise guidelines, background noise levels are measured in the absence of the site under assessment and are used to develop NMLs for residential receptors.

To quantify existing noise levels, long-term unattended and short-term operator attended noise measurements were performed at the northern extent of the subject land (Location L1, **Figure 1**) and adjacent to Maryvale Road (Location L2, **Figure 1**). L1 is situated on the subject land, currently used for agriculture and is representative of receptors to the north of the subject land that are not influenced by road traffic on the Mitchell Highway and the Main Western Railway (refer **Table 5**). Location L2 is representative of those receptors that are influenced by road traffic on the Mitchell Highway and the Main Western Railway.

The unattended noise monitoring survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Australian Standard AS 1055-1997, "Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise". Noise measurements were carried out using a Svantek Type 1, 957 noise analysers Thursday 30 November 2017 to Thursday 7 December 2017. The acoustic instrumentation used carries current NATA calibration and complies with AS IEC 61672.1-2004-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ± 0.5 dBA.

Table 5 Noise Monitoring Locations

ID	Unattended Noise Monitoring	Site Description	Co-ordinates	
	Location		MGA56	
L1	Project Site	Adjacent to Seatonville Road & Combo Road	116159m E	6403297m S
L2	121 Maryvale Road	Receivers adjacent to roads and railway	116235m E	6399805m S

4.3 Noise Monitoring Results

From observations whilst on site, the noise environment at existing residential receptors is best described as 'rural' in accordance with the NPI. A rural area, as described in the NPI, is one that has an acoustical environment that is dominated by natural sounds, having little or no road traffic noise and generally characterised by low background noise levels.

The results of the unattended noise measurements for the background monitoring location, including derived RBLs are summarised in **Table 6. Appendix B** presents the noise monitoring charts for the monitoring period.

Table 6 Unattended Noise Monitoring Results			
Unattended Noise Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Measured Background Level RBL LA90, dBA	Measured Ambient Noise Level LAeq, dBA
L1 Project Site	Day	25	48
	Evening	30	49
	Night	24	38
L2 Maryvale Road	Day	33	50
	Evening	39	57
	Night	35	46

Note 1: Monday to Saturday: Day 7am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 7am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Day 8am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 8am.

Measured levels at L2 are noticeably higher than those at L1. This is due to the proximity to Maryvale Road and the influence of road traffic noise, and some contribution from the Main Western Railway.

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5 Assessment Criteria

5.1 Construction Noise Management Levels

Noise Management Levels (NMLs) for construction activities at all residential receivers are 45dB LAeq(15min) (RBL +10dB). Although construction activities are only planned for standard hours, the NMLs for standard construction hours and out of hours periods are summarised in **Table 7**.

Table 7 Construction Noise Management Levels			
Location	Assessment Period	RBL, dBA	NML dB LAeq(15min)
Residential Receptors	Day (Standard Hours)	35	45 (RBL+10dBA)
	Evening (OOH Period 1)	30	35 (RBL+5dBA)
	Night (OOH Period 2)	30	35 (RBL+5dBA)
Residential Receivers (Road-Rail)	Day (Standard Hours)	35	45 (RBL+10dBA)
	Evening (OOH Period 1)	30	35 (RBL+5dBA)
	Night (OOH Period 2)	30	35 (RBL+5dBA)

5.2 Operational Noise Criteria

5.2.1 Project Intrusiveness Noise Levels

The PINLs for the project are presented in **Table 8** and have been determined based on the RBLs +5dBA.

Table 8 Intrusiveness Noise Levels				
Receiver	Period ¹	Measured RBL dB LA90	Adopted RBL ² dB LA90	Intrusiveness Noise Level dB LAeq(15min)
Residential Receivers (Rural)	Day	25	35	40
	Evening	30	30	35
	Night	24	30	35
Residential Receivers (Road-Rail)	Day	33	35	40
	Evening	39	35 ³	40
	Night	35	35	40

Note 1: Monday to Saturday: Day 7am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 7am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Day 8am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 8am.

Note 2: Where the measured daytime RBL is less than 35dBA, 35dBA is adopted, and where the measured RBL is less than 30dBA for the evening and night, 30dBA is adopted.

Note 3: Where the measured evening or night RBL is higher than the daytime RBL, the NPI recommends that the intrusive noise level for evening be set at no greater than the intrusive noise level for daytime and the intrusive noise level for night-time should be no greater than the intrusive noise level for daytime or evening.

5.2.2 Project Amenity Noise Levels

The PANLs for residential receivers potentially affected by the project are presented in **Table 9**.

Table 9 Amenity Noise Levels and Project Amenity Noise Levels					
Receiver Type	Noise Amenity Area	Assessment Period ¹	Recommended ANL dB LAeq,period ²	PANL dB LAeq,period ³	PANL dB LAeq(15min) ⁴
All Residential Receivers (Rural)	Rural	Day	50	50	53
		Evening	45	45	48
		Night	40	40	43

Note 1: Monday to Saturday: Day 7am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 7am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Day 8am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 8am.

Note 2: Recommended amenity noise levels as per Table 2.2 of the NPI.

Note 3: Project Amenity Noise Level equals the amenity noise level as there is no other industry in the area.

Note 4: Includes a +3dB adjustment to the amenity period level to convert to a fifteen-minute assessment period as per Section 2.2 of the NPI.

5.2.3 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) are the lower of either the Intrusiveness Noise Level or the PANL. **Table 10** presents the derivation of the PNTL's in accordance with the methodologies outlined in the NPI. For this assessment the night time PNTL of 35dB LAeq(15min) is the limiting criteria.

Table 10 Project Noise Trigger Levels				
Catchment	Assessment Period ¹	Intrusiveness Noise		PNTL dB LAeq(15min)
		Level dB LAeq(15min)	PANL dB LAeq(15min)	
Residential Receivers (Rural)	Day	40	53	40
	Evening	35	48	35
	Night	35	43	35
Residential Receivers (Road-Rail)	Day	40	53	40
	Evening	40	48	40
	Night	40	43	40

Note 1: Monday to Saturday: Day 7am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 7am. On Sundays and Public Holidays, Day 8am to 6pm; Evening 6pm to 10pm; Night 10pm to 8am.

5.2.4 Maximum Noise Level Screening Criterion

The maximum noise level screening criterion shown in **Table 11** is based on night time RBLs and trigger values as per Section 2.5 of the NPI.

Table 11 Maximum Noise Assessment Trigger Levels

Residential Receivers (Rural) Catchment			
40dB LAeq(15min) or RBL + 5dB		52dB LAmax or RBL + 15dB	
RBL +5dB	35	RBL +15dB	45
Trigger	40	Trigger	52
Maximum	40	Maximum	52
Residential Receivers (Road-Rail) Catchment			
40dB LAeq(15min) or RBL + 5dB		52dB LAmax or RBL + 15dB	
RBL +5dB	40	RBL +15dB	50
Trigger	40	Trigger	52
Maximum	40	Maximum	52

Note 1: As per Section 2.5 of the NPI, the highest of the two criteria are adopted as the screening criteria.

5.3 Road Traffic Noise Criteria

The road traffic noise criteria for the project are provided in the RNP. The 'local road' category, as specified in the RNP, has been adopted for Seatonville Road; and the 'sub arterial road' category Maryvale Road and Cobbora Road for this assessment. It is acknowledged that the functional classification of Maryvale Road is a 'Collector Road' in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Noise Criteria Guideline (April 2015). However, the Road Noise Policy does not provide separate noise criteria for Collector Roads but applies the sub-arterial category to all roads that are not classified as local roads. Road noise criteria relevant to this assessment are presented in **Table 12** for residential receivers.

Table 12 Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria for Residential Land Uses

Road category	Road Name	Type of Project/Development	Assessment Criteria - dBA	
			Day (7am to 10pm)	Night (10pm to 7am)
Freeway/arterial/sub-arterial road	Maryvale Road Cobbora Road	Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing freeways/arterial/sub-arterial	60dBA LAeq,15hr external	55dBA LAeq,9hr external

Table 12 Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria for Residential Land Uses

Road category	Road Name	Type of Project/Development	Assessment Criteria - dBA	
			Day (7am to 10pm)	Night (10pm to 7am)
		roads generated by land use developments		
Local Roads	Seatonville Road	Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments	55dBA LAeq,1hr external	50dBA LAeq,1hr external

Note: For road noise assessments, the day period is from 7am to 10pm (ie there is no evening assessment period as there is with operational noise). Night is from 10pm to 7am.

Additionally, the RNP states where existing road traffic noise criteria are already exceeded, any additional increase in total traffic noise level should be limited to 2dB, which is generally accepted as the threshold of perceptibility to a change in noise level.

5.3.1 Relative Increase Criteria

In addition to meeting the assessment criteria, any significant increase in total traffic noise at receivers must be considered. Receivers experiencing increases in total traffic noise levels above those presented in **Table 13** due to the addition of project vehicles on Maryvale Road should be considered for mitigation. Relative increase criteria are not applicable to local roads.

Table 13 Increase Criteria for Residential Land Uses

Road Category	Type of Project/Development	Total Traffic Noise Level Increase, dBA	
		Day (7am to 10pm)	Night (10pm to 7am)
Freeway/arterial/sub-arterial roads and transitways	New road corridor/redevelopment or existing road/land use development with the potential to generate additional traffic on existing road.	Existing traffic LAeq,15hr +12dB (external)	Existing traffic LAeq9hr +12dB (external)

Note 1: Relative increase criteria is not applicable to local roads.

6 Modelling Methodology

A computer noise model was developed to determine the impact of project noise emissions to neighbouring receivers for typical construction activities and operations. Brüel and Kjær Predictor Type 7810 (Version 11.10) noise modelling software was used to assess potential noise impacts associated with the project. A three-dimensional digital terrain map giving all relevant topographic information was used in the modelling process. Additionally, the model uses relevant noise source data, ground type, shielding such as barriers and/or adjacent buildings and atmospheric information to predict noise levels at the nearest potentially affected receivers. Plant and equipment were modelled at various locations and heights, representative of realistic construction and operational conditions for assessed scenarios.

The model calculation method used to predict noise levels was in accordance with ISO 9613-1 'Acoustics - Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors. Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere' and ISO 9613-2 'Acoustics - Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors. Part 2: General method of calculation'.

6.1 Construction Assessment Methodology

Construction activities are proposed to be progressive (trenching, piling and assembly) and will occur at several locations simultaneously. Noise emissions were modelled for the following three scenarios:

- earthworks involving trenching for cabling;
- piling of panel supports; and
- assembly of the panels.

It is envisaged that all three scenarios have the potential to occur simultaneously at up to 10 locations across the Site, with substation construction, vehicle movements on the site and deliveries of material to site. Noise emission data and assumptions used in this assessment are summarised in **Table 14**. All significant noise generating construction activities will be limited to standard construction hours. Where low intensity construction activities are required to be undertaken outside standard construction hours, such as cabling, minor assembly, use of hand tools etc, they will be managed such that they are not audible at any residential receivers.

