

## Appendix N

### Air Quality Impact Assessment Methodology and Data

# Construction air quality impact assessment methodology

Potential impacts from dust generation during construction have been assessed using the UK Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM), 2014 *Guidance on the assessment of dust from demolition and construction*. This document provides a qualitative risk assessment process for the potential unmitigated impact of dust generated from demolition, earthmoving and construction activities.

It must be noted that the IAQM methodology assesses the risk of impacts associated with demolition and construction without the application of any mitigation measures. The assessment provides a classification of the risk of dust impacts which then allows the identification of appropriate mitigation measures commensurate with the level of risk.

The IAQM guidance process is a four-step risk-based assessment of dust emissions associated with demolition, land clearing and earth moving, and construction activities. The IAQM assessment process is described in the following sections.

## Step 1 – Screening assessment

An assessment would normally be required where there is:

- a ‘human receptor’ within:
  - 350 metres from the boundary of a site; or
  - 50 metres from the route used by construction vehicles on public roads up to 500 m from a site entrance.
- an ‘ecological receptor’ within:
  - 50 metres from the boundary of a site; or
  - 50 metres from the route used by construction vehicles on public roads up to 500 m from a site entrance.

## Step 2 – Dust risk assessment

Step 2 in the IAQM methodology is a risk assessment tool designed to appraise the potential for dust impacts due to unmitigated dust emissions from construction. The key components of the risk assessment are defining the dust emission magnitudes (Step 2A) and the surrounding area sensitivity (Step 2B) which are combined in a risk matrix (Step 2C), to determine an overall unmitigated risk of dust impacts.

### Step 2A – Dust emission magnitude

Dust emission magnitudes are estimated according to the scale of works being undertaken and are classified as either ‘Small’, ‘Medium’ or ‘Large’. The IAQM guidance provides examples of demolition, earthworks, construction and track-out to aid classification, which have been reproduced in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Examples of Small, Medium and Large demolition and construction activities

Activity		Small	Medium	Large
Demolition	Total building volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	<20,000	20,000–50,000	>50,000
Earthworks	Total site area (m <sup>2</sup> )	<2,500	2,500–10,000	>10,000
	Number of heavy earth moving vehicles active at one time	<5	5-10	>10
	Total material moved (tonnes)	<20,000	20,000–100,000	>100,000
Construction	Total building volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	<25,000	25,000–100,000	>100,000
Track-out	Number of heavy vehicle movements per day	<10	10-50	>50

## Step 2B – Sensitivity of surrounding area

The 'sensitivity' component of the risk assessment is determined by defining the study area's sensitivity to dust soiling, human health effects and ecological impacts. This is described further below.

### Sensitivity of the area to dust soiling and human health effects

The IAQM methodology classifies the sensitivity of an area to dust soiling and human health impacts due to particulate matter effects as high, medium, or low. The classification is determined by a matrix for both dust soiling and human health impacts (refer Table 2 and Table 3 respectively). Factors used in the matrix tables to determine the sensitivity of an area are as follows:

- Receptor sensitivity (for individual receptors in the study area):
  - High sensitivity: locations where members of the public are likely to be exposed for eight hours or more in a day. For example private residences, hospitals, schools, or aged care homes.
  - Medium sensitivity: places of work where exposure is likely to be eight hours or more in a day
  - low sensitivity: locations where exposure is transient, around one or two hours maximum. For example, parks, footpaths, shopping streets, playing fields.
- Number of receptors of each sensitivity type in the area (categorised as one to 10, 10 to 100 or greater than 100).
- Distance from source
- Ambient annual mean PM10 concentration (only applicable to the human health impact matrix).

