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1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been commissioned by DMCK Planning Pty Ltd (DMCK) to prepare a Noise Assessment (NA) to quantify emissions from the proposed Service Station with a drive-thru lane (the project) to be located at 353 Main Street, Lithgow, NSW.

The NA has quantified potential operational and sleep disturbance noise emissions from the operation and recommends reasonable and feasible noise controls where required.

This assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the following documents:

- NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECCW) NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG), July 2009;
- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) 2017;
- NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Approved Methods for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW, 2022; and
- Standards Australia AS 1055:2018 Acoustics Description and measurement of environmental noise - General Procedures.

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



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2 Project Description

2.1 Background

The project site is located at 353 Main Street, Lithgow, NSW, which is an area of mixed residential, commercial and infrastructure land uses. To the north of the project site is Main Street which connects Lithgow town centre to the Great Western Highway to the west of the site. To the east of the project site is Enfield Avenue with an unnamed laneway located to the west. Several undeveloped residential blocks are located to the south of the project site. The nearest existing residential dwelling is a multistorey unit block located to the west across the unnamed laneway. A future residential receiver has also been located to the south of the site to represent potential future receivers in this direction. The Blue Mountains Rail Line is also located to the north of the site at a setback distance of approximately 30m from the project sites northern boundary. The project site and non-project related blocks facing onto Main Street are all zoned for mixed uses with the residential blocks of land to the south zoned R3 residential.

The project proposes the development of a service station with single storey convenience store, light and heavy vehicle forecourts with canopies, a single drive-thru lane and associated parking. The project site is proposed to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2.1.1 Receiver Review

A review of residential receivers in proximity to the project has been completed and are summarised in **Table 1. Figure 1** provides a locality plan showing the position of these receivers in relation to the project.

Table 1 Receiver Locations							
Doooiyor	Receiver Turce	Receiver Height	Coordinate	rdinates (MGA56)			
Receiver	Receiver Type	m	Easting	Northing			
R01	Residential	2/5/8	234077	6291632			
R02	Residential	1.5	234047	6291609			
R03	Residential	1.5	234039	6291595			
R04	Residential	1.5	234042	6291579			
R05	Residential	1.5	234036	6291565			
R06	Residential	1.5	234035	6291552			
R07	Residential	1.5	234055	6291531			
R08	Residential	1.5	234094	6291521			
R09	Residential	1.5	234141	6291497			
R10	Residential	1.5	234148	6291570			
FR01	Future Residential	1.5/4.5	234095	6291569			



2.1.2 Proposed Activities & Operating Hours

There are several key activities associated with the project that have the potential to generate acoustic impacts on nearby receivers. **Table 2** provides a summary of project noise sources and the assessment period in which they propose to occur.

Table 2 Noise Generating Activities					
Activity/Source	Period ¹	Operational			
Customer light vehicles including	Day	\checkmark			
	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	\checkmark			
	Day	\checkmark			
forecourt operations	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	\checkmark			
	Day	\checkmark			
Heavy vehicle deliveries	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	Х			
	Day	\checkmark			
Light vehicle deliveries	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	\checkmark			
	Day	\checkmark			
Fuel deliveries	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	\checkmark			
	Day	\checkmark			
Drive-Thru operations	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	\checkmark			
	Day	\checkmark			
Mechanical plant	Evening	\checkmark			
	Night	✓			

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.





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3 Noise Policy and Guidelines

3.1 Noise Policy for Industry

The EPA released the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) in October 2017 which provides a process for establishing noise criteria for consents and licenses enabling the EPA to regulate noise emissions from scheduled premises under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. The objectives of the NPI are to:

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

The policy sets out a process for industrial noise management involving the following key steps:

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



3.1.1 Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTL)

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

3.1.2 Rating Background Level (RBL)

The Rating Background Level (RBL) is a determined parameter from noise monitoring and is used for assessment purposes. As per the NPI, the RBL is an overall single figure background level representing each assessment period (day, evening and night) over the noise monitoring period. The measured RBLs relevant to the project are contained in **Section 4**.

3.1.3 Project Intrusiveness Noise Level (PINL)

The PINL (LAeq(15min)) is the RBL + 5dB and seeks to limit the degree of change a new noise source introduces to an existing environment. Hence, when assessing intrusiveness, background noise levels need to be measured.

Background noise levels need to be determined before intrusive noise can be assessed. The NPI states that background noise levels to be measured are those that are present at the time of the noise assessment and without the subject development operating. For the assessment of modifications to existing premises, the noise from the existing premises should be excluded from background noise measurements. It is note that the exception is where the premises has been operating for a significant period of time and is considered a normal part of the acoustic environment; it may be included in the background noise assessment under the following circumstances:

- the development must have been operating for a period in excess of 10 years in the assessment period/s being considered and is considered a normal part of the acoustic environment; and
- the development must be operating in accordance with noise limits and requirements imposed in a consent or licence and/or be applying best practice.

Where a PINL has been derived in this way, the derived level applies for a period of 10 years to avoid continuous incremental increases in intrusiveness noise levels. This approach is consistent with the purpose of the intrusiveness noise level to limit significant change in the acoustic environment. The purpose of the Project Amenity Noise Level is to moderate against background noise creep.



