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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AA	The Acoustics Advisor for the CSSI approved by the Planning Secretary
A2I	Albury to Illabo section of the Inland Rail project
ARTC	Australian Rail Track Corporation
AS	Australian Standard
AV:ATG	Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006)
BS	British Standard
dBA	A-weighted decibel (referenced 20 µPa)
DPHI	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
CNVF	Inland Rail NSW Construction Noise and Vibration Framework
CNVMP	Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan
CSSI	Critical Stage Significant Infrastructure
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DECC	Department of Environment and Climate Change (now NSW EPA)
DIN	Deutches Institut für Normung (German Institute for Standardisation)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EPL	Environmental Protection Licence
ER	The Environmental Representative(s) for CSSI approved by the Planning Secretary.
HNA	Highly Noise Affected
Hz	Hertz
ICNG	Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009)
IR	Inland Rail
ISO	International Standards Organisation
km	Kilometres
km/h	Kilometres per hour
LAeq	Equivalent continuous noise level, providing a representation of the cumulative level of noise exposure over a defined period.
LAeq(15hour)	The equivalent continuous noise level for the 15-hour daytime period of 7.00 am to 10.00 pm
LAeq(9hour)	The equivalent continuous noise for the 9-hour daytime period of 10.00 pm to 7.00 am
LAeq(1hour)	The equivalent continuous noise for the busiest 1-hour period.
LAmax	The maximum noise level during the measurement or assessment period. The LAFmax or Fast is averaged over 0.125 of a second and the LASmax or Slow is averaged over 1-second.

m	Metres
mm	Millimetres
mm/s	Millimetres per second
m/s	Metres per second
MR	Martinus Rail
NCA	Noise Catchment Areas
NML	Noise Management Level
NSW	New South Wales
NPfl	Noise Policy for Industry
OOHW	Out of hours work
PPV	Peak Particle Velocity
RBL	Rating Background Level
TfNSW	Transport for New South Wales
VDV	Vibration Dose Value



Compliance Table

СоА	Requirement	Reference
A1	The Proponent must carry out the CSSI in accordance with the terms of this approval and generally in accordance with the:	The CNVMP
	 a) Inland Rail – Albury to Illabo Environmental Impact Statement (ARTC, August 2022) 	
	 Albury to Illabo Response to Submissions (ARTC, November 2023) 	
	 Albury to Illabo Preferred Infrastructure Report (ARTC, November 2023) 	
	 Albury to Illabo Preferred Infrastructure Report Response to Submissions (ARTC, February 2024) 	
	 e) Inland Rail – Albury to Illabo (SSI-10055) Response to request for additional information – Air Quality Assessment (letter dated 1 May 2024) 	
	f) Part 1 - Revised Technical Paper 8: Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (WSP, February 2024)	
	 g) Part 2 - Revised Technical Paper 8: Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (WSP, February 2024) 	
A2	The CSSI must only be carried out in accordance with all procedures, commitments, preventative actions, performance criteria and mitigation measures set out in the documents listed in Condition A1 unless otherwise specified in, or required under, this approval.	The CNVMP
C9	The Construction Noise and Vibration Sub-plan must include, but not limited to:	The CNVMP
	 measures to reduce construction to standard ICNG hours where sensitive land uses are likely to be noise affected for more than 3 months; 	
	an approach to assess and manage construction fatigue from noise impacts on sensitive receivers on an ongoing basis;	
	 noise sensitive periods identified by the community, religious, educational institutions, noise and vibration-sensitive businesses and critical working areas and measures to ensure noise levels above the NMLs do not occur during sensitive periods in accordance with Condition E76; 	
	 mitigation for construction traffic noise impacts from additional construction traffic and road diversions; 	
	e) the location of all heritage items, non-heritage structures and infrastructure likely to be impacted by vibration and measures to manage vibration impacts at those items and structures; and	
	 vibration levels at a range of distances from vibration intensive equipment such as excavators and vibratory rollers before undertaking works with the specific type and size of equipment. 	
E68	A detailed land use survey must be undertaken to confirm sensitive land use(s) (including critical working areas such as operating theatres and precision laboratories) potentially exposed to construction noise and vibration, construction ground-borne noise and operational noise. The survey may be undertaken on a progressive basis but must be undertaken in any one area before the commencement of work which generates construction or operational noise, vibration or ground-borne noise in that area. The results of the survey must be included in the Noise and Vibration CEMP sub-plan required by Condition C8.	The CNVMP, Section 3.0, Figure 1
E69	Work must be undertaken during the following hours:a) 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays, inclusive;	Section 2.2

СоА	Requirement	Reference
	b) 7:00am to 6:00pm Saturdays; and	
	c) at no time on Sundays or public holidays.	
E70	Except as permitted by an EPL, highly noise intensive works that result in an exceedance of the applicable NML at the same receiver must only be undertaken:	Section 2.2.1, Section 8.2
	a) between the hours of 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;	
	b) between the hours of 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday; and	
	 c) if continuously, then not exceeding three (3) hours, with a minimum cessation of work of not less than one hour. 	
	For the purposes of this condition, 'continuously' includes any period during which there is less than one hour between ceasing and recommencing any of the work.	
E71	Notwithstanding Conditions E69 and E70, work may be undertaken outside the hours specified in the following circumstances (a, b, or c):	Section 2.3
	a) Safety and Emergencies, including:	
	Force or other authority for safety reasons; or	
	where it is required in an emergency to avoid injury or the loss of life, to avoid damage or loss of property or to prevent environmental harm.	
	On becoming aware of the need for emergency work in accordance with Condition E71(a), the AA, the ER, the Planning Secretary and the EPA must be notified of the reasons for such work. Best endeavours must be used to notify all noise and/or vibration affected residents and owners/occupiers of properties identified sensitive land use(s) of the likely impact and duration of those work.	
	b) Work, that meets the following criteria;:	
	i. construction that causes LAeq(15 minute) noise levels:	
	 no more than 5 dB(A) above the rating background level at any residence in accordance with the ICNG, and 	
	 no more than the 'Noise affected' NMLs specified in Table 3 of the ICNG at other sensitive land use(s); and 	
	 ii. construction that causes LAFmax noise levels no more than 15 dB above the rating background level at any residence during the night period as defined in the ICNG. and 	
	iii. construction that causes:	
	 continuous or impulsive vibration values, measured at the most affected residence no more than the preferred values for human exposure to vibration, specified in Table 2.2 of Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006), or 	
	 intermittent vibration values measured at the most affected residence no more than the preferred values for human exposure to vibration, specified in Table 2.4 of Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006). 	
	c) By Approval, including:	
	 where different construction hours, such as those for a rail possession, are permitted under an EPL in force in respect of the CSSI; or 	
	works which are not subject to an EPL that are approved under an Out-of-Hours Work Protocol as required by Condition E72; or	
	iii. negotiated agreements with directly affected residents and sensitive land use(s).	
E72	An Out-of-Hours Work Protocol must be prepared to identify a process for the consideration, management and approval of work	The CNVMP, Section 2.4

СоА	Requirement	Reference
	which is outside the hours defined in Conditions E69, and that are not subject to an EPL. The Protocol must be approved by the Planning Secretary before commencement of the Out-of-Hours Work. The Protocol must be prepared in consultation with the ER, AA and EPA. The Protocol must include:	
	 a) identification of low and high-risk activities and an approval process that considers the risk of activities, proposed mitigation, management, and coordination, including where: 	
	 the ER and AA review all proposed out-of-hours activities and confirm their risk levels, 	
	low risk activities can be approved by the ER in consultation with the AA, and	
	iii. high risk activities that are approved by the Planning Secretary;	
	b) a process for the consideration of out-of-hours work against the relevant NML and vibration criteria;	
	 c) a process for selecting and implementing mitigation measures for residual impacts in consultation with the community at each affected location, including respite periods. The measures must take into account the predicted noise levels and the likely frequency and duration of the out-of-hours works that sensitive land use(s) would be exposed to, including the number of noise awakening events; 	
	 procedures to facilitate the coordination of out-of-hours work including those approved by an EPL or undertaken by a third party, to ensure appropriate respite is provided; and 	
	 e) notification arrangements for affected receivers for approved out- of-hours work and notification to the Planning Secretary of approved low risk out-of-hours works. 	
	This condition does not apply if the requirements of Condition E71 are met.	
E73	Except as permitted by an EPL, out-of-hours work that may be regulated through the Out-of-Hours Work Protocol as per Condition E72, but is not limited to:	Section 2.3
	 Carrying out work that if carried out during standard hours would result in a high risk to construction personnel or public safety based on a risk assessment carried out in accordance with AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009: "Risk management; or 	
	 b) where the relevant roads authority has advised the Proponent in writing that carrying out the work during standard hours would result in a high risk to road network performance and a road occupancy licence will not be issued; or 	
	 where the relevant utility service operator has advised the Proponent in writing that carrying out the work during standard hours would result in a high risk to the operation and integrity of the utility network; or 	
	 work undertaken in a rail possession for operational or safety reasons. 	
	Note: Other out-of-hours works can be undertaken with the approval of an EPL, or through the project's Out-of-Hours Work Protocol for works not subject to an EPL.	
E74	Mitigation measures must be implemented with the aim of achieving the following construction noise management levels and vibration objectives:	The CNVMP, Section 4.0, Section 8.0
	a) construction 'Noise affected' NMLs established using the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009):	