Table 2 Surrounding area sensitivity to dust soiling effects on people and property

Receptor Sensitivity	Number of Receptors	Distance from the source (m)			
		<20	<50	<100	<350
High	>100	High	High	Medium	Low
	10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low
	1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Medium	>1	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Low	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low

The IAQM guidance provides human health sensitivities for a range of annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations (i.e. >32, 28-32, 24-28 and <24 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). It is noted in the IAQM guidance that the human health sensitivities are tied to criteria from different jurisdictions (UK and Scotland). The annual average PM<sub>10</sub> criteria for Australia differ from the UK and Scotland and as such concentrations corresponding to the risk categories need to be modified to match Australian conditions. The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) annual average criterion for PM<sub>10</sub> based is 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> and therefore the scaled criteria for NSW is:

- >25 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 22-25 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 19-22 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- <19 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The Muswellbrook air shed can be considered one of the most sensitive areas to air pollution,; especially particulates within the Hunter Region given the high level of sources of air emissions within the air shed as discussed in Section **Error! Reference source not found..** The NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) operated monitoring stations in Muswellbrook and Muswellbrook north west; indicate background annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations are greater than 25 µg/m<sup>3</sup> as discussed in Section **Error! Reference source not found..** Table 3 provides the IAQM guidance

sensitivity levels for human health impacts for the ranges outlined above for the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations and highlights the relevant range for Muswellbrook, NSW.

Table 3 Surrounding area sensitivity to human health impacts for annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations

Receptor Sensitivity	Annual average PM <sub>10</sub> Concentration	Number of Receptors	Distance from the source (m)				
			<20	<50	<100	<200	<350
High	>25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	High	High	Medium	Low
		10-100	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	22-25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	High	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	19-22 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
	<19 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Medium	>25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
	22-25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
	19-22 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
	<19 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Low	-	≥1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low

### Sensitivity of area to ecological impacts

Ecological impacts from construction activities may occur due to deposition of dust on ecological areas. The sensitivity of ecological receptors can be defined by the following:

- High sensitivity ecological receptors

- locations with international or national designation<sup>1</sup> and the designation features may be affected by dust soiling
- locations where there is a community of particularly dust sensitive species
- Medium sensitivity ecological receptors
  - locations where there is a particularly important plant species, where its dust sensitivity is uncertain or unknown
  - locations within a national designation where the features may be affected by dust deposition
- Low sensitivity ecological receptors
  - locations with a local designation where the features may be affected by dust deposition.

The sensitivity of an ecological area to impacts is assessed using the criteria listed in Table 4.

Table 4 Surrounding area sensitivity to ecological impacts

Receptor sensitivity	Distance from source (m)	
	<20	20–50
High	High	Medium
Medium	Medium	Low
Low	Low	Low

It should be noted that this is not a quantitative ecological assessment and risks discussed in this context need to be understood in terms of the IAQM guidance. For a particular group of ecological receptors, a risk rating indicates the risk that an ecologically sensitive area may experience unmitigated dust concentrations, with the associated potential ecological impacts, as outlined above.

#### Step 2C – Unmitigated risks of impacts

The dust emission magnitudes determined in Step 2A are combined with the sensitivities determined in Step 2B to determine the risk of impacts with no mitigation applied. Table 5, reproduced from the IAQM guidance, provides the risk of dust impacts from demolition, earthworks, construction and track-out for each scale of activity listed in Table 1.

Table 5 Risk of Dust Impacts

Activity	Surrounding Area Sensitivity	Dust Emission Magnitude		
		Large	Medium	Small
Demolition	High	High	Medium	Medium
	Medium	High	Medium	Low
	Low	Medium	Low	Negligible
Earthworks	High	High	Medium	Low
	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low

<sup>1</sup> Sites of International and National designation may include conservation areas of international or national significance such as those listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) or RAMSAR wetlands.

Activity	Surrounding Area Sensitivity	Dust Emission Magnitude		
		Large	Medium	Small
Construction	Low	Low	Low	Negligible
	High	High	Medium	Low
	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low
Track-out	Low	Low	Low	Negligible
	High	High	Medium	Low
	Medium	Medium	Low	Negligible
	Low	Low	Low	Negligible

### Step 3 – Management strategies

The outcome of Step 2C is used to determine the level of management that is required to ensure that dust impacts on surrounding sensitive receptors are maintained at an acceptable level. A high or medium-level risk rating means that suitable management measures must be implemented during construction of the proposal.

