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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Transport for NSW proposes to upgrade St Peters Station to meet disability access requirements (the Proposal) as outlined in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA Act). The Proposal would include upgrading the station access and station facilities as well as installing two new lifts to the existing footbridge.

This report presents an assessment of construction and operational noise and vibration associated with the scoping design and identifies feasible and reasonable noise and vibration mitigation and management measures to be incorporated in the detailed design and construction planning stage of the Proposal. This assessment forms part of the input to the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

Construction noise impacts

Construction work associated with the Proposal would be undertaken during standard daytime construction hours (7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday) where reasonable and feasible. However, some work would need to be undertaken during scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods and/or out-of-hours work periods.

Moderate daytime construction noise management level (NML) exceedances are predicted at surrounding residential receivers on both sides of the rail corridor for most of the Proposal's construction activities. Some work activities involving noise intensive equipment (such as vegetation removal, demolition and platform resurfacing) result in high daytime NML exceedances of over 30 dB at the nearest residential receivers. These impacts would generally be limited to residential receivers located immediately adjacent to St Peters Station which have direct line of sight to the proposed work. One non-residential receiver immediately adjacent to the proposed work (Sydney Park Hotel) is predicted to have daytime NML exceedances of over 25 dB during the highest noise activities. Receivers which are located further away from the proposed work would have much lower NML exceedances or no predicted noise or vibration impact.

During out-of-hours work periods and scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods, when work is required to be performed during evening and night-time periods, exceedances of the night-time NMLs of over 30 dBA are predicted for the nearest residential receivers surrounding the Proposal. The high magnitude of impacts at the closest receivers is a result of the highly noise intensive equipment proposed within the construction scenarios, their close proximity to the work and the reduced night-time NMLs. It is, however, anticipated that night-time work would typically be limited to scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods and would therefore be limited to a relatively short portion of the construction program.

Of the potentially most affected receivers, 51 residential buildings are predicted to be 'highly noise affected', as defined by the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG), during the worst-case work scenarios (vegetation removal, demolition and platform resurfacing). These impacts are predominantly driven by the proposed use of highly noise intensive equipment items in parts of the work area which are close to the receivers. For instance, the wood chipper and chainsaw in the vegetation removal scenario and the grinder and saw in the demolition scenario may be operated across a range of the work areas. This results in a number of sensitive receivers in close proximity to the equipment at times during the work. It is noted that these high magnitude impacts would likely be limited to short periods where the proposed work is occurring closest to each receiver.



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Management of potential impacts from the medium vibration-producing construction plant is anticipated to be required for adjacent heritage buildings. This will require vibration monitoring to be undertaken to ensure acceptable levels of vibration are satisfied. Alternative construction methodologies may be required to maintain acceptable levels of vibration.

Should larger equipment be required then management measures may be applicable at additional works to reduce potential impacts. Similarly, if vibration intensive equipment is required to be used in the vicinity of the station buildings, vibration levels should be confirmed and mitigation measures implemented as required.

Specific and additional mitigation and management measures for construction noise and vibration are outlined in this report.

Operational noise impacts

This assessment presents the applicable noise criteria for industrial noise sources associated with the Proposal.

At this stage of the design specific lift and substation systems have not been selected, which means it is too early to assess compliance with the applicable noise criteria. However, given this type of noise source generally has relatively low noise emissions, it is anticipated that the lift and substation system designs could be relatively easily mitigated if required during the detailed phase of the Proposal through the selection of appropriate equipment. While noise emissions from PA systems are generally louder than the other operational noise sources, they can typically be designed to minimise any impacts through the equipment selection, location, directionality and volume.

Cumulative noise impacts from all station noise sources should be assessed in the detailed design stage when selecting specific equipment locations and models for the lift facilities, PA systems and padmount substation.



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GLOSSARY

Item	Description / Definition
CNVS	Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation (now DPIE)
DECC	Department of Environment and Climate Change (now DPIE)
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (now DPIE)
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
REF	Review of Environmental Factors
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
ICNG	Interim Construction Noise Guideline
NPfI	Noise Policy for Industry
NML	Noise Management Level
NSW	New South Wales
RBL	Rating Background Level
RNP	Road Noise Policy
SLR	SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
SWL	Sound Power Level



1 Introduction

Transport for NSW is proposing to upgrade St Peters Station (the Proposal) to meet accessibility requirements outlined in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DD Act).