Table 14 Construction Equipment Sound Power Levels, Lw dBA re 10⁻¹² W

Noise Source/Item	Utilisation %	Quantity	Lw/ Item	Total Lw
Trenching & Earthworks (per work area)				
Backhoe	100	1	104	104
Light vehicle	50	2	76	76
Total – Trenching & Earthworks				104
Piling (per work area)				
Piling Rig (hydraulic)	100	1	113	113
Tele-handler	80	1	106	105
Light vehicle	50	1	76	73
Total – Piling				114
Assembly (per work area)				
Mobile Crane/ HIAB	100	1	104	104
Tele-handler	100	1	106	106
Light vehicle	50	2	76	76
Hand tools/Power tools	25	1	102	96
Welder	25	1	105	99
Total – Assembly				109
Transport (on site)				
Heavy vehicle	100	1	104	104
Tele-handler	100	1	106	106
Total – Transport				108

6.2 Operational Assessment Methodology

6.2.1 Modelling Scenarios

For this assessment, operational noise predictions were modelled for a typical worst case operational scenario over a 15-minute assessment period based on the operational assumptions and sound power levels in **Table 17**. The exact design details regarding the number of transmission kiosk/inverter stations (26 x 4.92MW or 40 x 3.20MW) is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be at least 36 inverter stations. Therefore the maximum potential number of sources has been adopted for the assessment. Plant noise emission data used in modelling for this assessment were obtained from manufacturer data or the MAC database.

Where relevant, modifying factors in accordance with Section 3.3 and Fact Sheet D of the NPI have been applied to calculations.

6.2.2 Noise Modelling Parameters

The operational noise model incorporated three-dimensional digitised ground contours for the project site and surrounding area, as derived from proposed project site plans and the surrounding land base topography. Where relevant, modifying factors in accordance with Section 3.3 and Fact Sheet D of the NPI have been applied to calculations.

6.2.3 Meteorological Analysis

Noise emissions from industry can be significantly influenced by prevailing weather conditions. Wind has the potential to increase noise at a receiver when it is at low velocities and travels from the direction of the noise source.

Meteorological conditions that enhance received noise levels include source to receiver winds and the presence of temperature inversions. To account for the potential for enhancements, the NPI specifies that the source to the receiver wind component speeds up to 3m/s for 30% or more of the time in any seasonal period (i.e. day, evening or night), is a significant meteorological feature and predictions must incorporate these conditions.

To determine the prevailing conditions for the Project, weather data during the period January 2015 to November 2017 was obtained from the nearest Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM) weather station at Dubbo Airport located approximately 58km north west of the project site. The data was analysed using the EPA's Noise Enhancement Wind Analysis (NEWA) program to determine the frequency of occurrence of winds speeds up to 3m/s in each seasonal period.

Table 15 summarises the results of the wind analysis and includes the dominant wind direction and percentage occurrence during each season for each assessment period. The results of the detailed analysis of meteorological data is presented in **Appendix C**.

Table 15 Seasonal Frequency of Occurrence Wind Speed Intervals			
Season	Period	Wind Direction $\pm(45^\circ)$	% Wind Speeds (m/s)
			0.5 to 3 m/s
Summer	Night	292.5	15
Autumn	Night	292.5	22
Winter	Night	292.5	23
Spring	Night	292.5	21

Based on the results of this analysis, prevailing winds are not a feature of the area and default calm meteorological conditions have been adopted for noise modelling. The relevant meteorological conditions adopted in the noise modelling assessment are summarised in **Table 16**.

Table 16 Modelled Site Specific Meteorological Parameters

Assessment Condition ¹	Temperature	Wind Speed / Direction	Relative Humidity	Stability Class
Day - Calm	20°C	n/a	60%	n/a
Evening - Calm	10°C	n/a	60%	n/a
Night - Calm	10°C	n/a	60%	n/a

Note 1: Day 7am to 6pm, Evening 6pm to 10pm, Night 10pm to 7am.

6.2.4 Operational Noise Modelling Scenarios

For this assessment, operational noise predictions were modelled for a typical worst case operational scenario over a 15-minute assessment period based on the operational assumptions and sound power levels in **Table 17**. The exact design details regarding the number of transmission kiosk/inverter stations (23 x 4.92MW or 36 x 3.20MW) is yet to be confirmed, therefore the maximum potential number of sources has been adopted for the assessment. Plant noise emission data used in modelling for this assessment were obtained from manufacturer data or the MAC database.

Table 17 Operational Equipment Sound Power Levels, Lw dBA re 10⁻¹² W

Noise Source/Item	Activity	Quantity	Lw/ Item	Total Lw
PV Panel Tracking Motor ¹	All tracking motors in operation 1 minute per 15-minute period	5630	78	99
Transmission Kiosk/ inverter stations – each consisting of the following				
Inverter ²	Constant	36	75	96
Transformer ²	Constant	36	70	91
Capacitor Battery	Constant	36	75	96
Transmission Kiosk - Total ^{2,3}	Constant	36	79	100
Substation	Constant	1	90	90
Light Vehicle	2 vehicles arrive and depart from site (5 minutes duration)	2	76	79

Note 1: Tracking motor is situated underneath the PV panel, -5dB attenuation applied to account for shielding provided by the panel.

Note 2: Modifying factor penalty of +5dB added for low frequency and +5dB added for tonality.

Note 3: -5dB applied to account for power station/ kiosk vented enclosure.

6.3 Road Traffic Noise

The United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency's road traffic calculation method was used to predict the LAeq noise levels from construction vehicles travelling past receivers along public roads. This method is an internationally accepted theoretical traffic noise prediction model and is ideal for calculating road traffic noise where relatively small traffic flows are encountered.

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7 Results

7.1 Construction Results

Noise levels were predicted to each assessed receptor assuming receiver heights of 1.5m above ground level for typical construction activities. **Table 18** summarises the maximum predicted noise level from each of the construction scenarios (trenching, piling and assembly) at identified residential receptors.

Table 18 Predicted Construction Noise Levels

Receiver ID	Description	Highest Predicted Noise Level dB LAeq,15min	NML Standard Hours dB LAeq,15min	Compliance
R1	469 Combo Road	40	45	Yes
R2	433 Combo Road	37	45	Yes
R3	Beulah Mount 847 Combo Road	38	45	Yes
R4	Calliope 847 Combo Road	36	45	Yes
R5	801 Cobbora Road	34	45	Yes
R6	265 Maryvale Road	39	45	Yes
R7	576 Cobbora Road	32	45	Yes
R8	1148 Mitchell Highway	29	45	Yes
R9	87-121 Maryvale Road	41	45	Yes
R10	112 Maryvale Road	38	45	Yes

The activities predicted to be below the NMLs at all receivers and would only be experienced when these construction activities occur simultaneously along the northern boundary

7.2 Operational Noise Results

Noise levels were predicted at each assessed receptor assuming receiver heights of 1.5m above ground level. **Table 19** summarises the predicted operational noise levels which are demonstrated to comply with the PNTLs at all residential receptors.

Table 19 Predicted Operational Noise Levels				
Receiver ID	Description	Predicted Noise Level	Limiting Night time PNTL	Comply
		dB LAeq,15min	dB LAeq,15min	
R1	469 Combo Road	<25	35	Yes
R2	433 Combo Road	<25	35	Yes
R3	Beulah Mount 847 Combo Road	<25	35	Yes
R4	Calliope 847 Combo Road	<25	35	Yes
R5	801 Cobbora Road	<25	35	Yes
R6	265 Maryvale Road	<25	35	Yes
R7	576 Cobbora Road	<25	35	Yes
R8	1148 Mitchell Highway	<25	35	Yes
R9	87-121 Maryvale Road	<25	35	Yes
R10	112 Maryvale Road	<25	35	Yes

7.3 Maximum Noise Level Assessment - Operations

A detailed maximum noise level assessment is not required as predicted noise levels for night time operations do not exceed the maximum noise level screening criterion of 40dB LAeq(15min) and/or 52dB LAmax.

7.4 Road Traffic Noise Assessment

As described in **Section 2.2**, the route via Cobbora Road to Maryvale Road and Seatonville Road would be the major transport route for all vehicles. During construction, traffic generated by the project include employee/subcontractor and delivery vehicles. During construction, the traffic volume over a typical day for standard construction hours is expected to be 80 heavy vehicles (semi-trailers) and 50 light vehicles per day (including mini buses for employee transport). Road traffic noise calculations are based on the parameters adopted for average and peak flows presented in **Table 20**.

Table 20 Predicted Construction Road Traffic Noise Levels

Vehicle Type	Vehicles / day ¹	Average / hour	Maximum / hour ²	Maximum Movements / hour	Speed km/h
Heavy Vehicles	20	1.8	2	4	80
Mini bus	5	<1	5	10	80
Light Vehicle	70	6.3	35	70	100

Note 1: Standard construction hours 7am to 6pm

Note 2: Assumes that all mini buses and 50% of light vehicles travel to and from site during AM peak and PM peak.

Predicted LAeq,1hr noise levels from project related construction traffic at the closest receivers on Maryvale Road and Cobbora Road has been completed using the United States (US) Environment Protection Agency's road traffic calculation method is presented in **Table 21**. Note there are no receivers on Seatonville Road

Table 21 Predicted Construction Road Traffic Noise Levels

Road Name	Nearest Offset Distance to Receiver	Predicted Noise Level	RTN Criteria	Comply
Maryvale Road	20m	54dB LAeq,1hr	55dB LAeq,1hr	Yes
Cobbora Road	38m	43dB LAeq,15hr	60dB LAeq,15hr	Yes

Note 1: A pass by speed of 25km/h has been used for vehicles at this location

Results demonstrate that project construction traffic noise levels would comply with the relevant RNP criteria.

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8 Recommendations

8.1 Construction Noise Recommendations

It is noted that construction noise emissions are anticipated to satisfy relevant NMLs, however, the project is committed to managing noise emissions within the community and will adopt the following procedures where feasible. Recommendations for consideration during construction activities to reduce emissions to the surrounding community for this project may include:

- a construction noise management protocol to minimise noise emissions, manage out of hours (minor) works to be inaudible, and to respond to potential concerns from the community;
- where possible use localised mobile screens or construction hoarding around plant to act as barriers between construction works and receivers, particularly where equipment is near the site boundary and/or a residential receiver including areas in constant or regular use (eg unloading and laydown areas);
- operating plant in a conservative manner (no over-revving), be shutdown when not in use. and be parked/started at farthest point from relevant assessment locations;
- selection of the quietest suitable machinery available for each activity;
- avoidance of noisy plant/machinery working simultaneously where practicable;
- minimise impact noise wherever possible;
- utilise a broadband reverse alarm in lieu of the traditional hi frequency type reverse alarm;
- provide toolbox meetings, training and education to drivers and contractors visiting the site during construction so they are aware of the location of noise sensitive receivers and to be cognisant of any noise generating activities;
- signage is to be placed at the front entrance advising truck drivers of their requirement to minimise noise both on and off-site; and
- utilise project related community consultation forums to notify residences within close proximity of the site with project progress, proposed/upcoming potentially noise generating works, its duration and nature and complaint procedure

8.2 Operational Noise Recommendations

Operational noise predictions identify that relevant noise criteria would be satisfied at all receivers. Notwithstanding, it is recommended that the proponent actively minimise potential noise emissions from the project. To assist in noise management for the project the following recommended:

- complete a one-off noise validation monitoring assessment to quantify emissions from site and to confirm emissions meet relevant criteria; and
- prepare an operational noise management protocol to minimise noise emissions and to respond to potential concerns from the community regarding project noise emissions.

9 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been engaged by pitt&sherry Operations Pty Ltd on behalf of Photon Energy (Photon) to complete a Noise Assessment (NA) for the construction and operation of a Solar Farm at Maryvale, near Wellington, NSW. The assessment has quantified potential noise emissions associated with the construction and operation of the project including road traffic noise associated with the construction phase.