СоА	Requirement	Reference
	 b) vibration criteria established using the Assessing vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006) (for human exposure); 	
	c) Australian Standard AS 2187.2 - 2006 "Explosives - Storage and Use - Use of Explosives":	
	d) BS 7385 Part 2-1993 " <i>Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings Part 2</i> " as they are "applicable to Australian conditions"; and	
	 e) the vibration limits set out in the German Standard DIN 4150-3: Structural Vibration- effects of vibration on structures (for structural damage). 	
	Work that exceeds the noise management levels and/or vibration criteria must be managed in accordance with the Noise and Vibration CEMP sub-plan.	
	Note: The ICNG identifies 'particularly annoying' activities that require the addition of 5 dB(A) to the predicted level before comparing to the construction NML.	
E75	Mitigation measures must be applied when the following residential ground-borne noise levels are exceeded:	Section 4.2.3
	 evening (6:00 pm to 10:00 pm) — internal LAeq(15 minute): 40 dB(A); and 	
	b) night (10:00 pm to 7:00 am) — internal LAeq(15 minute): 35 dB(A).	
	The mitigation measures must be outlined in the Noise and Vibration CEMP sub-plan, including in any Out-of-Hours Work Protocol, required by Condition E72.	
E76	Noise generating work in the vicinity of community, religious, educational institutions, noise and vibration-sensitive businesses and critical working areas (such as exam halls, theatres, laboratories and operating theatres) resulting in noise levels above the NMLs must not be timetabled during sensitive periods, unless other reasonable arrangements with the affected institutions are made at no cost to the affected institution.	Section 8.0
E77	At no time can noise generated by construction exceed the National Standard for exposure to noise in the occupational environment of an eight-hour (8hr) equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level of LAeq,8h of 85 dB(A) for any employee working at a location near the CSSI.	Section 8.6
E78	Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statements (CNVIS) must be prepared for work that may exceed the noise management levels, vibration criteria and/or ground-borne noise levels specified in Condition E74 and Condition E75 at any residence outside construction hours identified in Condition E69, or where receivers will be highly noise affected. The CNVIS must include specific mitigation measures identified through consultation with affected sensitive land use(s) and the mitigation measures must be implemented for the duration of the works. A copy of the CNVIS must be provided to the AA and ER prior to the commencement of the associated works. The Planning Secretary may request a copy/ies of CNVIS.	This report, Section 8.5
E79	Owners and occupiers of properties at risk of exceeding the screening criteria for cosmetic damage must be notified before work that generates vibration commences in the vicinity of those properties. If the potential exceedance is to occur more than once or extend over a period of 24 hours, owners and occupiers are to be provided a schedule of potential exceedances on a monthly basis for the duration of the potential exceedances, unless otherwise agreed by the owner and occupier. These properties must be identified and considered in the Noise and Vibration CEMP Sub-plan required by Condition C8 and the Community Communication Strategy required by Condition B1.	Section 8.0

СоА	Requirement	Reference
E80	Vibration testing must be undertaken before and during vibration generating activities that have the potential to impact on heritage items to identify minimum working distances to prevent cosmetic damage. In the event that the vibration testing and attended monitoring shows that the preferred values for vibration are likely to be exceeded, the construction methodology must be reviewed and, if necessary, additional mitigation measures implemented.	Section 6.1, Section 8.0
E81	Advice from an independent heritage specialist must be sought on methods and locations for installing equipment used for vibration, movement and noise monitoring at heritage-listed structures.	Section 8.0
	Note: The heritage specialist is to provide advice prior to installing equipment that may impact the heritage significance or structural integrity of the heritage listed structures.	
E83	All work undertaken for the delivery of the CSSI, including those undertaken by third parties (such as utility relocations), must be coordinated to ensure respite periods are provided. This must include:	Section 8.0, Section 8.2
	a) rescheduling work to provide respite to impacted hoise sensitive land use(s) so that the respite is achieved; or	
	 b) the provision of alternative respite or mitigation to impacted noise sensitive land use(s); and 	
	 c) the provision of documentary evidence to the AA in support of any decision made in relation to respite or mitigation. 	
	The consideration of respite must also include all other CSSI, SSI and SSD projects which may cause cumulative and/or consecutive impacts at receivers affected by the delivery of the CSSI.	
E119	The Proponent must coordinate work with adjoining Inland Rail Projects, including any work to relocate or connect utilities, to minimise cumulative and consecutive noise and vibration impacts and maximise respite for affected sensitive land uses. Coordination and mitigation measures must be detailed in the Construction Noise and Vibration management Sub-plan required by Condition C9.	Section 8.0, Section 8.2, Section 9.0
E120	Before commencement of any work, a structural engineer must undertake condition surveys of all buildings, structures, utilities and the like identified in the documents listed in Condition A1 as being at risk of damage. The results of the surveys must be documented in a Condition Survey Report for each item surveyed. Copies of Condition Survey Reports must be provided to the owners of the items surveyed, and no later than one (1) month before the commencement of construction.	Section 6.1
E121	After completion of construction, condition surveys of all items for which condition surveys were undertaken in accordance with Condition E120 of this approval must be undertaken by a structural engineer. The results of the surveys must be documented in a Condition Survey Report for each item surveyed. Copies of Condition Survey Reports must be provided to the landowners of the items surveyed, and no later than three (3) months following the completion of construction.	Section 6.1
E122	Property damage caused directly or indirectly (for example from vibration or from groundwater change) by the construction or operation must be rectified at no cost to the owner. Alternatively, compensation may be provided for the property damage as agreed with the property owner.	Section 6.1



1.0 Introduction

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) has been engaged by Martinus Rail (MR) to prepare a construction noise and vibration impact statement (CNVIS) for the Table Top Yard Clearances. This site forms part of the Albury to Illabo (A2I) section of Inland Rail (the Project). This assessment has been prepared in accordance with the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) for the A2I section of the Project.

This report assesses the potential construction noise and vibration impacts for the Table Top Yard Clearances (ie gantry removal work). An explanation of the specialist acoustic terminology used in this report is provided in **Appendix A**.

2.0 Project Description

Inland Rail is an approximate 1,600 kilometres (km) freight rail network that will connect Beveridge and Kagaru via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. The Inland Rail route would involve using approximately 1,000 km of existing track (with enhancements and upgrades where necessary) and 600 km of new track, passing through 30 local government areas. Inland Rail will accommodate double-stacked freight trains up to 1,800 metres (m) long and 6.5 m high.

The Albury to Illabo (A2I) section (the Project) forms a key component of the Inland Rail program. It is a 185 km section of existing rail corridor located in regional NSW between the towns of Albury and Illabo. Works would include track realignment, lowering and/or modification within the existing rail corridor, modification, removal or replacement of bridge structures (rail, road and/or pedestrian bridges), raising or replacing signal gantries, level-crossing modifications and other associated works. This CNVIS is associated with the Table Top Yard Clearances (ie gantry removal work).

Relevant noise and vibration conditions from the Conditions of Approval (CoA) are detailed within the compliance table at the beginning of this document and will be complied with during the work.

2.1 Scope of this CNVIS

The focus of this CNVIS is the work associated with the gantry removal works at Table Top Yard. Work at these sites includes:

- Establishment of temporary site facilities, including site office/shed and materials laydown areas
- Site Compound Operation
- Removal and disposal of existing gantry and footings
- Utility and Signalling Works Removal and replacing existing utilities and signals.

Further details of work activities are outlined in **Section 5.1**. The work area is surrounded by rural residential receivers, Table Top Public School, Ettamogah Grand National Motel and other commercial receivers. The acoustic environment is dominated by road traffic noise from the Hume Highway. The Project location, work areas and surrounding receivers are shown in **Figure 1**.

2.2 Hours of work

In accordance with the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) and CoA E69 construction work must be undertaken within the approved standard construction hours:

- a) 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday, inclusive;
- b) 7:00am to 6:00pm Saturday and
- c) At no time on Sundays or public holidays.

2.2.1 Highly Noise Intensive Work

As outlined in the CoA E70, any highly noise intensive works that result in an exceedance of the applicable NML at the same receiver must only be undertaken:

- a) Between 08:00am 06:00pm Monday to Friday;
- b) Between 08:00am 01:00pm Saturday; and
- c) If continuously, then not exceeding (3) hours, with a maximum cessation of work of not less than one hour.

The CoA defines 'highly noise intensive works' as those identified as annoying under the ICNG and include:

- Use of 'beeper' style reversing or movement alarms, particularly as night-time;
- Use of power saws, such as used for cutting timber, rail lines, masonry, road pavement or steel work;
- Grinding metal, concrete or masonry;
- Rock drilling;
- Line drilling;
- Vibratory rolling;
- Rail tamping and regulating;
- Bitumen milling or profiling;
- Jackhammering, rock hammering or rock breaking;
- Impact piling.

2.3 Variation to hours of work

Notwithstanding Conditions E69 and E70, work may be undertaken outside the hours specified in the following circumstances (a, b, or c):

- a) Safety and Emergencies
- b) Work, that meets specific criteria
- c) By Approval

Note: refer to Compliance Table for further detail.

2.4 Justification of Out of Hours Work (OOHW)

Work activities that may be required or proposed to be undertaken outside of standard working hours will be managed in accordance with the OOHW Protocol as defined in CoA E72 and E73, unless the work is regulated by an EPL.