The Proposal is part of the Transport Access Program (TAP) which is an NSW Government initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and integrated transport infrastructure. The Proposal would provide safe and equitable access to the surrounding pedestrian network at St Peters Station and would also improve customer facilities and amenity.

1.1 Report objectives

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) has been engaged by Transport for NSW to prepare a construction and operational noise and vibration assessment for the proposed station upgrade at St Peters.

The aims of this assessment are to:

- summarise the construction and operational noise and vibration assessment of the scoping design for the Proposal
- identify feasible and reasonable noise and vibration mitigation and management measures to be incorporated in the detailed design and construction planning stage of the Proposal.

This assessment forms part of the input to the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

1.2 Relevant guidelines

The noise and vibration guidelines for construction and operations are based on publications managed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). The EPA guidelines applicable to this assessment include:

- operational noise Noise Policy for Industry (NPfl, EPA 2017)
- construction noise Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC 2009)
- construction and operational vibration (human comfort) Assessing Vibration a technical guideline (DEC 2006)
- road traffic noise on public roads NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP), NSW EPA 2011).

The following additional guidelines are also referenced in this study:

 construction noise and vibration mitigation - Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy (CNVS, version 4.2, Transport for NSW, 2019) and its November 2019 addendum to Tables 8 and 9.

1.3 Terminology

Specific acoustic terminology is used within this assessment. An explanation of common acoustic terms is included as **Appendix A**.



2 Proposal description

2.1 Proposal overview

The Proposal involves an upgrade of St Peters Station as part of the Transport Access Program and More Trains More Services Program which aims to improve public transport reliability, accessibility and amenity for customers.

The Proposal would include the following elements.

- two new lifts, lift landings and lift canopies at the Sydney (eastern) end of Platforms 1/2 and 3/4, connecting to the existing eastern footbridge
- closure and removal of the concourse retail kiosk for the installation of a new lift servicing Platform 1/2
- new canopies and anti-throw screens to stairs on Platform 3/4
- new canopies along Platform 3/4 for weather protection
- a standalone canopy at the western end of Platform 1 for weather protection at the boarding assistance zone (BAZ)
- modifications to the existing footbridge safety screens at new lift interface locations
- reconfiguration of the existing concourse building to accommodate a new family accessible toilet, new
 installation main switch board (IMSB) and existing station systems. A new switchboard would supply the
 required power to the lifts (and other station systems) from a pad mount transformer
- provision of one kiss and ride area on Goodsell Street and two on Lord Street
- regrading of the footpaths and landscaping work at the station entrances from Lord Street, King Street and Goodsell Street
- provision of up to six additional bike hoops at Railway Lane and Lord Street
- improvements to customer information and communications systems including wayfinding modifications, public address (PA) system modifications and new hearing induction loops as required
- platform regrading and the installation of new Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSI) along the platforms
- improvements to station lighting and CCTV to improve safety and security
- electrical upgrades and service relocations and/or adjustments to accommodate the new infrastructure, including replacement of an existing transformer.

The general layout of key elements for the Proposal is shown in Figure 1.



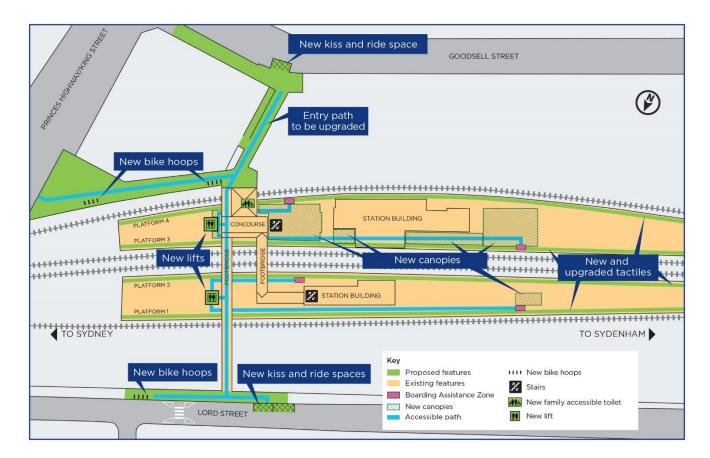


Figure 1 Key elements of the Proposal (indicative only, subject to detailed design)

2.2 Identification of sensitive receivers

The Proposal work is located as shown in **Figure 2**. Also shown are surrounding sensitive receivers, the Noise Catchment Areas (NCA01 to NCA03) and the noise monitoring locations L01, L02 and L03.

Table 1 provides a summary of these noise catchment areas.