### Step 4 – Reassessment

The final step of the IAQM methodology is to determine whether there are significant residual impacts, post mitigation, arising from a proposed development. The guidance states:

*For almost all construction activity, the aim should be to prevent significant effects on receptors through the use of effective mitigation. Experience shows that this is normally possible. Hence the residual effect will normally be “not significant”.*

Based on this expectation, as well as experience in Australia, it can be demonstrated that construction activities with targeted mitigation measures can achieve high degrees of dust mitigation which significantly minimises dust impacts to a negligible level

## Air quality operational impact assessment - traffic forecast inputs

Table 6 Traffic forecast data for 'No-Build' Scenarios

Road Section	Opening Year (2027)				10-Years After Opening (2037)				Average Grade (%)	Peak (%)
	AADT	Traffic Mix		Peak Hour Speed (km/h)	AADT	Traffic Mix		Peak Hour Speed (km/h)		
		Light	Heavy			Light	Heavy			
New England Highway East of Bimbadeen Drive	9600	72.9%	27.1%	91.6	10700	72.0%	28.0%	91.6	4.1, - 4.2	7.1%
		72.9%	27.1%	92.5		72.0%	28.0%	92.5		7.1%
New England Highway South of Sandy Creek Road	12200	84.4%	15.6%	61.2	13700	83.2%	16.8%	61.2	1.6, -1.1	7.2%
		84.4%	15.6%	61.4		83.2%	16.8%	61.4		7.2%
New England Highway North of Sandy Creek Road	12200	84.4%	15.6%	93.0	13700	83.2%	16.8%	93.0	0.5, -1.1	7.2%
		84.4%	15.6%	84.7		83.2%	16.8%	84.7		7.2%

Note: 1. All roads were assumed to have one northbound and one southbound lane except for the New England Highway to the east of Bimbadeen Drive

Table 7 Traffic forecast data for 'Build' Scenarios

Road Section	Opening Year (2027)				10-Years After Opening (2037)				Average Grade (%)	Peak (%)
	AADT	Traffic Mix		Peak Hour Speed (km/h)	AADT	Traffic Mix		Peak Hour Speed (km/h)		
		Light	Heavy			Light	Heavy			
New England Highway East of Bimbadeen Drive	6240	80.8%	19.2%	91.6	6880	81.3%	18.8%	91.6	4.1, - 4.2	7.1%
		80.8%	19.2%	92.5		81.3%	18.8%	92.5		7.1%
New England Highway South of Sandy Creek Road	9110	95.9%	4.1%	61.2	10140	95.9%	4.1%	61.2	1.6, -1.1	7.2%
		95.9%	4.1%	61.4		95.9%	4.1%	61.4		7.2%
New England Highway North of Sandy Creek Road	12200	84.4%	15.6%	93.0	13700	83.2%	16.8%	93.0	0.5, -1.1	7.2%
		84.4%	15.6%	84.7		83.2%	16.8%	84.7		7.2%
Muswellbrook Bypass (B1)	4120	56.1%	43.9%	100.0	4680	53.2%	46.8%	100.0	3.2, -3.4	7.2
		56.1%	43.9%	100.0		53.2%	46.8%	100.0		7.2



## Air quality operational impact assessment – pollutant concentrations

Table 8 Predicted CO 1-Hour Maximum Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
	No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive						
10 m from kerb	2.8	0.8	3.6	3.1	0.8	3.9	30
20 m from kerb	1.9	0.8	2.7	2.1	0.8	2.9	30
30 m from kerb	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.7	0.8	2.5	30
40 m from kerb	1.3	0.8	2.1	1.4	0.8	2.2	30
50 m from kerb	1.2	0.8	2.0	1.3	0.8	2.1	30
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive						
10 m from kerb	2.3	0.8	3.1	2.6	0.8	3.4	30
20 m from kerb	1.6	0.8	2.4	1.8	0.8	2.6	30
30 m from kerb	1.3	0.8	2.1	1.5	0.8	2.3	30
40 m from kerb	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.8	2.1	30
50 m from kerb	1	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9	30
	No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.8	1.4	30
20 m from kerb	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	30
30 m from kerb	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	30
40 m from kerb	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	30
50 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	30
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	30
20 m from kerb	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	30
30 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.8	1.1	30
40 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	30
50 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	30
	No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	2.1	0.8	2.9	2.5	0.8	3.3	30
20 m from kerb	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.6	0.8	2.4	30
30 m from kerb	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.8	2.1	30
40 m from kerb	1	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9	30
50 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	30
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road						