All work on or adjacent to roads would be carried out in accordance with a relevant Traffic Control Plan (TCP), Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) and/or rail possession to facilitate safe work near live road/rail traffic. Where an ROL/rail possession cannot be obtained for the approved project hours and/or proposed works cannot be undertaken safely during these hours, some works will be required to be undertaken outside of standard hours (ie Out of Hours Work, OOHW).

As outlined in the ICNG, work undertaken on public infrastructure may need to be undertaken outside the recommended standard hours. For this project the need is based on a requirement to sustain the operational integrity of public infrastructure, as works to restore operation of the infrastructure provide benefit to the greater community (ie more than just local residents).

Further detail around the specific work tasks, duration and justification of OOHW must be identified in the OOHW permit, required by the OOHW Protocol or EPL.

3.0 Existing Environment

The existing ambient noise environment was described in Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Technical Paper 6 – Noise and Vibration (Non-Rail) for the Albury to Illabo project. This section provides details of the existing ambient noise environment relevant to the Table Top Yard Clearances.

The noise catchment area (NCA) used is consistent with the NCAs described in the EIS and are shown in **Figure 1** with the receiver classifications and approximate noise monitoring locations.

A detailed land use survey was undertaken in August 2024 to confirm sensitive land uses within the project area, results of the land use survey have been incorporated into the receiver classifications shown in **Figure 1**.

3.1 Background Noise Levels

Background noise levels have been referenced from the baseline noise survey undertaken as part of the EIS and reproduced in the CNVMP. The background noise levels relevant to the Table Top Yard works are summarised in **Table 1**.

Noise NCA Monitoring Location –		NCA	Rating background Level (RBL) dBA NPfI defined time periods ¹				
			Daytime period	Evening period	Night-time period		
4		4	42	42 ² (51)	42 ³ (46)		
Note 1:	ote 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 (NPfI).						
Note 2:	The evening RBL data has been reduced to the daytime period RBL in this case (bracketed figures indicates the measured value).						
Note 3:	The night-time RBL data has been reduced to the evening period RBL in this case (bracketed figures indicates the measured value)						

Table 1 Background Noise Levels





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FIGURE 1

4.0 Assessment Criteria

4.1 Construction Noise and Vibration Guidelines

The standards and guidelines relevant to the Project are listed in **Table 2**. These guidelines aim to protect the community and environment from excessive noise and vibration impacts during construction of projects.

Table 2 Construction Noise and Vibration Standards and Guidelines

Guideline/Policy Name	Where Guideline Used
Inland Rail NSW Construction Noise and Vibration Framework (CNVF)	Assessment and management protocols for airborne noise, ground-borne noise and vibration impacts for construction of NSW Inland Rail projects
Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) (DECC, 2009)	Assessment of airborne noise impacts on sensitive receivers
<i>Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise</i> (ECRTN) (EPA, 1999)	Contains guidance for assessing potential sleep disturbance impacts
Road Noise Policy (RNP) (DECCW, 2011)	Assessment of construction traffic impacts
BS 7385 Part 2-1993 Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings Part 2, BSI, 1993	Assessment of vibration impacts (structural damage) to non-heritage sensitive structures
DIN 4150:Part 3-2016 Structural vibration – Effects of vibration on structures, Deutsches Institut für Normung, 2016	Screening assessment of vibration impacts (structural damage) to heritage sensitive structures, where the structure is found to be unsound
Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006)	Assessment of vibration impacts on sensitive receivers
AS2187.2:2006 Explosives – Storage and use Part 2: Use of explosives	Assessment of impacts from blasting activities
Construction Noise and Vibration Guideline (Public Transport Infrastructure) (CNVG-PTI) (Transport for NSW, 2023)	Utilised for minimum working distances for vibration intensive work.

4.2 Noise Management Levels

The noise management levels (NMLs) for residential and other sensitive receivers have been adopted from the CNVMP, as determined in the EIS. Receiver types and locations are shown **Figure 1**.

4.2.1 Residential Receivers

Project-specific NMLs for residential receivers were determined for within the Table Top NCA. NMLs for other sensitive receivers are fixed values adopted from the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG) (DECC, 2009) and outlined in the CNVMP. Residential NMLs for the Table Top NCA surrounding the utilities work site are shown in **Table 3**.



NCA	Noise Manage	ement Level	(LAeq(15minute) - dBA)	Sleep	Sleep
Approved Hours Out of Hours ^{1,2}		disturbance Screening	Awakening Reaction			
	(KBL +100B)	Daytime (RBL +5dB)	Evening (RBL +5dB)	Night-time (RBL +5dB)	Level (RBL +15dB or 52 dB)	Level
NCA04	52	47	47	47	57	65

Note 1: Approved Construction Hours are Monday to Saturday 7 am to 6 pm, as defined in CoA E69.

Note 2: Work outside of the Approved Hours is defined as OOHW = Out of Hours Work. Daytime out of hours is Sunday and public holidays between 8 am to 6 pm. Evening is 6pm to 10pm Monday – Sunday (including public holidays). Night-time is 10pm to 7am Monday – Saturday and 10pm to 8am Sunday (including public holidays).

Highly Noise Affected

In addition to the NMLs presented above, the ICNG highly noise affected level (75 dBA) is applicable to all residential receivers during approved project hours as outlined in the CNVMP and the ICNG.

Sleep Disturbance

Where the sleep disturbance screening level (RBL + 15 dB or 52 dB, whichever is greater, see **Table 3**) is exceeded, further assessment is required to determine whether the 'awakening reaction' level of LAmax 65 dBA (external) would be exceeded and the likely number of these events. The awakening reaction level is the level above which residents are likely to be awoken from sleep.

4.2.2 Other Sensitive Land Uses and Commercial Receivers

The ICNG NMLs for 'other sensitive' non-residential land uses are shown in Table 4.

The ICNG references AS2107:2016 Acoustics – Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors for criteria for 'other sensitive' receivers which are not listed in the guideline. Neither the ICNG nor AS2107 provide criteria for child care centres so the Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants *Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment* (GCCCAA) has been referenced.

Table 4 NMLs for 'Other Sensitive' Receivers

Land Use	Noise Mana LAeq(15n (Applied wher in	Noise Management Level LAeq(15minute) (dB) (Applied when the property is in use)		
	Internal	External		
ICNG 'Other Sensitive' Receivers				
Classrooms at schools and other educational institutions	45	55 ¹		
Hospital wards and operating theatres	45	65 ²		
Places of worship	45	55 ¹		
Active recreation areas (characterised by sporting activities which generate noise)	-	65		
Passive recreation areas (characterised by contemplative activities that generate little noise)	-	60		
Commercial	-	70		
Industrial	-	75		



Land Use	Noise Management Level LAeq(15minute) (dB) (Applied when the property is in use)		
	Internal	External	
Non-ICNG 'Other Sensitive' Receivers			
Hotel – daytime & evening ³	50	60 ^{1,5}	
Hotel – night-time ³	35	45 ^{1,5}	
Child care centres – activity areas ⁴	40	50 ^{1,5}	
Child care centres – sleeping areas ⁴	35	45 ^{1,5}	
Library ³	45	55 ¹	
Public Building ³	50	60 ¹	
Aged Care	Considered as Residential		

Note 1: It is assumed that these receivers have windows partially open for ventilation which results in internal noise levels being around 10 dB lower than the external noise level.

Note 2: It is assumed that these receivers have fixed windows which conservatively results in internal noise levels being around 20 dB lower than the external noise level.

Note 3: Criteria taken from AS2107.

Note 4: Criteria taken from Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment.

Note 5: Some receivers near highways or rail lines may have building façade mitigation and air-conditioning. Where evidence is provided a 20dB reduction from external to internal may be adopted

4.2.3 Ground-borne Noise

Construction work can cause ground-borne (structure-borne or regenerated) noise impacts in nearby buildings when vibration intensive equipment is in use, such as during tunnelling or excavation work using tunnel boring machines, roadheaders or rockbreakers. Vibration can be transmitted through the ground and into nearby buildings, which can then create audible noise impacts inside the building.

Ground-borne noise NMLs are applicable where ground-borne noise levels are likely to be higher than airborne noise levels, which can occur where work is underground or where surface work is shielded by noise barriers or other structures or façade mitigation at the receiver. Ground-borne noise is generally found to generate impacts during the evening and night-time periods when ambient noise levels are often much lower, and ground-borne noise is more prominent.

The internal ground-borne noise NMLs for residential receivers are shown in Table 5.

Table 5 Internal ground-borne NMLs

Receiver Type	Noise Management Level (LAeq(15minute) – dBA)			
	Daytime ¹	Evening ²	Night-time ²	
Residential	n/a	40	35	

Note 1: Daytime ground-borne noise NMLs are not specified in the ICNG of CoA.

Note 2: Specified in the ICNG and CoA E75.

For other sensitive receivers,, the ICNG does not provide guidance in relation to acceptable ground-borne noise levels. For the purpose of this CNVIS, the internal airborne NMLs presented in **Table 4** will also be adopted for ground-borne noise.