 Table 1
 Representative noise sensitive receivers

NCA	Boundary description	Sensitive receiver descriptions
NCA01	Receivers located on both sides of the rail corridor to the east of St Peters station, east of King St and north of Sydney Park Rd.	Mostly residential buildings east of King Street and north of Sydney Park Road with outdoor recreation areas and various commercial receivers. Closest receivers located around 15 m from the proposed Concord St laydown area and around 70 m northeast of the St Peters Station platform.
NCA02	Receivers located on the north side of the rail corridor, west of King St.	Mostly residential buildings with a commercial building on Lord Street, mixed commercial/residential along King St, and Camdenville Public School around 300 m to the northwest. Closest receivers located around 20 m northwest of the St Peters Station platform.
NCA03	Receivers located on the south side of the rail corridor, southwest of Sydney Park Road.	Mostly residential buildings immediately to the south of the station with various commercial buildings along King Street and May Street to the south, and the Sydney Park outdoor recreation areas to the east. Closest receivers located around 15 m south of the St Peters Station platform.



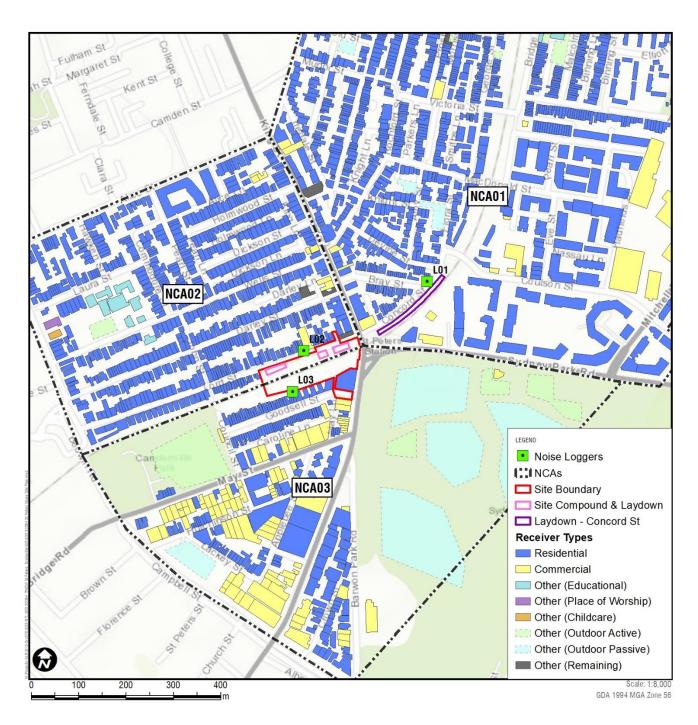


Figure 2 Site location and sensitive receivers

3 Existing acoustic environment

3.1 Continuous unattended monitoring

3.1.1 Noise monitoring procedure

Noise monitoring locations (refer to **Figure 2**) were selected based on an inspection of the potentially affected areas, giving consideration to other noise sources which may influence the recordings, security issues for the noise monitoring device and gaining permission for access to the location from the resident or landowner. Monitoring was undertaken from 18 November 2020 to 30 November 2020. Instrument calibration was checked before and after the measurement survey, with the variation in calibrated levels not exceeding the acceptable variation of ±0.5 dB (AS 1055).

The results of the noise monitoring have been processed to exclude periods of adverse wind and/or rain to establish representative noise levels at the locations.

3.1.2 Noise monitoring results

A summary of the unattended continuous noise monitoring is provided in **Table 2**. A full graphical representation of the unattended noise monitoring results is provided in **Appendix B**.

Table 2 Unattended noise logger results

Location	n Equipment Address Period ¹		Measurement parameter (dBA)					
	used			L90	LAeq	LA10	LA1	
L01	Svantek 957	68 Bray Street,	Daytime (7am-6pm)	44	64	66	76	
	(serial number 23244)	Erskineville	Evening (6pm-10pm)	42	66	66	79	
	23244)		Night-time (10pm-7am)	38	62	57	72	
L02		serial number Newtown	Daytime (7am-6pm)	45	59	60	68	
			Evening (6pm-10pm)	43	57	59	67	
	23233)		Night-time (10pm-7am)	36	53	54	62	
L03	Svantek 977	3 Goodsell Street,	Daytime (7am-6pm)	44	65	63	77	
(serial number 69507)	St Peters	Evening (6pm-10pm)	vening (6pm-10pm) 44 (45 67 64 actual) ²	64	80			
			Night-time (10pm-7am)	37	65	55	71	

Note 1: NPfl Governing Periods - Day: 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm Sundays & Public Holidays, Evening: 6pm to 10pm, Night: 10pm to 7am Monday to Saturday, 10pm to 8am Sundays & Public Holidays.