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
10 m from kerb	2.1	0.8	2.9	2.5	0.8	3.3	30
20 m from kerb	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.6	0.8	2.4	30
30 m from kerb	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.8	2.1	30
40 m from kerb	1	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9	30
50 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	30
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.5	0.8	2.3	30
20 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	30
30 m from kerb	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.6	30
40 m from kerb	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.5	30
50 m from kerb	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.6	0.8	1.4	30

Table 9 Predicted CO 8-Hour Maximum Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	2	0.8	2.8	2.2	0.8	3.0	10
20 m from kerb	1.3	0.8	2.1	1.5	0.8	2.3	10
30 m from kerb	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.2	0.8	2.0	10
40 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	10
50 m from kerb	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.7	10
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	1.6	0.8	2.4	1.8	0.8	2.6	10
20 m from kerb	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.8	2.1	10
30 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	10
40 m from kerb	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.7	10
50 m from kerb	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.6	10
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	10
20 m from kerb	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	10
30 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	10
40 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	10

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
50 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	10
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.1	10
20 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	10
30 m from kerb	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.0	10
40 m from kerb	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.8	1.0	10
50 m from kerb	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.9	10
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.7	0.8	2.5	10
20 m from kerb	1	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9	10
30 m from kerb	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.7	10
40 m from kerb	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.6	10
50 m from kerb	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.5	10
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.7	0.8	2.5	10
20 m from kerb	1	0.8	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9	10
30 m from kerb	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.7	10
40 m from kerb	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.8	1.6	10
50 m from kerb	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.5	10
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	0.9	0.8	1.7	1	0.8	1.8	10
20 m from kerb	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.8	1.5	10
30 m from kerb	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	10
40 m from kerb	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.8	1.3	10
50 m from kerb	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	10

Table 10 Predicted NO<sub>2</sub> 1-Hour Maximum Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	54.5	43.1	97.6	51.3	43.1	94.4	185
20 m from kerb	49.5	43.1	92.6	46.1	43.1	89.2	185
30 m from kerb	39.8	43.1	82.9	37	43.1	80.1	185
40 m from kerb	34.2	43.1	77.3	31.7	43.1	74.8	185
50 m from kerb	30.4	43.1	73.5	28.3	43.1	71.4	185