3.1.4 Project Amenity Noise Level (PANL)

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

- Amenity Noise Levels (ANL) are determined considering all current and future industrial noise within a receiver area; and
- Project Amenity Noise Level (PANL) is the recommended level for a receiver area, specifically focusing the project being assessed.

Additionally, Section 2.4 of the NPI states: "to ensure that industrial noise levels (existing plus new) remain within the recommended Amenity Noise Levels for an area, a Project Amenity Noise Level applies for each new source of industrial noise as follows":

PANL for new industrial developments = recommended **ANL** minus 5dBA.

The following exceptions apply when deriving the PANL:

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

The NPI states with respect to high traffic noise areas:

The level of transport noise, road traffic noise in particular, may be high enough to make noise from an industrial source effectively inaudible, even though the LAeq noise level from that industrial noise source may exceed the Project Amenity Noise Level. In such cases the Project Amenity Noise Level may be derived from the LAeq, period(traffic) minus 15 dB(A).

Where relevant this assessment has considered influences of traffic with respect to Amenity Noise Levels (ie areas where existing traffic noise levels are 10dB greater than the recommended ANL).

The recommended Amenity Noise Levels as per Table 2.2 of the NPI are reproduced in Table 3.



Table 3 Amenity Noise Levels						
		Time of day 1	Recommended Amenity Noise Level			
	Noise Amenity Area	Time of day	dB LAeq(period)			
		Day	50			
	Rural	Evening	45			
		Night	40			
		Day	55			
Residential	Suburban	Evening	45			
		Night	40			
		Day	60			
	Urban	Evening	50			
		Night	45			
Hotels, motels, caretakers'			5dB above the recommended Amenity			
quarters, holiday	See column 4	See column 4	Noise Level for a residence for the			
accommodation, permanent	See column 4	See column 4	relevant noise amenity area and time			
resident caravan parks.			of day			
	A 11	Noisiest 1-hour	35 (internal)			
School Classroom	All	period when in use	45 (external)			
Hospital ward						
- internal	All	Noisiest 1-hour	35			
- external	All	Noisiest 1-hour	50			
Place of worship - internal	All	When in use	40			
Passive Recreation	All	When in use	50			
Active Recreation	All	When in use	55			
Commercial premises	All	When in use	65			
Industrial	All	When in use	70			

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

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

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.



3.1.5 Maximum Noise Assessment Trigger Levels

The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from a project during the nighttime period needs to be considered. The NPI considers sleep disturbance to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages. Where night-time noise levels from a development/premises at a residential location exceed the following criteria, a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken:

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

A detailed assessment should cover the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the rating background noise level, and the number of times this happens during the nighttime period. Other factors that may be important in assessing the impacts on sleep disturbance include:

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

The NPI outlines that additional guidance on maximum noise level assessments may be sourced from the EPA NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP). Section 5.4 of the RNP outlines that a maximum internal noise level of 50-55dBA is unlikely to awaken people from sleep. Taking into account a 10dB loss for a partially open window, an external level of 65dBA is unlikely to awaken internal occupants. This level has been adopted to assess the impact of maximum noise events on occupant of commercial residential land uses to safeguard against sleep disturbance. The recommended Amenity Noise Level for the night period will be adopted for awakening assessment for these receivers.

3.2 Interim Construction Noise Guideline

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



- quantitative, which is suited to major construction projects with typical durations of more than three weeks; and
- qualitative, which is suited to short term infrastructure maintenance (< three weeks).

The qualitative assessment methodology is a more simplified approach that relies on noise management strategies. This NA has adopted a quantitative assessment approach which is summarised in **Figure 2.** The quantitative approach includes identification of potentially affected receivers, derivation of the construction noise management levels, quantification of potential noise impact at receivers via predictive modelling and, provides management and mitigation recommendations.

Figure 2 Quantitative Assessment Processes for Assessing and Managing Construction Noise



Source: Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2009.



3.2.1 Standard Hours for Construction

 Table 4 presents the ICNG recommended standard hours for construction works.

Table 4 Recommended Standard Hours for Construction					
Daytime	Construction Hours				
Monday to Friday	7am to 6pm				
Saturdays	8am to 1pm				
Sundays or Public Holidays	No construction				

These recommended hours do not apply in the event of direction from police, or other relevant authorities, for safety reasons or where required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm. Construction activities are anticipated to be undertaken during standard construction hours.

3.2.2 Construction Noise Management Levels

Section 4 of the ICNG details the quantitative assessment method involving predicting noise levels and comparing them with the Noise Management Level (NML) and are important indicators of the potential level of construction noise impact. **Table 5** reproduces the ICNG Noise Management Level (NML) for residential receivers. The NML is determined by adding 10dB (standard hours) or 5dB for Out of Hours (OOH) to the Rating Background Level (RBL) for each specific assessment period.