Note 2: The evening RBL has been reduced to match the daytime RBL due to the measured evening RBL being higher than the daytime, as outlined in the NPfI.



3.2 Operator attended measurements

3.2.1 Noise measurement procedure

The operator-attended noise measurements were undertaken on 18 November 2020 at each logger location using a calibrated Brüel and Kjær 2270, Sound Level Meter Serial No: 3027586. The acoustic instrumentation employed throughout the noise monitoring survey was designed to comply with the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1-2004: Electroacoustics - Sound level meters - Specifications as a type 1 precision sound level meter and has an accuracy suitable for both field and laboratory use. Both the meter and calibrator carry current NATA calibration certificates.

3.2.2 Noise measurement results

A summary of the operator-attended ambient noise survey is shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3 Operator attended ambient noise survey

Measurement Location	Measur	ed noise le	evels (dBA)	Observations (dBA)
	LA90	LAeq	LAmax	
L01 – 68 Bray St, Erskineville	46	68	96	Traffic on Concord St and Bray St: 55-96
5:26pm				Train passby: 60-75, flanging 75-84
18/11/2020				Aircraft: up to 55
				Wind in trees (intermittent): 45-46
				Distant traffic on King St/Sydney Park Rd: 45-47
L02 – 23 Lord St, Newtown	46	58	80	Train passby: 56-65
4:56pm				Station: idle trains 59, whistle 62
18/11/2020				Loud trucks/cars on King St: 48-54
				Traffic on Lord St: 53-69
				Pedestrians: 49-62
				Aircraft: 51-80
				Birds (intermittent): 53-70
				Distant traffic on King St: 47
L03 – 3 Goodsell St, St Peters	46	58	77	Train passby: 57-73, flanging 77
4:22pm				Station: idle trains 52-59, train doors closing 56
18/11/2020				Loud trucks/cars on King St: 54-61
				Aircraft: up to 58
				Wind in trees (intermittent): 44-56
				Birds (intermittent): 50-53
				Distant traffic on King St: 45

Daytime ambient noise levels at all locations were observed to be dominated by train passbys, including flanging noise primarily at LO1. Local traffic and aircraft also contributed to the noise level at most locations.

The daytime background noise level was typically distant traffic at all locations.



4 Construction noise assessment

4.1 Noise and vibration guidelines

4.1.1 Construction noise metrics

The three primary noise metrics used to describe construction noise emissions:

- LA1(1minute) the "typical maximum noise level" for an event, used in the assessment of potential sleep disturbance during night-time periods. Alternatively, assessment may be conducted using the LAmax or maximum noise level
- Laeq(15minute) the "energy average noise level" evaluated over a 15-minute period. This parameter is used to assess the potential construction noise impacts
- Lago the "background noise level" in the absence of construction activities. This parameter represents the average minimum noise level during the daytime, evening and night-time periods respectively. The Lago background noise Management Levels (NMLs) are based on the Lago background noise levels.

The subscript "A" indicates that the noise levels are filtered to match normal human hearing characteristics (ie A-weighted).

4.1.2 NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline

The *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (ICNG) sets out ways to deal with the impacts of construction noise on residences and other sensitive land uses. It does this by presenting assessment approaches that are tailored to the scale of construction projects.

The ICNG requires proposal specific Noise Management Levels (NMLs) to be established for noise affected receivers. In the event construction noise levels are predicted to be above the NMLs, feasible and reasonable work practices are investigated to minimise noise emissions.

4.1.2.1 Residential receivers

The ICNG provides an approach for determining LAeq(15minute) NMLs at residential receivers adjacent to the work by applying the measured LAF90(15minute) rating background noise levels (RBL), as described in **Table 4**.



Table 4 ICNG - determination of NMLs for residential receivers

Time of day	NML LAeq(15minute)	How to apply
Standard hours Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm Saturday 8am to 1pm No work on Sundays or public holidays	RBL ¹ + 10 dBA	The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise. Where the predicted or measured LAeq(15minute) is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level. The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.
	Highly noise affected 75 dBA	The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise. Where noise is above this level, the relevant authority (consent, determining or regulatory) may require respite periods by restructuring 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 works near schools or midmorning or mid-afternoon for works near residences. - If the community is prepared to accept a longer period of construction in exchange for restrictions on construction times.
Outside recommended standard hours	RBL ¹ + 5 dBA	A strong justification would typically be required for works 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 5 dBA above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community.