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive						
10 m from kerb	30.3	43.1	73.4	26	43.1	69.1	185
20 m from kerb	28.1	43.1	71.2	23.9	43.1	67.0	185
30 m from kerb	22.8	43.1	65.9	19.4	43.1	62.5	185
40 m from kerb	19.7	43.1	62.8	16.7	43.1	59.8	185
50 m from kerb	17.6	43.1	60.7	14.9	43.1	58.0	185
	No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	39	43.1	82.1	38.4	43.1	81.5	185
20 m from kerb	34.2	43.1	77.3	33.6	43.1	76.7	185
30 m from kerb	27.1	43.1	70.2	26.8	43.1	69.9	185
40 m from kerb	23.3	43.1	66.4	22.9	43.1	66.0	185
50 m from kerb	20.6	43.1	63.7	20.3	43.1	63.4	185
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	15	43.1	58.1	8.2	43.1	51.3	185
20 m from kerb	13.5	43.1	56.6	7.2	43.1	50.3	185
30 m from kerb	10.8	43.1	53.9	5.7	43.1	48.8	185
40 m from kerb	9.3	43.1	52.4	4.9	43.1	48.0	185
50 m from kerb	8.3	43.1	51.4	4.3	43.1	47.4	185
	No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	27.9	43.1	71.0	26.6	43.1	69.7	185
20 m from kerb	24.5	43.1	67.6	23.3	43.1	66.4	185
30 m from kerb	19.5	43.1	62.6	18.6	43.1	61.7	185
40 m from kerb	16.7	43.1	59.8	15.9	43.1	59.0	185
50 m from kerb	14.8	43.1	57.9	14.1	43.1	57.2	185
	Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road						
10 m from kerb	27.9	43.1	71.0	26.6	43.1	69.7	185
20 m from kerb	24.5	43.1	67.6	23.3	43.1	66.4	185
30 m from kerb	19.5	43.1	62.6	18.6	43.1	61.7	185
40 m from kerb	16.7	43.1	59.8	15.9	43.1	59.0	185
50 m from kerb	14.8	43.1	57.9	14.1	43.1	57.2	185
	Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass						
10 m from kerb	35.7	43.1	78.8	35.5	43.1	78.6	185
20 m from kerb	31.2	43.1	74.3	30.8	43.1	73.9	185
30 m from kerb	24.8	43.1	67.9	24.5	43.1	67.6	185
40 m from kerb	21.2	43.1	64.3	20.9	43.1	64.0	185
50 m from kerb	18.9	43.1	62.0	18.5	43.1	61.6	185

Table 11 Predicted NO<sub>2</sub> Annual Average Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	10.9	21.6	32.5	10.3	21.6	31.9	40
20 m from kerb	9.9	21.6	31.5	9.2	21.6	30.8	40
30 m from kerb	8	21.6	29.6	7.4	21.6	29.0	40
40 m from kerb	6.8	21.6	28.4	6.3	21.6	27.9	40
50 m from kerb	6.1	21.6	27.7	5.7	21.6	27.3	40
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	6.1	21.6	27.7	5.2	21.6	26.8	40
20 m from kerb	5.6	21.6	27.2	4.8	21.6	26.4	40
30 m from kerb	4.6	21.6	26.2	3.9	21.6	25.5	40
40 m from kerb	3.9	21.6	25.5	3.3	21.6	24.9	40
50 m from kerb	3.5	21.6	25.1	3	21.6	24.6	40
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.8	21.6	29.4	7.7	21.6	29.3	40
20 m from kerb	6.8	21.6	28.4	6.7	21.6	28.3	40
30 m from kerb	5.4	21.6	27.0	5.4	21.6	27.0	40
40 m from kerb	4.7	21.6	26.3	4.6	21.6	26.2	40
50 m from kerb	4.1	21.6	25.7	4.1	21.6	25.7	40
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	3	21.6	24.6	1.6	21.6	23.2	40
20 m from kerb	2.7	21.6	24.3	1.4	21.6	23.0	40
30 m from kerb	2.2	21.6	23.8	1.1	21.6	22.7	40
40 m from kerb	1.9	21.6	23.5	1	21.6	22.6	40
50 m from kerb	1.7	21.6	23.3	0.9	21.6	22.5	40
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	5.6	21.6	27.2	5.3	21.6	26.9	40
20 m from kerb	4.9	21.6	26.5	4.7	21.6	26.3	40
30 m from kerb	3.9	21.6	25.5	3.7	21.6	25.3	40
40 m from kerb	3.3	21.6	24.9	3.2	21.6	24.8	40
50 m from kerb	3	21.6	24.6	2.8	21.6	24.4	40
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	5.6	21.6	27.2	5.3	21.6	26.9	40
20 m from kerb	4.9	21.6	26.5	4.7	21.6	26.3	40
30 m from kerb	3.9	21.6	25.5	3.7	21.6	25.3	40
40 m from kerb	3.3	21.6	24.9	3.2	21.6	24.8	40

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
50 m from kerb	3	21.6	24.6	2.8	21.6	24.4	40
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	7.1	21.6	28.7	7.1	21.6	28.7	40
20 m from kerb	6.2	21.6	27.8	6.2	21.6	27.8	40
30 m from kerb	5	21.6	26.6	4.9	21.6	26.5	40
40 m from kerb	4.2	21.6	25.8	4.2	21.6	25.8	40
50 m from kerb	3.8	21.6	25.4	3.7	21.6	25.3	40