Table 5 Noise Manage	ment Levels	
Time of Day	Management Level	How to Apply
Time of Day	LAeq(15min) ¹	now to Apply
Recommended standard	Noise affected	The noise affected level represents the point above which there
hours: Monday to Friday	RBL + 10dB	may be some community reaction to noise.
7am to 6pm Saturday		Where the predicted or measured LAeq(15min) is greater than
8am to 1pm No work on		the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible
Sundays or public		and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level.
holidays.		The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted
		residents of the nature of work to be carried out, the expected
		noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.
	Highly Noise Affected	The highly noise affected level represents the point above
	75dBA (HNA)	which there may be strong community reaction to noise.
		Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority (consent,
		determining or regulatory) may require respite periods by
		restricting the hours that the very noisy activities can occur,
		taking into account times identified by the community when
		they are less sensitive to noise such as before and after school
		for work near schools, or mid-morning or mid-afternoon for
		work near residences; and if the community is prepared to
		accept a longer period of construction in exchange for
		restrictions on construction times.
Outside recommended	Noise affected	A strong justification would typically be required for work
standard hours.	RBL + 5dB	outside the recommended standard hours.
		The proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work
		practices to meet the noise affected level.
		Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied
		and noise is more than 5dBA above the noise affected level,
		the proponent should negotiate with the community.
		For guidance on negotiating agreements see Section 7.2.2 of
		the ICNG.

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

3.2.3 Minimising Construction Noise

The ICNG outlines noise management and mitigation measures to minimise the noise impacts from construction activities on nearby sensitive receivers. Adopting the standard mitigation measures may result in an attenuation of up to 10dBA where space requirements place limitations on the attenuation options. Examples of standard mitigation measures are reproduced in **Table 6**, which may be adopted for the operation.



Tab	Table 6 Standard Mitigation Measures						
	Action Required	Details					
	Implement community	Notification detailing work activities, dates, and hours, impacts and mitigation					
	consultation or notification	measures, indication of work schedule over the night-time period, any operation					
	measures	noise benefits from the works (where applicable) and contact telephone number.					
		Notification should be a minimum of 7 calendar days prior to the start of works. For					
		projects other than maintenance works more advanced consultation or notification					
		may be required. Please contact Roads and Maritime Communication and					
		Stakeholder Engagement for guidance:					
		- website (If required);					
		- contact telephone number for community;					
res		- email distribution list (if required); and/or					
leasi		- community drop-in session (if required by approval conditions).					
ient N	Site Inductions	All employees, contractors and subcontractors are to receive an environmental					
agem		induction. The induction must at least include:					
Mana		- all relevant project specific and standard noise and vibration mitigation					
		measures;					
		- relevant licence and approval conditions;					
		- permissible hours of work;					
		- any limitations on noise generating activities;					
		- location of nearest sensitive receivers;					
		- construction employee parking areas;					
		- designated loading/unloading areas and procedures;					
		- site opening/closing times (including deliveries); and					
		- environmental incident procedures.					
	Minimise disturbance	Loading and unloading of materials/deliveries is to occur as far as					
	arising	possible from sensitive receivers.					
	from delivery of goods to	Select site access points and roads as far as possible away from					
trols	construction sites	sensitive receivers.					
Con		Dedicated loading/unloading areas to be shielded if close to sensitive					
Site		receivers.					
		Delivery vehicles to be fitted with straps rather than chains for unloading,					
		wherever possible.					
		Avoid or minimise these out of hours movements where possible.					
	Shield stationary noise	Stationary noise sources should be enclosed or shielded whilst ensuring that the					
slo	sources	occupational health and safety of workers is maintained. Appendix D of					
ontro		AS2436:2010 lists materials suitable for shielding.					
ath C	Shield sensitive receivers	Use structures to shield residential receivers from noise such as site shed					
P	from noise activities	placement; earth bunds; fencing; erection of operational stage noise barriers					
	แจกา กอเอง สุดแทนเชื่อ	(where practicable) and consideration of site topography when situating plant.					



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4 Existing Environment

4.1 Unattended Noise Monitoring

To quantify the existing background noise environment of the area, unattended noise monitoring was conducted at one location representative of the ambient environment surrounding the project site. The selected monitoring location is shown in **Figure 1** and is considered representative of surrounding residential receivers as per Fact Sheet B1.1 of the NPI. The unattended noise survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Standards Australia AS 1055:2018, "Acoustics – Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise".

The measurements were carried out using one Svantek 977 noise analyser from Tuesday 12 September 2023 to Thursday 21 September 2023. All acoustic instrumentation used carries appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates with records of all calibrations maintained by MAC as per Approved Methods for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW (EPA, 2022) and complies with AS/NZS IEC 61672.1-2019-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5dBA.

Data affected by adverse meteorological conditions have been excluded from the results in accordance with methodologies provided in Fact Sheet A4 of the NPI. Residential receptors situated in surrounding area have been classified under the EPA's urban amenity category (see Section 5.1.2). This criterion is used in conjunction with the intrusiveness criteria to determine the limiting criteria. A summary of measured background noise levels and derived intrusive criteria are summarised in Table C22. The noise monitoring charts, and a summary of the background monitoring data are provided in Appendix C. Calibration certificates of the sound level meters used for this project are available on request.