The results of the NA demonstrate that construction noise levels satisfy relevant construction NMLs and operational noise levels satisfy the NPI PNTLs for assessed receivers. However, recommendations to ensure noise levels are minimised and verified have been provided in this report.

Additionally, the NA demonstrates that the road noise criteria as specified in the RNP will be satisfied at all receivers on the proposed transport route.

Based on the NA results, there are no noise related issues which would prevent the approval of the project. The results of the assessment shows compliance with the relevant construction, operational and road noise criteria. The results of the assessment shows compliance with the relevant construction, operational and road noise criteria. Accordingly, no ameliorative measures will be required.

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Appendix A – Glossary of Terms

A number of technical terms have been used in this report and are explained in Table A1.

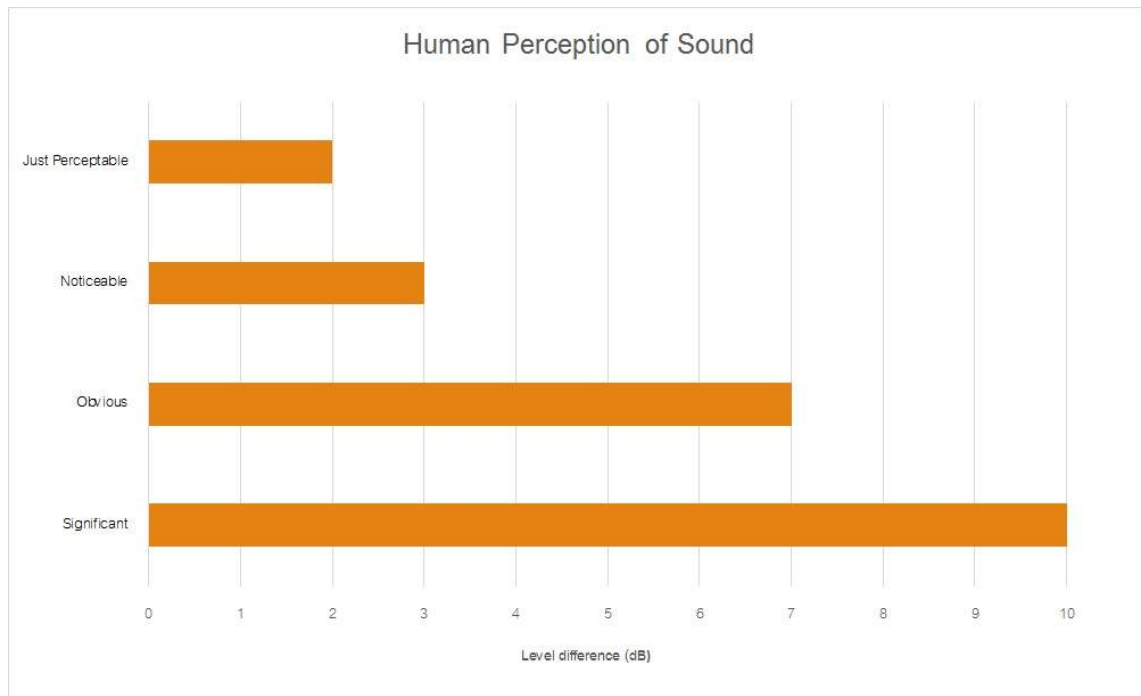
Table A1 Glossary of Terms	
Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background level for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured L90 statistical noise levels.
Ambient Noise	The noise associated with a given environment. Typically a composite of sounds from many sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the human ear to noise.
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing noise, the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z), dB(L)	Decibels Linear or decibels Z-weighted.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A noise level which is exceeded 10 % of the time. It is approximately equivalent to the average of maximum noise levels.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90 % of the time.
LAeq	The summation of noise over a selected period of time. It is the energy average noise from a source, and is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period.
LAmx	The maximum root mean squared (rms) sound pressure level received at the microphone during a measuring interval.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the intrusiveness criteria for noise assessment purposes and is the median of the ABL's.
Sound power level (LW)	<p>This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a fundamental location of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment. Or a measure of the energy emitted from a source as sound and is given by :</p> $= 10 \cdot \log_{10} (W/W_0)$ <p>Where : W is the sound power in watts and W₀ is the sound reference power at 10-12 watts.</p>

Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

Table A2 Common Noise Sources and Their Typical Sound Pressure Levels (SPL), dBA

Source	Typical Sound Level
Threshold of pain	140
Jet engine	130
Hydraulic hammer	120
Chainsaw	110
Industrial workshop	100
Lawn-mower (operator position)	90
Heavy traffic (footpath)	80
Elevated speech	70
Typical conversation	60
Ambient suburban environment	40
Ambient rural environment	30
Bedroom (night with windows closed)	20
Threshold of hearing	0

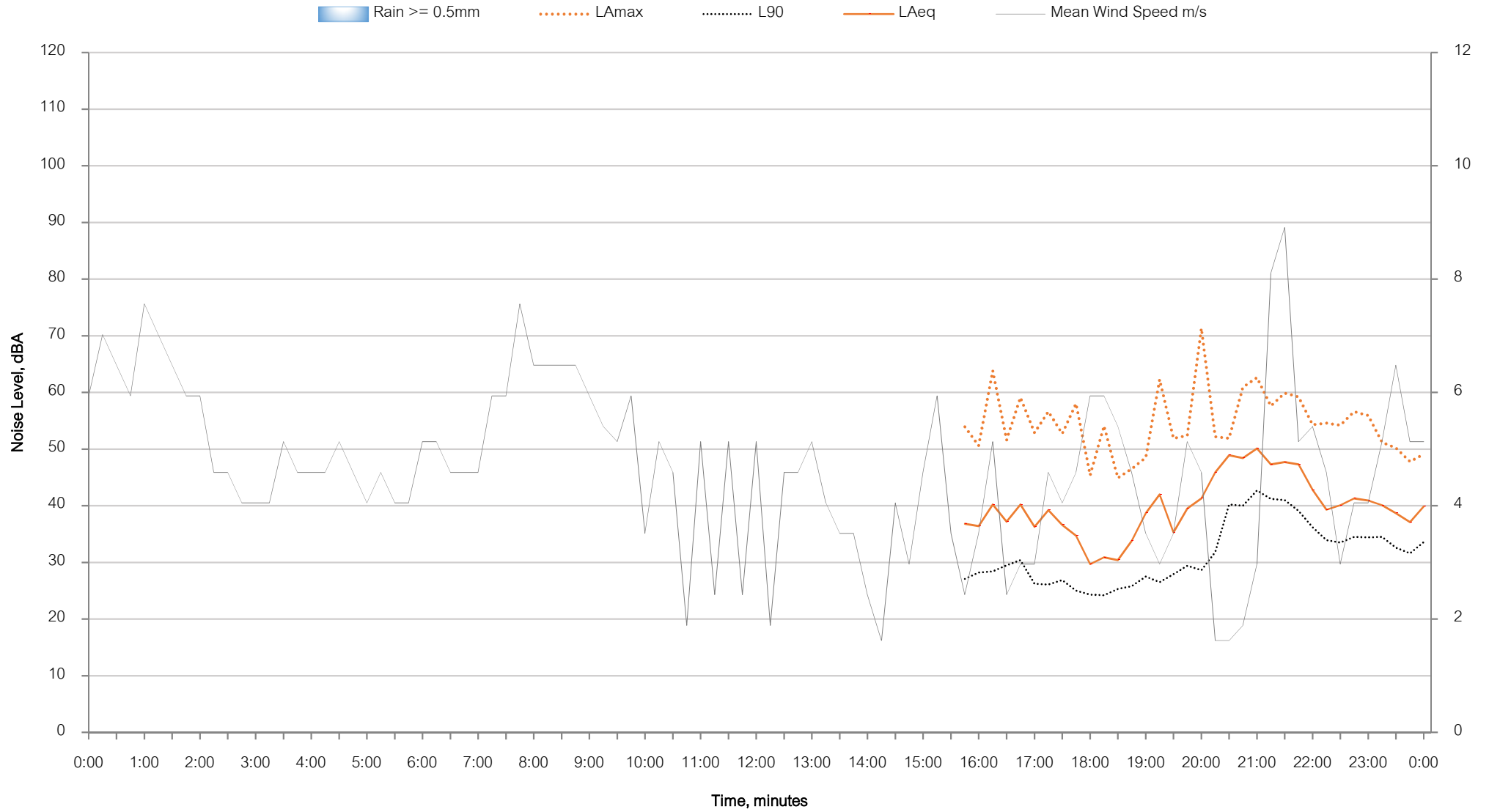
Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound



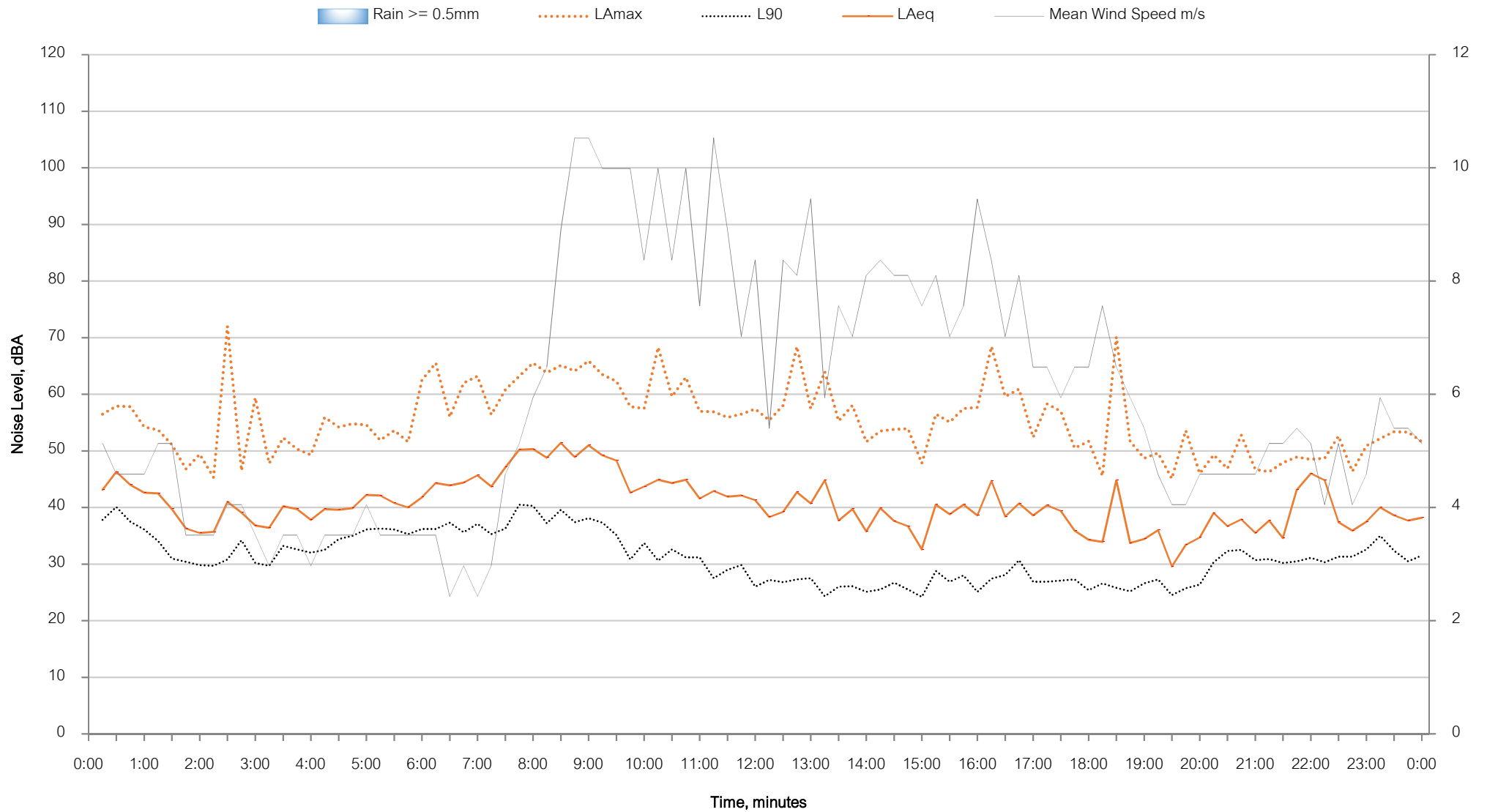
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Appendix B – Noise Monitoring Charts