4.3 Vibration Criteria

The effects of vibration from construction work can be divided into three categories:

- Those in which the occupants of buildings are disturbed (human comfort). People can sometimes perceive vibration impacts when vibration generating construction work is located close to occupied buildings. Vibration from construction work tends to be intermittent in nature and the EPA's Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (2006) (AV:ATG) provides criteria for intermittent vibration based on the Vibration Dose Value (VDV), as shown in **Table 6**. While the construction activities for the proposal are generally not expected to result in continuous or impulsive vibration impacts, corresponding criteria are provided in **Table 7**.
- Those where building contents may be affected (**building contents**). People perceive vibration at levels well below those likely to cause damage to building contents. For most receivers, the human comfort vibration criteria are the most stringent and it is generally not necessary to set separate criteria for vibration effects on typical building contents. Exceptions to this can occur when vibration sensitive equipment, such as electron microscopes or medical imaging equipment, are in buildings near to construction work. No such equipment has been identified in the study area.
- Those where the integrity of the building may be compromised (**structural/cosmetic damage**). If vibration from construction work is sufficiently high it can cause cosmetic damage to elements of affected buildings. Industry standard cosmetic damage vibration limits are specified in British Standard BS 7385 and German Standard DIN 4150. The limits are shown in **Table 8** and **Table 9**.

Table 6 Human Comfort Vibration – Vibration Dose Values for Intermittent Vibration

Building Type	Building Type Assessment Period		Vibration Dose Value ¹ (m/s ^{1.75})	
		Preferred	Maximum	
Critical Working Areas (eg operating theatres or laboratories)	Day or night-time	0.10	0.20	
Residential	Daytime	0.20	0.40	
	Night-time	0.13	0.26	
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-time	0.40	0.80	
Workshops	Day or night-time	0.80	1.60	

Note 1: The VDV accumulates vibration energy over the daytime and night-time assessment periods, and is dependent on the level of vibration as well as the duration.



Table 7Human Comfort Vibration – Preferred and Maximum Weighted Root Mean
Square Values for Continuous and Impulsive Vibration Acceleration (m/s²)
1–80 Hz

Location	Assessment	Preferred values		Maximum values	
	period	z-axis	x- and y- axis	z-axis	x- and y- axis
Continuous vibration					
Residential	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014
	Night-time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-time	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028
Workshops	Day or night-time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058
Impulsive vibration					
Residential	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42
	Night-time	0.10	0.071	0.20	0.14
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92
Workshops	Day or night-time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92

Table 8Cosmetic Damage – BS 7385 Transient Vibration Values for Minimal Risk of
Damage

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

Note 1: Where the dynamic loading caused by continuous vibration may give rise to dynamic magnification due to resonance, especially at the lower frequencies where lower guide values apply, then the guide values may need to be reduced by up to 50%.

Table 9 Cosmetic Damage – DIN 4150 Guideline Values for Short-term Vibration on Structures

Group	Type of Structure	Guideline Values Vibration Velocity (mm/s)										
		Foundati a	ion, All Dire Frequency	Topmost Floor, Horizontal	Floor Slabs, Vertical							
		1 to 10 Hz	10 to 50 Hz	50 to 100 Hz	All frequencies	All frequencies						
1	Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40	20						
2	Residential buildings and buildings of similar design and/or occupancy	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15	20						



Group	Type of Structure	Guideline Values Vibration Velocity (mm/s)										
		Foundati a⊺	on, All Dire Frequency	Topmost Floor, Horizontal	Floor Slabs, Vertical							
		1 to 10 Hz	10 to 50 Hz	50 to 100 Hz	All frequencies	All frequencies						
3	Structures that, because of their particular sensitivity to vibration, cannot be classified as Group 1 or 2 <u>and</u> are of great intrinsic value (eg heritage listed buildings)	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8	20 ¹						

Note 1: It may be necessary to lower the relevant guideline value markedly to prevent minor damage.

4.3.1 Heritage Buildings or Structures

Heritage listed buildings and structures should be considered on a case-by-case basis but BS 7385 notes that buildings of historical value should not be assumed to be more sensitive to vibration, unless structurally unsound. Where a heritage building is deemed to be sensitive, the more stringent DIN 4150 Group 3 guideline values in **Table 9** can be applied.

Heritage Structures

No heritage buildings or structures have been identified within vicinity of the work areas as per the State Heritage Inventory and Local Environmental Plans. Therefore, no additional consideration or assessment has been undertaken in relation to heritage buildings or structures.

4.3.2 Buried Pipework and Utilities

The German Standard DIN 4150-3:1999 "Structural Vibration Part 3: Effects of vibration in structures" provides guideline values for evaluating the effect of vibration on buried pipework. The values are based on the assumption that pipes have been manufactured and laid using current technology. Additional considerations may be required at junctions. The recommended limits for short term vibration to ensure minimal risk of damage are presented numerically in **Table 10**.

Table 10 Guideline Values for Short Term Vibration on Buried Pipework

Line	Pipe Material	Guideline value at the Pipe ^{1,2} (PPV mm/s)
1	Steel (including welded pipes)	100
2	Clay, concrete, reinforced concrete, pre stressed concrete, metal (with or without flange)	80
3	Masonry, plastic ³	50

Note 1: Mounting equipment directly onto pipes may not be possible. If the vibration source is not immediately next to the pipework, measurements can be made on the ground surface to obtain an estimate. Generally, this vibration level will be greater than the level measured directly on the pipework.

Note 2: The guideline values may be reduced by 50% without further analysis when evaluating the effects of long-term vibration on buried pipework.

Note 3: Drainpipes shall be evaluated using the values given for Line 3.



Buried Pipework and Utilities

No buried pipework or utilities have been identified in this CNVIS at risk of impact from vibration. Therefore, no additional consideration or assessment has been undertaken in relation to buried pipework and utilities.

4.3.3 Minimum Working Distances for Vibration Intensive Work

Minimum working distances for typical vibration intensive construction equipment have been sourced from the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Construction Noise and Vibration Guideline (Public Transport Infrastructure) (CNVG-PTI) and are shown in **Table 11**. The minimum working distances are for both cosmetic damage (from BS 7385 and DIN 4150) and human comfort (from the NSW EPA Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline). They are calculated from empirical data which suggests that where work is further from receivers than the quoted minimum distances then impacts are not considered likely.

The minimum working distances listed in the CNVG were used to derive the minimum working distances required for cosmetic damage to industrial and heavy commercial buildings (also reinforced or framed structures). The following pseudo-power law relationship has been used in the derivations:

$$V_2 = V_1 \times \left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^B$$

where a site exponent value of B = 1.6 is adopted for the calculations, as per AS2187.2:2006

Table 11	Recommended Minimum Working Distances from Vibration Intensive	
	Equipment	
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Plant Item Vibratory Roller Small Hydraulic Hammer Medium Hydraulic	Rating/Description	Minimum Distance									
		Co	osmetic Damage	e	Human						
		Residential and Light Commercial (BS 7385)	Heritage Items ¹ (DIN 4150, Group 3)	Industrial and Heavy Commercial (BS 7385)	Response (NSW EPA Guideline) ²						
Vibratory Roller	<50 kN (1–2 tonne)	5 m	11 m	3 m	15 m to 20 m						
	<100 kN (2-4 tonne)	6 m	13 m	3 m	20 m						
	<200 kN (4–6 tonne)	12 m	25 m	6 m	40 m						
	<300 kN (7–13 tonne)	15 m	31 m	8 m	100 m						
	>300 kN (13–18 tonne)	20 m	40 m	10 m	100 m						
	>300 kN (>18 tonne)	25 m	50 m	12 m	100 m						
Small Hydraulic Hammer	300 kg (5 to 12 t excavator)	2 m	5 m	1 m	7 m						
Medium Hydraulic Hammer	900 kg (12 to 18 t excavator)	7 m	15 m	4 m	23 m						
Large Hydraulic Hammer	1,600 kg (18 to 34 t excavator)	22 m	44 m	11 m	73 m						
Vibratory Pile Driver	Sheet piles	2 m to 20 m	5 m to 40 m	1 to 10 m	20 m						
Piling Rig – Bored	≤ 800 mm	2 m (nominal)	5 m	1 m	4 m						



Plant Item	Rating/Description		Minimum D	istance		
		Cc	smetic Damage	e	Human	
		Residential and Light Commercial (BS 7385)	Heritage Items ¹ (DIN 4150, Group 3)	Industrial and Heavy Commercial (BS 7385)	(NSW EPA Guideline) ²	
Jackhammer	Hand held	1 m (nominal)	3 m	1 m	2 m	
Ballast Tamping ²	N/A	5 m	10 m	3 m	30 m	

Note 1: Minimum working distances for heritage items that have been identified as structurally unsound or otherwise particularly sensitive to vibration. These distances have been calculated based on the 2.5 mm/s PPV criteria from DIN 4150 and the cosmetic damage minimum working distances presented in the CNVG-PTI with reference to BS 7385.

Note 2: Based on SLR measurement data. The human response minimum working distance for Ballast Tamping is determined based on a residential night-time preferred VDV criterion.

The minimum working distances are indicative and will vary depending on the particular item of equipment and local geotechnical conditions. The distances apply to cosmetic damage of typical buildings under typical geotechnical conditions.

4.4 Traffic on Surrounding Roads

The potential impacts from project 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 12**.