Table 7 Background Noise Monitoring Summary ¹								
	Measured ba	ckground noise lev	vel, RBL, dBA	Measured LAeq Noise Level, dBA				
Location	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night		
	7am to 6pm	6pm to 10pm	10pm to 7am	7am to 6pm	6pm to 10pm	10pm to 7am		
L1	48	40	34	61	56	57		

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

Note: Excludes periods of wind or rain affected data. Meteorological data obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology weather station Marangaroo AWS 33.43S 150.33°E 555m AMSL.



4.2 Attended Noise Monitoring

To supplement the unattended noise assessment and to quantify the changes in ambient noise in the community surrounding the operation, one 15 minute attended measurement was completed.

The attended noise survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Standards Australia AS 1055:2018, "Acoustics – Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise".

All acoustic instrumentation used carries appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates with records of all calibrations maintained by MAC as per Approved Methods for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW (EPA, 2022) and complies with AS/NZS IEC 61672.1-2019-Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5dBA.

The attended noise monitoring was conducted using one Svantek 971 noise analyser at the site (see **Figure 1**) on Tuesday 12 September 2023 to quantify ambient background noise levels.

The attended measurement was completed during calm and clear meteorological conditions and confirmed that ambient traffic and commercial noise dominated the surrounding environment. The results of the short-term noise measurement and observations are summarised in **Table 8**.

Table 8 Operator-Attended Noise Survey Results – ATT01								
Date	Noise De	Noise Descriptor (dBA re 20 µPa)		Mataaralaav	Departmention and CDL dDA			
/Time (hrs)	LAmax	LAeq	LA90	Meteorology	Description and SPL, dBA			
	09/2023 80 61 54 12:05				Traffic 50-80			
12/09/2023		61	EA	WD. W	Garden Maintenance Activities 55-64			
12:05		54	Rain: Nil	Aircraft 40-50				
				Birds 45-50				



5 Assessment Criteria

5.1 Operational Noise

5.1.1 Intrusiveness Noise Levels

The PINL are presented in **Table 9** and have been determined based on the RBL +5dBA and only apply to residential receivers.

Table 9 Project Intrusiveness Noise Levels							
Location	Pagaiver Type	Deried ¹	Measured RBL	PINL			
	Receiver Type	Penda	dB LA90	dB LAeq(15min)			
L1	Residential	Day	48	53			
		Evening	40	45			
		Night	37	42			

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

5.1.2 Determination of NPI Residential Receiver Amenity Category

Classification of residential receivers in the surrounding area have been determined by review of the measured RBLs and a tally of the features for each category described in Table 2.3 of the NPI. The overall tally of features and resulting classifications are provided in **Table 10**. The detailed assessment of receiver categories is provided in **Appendix D**. This classification is used in conjunction with the intrusiveness criteria to determine the limiting criteria.

Table 10 Determination of NPI Residential Receiver Category					
Receiver/Location/Catchment	Rural	Suburban	Urban		
L1	0	0	5		

Observations at locations in the surrounding locality support the assessment of the receiver as an urban residential category.



5.1.3 Amenity Noise Levels and Project Amenity Noise Levels

The PANL for residential receivers and other receiver types (ie non-residential) potentially affected by the project are presented in **Table 11**.

Table 11 Amenity Noise Levels and Project Amenity Noise Levels							
Receiver Type	Noise Amenity Area	Assessment Period ¹	NPI Recommended ANL dB LAeq(period)	ANL dB LAeq(period) ²	PANL dB LAeq(15min) ³		
		Day	60	55	58		
Residential	Urban	Evening	50	45	48		
		Night	45	40	43		

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

Note 2: Project Amenity Noise Level equals the Amenity Noise Level -5dB as there is other industry in the area.

Note 3: Includes a +3dB adjustment to the amenity period level to convert to a 15-minute assessment period as per Section 2.2 of the NPI.

5.1.4 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The PNTL are the lower of either the PINL or the PANL. **Table 12** presents the derivation of the PNTLs in accordance with the methodologies outlined in the NPI.

Table 12 Project Noise Trigger Levels							
Receiver	Noise Amenity	Assessment	PINL	PANL	PNTL		
Туре	Area	Period ¹	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)		
		Day	53	58	53		
Residential	Urban	Evening	45	48	45		
		Night	42	43	42		

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.



5.1.5 Maximum Noise Trigger Levels

The maximum noise trigger levels shown in **Table 13** are based on night-time RBLs and trigger levels as per Section 2.5 of the NPI. The trigger levels will be applied to transient noise events that have the potential to cause sleep disturbance.

Table 13 Maximum Noise Trigger Levels

Night Period LAeq(15min) LAmax 52dB LAmax or RBL + 15dB 40dB LAeq(15min) or RBL + 5dB 40 Trigger 52 Trigger RBL +5dB 37 RBL +15dB 52 Highest 42 Highest 52

5.2 Construction Noise

The relevant NMLs for standard construction hours are presented in Table 14.

Table 14 Construction Noise Management Levels						
Pagaivara	Accessment Period ¹	Adopted RBL	NML			
Receivers	Assessment renou	dB LA90	dB LAeq(15min)			
Urban Residential	Standard Hours	48	58 (RBL+10dBA)			

Note 1: See Table 4 for Standard Recommended Hours for Construction.