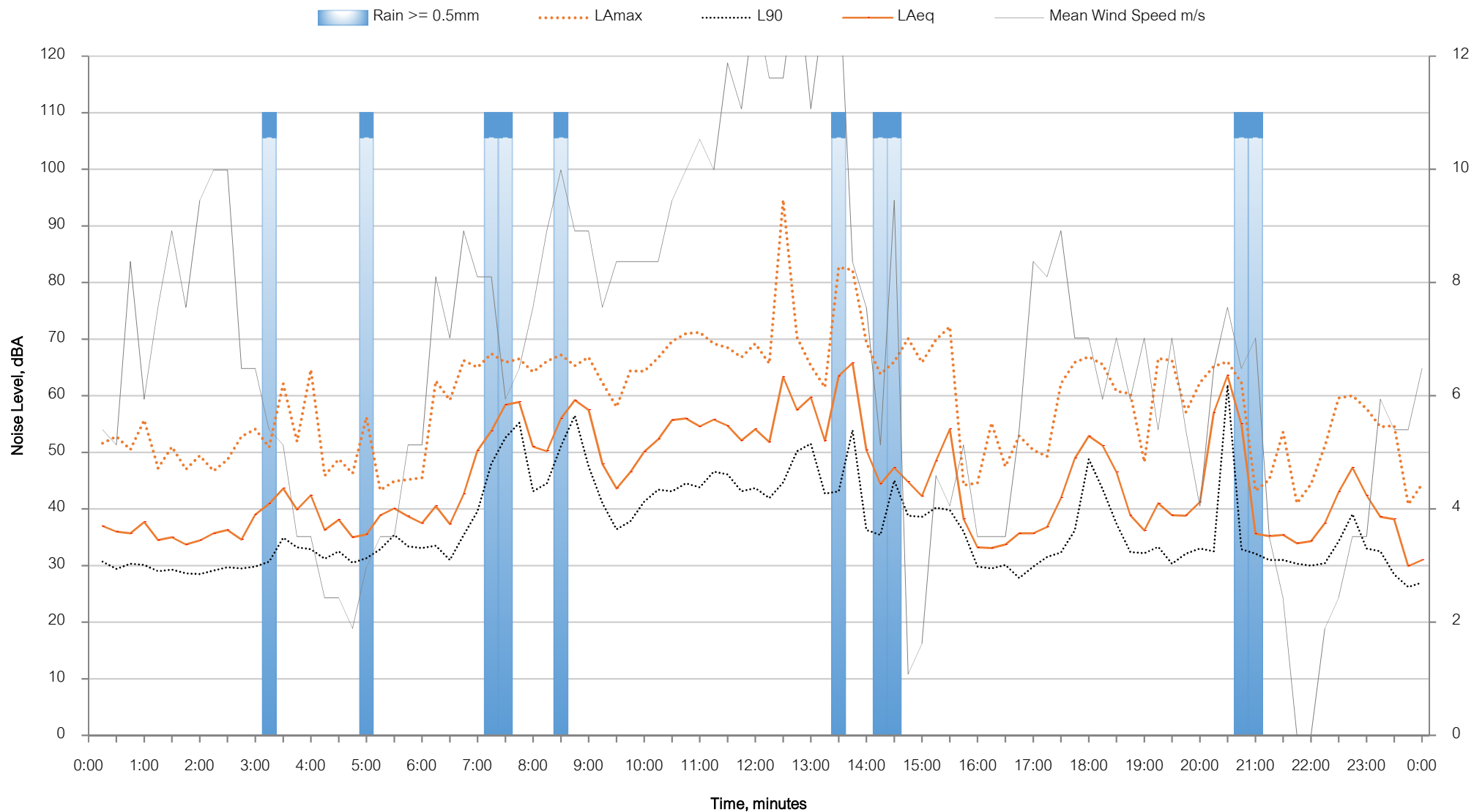
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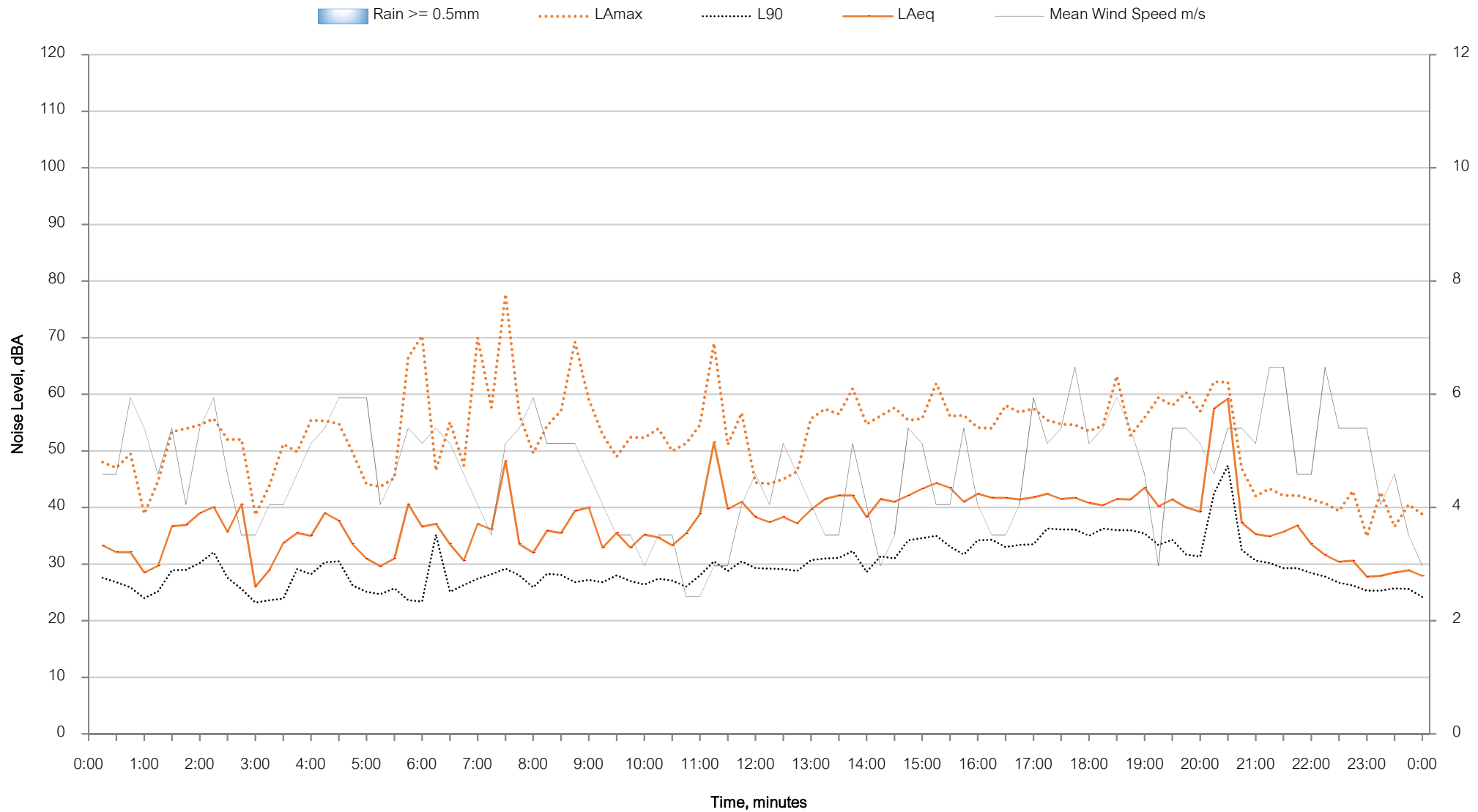
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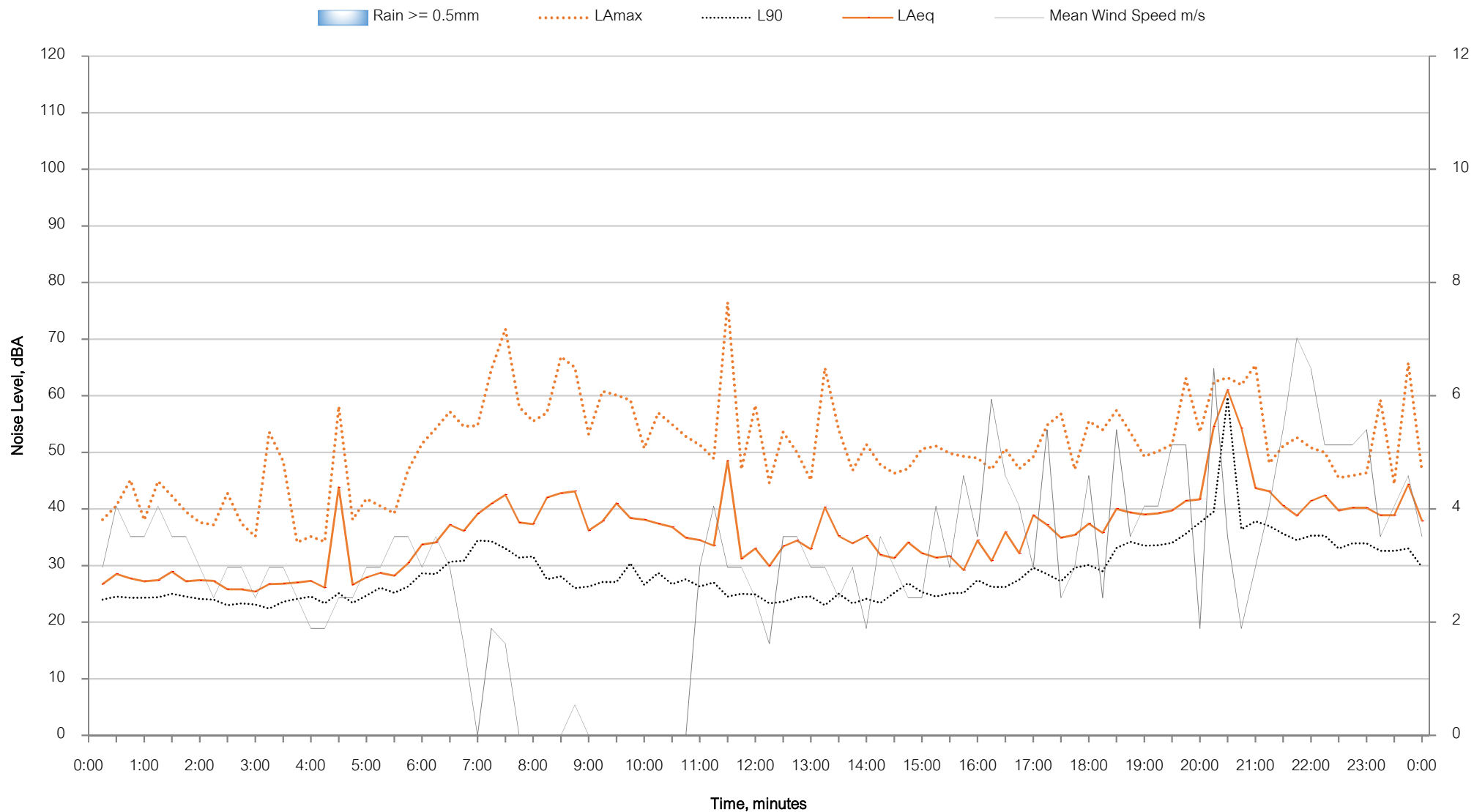
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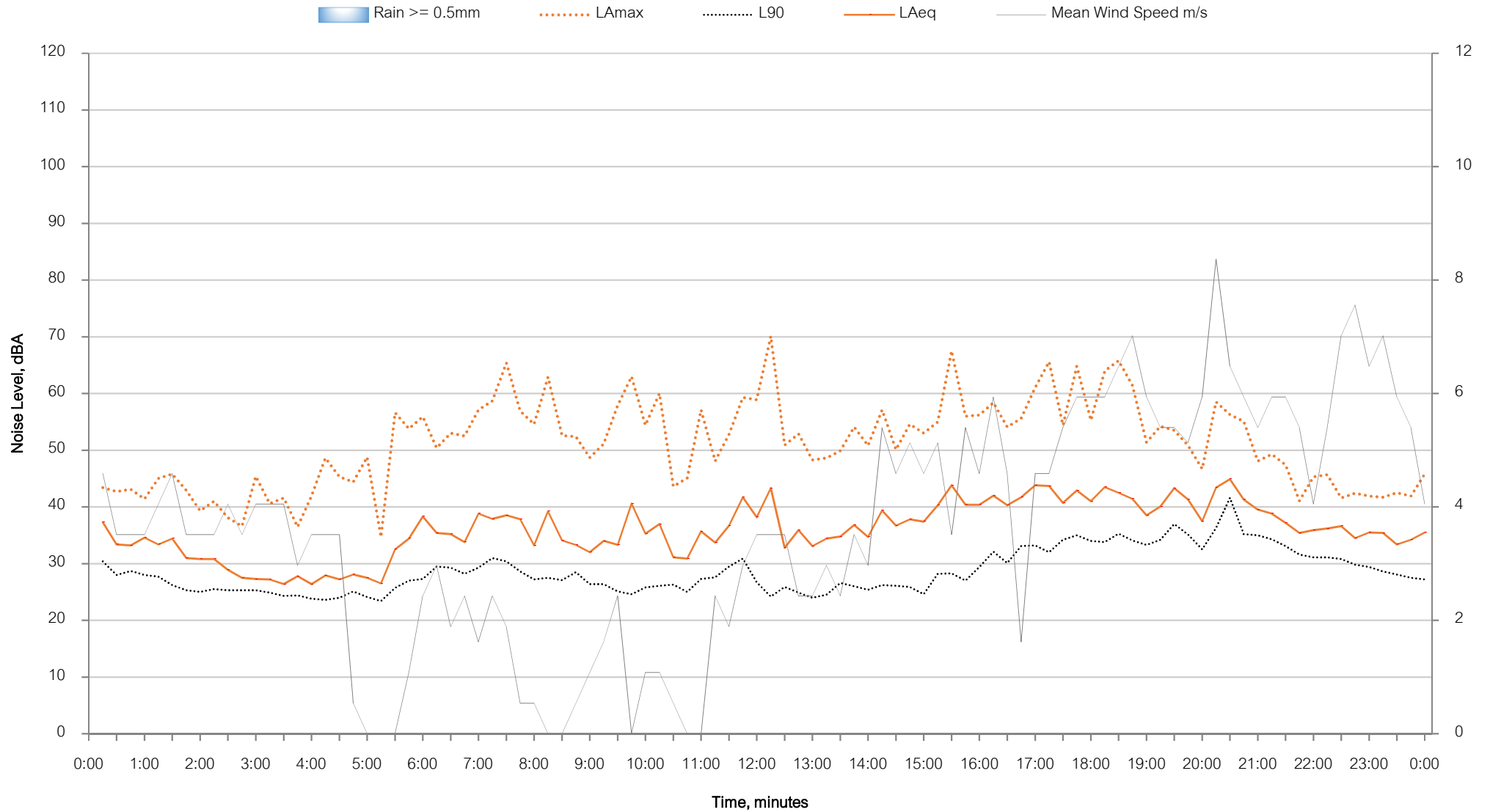
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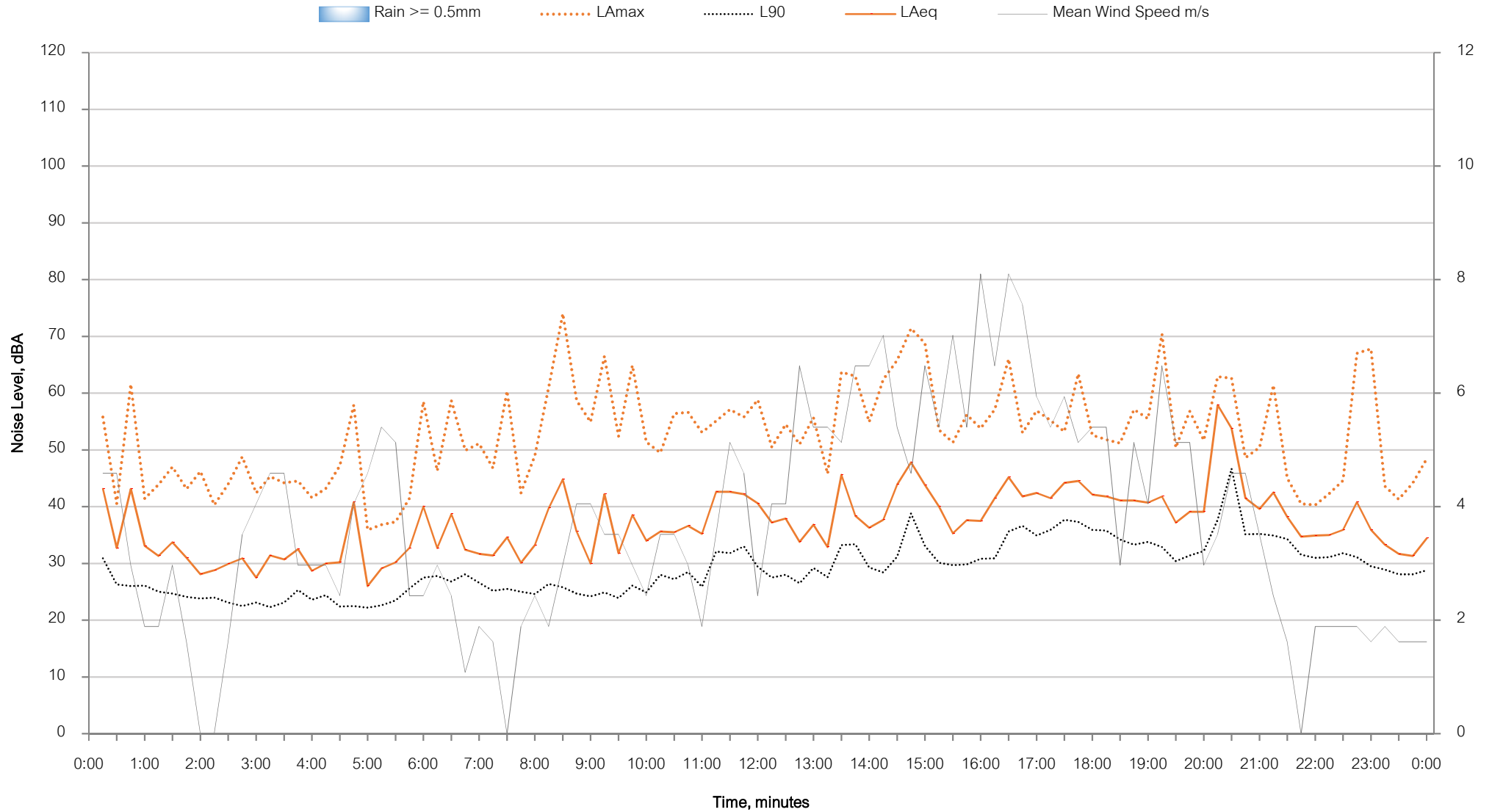