Table 12	RNP/NCG C	riteria for A	Assessing	Traffic on	Public Roa	ads
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Road Category	Type of Project/Land Use	Assessment Criteria (dB)				
		Daytime (7 am – 10 pm)	Night-time (10 pm – 7 am)			
Freeway/ arterial/ sub-arterial roads	Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing freeways/arterial/sub-arterial roads generated by land use developments	LAeq(15hour) 60 (external)	LAeq(9hour) 55 (external)			
Local roads	Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments	LAeq(1hour) 55 (external)	LAeq(1hour) 50 (external)			



5.0 Noise Assessment

The potential construction noise levels from the Project have been predicted using ISO 9613:2 algorithm in SoundPLAN noise modelling software. The model includes ground topography, buildings and representative noise sources from the Project.

5.1 Work Scenario

Noise modelling scenarios have been determined based on key Project noise generating stages, supplied by the Project team. A detailed description of each work scenario and the total sound power levels (Lw) are provided in **Table 13**. A summary of construction work periods and schedule required for each scenario is shown in **Table 14**, as per the working hours defined in the CNVMP. The location of the various work scenarios is shown in **Figure 2**.

ID	Scenario	Description	Total Lw
W.001	Site Establishment/ Demobilisation	Site Compound delivery and set upLaydown construction	111
W.002	Compound Operation	Operation of the site compoundDelivery/removal of materials/equipment	109
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	Removal of existing gantry and gantry footings	120
W.004	Signalling Work	Removal and replacement of existing signals and utilities	104
W.005	Utility Work	as necessary	111

Table 13 Work Scenario Descriptions

Table 14 Scenarios and Periods of Work

ID	Scenario		Hours of	Indicative	Likely		
		Approved	Out-o	of-Hours Wo	ork⁴	Start Date	Duration
		Hours	Day OOH¹	Evening ²	Night ³		
W.001	Site Establishment/ Demobilisation	✓	✓	-	-	July 2025	1 month
W.002	Compound Operation	\checkmark	✓	-	-		
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	✓	✓	-	-		
W.004	Signalling Work	✓	✓	-	-		
W.005	Utility Work	\checkmark	✓	-	-		

Note 1: Daytime out of hours is 8 am to 6 pm on Sunday and public holidays.

Note 2: Evening is 6 pm to 10 pm Monday – Sunday (including public holidays).

Note 3: Night is 10 pm to 7 am Monday – Saturday and 10pm to 8am Sunday (including public holidays).

Note 4: Where works are expected to occur outside of the standard working hours, further detail around the specific work tasks, duration and justification of OOHW must be identified in the OOHW permit, required by the OOHW Protocol or EPL.









5.1.1 Modelling Scenarios and Equipment

The assessment uses 'realistic worst-case' scenarios to determine the impacts from the noisiest 15-minute period that is likely to occur for each work scenario, as required by the ICNG. Sound power levels (Lw) for the construction equipment used in the modelling are listed in **Appendix B**.

5.2 **Predicted Noise Levels**

The following overview is based on the predicted impacts at the most affected receivers and is representative of the worst-case noise levels that are likely to occur during construction.

The assessment shows the predicted 'mitigated' impacts based on the exceedance of the noise management levels, as per the categories in **Table 15**. The mitigation and management measures adopted for this CNVIS are provided in **Section 8.0**.

Subjective	Exceedance of Nois	Impact Colouring	
Classification	Daytime		
Negligible	No exceedance	No exceedance	
Noticeable	-	1 to 5 dB	
Clearly Audible	1 to 10 dB	6 to 15 dB	
Moderately Intrusive	11 to 20 dB	16 to 25 dB	
Highly Intrusive	> 20 dB	> 25 dB	

Table 15 Exceedance Bands and Impact Colouring

A summary of the number of buildings where NML exceedances were predicted for the various work scenarios is shown in **Table 16**. The number of receivers above the 'highly noise affected' (HNA) level are also included in the table. Maps of the predicted worst-case noise impacts are presented in **Appendix C**. Where works are not predicted to result in exceedances, maps have not been provided.

The assessment presents the combined predicted noise impacts for each scenario. Meaning, the worst-case result at each receiver is considered from all potential work areas where each scenario is to be undertaken.

The assessment is generally considered conservative as the calculations assume several items of construction equipment are in use at the same time within individual scenarios. As outlined in **Section 5.1.1**, the assessment uses 'realistic worst-case' scenarios to determine the impacts from the noisiest 15-minute period that is likely to occur for each work scenario.

The exceedances shown in **Table 16** are therefore representative of a 'realistic worst-case' 15-minute period, and are unlikely to occur for extended periods of time throughout the entire construction period at any given receiver.

The indicative work durations presented in **Table 14** represent a window of time where the scenarios could occur, and does not represent the entire duration of the exceedances shown in **Table 16**.

In reality, there would frequently be periods when construction noise levels are much lower than the worst-case levels predicted as well as times when no equipment is in use and no noise impacts occur.



Table 16 Overview of NML Exceedances

ID	Scenario	Number of Receivers																	
		HNA ¹									With N	/L exceed	dance (dB) ²					
				Approved	ł								Out of	Hours					
				Daytime			Daytime OOH Evening					Night-time				Sleep Disturbance	Sleep Awakening		
			1-10	11-20	>20	1-5	6-15	16-25	>25	1-5	6-15	16-25	>25	1-5	6-15	16-25	>25	>Screening Level (57)	>65 dB
Residential Rece	Residential Receivers																		
W.001	Site Establishment/ Demobilisation	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.002	Compound Operation	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	-	7	-	-	1	7	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.004	Signalling Work	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.005	Utility Work	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive	Receivers																		
W.001	Site Establishment/ Demobilisation	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.002	Compound Operation	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.004	Signalling Work	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
W.005	Utility Work	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Note 1: Highly noise affected, based on ICNG definition (i.e. predicted LAeq(15minute) noise at residential receiver is greater than 75 dBA).

Note 2: Based on worst-case predicted noise levels



A summary of the predicted worst-case noise levels is shown below:

- 'Clearly audible' impacts are predicted at the nearest residential receivers for, 'W.003

 Removal of gantry and footings' during approved daytime hours.
 - 'Clearly audible' noise impacts are also predicted at these receivers during Daytime OOHWs for "*W.003 Removal of Gantry and Footings*".
- For Daytime OOHWs associated with *W.001, W.002, W.003* and *W.005*, 'noticeable' impacts are also predicted for residential receivers surrounding the works.
- Noise generating activities during approved daytime hours from all other work scenarios are predicted to be below the NML for all sensitive receivers.
- No impacts above the NMLs are expected at any 'other sensitive' receivers surrounding the works during all works periods.
- No Highly Noise Affected (HNA) receivers or 'Highly intrusive' impacts are predicted during any works scenarios in any works period.

All appropriate feasible and reasonable construction noise mitigation measures will be applied to work as outlined in **Section 8.0**.

5.3 Ground-borne Noise

Ground-borne construction noise impacts from the Project are not anticipated as vibration intensive work with the potential to generate perceptible ground-borne noise, is not included in the scope of work. Vibration intensive work for the Project will be completed outdoors meaning airborne noise levels at the nearest receivers are expected to be higher than the corresponding internal ground-borne noise levels.

Where airborne noise levels are higher than ground-borne noise levels it is not necessary to evaluate potential ground-borne noise impacts and as such, they have not been considered further for this assessment.

6.0 Vibration Assessment

Vibration intensive items of equipment that would be required during work assessed in this CNVIS include a Medium Hydraulic Hammer. This item of equipment is required during the work as shown in **Table 17**.

The potential impacts during vibration intensive work have been assessed using the Transport CNVG-PTI minimum working distances for cosmetic damage and human response shown in **Table 17**.

ID	Scenario	Rating/Description	Minimum Distance			
			Cosmetic Damage			Human
			Residential and Light Commercial (BS 7385)	Heritage Items (DIN 4150, Group 3)	Industrial and Heavy Commercial (BS 7385)	Response (NSW EPA Guideline)
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	Medium Hydraulic Hammer: 900 kg (12 to 18 t excavator)	7 m	15 m	4 m	23 m

Table 17 Vibration Intensive Equipment

Vibration offset distances have been determined from the TfNSW CNVG-PTI minimum working distances for cosmetic damage and human comfort (see **Table 11** and the assessment is summarised in **Figure 3**). The offset distances are representative of the highest vibration levels that would likely be experienced by the nearest receivers when work occurs nearby.

For most construction activities, vibration emissions are intermittent in nature and for this reason, higher vibration levels occurring over shorter time periods are allowed.

In the event that additional work is undertaken which requires the use of other items of plant than those identified in **Table 17**, a vibration impact assessment must be conducted prior to the commencement of work.



Figure 3 Construction Vibration Minimum Working Distances

6.1 Cosmetic Damage Assessment

Figure 3 shows that all nearby sensitive receivers are outside the minimum working distance for cosmetic damage. Therefore, cosmetic damage impacts are not considered likely.

All appropriate feasible and reasonable construction vibration mitigation measures should still be applied in accordance with the CNVMP. Mitigation and management measures are discussed in **Section 8.0**.

6.2 Human Comfort Assessment

Figure 3 shows that all nearby sensitive receivers are outside the minimum working distance for human comfort impacts. Therefore, human comfort impacts are not considered likely.

All appropriate feasible and reasonable construction vibration mitigation measures should still be applied in accordance with the CNVMP. Mitigation and management measures are discussed in **Section 8.0**.