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6 Modelling Methodology

A computer model was developed to quantify project noise emissions to neighbouring receivers using DGMR (iNoise, Version 2024) noise modelling software. iNoise is an intuitive and quality assured software for industrial noise calculations in the environment. 3D noise modelling is considered industry best practice for assessing noise emissions from projects.

The model incorporated a three-dimensional digital terrain map giving all relevant topographic information used in the modelling process. Additionally, the model uses relevant noise source data, ground type, attenuation from barrier or buildings and atmospheric information to predict noise levels at the nearest potentially affected receivers. Where relevant, modifying factors in accordance with Fact Sheet C of the NPI have been applied to calculations.

The model calculation method used to predict noise levels was in accordance with ISO 9613:1 and ISO 9613:2 including corrections for meteorological conditions using CONCAWE¹. The ISO 9613 standards are the most used noise prediction method worldwide. Many countries refer to ISO 9613 in their noise legislation. However, the ISO 9613 standard does not contain guidelines for quality assured software implementation, which leads to differences between applications in calculated results. In 2015 this changed with the release of ISO/TR 17534-3. This quality standard gives clear recommendations for interpreting the ISO 9613 method. iNoise fully supports these recommendations. The models and results for the 19 test cases are included in the software.

¹ Report no. 4/18, "the propagation of noise from petroleum and petrochemical complexes to neighbouring communities", Prepared by C.J. Manning, M.Sc., M.I.O.A. Acoustic Technology Limited (Ref.AT 931), CONCAWE, Den Haag May 1981



6.1 Sound Power Levels

Table 15 presents the Sound Power Level for each noise source modelled in this assessment. It is notedthat Sound Power Levels were sourced from manufacturer's specifications or from in-field measurementsat similar project sites.

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	Construction Fleet						
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Note 1: Height above the relative ground or building below source.

Note 2: Includes a duration adjustment assuming vehicles operate for three (3) minutes continuously within a period of 15-minutes.

Note 3: There is a 50% reduction in onsite customer vehicles after 10pm.



6.2 Noise Assumptions, Attenuation Recommendations and Controls

The noise model incorporated the following:

- the project is constructed as per the site design and plans (as presented in **Appendix B**);
- construction of the 2.2m the loading bay enclosure on the western side of the convenience store; (See Figure 3);
- construction of the 2.0m noise barrier along the southern boundary of the site (See Figure 3);
- the mechanical AC plant are located on the roof top of the operation which is surrounded by the mechanical plant noise barrier which extends a minimum 600mm above the top of the highest item of plant (See Figure 3); and
- there is a 50% reduction in onsite customer light and heavy vehicles during the night period.





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7 Noise Assessment Results

This assessment has quantified operational noise levels at the nearest receivers.

7.1 Operational Noise Assessment

Noise predictions from all sources excluding consumable goods or fuel deliveries have been quantified at surrounding residential receivers to the project site and are presented in **Table 16**.

Table 16 C	Table 16 Combined Noise Predictions – Operations without Consumable Goods or Fuel Deliveries									
	Residential Receivers ¹									
Dessiver	Predicted	l Noise Level dB	LAeq(15min)	Р	NTL dB LAeq(15m	iin)	Compliant			
Receiver	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night	- Compliant			
R01	43	43	41	53	45	42	\checkmark			
R02	38	38	38	53	45	42	\checkmark			
R03	37	38	37	53	45	42	\checkmark			
R04	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	√			
R05	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	√			
R06	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	\checkmark			
R07	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	✓			
R08	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	√			
R09	<35	<35	<35	53	45	42	\checkmark			
R10	38	39	37	53	45	42	\checkmark			
FR01 GF ²	39	39	38	53	45	42	\checkmark			
FR01 L1 ³	43	43	42	53	45	42	\checkmark			

Note 1: Day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night – the remaining periods. Note 2: Ground Floor Receiver.

Note 3: 1st Floor Receiver.

The results of the predictive noise modelling demonstrate operation noise emissions satisfy the applicable noise criteria at all receivers during all periods.



7.2 Operational Noise Results – Delivery Options

It is noted that only one delivery type is likely to occur simultaneously, especially taking into account sweep paths on this site. Hence, these options for deliveries have been considered.

Fuel deliveries are expected to be undertaken once per day during the day, evening or night periods. These operations usually take a short period to complete, but to present a conservative assessment, it has been assumed that it would take up to one hour to complete. Fact Sheet C of the NPI allows for exceedance of the PNTL or adjustment of the PNTL for short term single events that may occur in any 24-hour period. Table C3 of the NPI allows an adjustment to the PNTL of +5dB for the daytime and evening periods with no adjustment during the night period, when the event is expected to occur. Noise predictions from all operational sources including fuel deliveries have been quantified at surrounding residential receivers to the project site and are presented in **Table 17**.

Table 17 Combined Noise Predictions – Operations with Fuel Deliveries

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	Residential Receivers ¹							
Dessiver	Predic	ted Noise Level c	BLAeq(15min)	I	PNTL dB LAeq(15)	min)	Compliant	
Receiver	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night	- Compliant	
R01	44	44	42	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R02	40	40	39	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R03	38	38	37	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R04	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R05	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R06	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R07	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R08	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R09	<35	<35	<35	58	50	42	\checkmark	
R10	39	39	37	58	50	42	\checkmark	
FR01 GF ²	39	39	38	58	50	42	\checkmark	
FR01 L1 ³	43	43	42	58	50	42	\checkmark	

Note 1: Day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night – the remaining periods.