Table 12 Predicted PM<sub>10</sub> 24-Hour Maximum Concertation (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	19.4	42.5	61.9	19.7	42.5	62.2	50
20 m from kerb	13.8	42.5	56.3	14	42.5	56.5	50
30 m from kerb	11.3	42.5	53.8	11.5	42.5	54.0	50
40 m from kerb	9.8	42.5	52.3	9.9	42.5	52.4	50
50 m from kerb	8.8	42.5	51.3	8.9	42.5	51.4	50
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	12.7	42.5	55.2	12.3	42.5	54.8	50
20 m from kerb	9.2	42.5	51.7	8.9	42.5	51.4	50
30 m from kerb	7.6	42.5	50.1	7.4	42.5	49.9	50
40 m from kerb	6.7	42.5	49.2	6.4	42.5	48.9	50
50 m from kerb	6	42.5	48.5	5.8	42.5	48.3	50
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	20.2	42.5	62.7	22.1	42.5	64.6	50
20 m from kerb	13.6	42.5	56.1	14.9	42.5	57.4	50
30 m from kerb	10.9	42.5	53.4	11.9	42.5	54.4	50
40 m from kerb	9.3	42.5	51.8	10.2	42.5	52.7	50
50 m from kerb	8.3	42.5	50.8	9.1	42.5	51.6	50
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	12.8	42.5	55.3	11.7	42.5	54.2	50
20 m from kerb	8.6	42.5	51.1	7.9	42.5	50.4	50
30 m from kerb	6.8	42.5	49.3	6.3	42.5	48.8	50
40 m from kerb	5.9	42.5	48.4	5.4	42.5	47.9	50
50 m from kerb	5.2	42.5	47.7	4.8	42.5	47.3	50
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	19.7	42.5	62.2	21.9	42.5	64.4	50

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
20 m from kerb	13.2	42.5	55.7	14.7	42.5	57.2	50
30 m from kerb	10.6	42.5	53.1	11.8	42.5	54.3	50
40 m from kerb	9.1	42.5	51.6	10.1	42.5	52.6	50
50 m from kerb	8.1	42.5	50.6	9	42.5	51.5	50
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	19.7	42.5	62.2	21.9	42.5	64.4	50
20 m from kerb	13.2	42.5	55.7	14.7	42.5	57.2	50
30 m from kerb	10.6	42.5	53.1	11.8	42.5	54.3	50
40 m from kerb	9.1	42.5	51.6	10.1	42.5	52.6	50
50 m from kerb	8.1	42.5	50.6	9	42.5	51.5	50
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	12.7	42.5	55.2	13.3	42.5	55.8	50
20 m from kerb	8.6	42.5	51.1	9	42.5	51.5	50
30 m from kerb	7	42.5	49.5	7.3	42.5	49.8	50
40 m from kerb	6	42.5	48.5	6.3	42.5	48.8	50
50 m from kerb	5.4	42.5	47.9	5.6	42.5	48.1	50

Table 13 Predicted PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Average Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	19.2	27.2	46.4	7.9	27.2	35.1	25
20 m from kerb	7.7	27.2	34.9	5.6	27.2	32.8	25
30 m from kerb	5.5	27.2	32.7	4.6	27.2	31.8	25
40 m from kerb	4.5	27.2	31.7	4	27.2	31.2	25
50 m from kerb	3.9	27.2	31.1	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	5.1	27.2	32.3	4.9	27.2	32.1	25
20 m from kerb	3.7	27.2	30.9	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
30 m from kerb	3.1	27.2	30.3	2.9	27.2	30.1	25
40 m from kerb	2.7	27.2	29.9	2.6	27.2	29.8	25
50 m from kerb	2.4	27.2	29.6	2.3	27.2	29.5	25
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	8.1	27.2	35.3	8.9	27.2	36.1	25
20 m from kerb	5.4	27.2	32.6	6	27.2	33.2	25
30 m from kerb	4.3	27.2	31.5	4.8	27.2	32.0	25
40 m from kerb	3.7	27.2	30.9	4.1	27.2	31.3	25