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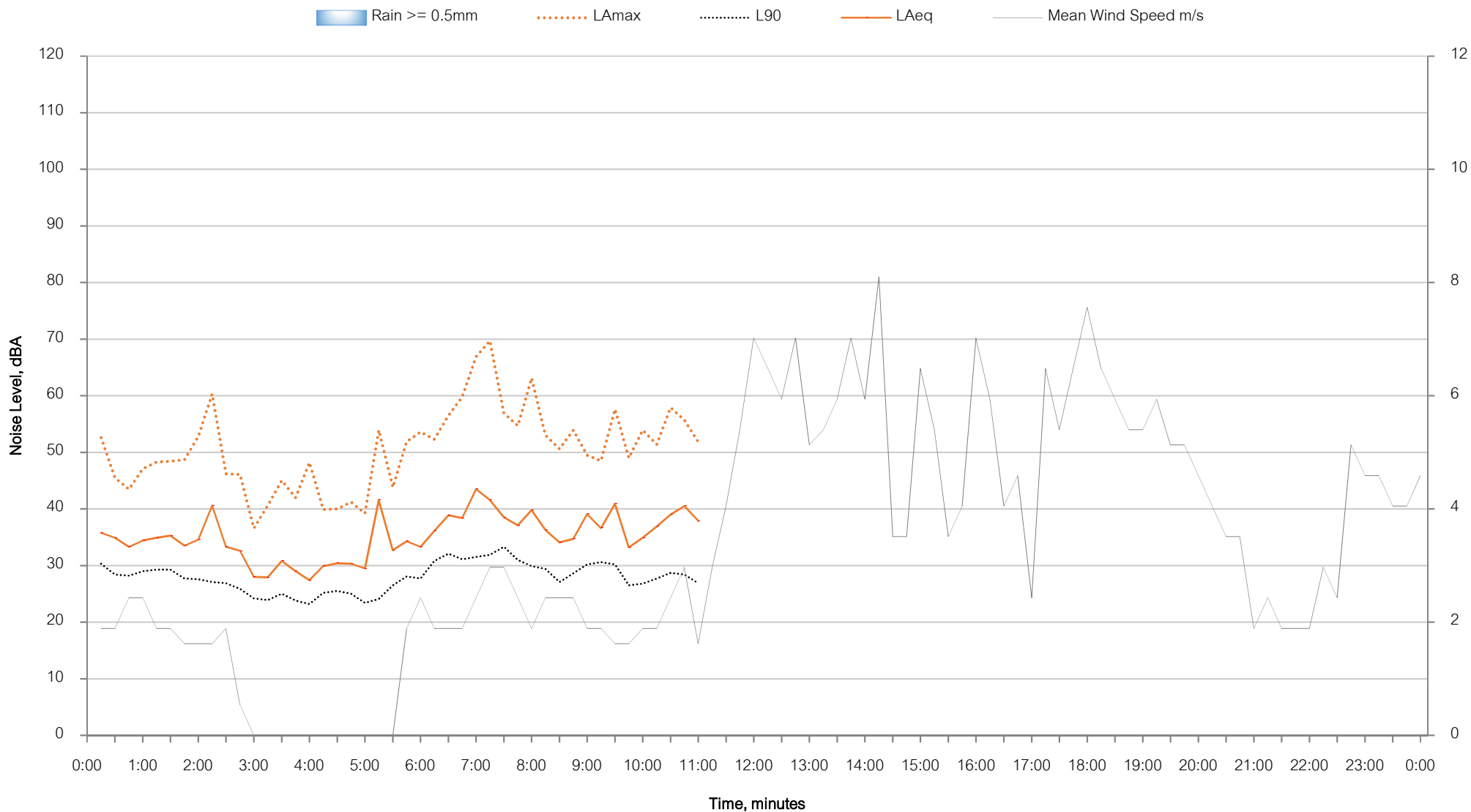