7.0 Construction Traffic Assessment

The EIS identified that during the construction phase of the project, heavy vehicles would be required for materials and equipment delivery while light vehicles will transport workers to and from the site. This additional road traffic may impact receivers along the proposed transport routes.

No additional information has been provided regarding construction road traffic, therefore a summary of the predicted daytime traffic noise levels from the EIS is shown in **Table 18**.

Traffic Route	Road Type	Predicted (Traffi (Both D LAeq	Construction c Noise irections) (Period)	Exceed base Potential criterion? Increase Day1 > 2dB		Potential Noise Impact
		Existing	Existing + Proposed	(7am – 10pm)		mpaer
Table Top	Table Top					
Perryman Lane	Local	51.8	52.8	No	No	No
Tynan Road	Local	51.0	51.9	No	No	No
Hume Highway	Arterial	66.5	66.6	Yes	No	No

Table 18 Construction Traffic Assessment

Note 1: Freeway/arterial/sub-arterial roads: LAeq(15hour) 60dBA(external) Local roads: LAeq(1hour) 55dBA (external)

The EIS found that construction traffic associated with the Table Top Yard clearance work on public roads is likely to comply with the road traffic noise goals.

Night time construction traffic is not anticipated for Table Top Yard and therefore has not been considered further in this CNVIS.

Notwithstanding, mitigation and management measures to assist in minimising noise impacts from construction traffic are shown in **Section 8.0**.

8.0 Mitigation and Management Measures

Noise from the Project may be apparent at the nearest receivers at certain times during the construction of. The Project should apply all feasible and reasonable mitigation measures to minimise the impacts.

In accordance with CoA E74, works that exceed the noise management levels and/or vibration criteria must be managed in accordance with the CNVMP.

The Inland Rail NSW Construction Noise and Vibration Framework (CNVF) has been adopted as a guideline for this project and outlines a hierarchy of work practices and mitigation measures to minimise the impact of construction noise and vibration on the community. This hierarchy is shown in **Figure 4**.

Figure 4 Hierarchy of Work Practices and Mitigation Measures



The universal work practices (UWP) and standard mitigation measures (SMM) for the overall A2I project are outlined in the CNVMP. All mitigation and management measures outlined in the CNVMP will be adopted in accordance with CoA E74. Site specific mitigation measures are outlines below in **Section 8.1**. Where possible these measures have been incorporated into the noise modelling assessment to provide mitigated results. Additional Management Measures (AMM) are outlined in **Section 8.3**.

8.1 Site Specific Mitigation Measures

Table 19 outlines the mitigation and management measures that will be adopted to minimise potential noise and vibration impacts associated with this CNVIS at surrounding sensitive receivers. These measures have been considered in noise modelling based on the total scenario sound power levels, refer **Appendix B**.

Table 19	Site Specific	Mitigation	Measures
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Measure	Reference / Notes
Project Planning	
Use quieter and less vibration emitting construction methods where feasible and reasonable.	Best practice
Works will be completed during the approved daytime construction hours where possible, as outlined in Section 2.2.	Best practice CoA E69
Some unavoidable OOHW will be required due to road and rail traffic management restrictions, as outlined in Section 2.3 .	CoA E71

Measure	Reference / Notes
Where OOHW is required, an OOHW Permit will be prepared, as required by the OOHW Protocol or EPL.	Best practice CoA E71
Further detail around the specific work tasks, duration and justification of OOHW must be identified in the OOHW permit.	CoA E72 CoA E73
Scheduling	
Highly noise intensive works that result in an exceedance of the applicable NML at the same receiver must only be undertaken:	Best practice CoA E70
a) Between 08:00am – 06:00pm Monday to Friday;	
 b) Between 08:00am – 01:00pm Saturday; and c) if continuously, then not exceeding three (3) hours, with a minimum cessation of work of not less than one hour. 	
Refer Section 8.2.	
Noise generating work in the vicinity of community, religious, educational institutions, noise and vibration-sensitive businesses and critical working areas (such as exam halls, theatres, laboratories and operating theatres) resulting in noise levels above the NMLs will not be timetabled during sensitive periods, unless other reasonable arrangements with the affected institutions can be made at no cost to the affected institution. Refer to Community Consultation in Section 8.5 .	Best practice CoA E76
All work undertaken for the delivery of the project including those undertaken by third parties (such as utility relocations), must be coordinated to ensure respite periods are provided.	Best practice, CoA E83
Site Layout	
Compounds and worksites have been designed to promote one-way traffic and minimise the need for vehicle reversing.	Best practice
Construction activities must be planned to minimise vehicle movements around the Site.	
Work compounds, parking areas, and equipment and material stockpiles would be positioned away from noise-sensitive locations and take advantage of existing screening from local topography.	
Equipment that is noisy would be started away from sensitive receivers	
Training	
Training will be provided to all personnel on noise and vibration requirements for the project. Inductions and toolbox talks to be used to inform personnel of the location and sensitivity of surrounding receivers.	Best practice
The induction protocols must include awareness of noise generating activities and mitigation measures and techniques that should be implemented.	
Training must be conducted for appropriate community behaviours when access/egress the Site.	
Plant and Equipment Source Mitigation	
All plant and equipment must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition, operated in a proper and efficient manner, and feature standard noise reduction measures where applicable.	Best practice CNVF
Plant and equipment must be selected that can be fitted with options to minimise noise such as covers, mufflers, shrouds and other noise suppression equipment. Low noise emission plant and equipment must be selected where available.	
I nese considerations have been included in noise modelling based on the equipment sound power levels, refer Appendix B .	

Measure	Reference / Notes
Tonal reversing alarms (beepers) will be replaced with non-tonal alarms (squawkers) on all equipment in use (subject to occupational health and safety requirements).	
Stationary noise sources will be sited behind structures (or temporary screens) that act as barriers, or at the greatest distance from the noise-sensitive area (where practicable). Equipment will be oriented so that noise emissions are directed away from any sensitive areas.	
Noise generating equipment will be regularly checked and effectively maintained, including checking of hatches/enclosures regularly to ensure that seals are in good condition and doors close properly against seals.	
Noise monitoring spot checks of equipment will be completed to ensure individual items are operating as expected	
Dropping materials from a height will be avoided.	
Loading and unloading will be carried out away from noise sensitive areas, where practicable.	
Construction Traffic	
Construction traffic routes to site will be limited to major roads where possible.	Best practice
Trucks will not queue outside residential properties.	
Truck drivers will be instructed to avoid compression braking as far as practicable.	
Delivery vehicles should be fitted with straps rather than chains for unloading, wherever possible.	
Truck movements will be kept to a minimum (ie trucks are fully loaded on each trip).	
Screening	-
Install purpose-built screening or enclosures around long-term fixed plant that has the potential to impact nearby receivers	Best practice CNVF
The layout of the site will take advantage of existing screening from local topography, where possible. Site huts, maintenance sheds and/or containers will be positioned between noisy equipment and the affected receivers.	
Implementation of temporary noise barriers for highly intensive noise activities, such as saw cutting or rock breaking.	
Community Consultation	
Regular communications on the activities and progress of the proposal shall be provided to the community (eg via newsletter, email and/or website).	Best practice CNVF
A telephone, email and web-based community information service shall be established to allow the community to obtain additional information on construction activities, provide feedback or make a complaint.	Best practice CNVF
Where complaints are received, work practices will be reviewed and feasible and reasonable practices applied to minimise any further impacts.	Best practice
Monitoring	
Noise and/or vibration monitoring will be conducted (as appropriate) when noise/vibration intensive works are being undertaken in close proximity to sensitive receivers.	Best practice CNVF CoA E80
Noise and vibration monitoring will be undertaken in accordance with the CNVMP and Monitoring Program.	CoA E81



Measure	Reference / Notes
Advice from a heritage specialist must be sought on methods and locations for installing equipment used for vibration, movement and noise monitoring at heritage-listed structures.	
See Section 8.7 for details of monitoring requirements.	
Vibration	
No vibration impacts are anticipated for this CNVIS. In the event that additional vibration generating work is undertaken which requires the use of other items of plant (not assessed in this CNVIS), a vibration impact assessment must be conducted prior to the commencement of work.	Best practice

8.2 Respite

In accordance with CoA E70, except as permitted by an EPL, highly noise intensive works that result in an exceedance of the applicable NML at the same receiver must only be undertaken:

- a) Between 08:00am 06:00pm Monday to Friday;
- b) Between 08:00am 01:00pm Saturday; and
- c) if continuously, then not exceeding three (3) hours, with a minimum cessation of work of not less than one hour.

For the purposes of this condition, 'continuously' includes any period during which there is less than one hour between ceasing and recommencing any of the work.

In accordance with CoA E72 and E83, the procedure outlined in the OOHW Protocol must be implemented to coordinate OOHW (including those approved by an EPL or undertaken by a third party), to ensure appropriate respite is provided. This coordination must include:

- a) rescheduling work to provide respite to impacted noise sensitive land use(s) so that the respite is achieved; or
- b) the provision of alternative respite or mitigation to impacted noise sensitive land use(s); and
- c) the provision of documentary evidence to the AA in support of any decision made in relation to respite or mitigation.

The consideration of respite must also include all other CSSI, SSI and SSD projects which may cause cumulative and/or consecutive impacts at receivers affected by the delivery of the CSSI.

Highly noise intensive works (as defined in **Section 2.2.1**) are required in various work scenarios. As outlined above, highly noise intensive work that results in an exceedance of the applicable NML is restricted to the hours shown above and must have respite periods as defined above.