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
50 m from kerb	3.3	27.2	30.5	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	5.1	27.2	32.3	4.7	27.2	31.9	25
20 m from kerb	3.4	27.2	30.6	3.1	27.2	30.3	25
30 m from kerb	2.7	27.2	29.9	2.5	27.2	29.7	25
40 m from kerb	2.3	27.2	29.5	2.2	27.2	29.4	25
50 m from kerb	2.1	27.2	29.3	1.9	27.2	29.1	25
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.9	27.2	35.1	8.8	27.2	36.0	25
20 m from kerb	5.3	27.2	32.5	5.9	27.2	33.1	25
30 m from kerb	4.2	27.2	31.4	4.7	27.2	31.9	25
40 m from kerb	3.6	27.2	30.8	4.1	27.2	31.3	25
50 m from kerb	3.2	27.2	30.4	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.9	27.2	35.1	8.8	27.2	36.0	25
20 m from kerb	5.3	27.2	32.5	5.9	27.2	33.1	25
30 m from kerb	4.2	27.2	31.4	4.7	27.2	31.9	25
40 m from kerb	3.6	27.2	30.8	4.1	27.2	31.3	25
50 m from kerb	3.2	27.2	30.4	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	5.1	27.2	32.3	5.3	27.2	32.5	25
20 m from kerb	3.5	27.2	30.7	3.6	27.2	30.8	25
30 m from kerb	2.8	27.2	30.0	2.9	27.2	30.1	25
40 m from kerb	2.4	27.2	29.6	2.5	27.2	29.7	25
50 m from kerb	2.1	27.2	29.3	2.2	27.2	29.4	25

Table 14 Predicted PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maximum 24-hour Concentrations (scaled from PM<sub>10</sub> results) (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	18.43	16.9	35.3	18.715	16.9	35.6	25
20 m from kerb	13.11	16.9	30.0	13.3	16.9	30.2	25
30 m from kerb	10.735	16.9	27.6	10.925	16.9	27.8	25
40 m from kerb	9.31	16.9	26.2	9.405	16.9	26.3	25
50 m from kerb	8.36	16.9	25.3	8.455	16.9	25.4	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	12.065	16.9	29.0	11.685	16.9	28.6	25



Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
20 m from kerb	8.74	16.9	25.6	8.455	16.9	25.4	25
30 m from kerb	7.22	16.9	24.1	7.03	16.9	23.9	25
40 m from kerb	6.365	16.9	23.3	6.08	16.9	23.0	25
50 m from kerb	5.7	16.9	22.6	5.51	16.9	22.4	25
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	19.19	16.9	36.1	20.995	16.9	37.9	25
20 m from kerb	12.92	16.9	29.8	14.155	16.9	31.1	25
30 m from kerb	10.355	16.9	27.3	11.305	16.9	28.2	25
40 m from kerb	8.835	16.9	25.7	9.69	16.9	26.6	25
50 m from kerb	7.885	16.9	24.8	8.645	16.9	25.5	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	12.16	16.9	29.1	11.115	16.9	28.0	25
20 m from kerb	8.17	16.9	25.1	7.505	16.9	24.4	25
30 m from kerb	6.46	16.9	23.4	5.985	16.9	22.9	25
40 m from kerb	5.605	16.9	22.5	5.13	16.9	22.0	25
50 m from kerb	4.94	16.9	21.8	4.56	16.9	21.5	25
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	18.715	16.9	35.6	20.805	16.9	37.7	25
20 m from kerb	12.54	16.9	29.4	13.965	16.9	30.9	25
30 m from kerb	10.07	16.9	27.0	11.21	16.9	28.1	25
40 m from kerb	8.645	16.9	25.5	9.595	16.9	26.5	25
50 m from kerb	7.695	16.9	24.6	8.55	16.9	25.5	25
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	18.715	16.9	35.6	20.805	16.9	37.7	25
20 m from kerb	12.54	16.9	29.4	13.965	16.9	30.9	25
30 m from kerb	10.07	16.9	27.0	11.21	16.9	28.1	25
40 m from kerb	8.645	16.9	25.5	9.595	16.9	26.5	25
50 m from kerb	7.695	16.9	24.6	8.55	16.9	25.5	25
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							
10 m from kerb	12.065	16.9	29.0	12.635	16.9	29.5	25
20 m from kerb	8.17	16.9	25.1	8.55	16.9	25.5	25
30 m from kerb	6.65	16.9	23.6	6.935	16.9	23.8	25
40 m from kerb	5.7	16.9	22.6	5.985	16.9	22.9	25
50 m from kerb	5.13	16.9	22.0	5.32	16.9	22.2	25