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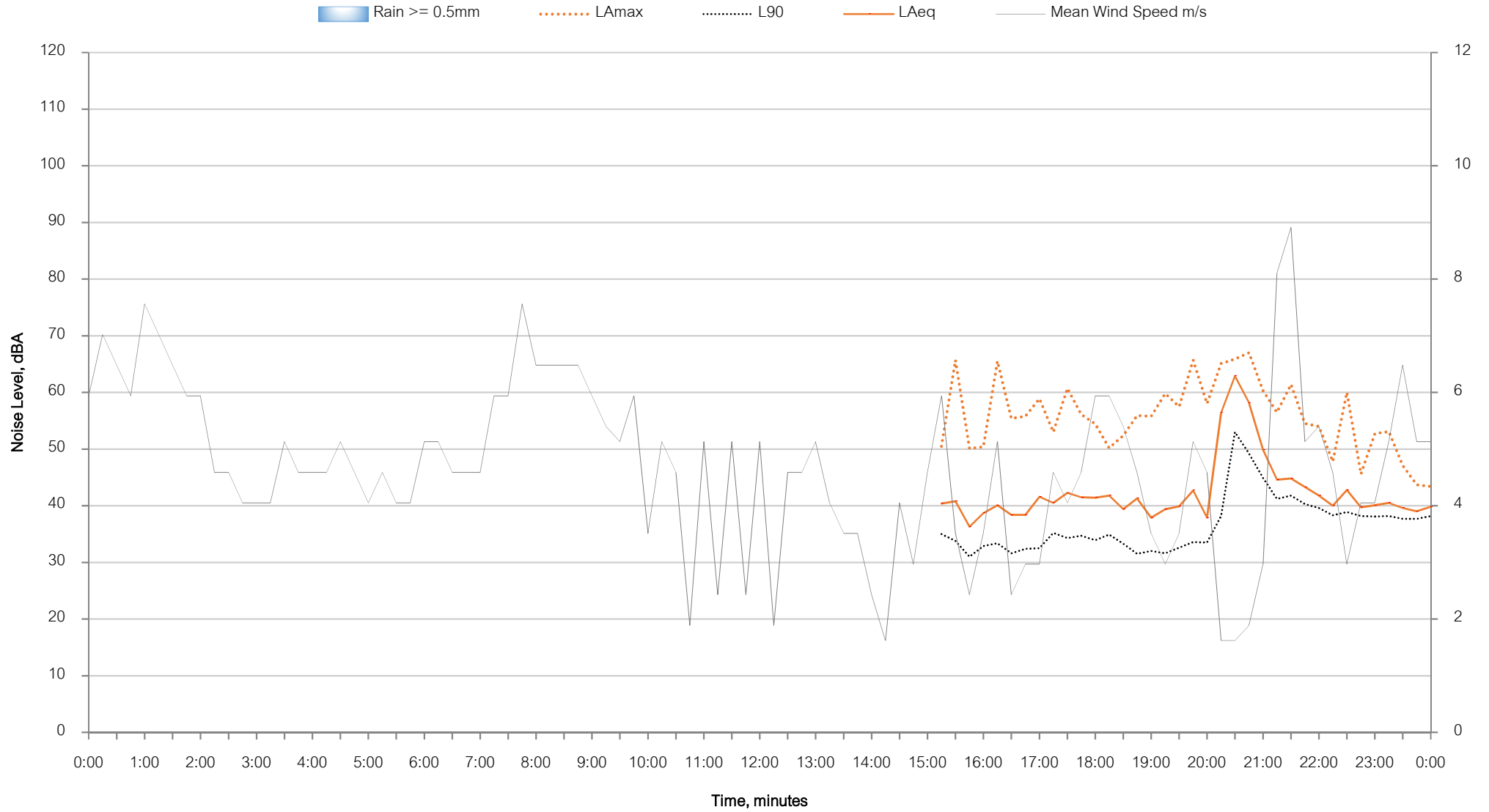
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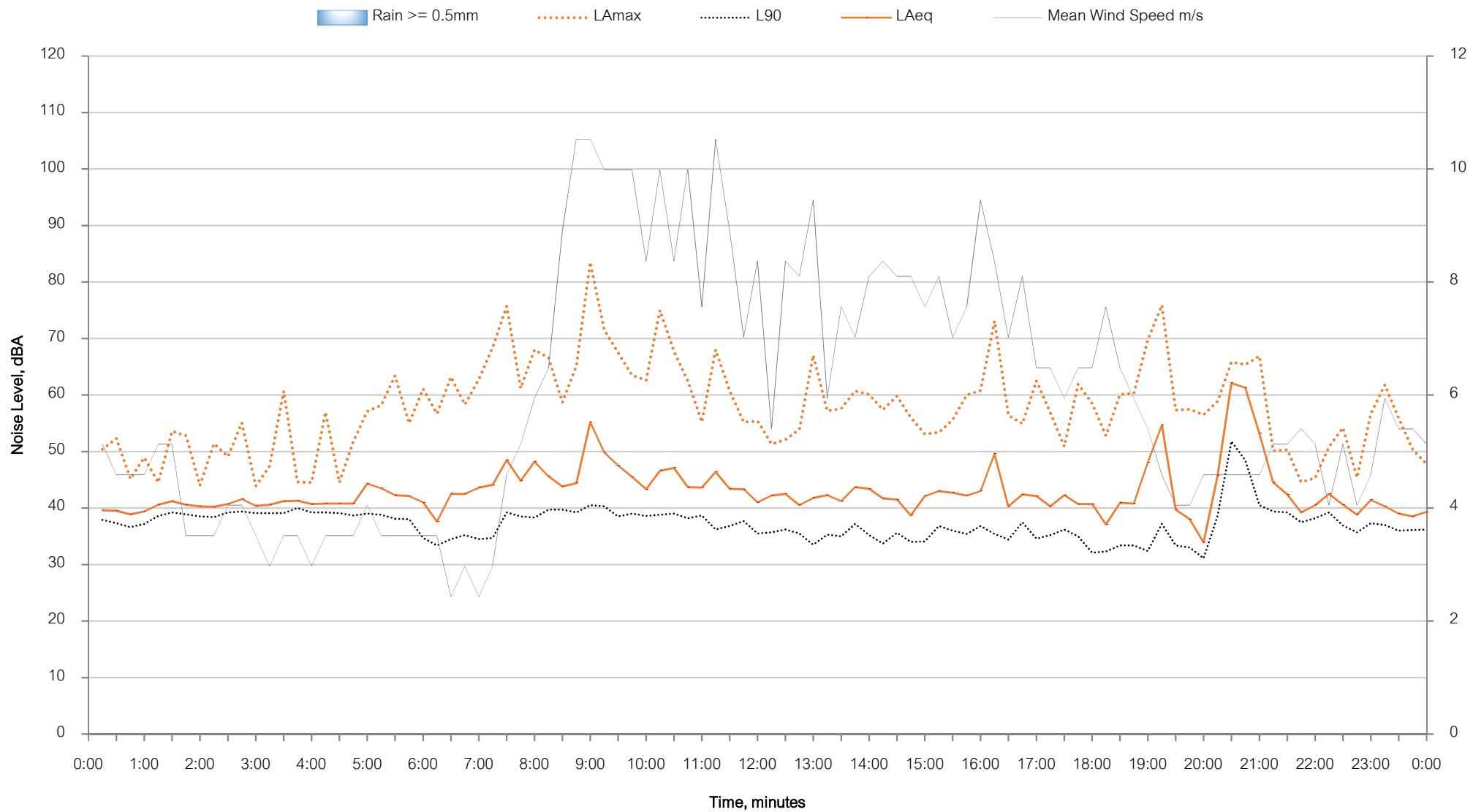
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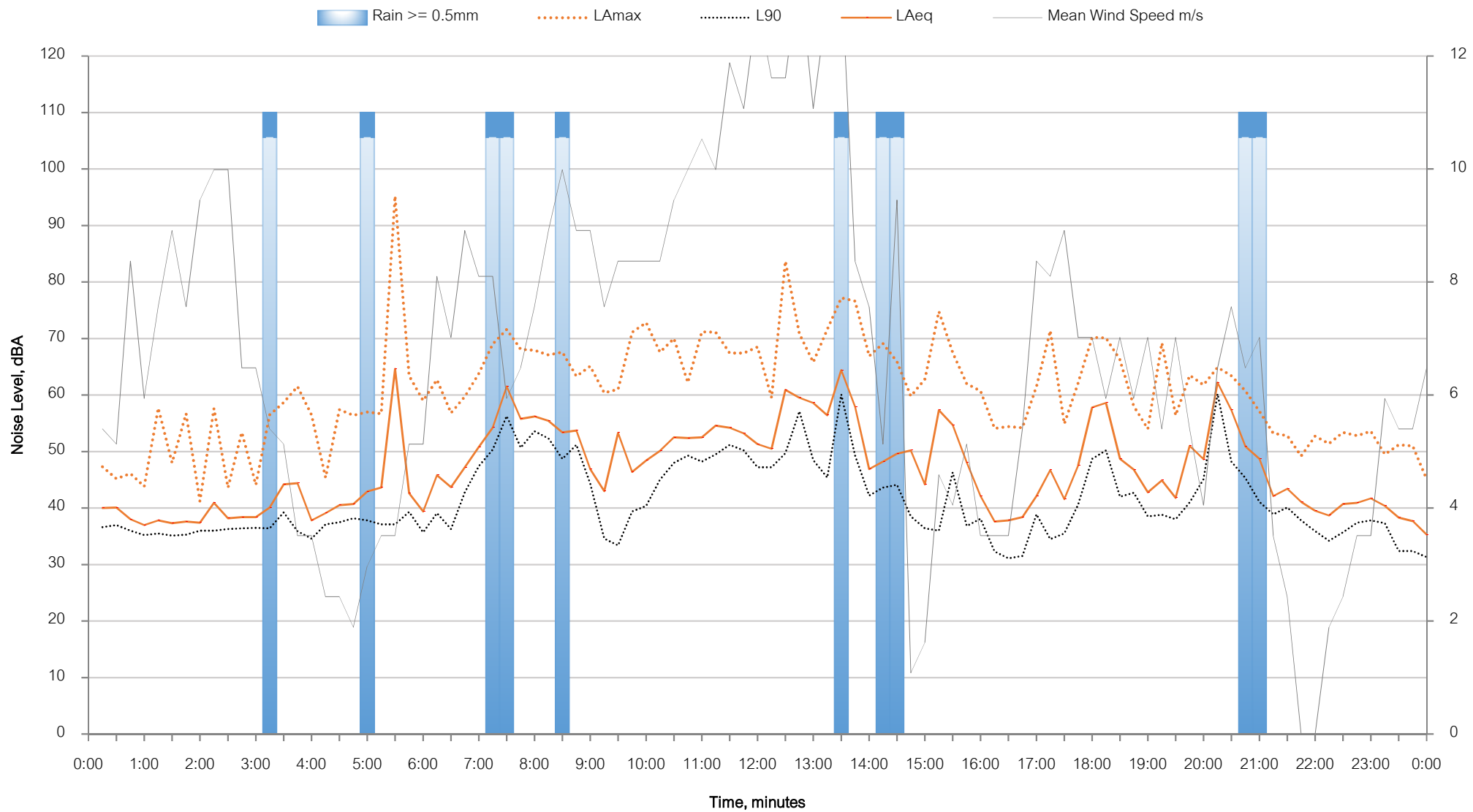
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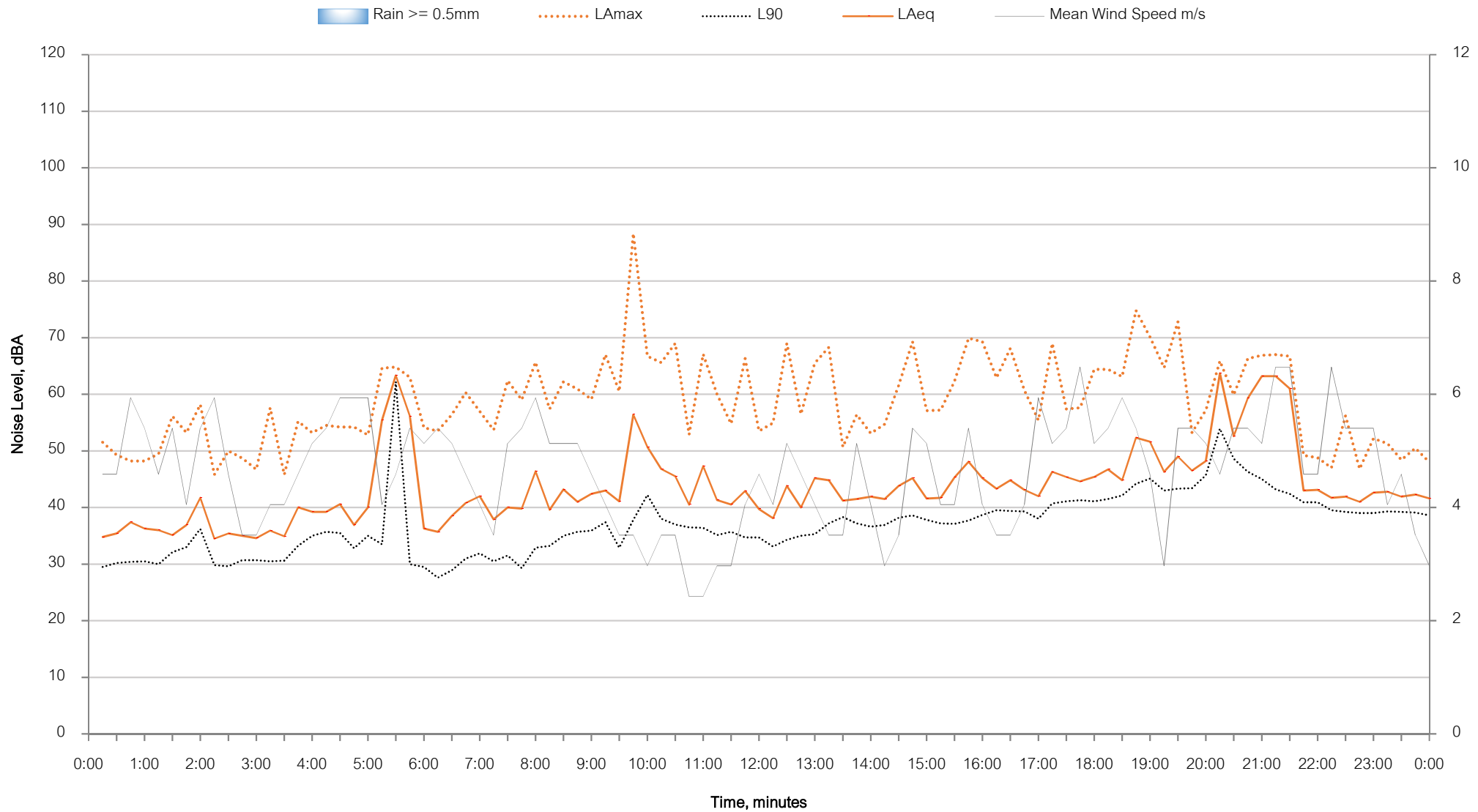