Note 2: Ground Floor Receiver

Note 3: 1st Floor Receiver.

The results of the predictive noise modelling demonstrate operation noise emissions including fuel deliveries satisfy the applicable noise criteria at all receivers during all periods.



Heavy vehicle deliveries are expected to be undertaken once per day during the day and evening periods period. These operations usually take several minutes, but to present a conservative assessment, it has been assumed that it would take up to one hour to complete. Fact Sheet C of the NPI allows for exceedance of the PNTL or adjustment of the PNTL for short term single events that may occur in any 24-hour period. Table C3 of the NPI allows an adjustment to the PNTL of +5dB for the daytime and evening periods, when the event is expected to occur. Noise predictions for all assessed receivers from all sources including heavy vehicle deliveries for the day and evening periods have been quantified and are presented in Table 18.

Table 18 Combined Noise Predictions – Operations with Heavy Vehicle Deliveries								
		Residential R	eceivers ¹					
Dessiver	Predicted Noise	Level dB LAeq(15min)	PNTL de	3 LAeq(15min)	Compliant			
	Day	Evening	Day	Evening	Compliant			
R01	50	50	58	50	\checkmark			
R02	47	47	58	50	\checkmark			
R03	46	46	58	50	\checkmark			
R04	37	37	58	50	\checkmark			
R05	<35	<35	58	50	\checkmark			
R06	<35	<35	58	50	\checkmark			
R07	<35	<35	58	50	\checkmark			
R08	<35	<35	58	50	\checkmark			
R09	<35	<35	58	50	\checkmark			
R10	40	40	58	50	\checkmark			
FR01 GF ²	40	40	58	50	\checkmark			
FR01 L1 ³	44	44	58	50	\checkmark			

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods. Note 2: Ground Floor Receiver

Note 3: 1st Floor Receiver.

The results of the predictive noise modelling demonstrate operation noise emissions including heavy vehicle deliveries satisfy the applicable noise criteria at all receivers during all periods.



Light vehicle deliveries are expected to be undertaken once per day during the day, evening or night periods. These operations usually take several minutes to complete, but to present a conservative assessment, it has been assumed that it would take up to 15 minutes to complete. Fact Sheet C of the NPI allows for exceedance of the PNTL or adjustment of the PNTL for short term single events that may occur in any 24-hour period. Table C3 of the NPI allows an adjustment to the PNTL of +7dB for the daytime and evening periods and +2dB adjustment during the night period, when the event is expected to occur. Noise predictions from all sources including light vehicle deliveries have been quantified at surrounding residential receivers to the project site and are presented in **Table 19**.

Table 19 Combined Noise Predictions – Operations with Light Vehicle Deliveries								
Residential Receivers ¹								
Dessiver	Predic	ted Noise Level c	BLAeq(15min)	I	PNTL dB LAeq(15)	min)	Compliant	
Receiver	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night	- Compliant	
R01	44	44	42	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R02	39	39	38	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R03	38	38	37	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R04	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R05	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R06	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R07	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R08	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R09	<35	<35	<35	60	52	44	\checkmark	
R10	39	39	37	60	52	44	\checkmark	
FR01 GF ²	39	39	38	60	52	44	✓	
FR01 L1 ³	43	43	42	60	52	44	\checkmark	

Note 1: Day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night – the remaining periods.

Note 3: 1st Floor Receiver.

The results of the predictive noise modelling demonstrate operation noise emissions including light vehicle deliveries satisfy the applicable noise criteria at all receivers during all periods.



7.2.1 Maximum Noise Level Assessment

In assessing maximum noise events, typical LAmax noise levels from transient events were assessed at the nearest residential receivers. For the sleep disturbance assessment, a Sound Power Level of 87dBA for a car door slam in the forecourt and southernmost car space and 92dBA for a light delivery impact and 102 dBA for a fuel delivery impact at the fill point are adopted for this assessment.

Predicted noise levels from LAeq(15min) and LAmax events for assessed receivers are presented in Table 20.

Table 20 M	Table 20 Maximum Noise Trigger Level Assessment (Night) ¹							
Night Period								
Receiver	Light Vehicle Delivery Impact	Predicted Noise Door Slam on Forecourt	e Level dB LAmax Fuel Delivery Impact	Door Slam Southernmost Car Space	- Trigger Level dB LAmax	RNP Sleep Disturbance Criteria dB LAmax		
R01	47	45	60	41	52	65		
R02	46	<35	56	37	52	65		
R03	44	38	54	36	52	65		
R04	38	<35	50	<35	52	65		
R05	36	<35	41	<35	52	65		
R06	<35	<35	38	<35	52	65		
R07	38	<35	49	<35	52	65		
R08	<35	<35	47	<35	52	65		
R09	<35	<35	35	<35	52	65		
R10	36	37	51	41	52	65		
FR01 GF ²	43	<35	55	<35	52	65		
FR01 L1 ³	48	38	59	<35	52	65		

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods. Note 2: Ground Floor Receiver.