Table 15 Predicted PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Average Concentrations (scaled from PM<sub>10</sub> results) (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m³)			Criteria (mg/m³)
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	18.2	9.5	27.7	7.5	9.5	17.0	8
20 m from kerb	7.3	9.5	16.8	5.3	9.5	14.8	8
30 m from kerb	5.2	9.5	14.7	4.4	9.5	13.9	8
40 m from kerb	4.3	9.5	13.8	3.8	9.5	13.3	8
50 m from kerb	3.7	9.5	13.2	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
Build Scenario: New England Highway – East of Bimbadeen Drive							
10 m from kerb	4.8	9.5	14.3	4.7	9.5	14.2	8
20 m from kerb	3.5	9.5	13.0	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
30 m from kerb	2.9	9.5	12.4	2.8	9.5	12.3	8
40 m from kerb	2.6	9.5	12.1	2.5	9.5	12.0	8
50 m from kerb	2.3	9.5	11.8	2.2	9.5	11.7	8
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.7	9.5	17.2	8.5	9.5	18.0	8
20 m from kerb	5.1	9.5	14.6	5.7	9.5	15.2	8
30 m from kerb	4.1	9.5	13.6	4.6	9.5	14.1	8
40 m from kerb	3.5	9.5	13.0	3.9	9.5	13.4	8
50 m from kerb	3.1	9.5	12.6	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
Build Scenario: New England Highway – South of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	4.8	9.5	14.3	4.5	9.5	14.0	8
20 m from kerb	3.2	9.5	12.7	2.9	9.5	12.4	8
30 m from kerb	2.6	9.5	12.1	2.4	9.5	11.9	8
40 m from kerb	2.2	9.5	11.7	2.1	9.5	11.6	8
50 m from kerb	2.0	9.5	11.5	1.8	9.5	11.3	8
No Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.5	9.5	17.0	8.4	9.5	17.9	8
20 m from kerb	5.0	9.5	14.5	5.6	9.5	15.1	8
30 m from kerb	4.0	9.5	13.5	4.5	9.5	14.0	8
40 m from kerb	3.4	9.5	12.9	3.9	9.5	13.4	8
50 m from kerb	3.0	9.5	12.5	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
Build Scenario: New England Highway – North of Sandy Creek Road							
10 m from kerb	7.5	9.5	17.0	8.4	9.5	17.9	8
20 m from kerb	5.0	9.5	14.5	5.6	9.5	15.1	8
30 m from kerb	4.0	9.5	13.5	4.5	9.5	14.0	8
40 m from kerb	3.4	9.5	12.9	3.9	9.5	13.4	8
50 m from kerb	3.0	9.5	12.5	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
Build Scenario: Muswellbrook Bypass							

Distance from Road (m)	2027 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			2037 Predicted Concentration (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			Criteria (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	Incremental	Background	Cumulative	
10 m from kerb	4.8	9.5	14.3	5.0	9.5	14.5	8
20 m from kerb	3.3	9.5	12.8	3.4	9.5	12.9	8
30 m from kerb	2.7	9.5	12.2	2.8	9.5	12.3	8
40 m from kerb	2.3	9.5	11.8	2.4	9.5	11.9	8
50 m from kerb	2.0	9.5	11.5	2.1	9.5	11.6	8