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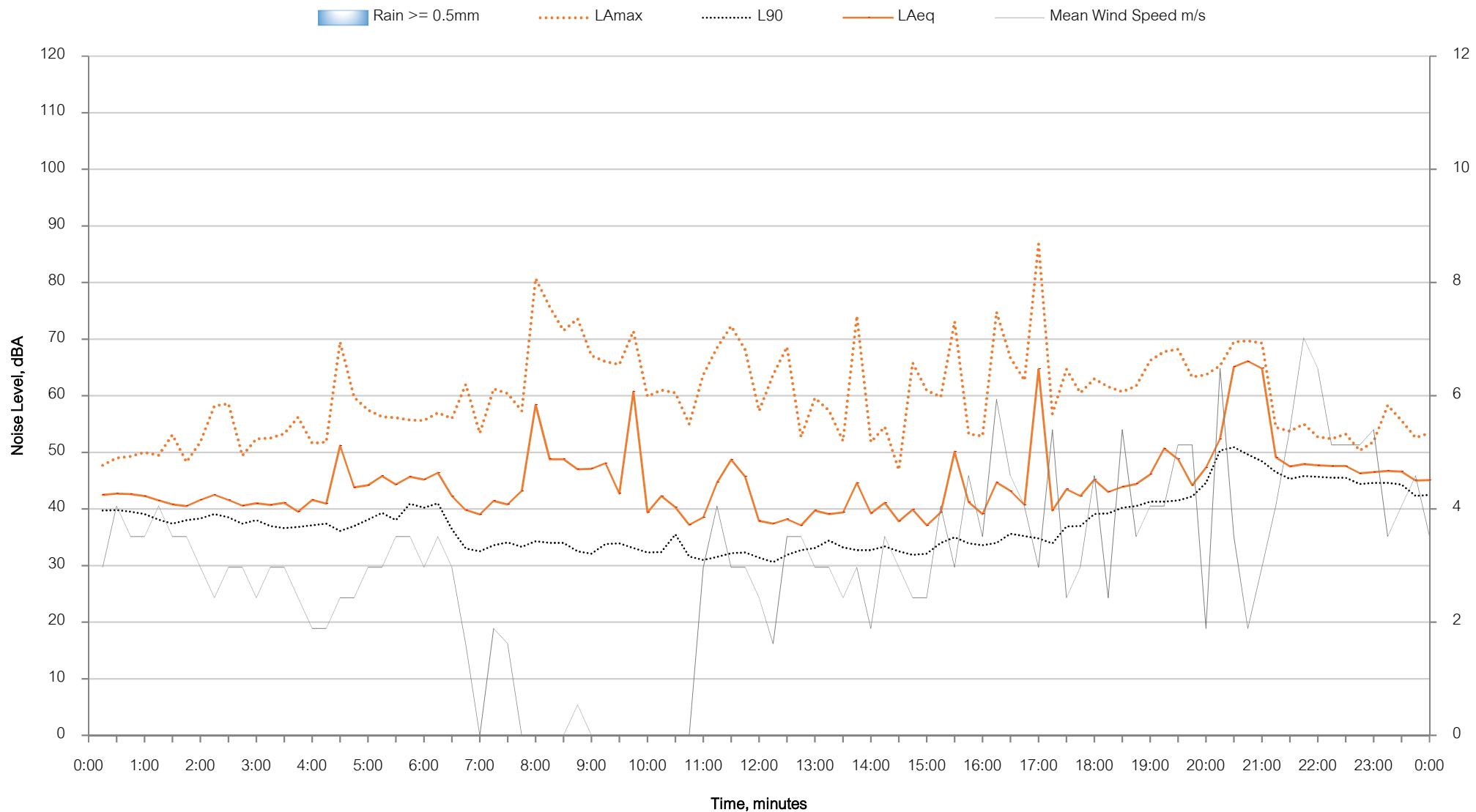
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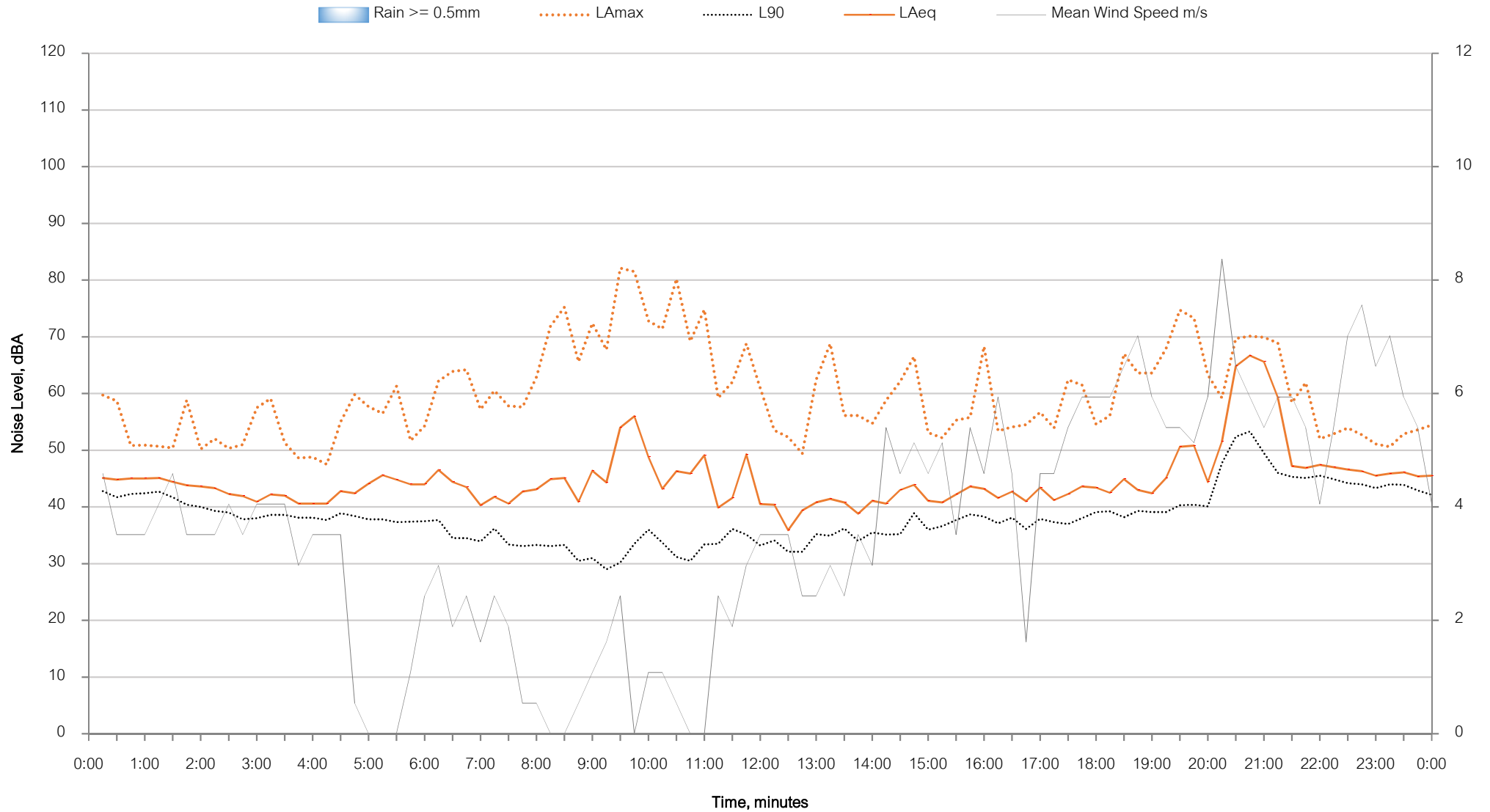
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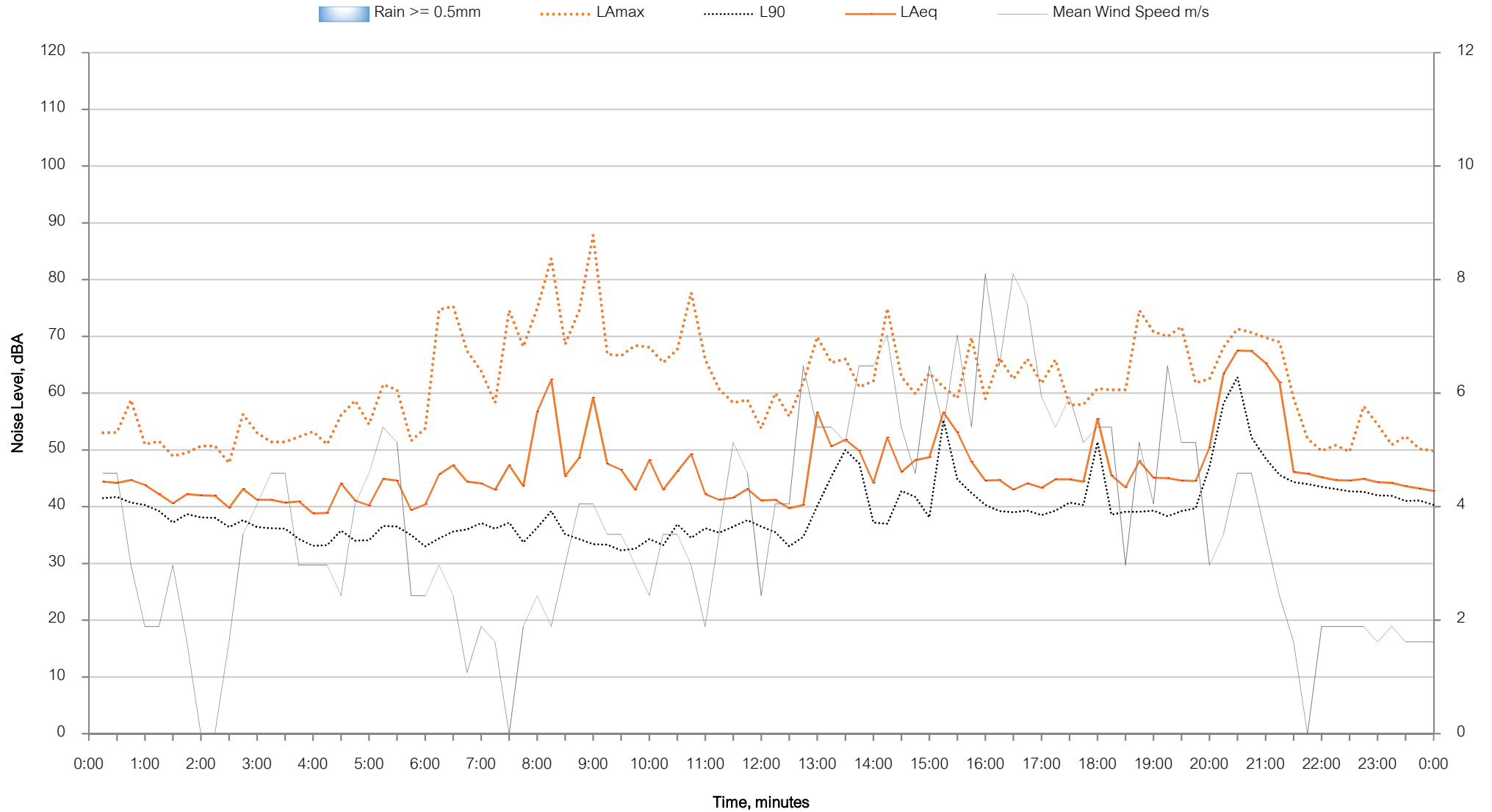
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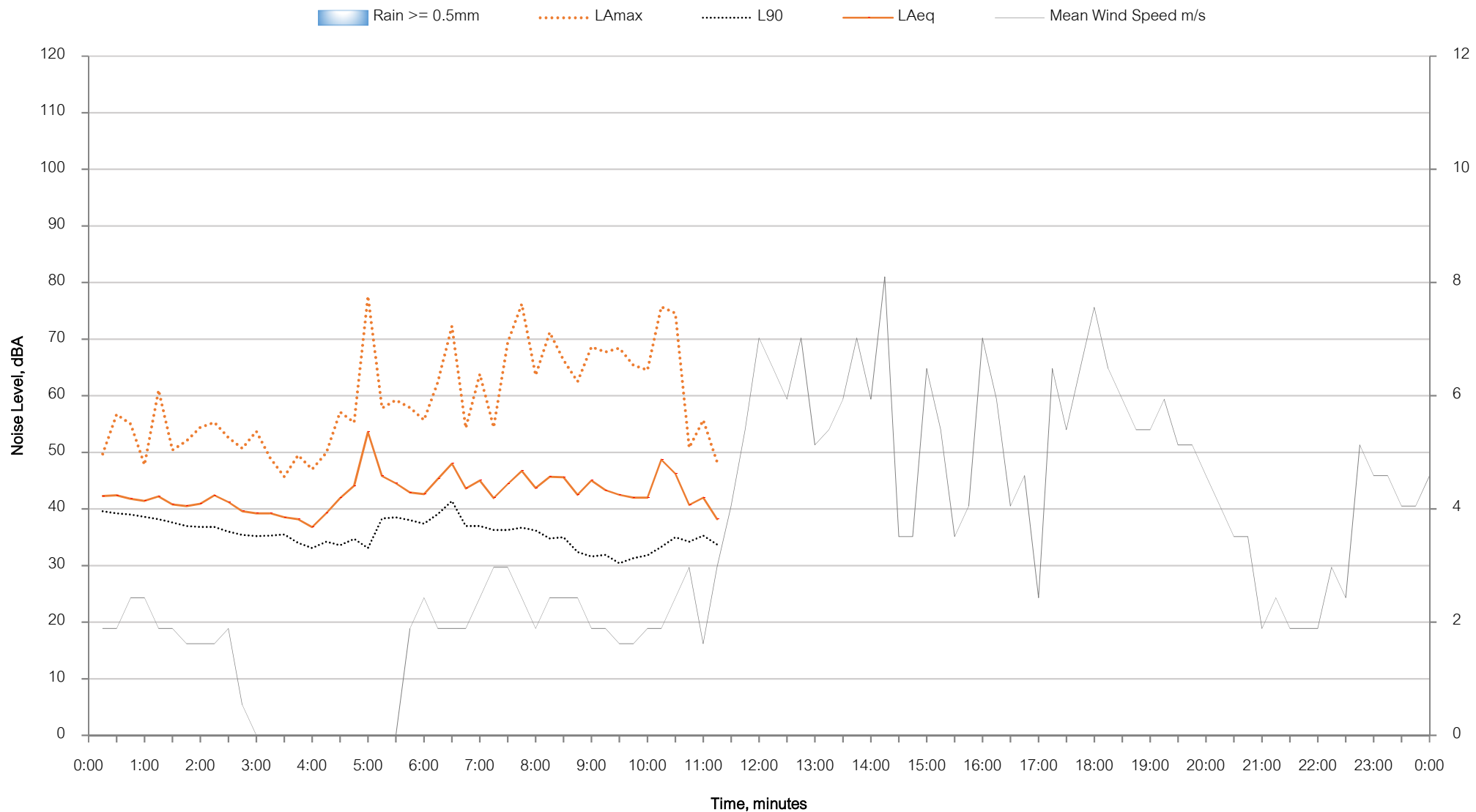
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Appendix C – NEWA Analysed Meteorology