Note 3: 1st Floor Receiver.

The predicted maximum levels results show compliance with the maximum noise trigger levels for door slams and for light vehicle deliveries.

Maximum noise emissions levels from fuel deliveries have the potential to be above the maximum noise trigger levels at several assessed receivers. In accordance with Section 2.5 of the NPI, a detailed sleep disturbance assessment has been undertaken.



7.2.2 Detailed Maximum Level Assessment

Section 5.2 of the NPI outlines the other factors that may be important in assessing the extent of impacts on sleep. These other factors include:

- how often high noise events will occur;
- the distribution of likely events across the night-time period and the existing ambient maximum events in the absence of the subject development;
- whether there are times of day when there is a clear change in the noise environment (such as during early-morning shoulder periods); and
- current scientific literature available at the time of the assessment regarding the impact of maximum noise level events at night.

Reviewing the proposed fuel delivery for the project site, deliveries will occur once a day and are proposed to be undertaken during either the day, evening or night assessment periods. Therefore, the maximum occurrence of high noise events from fuel delivery is once per day, with the majority of collections to be undertaken during the day or evening periods, resulting in no sleep disturbance events at all.

Additionally, the NPI outlines that additional guidance on maximum noise level assessments may be sourced from the EPA NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP). Section 5.4 of the RNP outlines that a maximum internal noise level of 50-55dBA is unlikely to awaken people from sleep. Taking into account a 10dB loss for a partially open window, an external level of 65dBA is unlikely to awaken internal occupants.

It is noted that no receiver is predicted to experience noise levels above 65dBAmax sleep disturbance criteria from fuel delivery impacts.

Accordingly, due to the low probability of these events occurring during the night period, levels are predicted to remain below 65dBA, the potential for sleep disturbance is considered negligible.


7.3 Construction Noise Assessment

Table 21 presents the results of modelled construction noise emissions taking into account the additional10dB attenuation provided by standard mitigation measures. Predictions identify that emissions fromconstruction would remain below the Construction NMLs at all the assessed receivers with the inclusionof standard mitigation measures.

Table 21 Construction Noise Levels – All Receivers												
Receiver	Period ¹	Predicted Noise Level dB LAeq(15min)	Management Level dB LAeq(15min)	Compliant								
R01	Day	51	58	\checkmark								
R02	Day	56	58	\checkmark								
R03	Day	56	58	\checkmark								
R04	Day	40	58	\checkmark								
R05	Day	48	58	\checkmark								
R06	Day	30	58	\checkmark								
R07	Day	38	58	\checkmark								
R08	Day	29	58	\checkmark								
R09	Day	43	58	\checkmark								
R10	Day	44	58	\checkmark								
FR01 GF	Day	42	58	\checkmark								
FR01 L1	Day	51	58	X								

Note 1: See Table 4 for Standard Recommended Hours for Construction.



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8 Discussion and Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has completed a Noise Assessment (NA) to quantify emissions from the proposed service station with a drive-thru lane located at 353 Main Street, Lithgow, NSW.

The assessment has quantified potential operation emissions pertaining to customer generated noise, including light vehicles and COD operations for the proposed service station with a drive-thru lane.

The results of the Noise Assessment demonstrate that noise emissions from the operation would satisfy the relevant PNTLs at all assessed receivers for all assessment periods once noise controls for the project are implemented (see **Section 6.2**):

- the project is constructed as per the site design and plans (as presented in Appendix B);
- construction of the 2.2m the loading bay enclosure on the western side of the convenience store; (See Figure 3);
- construction of the 2.0m noise barrier along the southern boundary of the site (See Figure 3);
- the mechanical AC plant are located on the roof top of the operation which is surrounded by the mechanical plant noise barrier which extends a minimum 600mm above the top of the highest item of plant (See Figure 3); and
- there is a 50% reduction in onsite customer light and heavy vehicles during the night period.

Furthermore, sleep disturbance is not anticipated, as emissions from maximum noise events (ie light vehicle delivery impact noise and car door slams) are predicted to satisfy the NPIs maximum noise trigger levels.

Sleep disturbance noise emissions from fuel deliveries impact may have the potential to be above the maximum noise trigger levels, however a detailed sleep disturbance assessment demonstrated that due to the low occurrence of these events occurring during the night period and are predicted to remain below the maximum level of 65dBA, the potential for sleep disturbance is considered negligible.

Modelled noise emissions from construction activities identify that predicted noise emissions will remain below the applicable construction management levels at all receivers taking into account the standard mitigation measures (see **Table 6**).

In summary, the Noise Assessment supports the Development Application for the project incorporating the recommendations and controls outlined in this report.