CoA E70 applies to the following work scenarios where highly noise intensive works are proposed and the NML is predicted to be exceeded:

• W.003 - Removal of Gantry and Footings

In accordance with CoA E71, W.003 requires approval through the OOHW Protocol or and EPL to occur outside the hours listed above from CoA E70.

Respite offers are also required as part of the additional mitigation measured outlined in **Section 8.3**.



8.3 Additional Mitigation and Management Measures for Out of Hours Work

Where the 'mitigated' construction noise levels remain above the NMLs, the Additional Mitigation Measures Matrix (AMMM) adapted from in the CNVF and CNVMP is to be implemented. The approach, guided by the AMMM, is primarily aimed at pro-active engagement with affected sensitive receptors rather than additional noise reducing mitigation. OOHW has been divided into three periods (Day, Evening and Night) as adapted from the CNVF around the approved project hours (CoA E69).

Additional mitigation measures described in the CNVMP are listed in **Table 20**. The additional mitigation measures to be adopted for airborne noise are identified in **Table 21**... The additional mitigation measures for construction vibration are identified in **Table 22**.

Mitigation/Management Measure	Abbreviation
Communication (Category 1) ¹	CO1
Communication (Category 2) ²	CO2
Respite Offer ³	RO
Alternative Accommodation	AltA
Agreement with Owners	AO

Table 20 Additional Mitigation Measures

Note 1: As outlined in the CNVF, Communication to provide information on the OOHW via methods such as letter box drop, email, newsletter, media advertisements and/ or website prior to the works commencing.

Note 2: As outlined in the CNVF, Communication should be personalised (e.g. door knock, meeting, telephone call). Contact with these residents should commence early to enable feedback to be considered by the proposal.

Note 3: As outlined in the CNVF, Respite Offers are not applicable to non-residential receivers. RO may comprise of prepurchased movie tickets, dinner vouchers or similar. RO can also be provided by limiting high noise generating works and allowing at least a one-hour respite period between blocks of work. Where possible, the timing of this respite should be discussed with the impacted community.



	Time Period	Exceedance of NML	Perception	Duration	Communication Category/ Management Measure
OOHW	Sunday 8am – 6pm	<5	Noticeable	Any	CO1
Daytime Period	(including public holidays)	5-15	Clearly audible	Any	CO1
		16-25	Moderately intrusive	Any	CO1, CO2
		>25	Highly intrusive	Any	CO1, CO2
оонw	Monday – Sunday	<5	Noticeable	Any	CO1
Evening	6pm – 10pm (including public holidays)	5-15	Clearly audible Any		CO1
1 chou		16-25	Moderately intrusive	Any	CO1, CO2
		>25	Highly intrusive	Any	CO1, CO2
				>2 consecutive rest periods	CO1, CO2, RO
оонw	Monday – Saturday	<5	Noticeable	Any	CO1
Night Period	10pm – 7am	5-15	Clearly audible	Any	CO1
1 chou	Sunday 10pm – 8am (including public holidays)	16-25	Moderately	Any	CO1, CO2
			intrusive	>2 consecutive sleep periods	CO1, CO2, RO,AO
		>25	Highly	Any	CO1, CO2, RO
			intrusive	>2 consecutive sleep periods	CO1, CO2, RO, AO, AltA

Table 21 Airborne Noise – Additional Mitigation Measures Matrix

Note 1: Where the duration exceeds 2 consecutive rest/sleep periods, the corresponding additional mitigation measures will be provided for all periods where construction exceedances are expected to occur.

Table 22 Vibration – Additional Mitigation Measures Matrix

Time Period		Duration	Exceedance of 'preferred' value	Exceedance of 'maximum' value
OOHW Daytime Period	Sunday 8am – 6pm (including public holidays)	Any	CO1, CO2	CO1, CO2, RO
OOHW Evening Period	Monday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm (including public holidays)	Any	CO1, CO2	CO1, CO2, RO

Time Period		Duration	Exceedance of 'preferred' value	Exceedance of 'maximum' value
OOHW Night Period	Monday – Saturday 10pm – 7am	Any	CO1, CO2, RO	CO1, CO2, RO, AltA
	Sunday 10pm – 8am (including public holidays)			

8.3.1 Receivers Eligible for Additional Mitigation Measures - Noise

The receivers eligible for additional mitigation and management measures due to construction noise from the project work are presented in **Appendix C** and **Appendix D**. Where OOHW is required additional mitigation measures as detailed in **Table 21** must be implemented in accordance with the CNVMP and CNVF.

The addresses of the impacted receivers for potential OOHW are provided in Appendix D.

Any proposed works outside of the approved daytime hours will need to be assessed as part of the OOHW permit preparation discussed in **Section 2.4**.

8.3.2 Receivers Eligible for Additional Mitigation Measures - Vibration

As defined in **Section 2.2.1** and **Section 8.2** activities involving high noise generating equipment, such as rock hammering or rock breaking, are limited to specific daytime construction hours only. Respite periods of 1 hour after every 3 hours of high noise/vibration generating work are also required.

Figure 3 also demonstrates that all surrounding sensitive receivers fall outside the minimum working distances for Human Comfort. Therefore, no additional mitigation from vibration activities is required.

Any proposed works outside of the approved daytime hours will need to be assessed as part of the OOHW permit preparation discussed in **Section 2.4**.

8.4 Community Notification

As detailed in the standard management measures outlined in the CNVF.:

- A telephone, email and web-based community information service will be established to allow the community to obtain additional information on construction activities, provide feedback or make a complaint.
- Regular communications on the activities and progress of the proposal shall be provided to the community (e.g. via newsletter, email and/or website).

8.5 **Consultation with Affected Receivers**

8.5.1 Consultation Approach

This section discusses the consultation approach that has been undertaken for the purposes of the work subject to this CNVIS. It is noted that consultation with affected sensitive land users on what specific mitigation measures they may require is considered to be an ongoing and live process and as such, measures that are personal to individual affected sensitive land user(s) will not be regularly documented in this CNVIS. Consultation records will be made available to the AA upon request.

The purpose of this consultation is to identify receivers who have specific circumstances that need further consideration during construction – for example, households who have children

undertaking exams (HSC or similar), households who have vulnerable persons with disabilities or medical conditions, shift workers, etc.

The consultation approach utilised by Martinus Rail is in accordance with the Community Communications Strategy. The approach involved directly contacting the affected sensitive land user identified by this CNVIS through one or more of the following methods:

- Surveys distributed by email and paper notifications
- Door-knocks with a 'Sorry we missed you' card for those who were not at home
- Notifications
- Phone calls
- Emails
- Community briefings / group meetings.

Affected sensitive land users contacted by Martinus Rail have been made aware of the anticipated duration and nature of construction works that may affect them, as well as mitigation measures that will be implemented in accordance with the CEMP and CNVMP. Contact information for Martinus Rail's Community Team have been provided to assist with ongoing consultation during construction.

Depending on individual needs and circumstances, specific mitigation measures offered by Martinus Rail could include but are not limited to:

- Offers of individually agreed respite to highly noise affected sensitive land users (standard construction hours)
- Consultation on timetabling of highly noise intensive works to avoid sensitive periods
- Offers of attended noise monitoring at the premises to confirm actual levels of impact
- Offers of temporary alternative accommodation or work space
- Individual briefings.

Specific mitigation measures identified in consultation with individual affected sensitive land users will be implemented during works subject to this CNVIS. Further mitigation measures may be identified by the affected community as construction progresses and these will be assessed where reasonable and feasible and on a case by-case basis.

8.5.2 Consultation For This CNVIS

The project website includes the following key information:

- Latest approvals
- All management plans, including the CNVMP and the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), which provide information on the relevant environmental management measures
- Notifications, including three-month lookaheads, monthly updates and specific OOHW notifications
- Contact mechanisms, including requests for feedback and/or complaints on individual circumstances.

As part of the project's program of regular notifications, the following notifications have included information on the OOHW requirements subject to this CNVIS:

• Project-wide monthly notifications distributed to over 25,000 properties

- Work specific notifications
- Three-month lookahead notifications distributed to over 25,000 properties
- Regular emails with details of upcoming work or changes.

All notifications include the following:

- Link to project website
- 24/7 phone number and email address for enquiries, complaints or comments
- Requests for the community to provide feedback on their individual needs and circumstances.

Prior to commencement of works subject to this CNVIS, targeted consultation occurred with a total of approximately 7,127 residential properties across the entire project alignment, approximately 332 of which were in Table Top. These properties received targeted letterbox drops, emails and newspaper adverts from the Community Team and feedback was sought across (3) three weeks, from 7 August to 28 August 2024.

The team requested feedback from the affected community on their individual needs during this targeted consultation.

8.5.3 Consultation Outcomes

Feedback received during this consultation was primarily related to the existing operational train line and the disturbance the trains cause.

In Table Top, no additional management measures relating to construction noise were identified during this consultation; however, the following general sentiments were noted from respondents:

- Limit noise generating work outside of standard construction hours as much as possible
- Limit noise generating work on the weekends as much as possible
- Construction works should be completed as soon as possible.

The CNVIS documents the need to limit noise generating work as much as possible and this will be achieved through the implementation of existing mitigation measures listed in this CNVIS.