Table C1 NEWA Analysed Meteorological Conditions, Dubbo NSW

Direction ± 45°	Season	Day	Evening	Night	Direction	Season	Day	Evening	Night
		Percentage Occurrence %					Percentage Occurrence %		
0	Summer	5	8	7	180	Summer	7	9	5
0	Autumn	9	13	11	180	Autumn	7	6	4
0	Winter	10	16	13	180	Winter	7	10	6
0	Spring	6	14	10	180	Spring	7	11	6
22.5	Summer	5	8	6	202.5	Summer	8	12	8
22.5	Autumn	7	14	8	202.5	Autumn	7	8	6
22.5	Winter	9	17	10	202.5	Winter	7	11	8
22.5	Spring	5	14	8	202.5	Spring	8	13	8
45	Summer	5	6	4	225	Summer	9	14	13
45	Autumn	7	12	6	225	Autumn	9	13	11
45	Winter	9	17	9	225	Winter	8	15	12
45	Spring	6	13	6	225	Spring	9	17	14
67.5	Summer	4	5	3	247.5	Summer	8	11	14
67.5	Autumn	7	10	6	247.5	Autumn	10	14	15
67.5	Winter	9	16	10	247.5	Winter	9	15	14
67.5	Spring	6	11	7	247.5	Spring	9	15	16
90	Summer	4	4	3	270	Summer	7	10	14
90	Autumn	6	8	5	270	Autumn	11	14	18
90	Winter	9	11	9	270	Winter	11	15	19
90	Spring	6	8	7	270	Spring	9	13	19
112.5	Summer	5	4	2	292.5	Summer	8	10	15
112.5	Autumn	7	6	4	292.5	Autumn	13	14	22
112.5	Winter	10	9	9	292.5	Winter	14	15	23
112.5	Spring	7	6	6	292.5	Spring	9	13	21
135	Summer	6	5	2	315	Summer	7	9	13
135	Autumn	7	5	3	315	Autumn	13	15	20
135	Winter	10	8	7	315	Winter	14	14	20
135	Spring	7	4	5	315	Spring	8	12	19
157.5	Summer	7	10	4	337.5	Summer	4	5	7
157.5	Autumn	7	6	3	337.5	Autumn	8	10	14
157.5	Winter	9	9	6	337.5	Winter	10	10	15
157.5	Spring	8	8	5	337.5	Spring	5	9	13

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