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Appendix A – Glossary of Terms



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

Table A1 Glossary o	of Acoustical Terms
Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being
	twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background
	level for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the
	measured L90 statistical noise levels.
Ambient Noise	The total noise associated with a given environment. Typically, a composite of sounds from all
	sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the
	human ear to sound.
Background Noise	The underlying level of noise present in the ambient noise, excluding the noise source under
	investigation, when extraneous noise is removed. This is usually represented by the LA90
	descriptor
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing
	noise, the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate
	the frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z), dB(L)	Decibels Z-weighted or decibels Linear (unweighted).
Extraneous Noise	Sound resulting from activities that are not typical of the area.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second
	equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A sound level which is exceeded 10% of the time.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90% of the time.
LAeq	Represents the average noise energy or equivalent sound pressure level over a given period.
LAmax	The maximum sound pressure level received at the microphone during a measuring interval.
Masking	The phenomenon of one sound interfering with the perception of another sound.
	For example, the interference of traffic noise with use of a public telephone on a busy street.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) as defined in the NPI, is an overall single figure
	representing the background level for each assessment period over the whole monitoring
	period. The RBL, as defined is the median of ABL values over the whole monitoring period.
Sound power level	This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source in the form of sound and is given by
(Lw or SWL)	10.log10 (W/Wo). Where W is the sound power in watts to the reference level of 10^{-12} watts.
Sound pressure level	the level of sound pressure; as measured at a distance by a standard sound level meter.
(Lp or SPL)	This differs from Lw in that it is the sound level at a receiver position as opposed to the sound
	'intensity' of the source.



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

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

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

Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound





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Appendix B – Site Plans



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MAIN STREET CAP PTY LTD

SERVICE STATION DEVELOPMENT

353 Main Street Lithgow NSW 2790

DRAWING SCHEDULE

DA001 PROPOSED SITE PLAN DA002 PROPOSED DIMENSIONED SITE PLAN DA003 PROPOSED ROOF PLAN DA004 PROPOSED SHOP FLOOR PLAN DA005 PROPOSED SHOP ELEVATIONS DA006 PROPOSED SHOP ELEVATIONS DA007 PROPOSED FUEL CANOPY DA008 PROPOSED DIESEL CANOPY DA009 PROPOSED DRIVE THRU AWNING DA010 PROPOSED SALES BOARD DETAILS SURVEY

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Appendix C – Noise Monitoring Charts



	Measured	l Background N	loise Level	Measured dB L Agg(poried)						
Date		(LA90) dB ABL	1	Micasuled db Lhey(pellod)						
	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night				
Tuesday 12 September 2023		38	35		55	56				
Wednesday 13 September 2023	47	39	35	60	57	57				
Thursday 14 September 2023	48	39	36	64	57	56				
Friday 15 September 2023	49	42	37	59	57	55				
Saturday 16 September 2023	45	40	37	59	55	54				
Sunday 17 September 2023	48	37	35	59	54	55				
Monday 18 September 2023	48	40	38	60	57	59				
Tuesday 19 September 2023	51	48	47	61	57	57				
Wednesday 20 September 2023	53	48	45	61	56	58				
Thursday 21 September 2023										
Location1 – RBL / Leq Overall	48	40	37	61	56	57				

Table C22 Background Noise Monitoring Summary – Unattended Noise Monitoring (L1)

Note 1: Assessment background level (ABL) – the single-figure background level representing each assessment period day, evening and night as per NPI Fact Sheet A.





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Tuesday 12 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Wednesday 13 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Thursday 14 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Friday 15 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Saturday 16 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Sunday 17 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Monday 18 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Tuesday 19 September 2023





353 Main Street, Lithgow - Wednesday 20 September 2023





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Appendix D – Determination of NPI

Receiver Category



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	Table D1 - Determination of NPI Residential Receiver Category																			
				l and l l	se 700e		Typical Existing Background Noise Levels			Pural Paeldential - on area with an accuration equiparament that			Suburber	Residential -	an area that has	Urban Residential- an area with an acoustical environmen				
Location/		Measured RBL	RU1, RU2, RU4, R5, E4	RU5, RU6, R2, R3, R4, E2, E3	R1, R4, B1, B2, B4	Others Commercial,	RURAL SUBURBAN URBAN URBAN Image: Transmission of transmissi andit of transmission of transmission of transmissi an		minated by natural Is.	Rural Residential - an area with an acconstical environment that: the or no road traffic noise the or no road traffic noise well be typically with a source of the or no road traffic noise well be typically with a source of the or no road traffic noise well be typically with a source of the or no road traffic noise well be typically with a source of the or no road traffic noise well be typically well be typically we			affic with characteristically tent traffic flows some limited commerce or ambient noise levels defined ambient and human			tated by 'urban hum' or al source noise al source noise orgh-traffic with eristically heavy and continuous ows during peak periods ownercial districts or combination of the above combination of the above				
Catchment	Period	dB LA90(period)	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Industrial	Night <30	Night <35	Night >35	is do sounc	havir	genei back	Settle	local intern	or wi	eveni by the activi	is dor indus	has th chara traffic	is nea	has a
Location 1	Day	48			~				✓								~	~	✓	✓
	Evening	40																		
	Night	37																		

where urban hum means the aggregate sound of many unidentifiable, mostly traffic and/or industrial

related sound sources

	Assessment																		
Location	Rural	Suburban	Urban		Rural - RBL	Suburban - RBL	Urban - RBL	pan - RBL Rural - Description			Rural - Description Suburban - Description					Urban - Description			
Location 1	0	0	5		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	
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