Nevertheless, regular consultation with the community will continue throughout construction in accordance with the Community Communications Strategy and the Community Action Plan prepared for the relevant activities. A list of key stakeholders relevant to this CNVIS are included in **Table 23** below.



Precinct Area	Receiver Type	Level of Engagement	Distance from Work Site (m)		
Table Top					
Perryman Lane and Tynan Road	Residential	Consult	Various		
Table Top Public School	Educational	Consult	870		

Table 23 Key Stakeholders for this CNVIS

8.6 Occupational Noise Exposure

In accordance with CoA E77, worksites will be managed to ensure that noise generated by construction will not exceed the National Standard for exposure to noise in the occupational environment of an eight-hour equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level of LAeq,8h of 85 dBA for any employee working at a location near the project.

It is not anticipated that an exceedance will occur at any point during the project, however occupational exposure to noise will primarily be managed under the Work Health and Safety Management Plan.

8.7 Monitoring

Noise and vibration monitoring will be undertaken in accordance with the CNVMP (including monitoring program) and the CNVF.

CoA E81 requires that advice from an independent heritage specialist must be sought on methods and locations for installing equipment used for vibration, movement and noise monitoring at heritage-listed structures prior to the installation of the equipment.

8.7.1 Construction Noise Monitoring

Construction noise monitoring will be carried out at the commencement of activities to confirm that actual noise levels are consistent with the predictions presented in this CNVIS, and that the management measures that have been implemented are effective or as per the CNVMP.

Monitoring locations will be focused to the most impacted receivers identified in **Appendix C**. Indicative locations are identified in **Table 24**, however, these will be subject to provision of safe access and the specific location of work being undertaken at the time of monitoring.

Noise monitoring will, where practicable, be in a position with unobstructed views of general site activities, whilst shielded as much as possible from non-construction site noise (e.g. road traffic, rail noise and other surrounding noise). The preferred measurement height is 1.2-1.5m above the ground. In accordance with *Australian Standard AS1055:2018*, outdoor noise monitoring is to be undertaken at least 3.5m from any reflecting structure other than the ground.

Noise monitoring will be carried out on or near the property boundary at the locations representative of the nominated receivers in **Table 24** (i.e. in publicly accessible areas near the nominated receivers, if it is safe to do so). Noise monitoring results will be assessed against the noise management levels (NMLs) and predicted exceedance category identified in **Appendix C**.

The results will be documented with discussion about the details of work underway at the time and mitigation in place. Noise monitoring results will be recorded on the MR Noise

Monitoring Form in Procore. Noise monitoring data will be made available to the AA and ER for information, upon request.

8.7.2 Construction Vibration monitoring

Attended or unattended vibration monitoring will be undertaken as required. Monitoring locations may vary as work progresses and will be determined on a case-by-case basis or in response to complaints. The focus of monitoring will be at risk buildings, structures and sensitive receivers as identified in **Section 5.3**. If other vibration intensive activities are required, an assessment of their potential impact is required as per the CNVMP.

No vibration monitoring is anticipated for works related to Table Top at this stage.

	Location	Туре	Monitoring	Timing
No	ise Monitoring			
•	430 Perryman Lane, Table Top 6 Landale Lane, Table	Activities based noise monitoring	• Confirming that actual noise levels are consistent with predicted noise impacts and that the effectiveness of actions and mitigation measures implemented are satisfactory,	At the commencement of the activities being undertaken
	Тор		 In response to a noise related complaint(s) (determined on a case-by-case basis) 	
			 Following implementation of mitigation measures or noise attenuation because of exceedance of predicted noise levels 	
		Out of Hours Work Plant / Equipment	Attended monitoring as required by the Out of Hours Work (OOHW) plan to validate noise levels are consistent with predicted noise impacts and that the effectiveness of actions and mitigation measures implemented are satisfactory	At the commencement of the range of OOHW activities being undertaken.
			Spot checks would be carried out as required on a case-by-case basis, such as	case-by-case basis
		Checks	 In response to a specific noise related complaint and 	
			 During noise verification monitoring when it is possible to isolate the noise from one piece of plant or equipment. 	

 Table 24
 Indicative Monitoring Locations

9.0 Cumulative Impacts

Due to the limited scope of the works at Table Top, the likelihood of worst-case noise levels being generated by two different work activities at the same time is considered low. The impact of concurrent work would generally be limited to a potential increase in the duration, and annoyance, of noise impacts on the affected receivers.

In practice, construction noise levels in any one location would vary and would be frequently much lower than the worst-case scenario assessed due to construction staging moving work around within the study area and, in many cases, only a few items of equipment being used at any one time.

Martinus Rail will take feasible and reasonable steps to consult and coordinate with other construction projects when they become aware of them and if they have the potential to impact the same receivers concurrently, to minimise cumulative impacts of noise and vibration and maximise respite for affected sensitive receivers (in accordance with CoA E72 and E83).





Appendix A Acoustic Terminology

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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 2×10^{-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	120 Heavy rock concert						
110	Grinding on steel						
100	Very noisy						
90	Construction site with pneumatic hammering						
80	Kerbside of busy street	Loud					
70	Loud radio or television						
60	Department store	Moderate to					
50	50 General Office						
40	40 Inside private office						
30	very quiet						
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.
- LAmax The A-weighted maximum sound pressure level of an event measured with a sound level meter.

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.



1/3 Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)

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/Vo), where Vo 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.





Appendix B Modelling Scenarios and Equipment

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	Equipment	Total Lw (dBA)	Articulated Dump Truck	Backhoe (with auger)	Centrifugal Fan	Compressor	Crane (mobile)	Crane Franna	Elevated Work Platform	Excavator - Tracked (20 tonne)	Excavator + Hydraulic Hammer ¹	Generator	Hand Tool (Electric)	Hi-Rail Crane	Hi-Rail Truck	Hydraulic/Pneumatic Tools	Light Vehicle	Plate Compactor	Roller (Smooth Drum)	Truck – Medium Rigid	Truck – Vacuum (NDD)	Watercart
Sound	Power Level (Lw) ²		109	104	90	109	104	98	97	105	122	92	102	104	103	116	95	104	107	103	109	105
Estima	ted utilisation (%)		25	75	100	50	30	30	25	50	30	100	75	30	25	75	25	100	100	25	100	75
ID	Construction Scenario																					
W.001	Site Establishment/Demobilisation	111	1				1		1			1	1				1		1	1		1
W.002	Compound Operation	109			1	1		1				1	1				1			1		1
W.003	Removal of Gantry and Footings	120				1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
W.004	Signalling Work	104					1		1			1	1				1					
W.005	Utility Work	111		1			1		1	1			1				2		1	2		

Note 1: Equipment classed as 'annoying' in the ICNG and requires a 5 dB correction.

Note 2: Sound power level data is taken from the DEFRA Noise Database, AS2436, TfNSW Construction Noise and Vibration Guideline.

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Appendix C Noise Impact Maps

A2I | Table Top Yard Clearances

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APPENDIX C-1





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APPENDIX C-4



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Appendix D Receivers Triggering Additional Mitigation

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W.001 -	W.001 - Site Establishment/ Demobilisation													
SLR ID	ADDRESS	NML Daytime	NML Daytime OOH	NML Evening	NML Night-time	Predicted Level LAeq(15min)	Additional Mitigation Daytime OOH	Additional Mitigation Evening *(>2 consecutive rest periods)	Additional Mitigation Night *(>2 consecutive sleep periods)					
197331	398 PERRYMAN LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	50	CO1	-	-					
1110256	430 Perryman Ln. Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	48	CO1	-	-					

SLR ID	ADDRESS	NML Daytime	NML Daytime OOH	NML Evening	NML Night-time	Predicted Level LAeq(15min)	Additional Mitigation Daytime OOH	Additional Mitigation Evening *(>2 consecutive rest periods)	Additional Mitigation Night *(>2 consecutive sleep periods)					
197331	398 PERRYMAN LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	48	CO1	-	-					
1110256	430 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	49	CO1	-	-					

W.003 - Removal of Gantry and Footings

SLR ID	ADDRESS	NML Daytime	NML Daytime OOH	NML Evening	NML Night-time	Predicted Level LAeq(15min)	Additional Mitigation Daytime OOH	Additional Mitigation Evening *(>2 consecutive rest periods)	Additional Mitigation Night *(>2 consecutive sleep periods)
197294	16329 HUME HWY, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	53	CO1	-	-
197319	6 LANDALE LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	57	CO1	-	-
197331	398 PERRYMAN LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	57	CO1	-	-
197357	334 PERRYMAN LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	49	CO1	-	-
1110255	438 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	53	CO1	-	-
1110256	430 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	60	CO1	-	-
1110356	438 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	55	CO1	-	-
1110357	438 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	55	CO1	-	-

W.005 - Utility Work

SLR ID	ADDRESS	NML Daytime	NML Daytime OOH	NML Evening	NML Night-time	Predicted Level LAeq(15min)	Additional Mitigation Daytime OOH	Additional Mitigation Evening *(>2 consecutive rest periods)	Additional Mitigation Night *(>2 consecutive sleep periods)					
197319	6 LANDALE LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	48	CO1	-	-					
197331	398 PERRYMAN LANE, TABLE TOP NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	48	CO1	-	-					
1110256	430 Perryman Ln, Table Top NSW 2640	52	47	47	47	51	CO1	-	-					



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