Note 1: The RBL is the overall single-figure background noise level measured in each relevant assessment period (during or outside the recommended standard hours). The term RBL is described in detail in the NSW *Noise Policy for Industry*.

4.1.2.2 Sleep disturbance

For the purposes of this assessment, the following night-time sleep disturbance noise goal has been used:

night-time RBL +15 dBA "screening criterion"

4.1.2.3 Commercial receivers

The ICNG explains that due to the broad range of sensitivities that commercial or industrial land can have to noise from construction, the process of defining management levels is separated into three categories:

- industrial premises: external LAeq(15minute) 75 dBA
- offices, retail outlets: external LAeg(15minute) 70 dBA
- other businesses that may be very sensitive to noise, where the noise level is project specific as discussed below.

The external noise levels are assessed at the most-affected occupied point of the premises.



4.1.2.4 Other sensitive land uses

The ICNG's quantitative assessment method provides NMLs for other sensitive land uses, such as educational institutes, medical facilities, etc. These land uses are considered potentially sensitive to construction noise only when the properties are in use. The ICNG also references AS2107:2016 – Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors for criteria of other sensitive receiver types that are not listed in the guideline. Neither the ICNG or AS 2107 provide criteria for childcare centres so the Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants Guideline for Child Care Centre Acoustic Assessment (GCCCAA) has also been referenced to adopt a noise management level for such receivers. The NMLs for the other sensitive receivers identified in the Proposal area are reproduced in **Table 5**.

Table 5 NMLs – other sensitive land uses

Use	Period	NML derived from	Noise Management Level LAeq(15minute) (dBA)		
			Internal	External	
Commercial	Daytime	ICNG	-	70	
Childcare centre	Daytime	GCCCAA	40	50 ¹	
Educational	Daytime	ICNG	45	55 ¹	
Hotel	Daytime, evening and night-time	AS2107	45	55 ¹	
Public building (eg town hall)	Daytime	AS2107	45	55 ¹	
Place of worship	Daytime and evening	ICNG	45	55 ¹	
Active recreation area	Daytime and evening	ICNG	-	65	
Passive recreation area	Daytime and evening	ICNG	-	60	

Note 1: Receiver conservatively assumed to have openable windows and a 10 dB outside to inside facade performance.

As the noise management level for multiple other sensitive occupancy types nominated in the ICNG is an <u>internal</u> level, the corresponding <u>external</u> noise level (which the assessments are based upon) has been determined on the assumption that a 10 dB noise reduction from outside to inside is applicable. This is generally considered to be a typical assumption for a 'windows open' scenario.

4.2 Noise assessment criteria

Adopting the measured background noise levels in **Table 2** and assumptions for other sensitive receivers shown in **Table 6**, the NMLs derived for the Proposal are outlined in **Table 6**.

Table 6 NMLs for construction

Receiver type	NCA	RBL (dBA)		Standard Out of Hours (RBL+5dBA)¹ construction (RBL+10dBA)			Sleep disturbance screening		
		Day	Eve.	Night	Daytime period	Daytime period	Evening period	Night-time period	(RBL+15)
Residential (L01)	NCA01	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	53
Residential (L02)	NCA02	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	51
Residential (L03)	NCA03	44	44 (45 actual)	37	54	49	49	42	52
Commercial	All	n/a	n/a	n/a	70	70	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Childcare Centre)		n/a	n/a	n/a	50	50	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Educational)		n/a	n/a	n/a	55	55	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Hotel)		n/a	n/a	n/a	55	55	55	55	n/a
Other Sensitive (Public Building)		n/a	n/a	n/a	55	55	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Place of Worship)		n/a	n/a	n/a	55	55	55	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Outdoor Active Recreation)		n/a	n/a	n/a	65	65	65	n/a	n/a
Other Sensitive (Outdoor Passive Recreation)		n/a	n/a	n/a	60	60	60	n/a	n/a

Note 1: Out of Hours construction hours – Daytime hours are: Saturday 7am to 8am and 1pm to 6pm, Sunday/public holiday 8am to 6pm.

Evening hours are: 6pm to 10pm. Night-time hours are: Monday to Friday 10pm to 7am, Saturday 10pm to 8am, Sunday/public holiday 10pm to 7am.

4.3 Ground-borne noise assessment criteria

Construction work can cause ground-borne noise impacts in nearby buildings when vibration generating equipment is in use. Vibration can be transmitted through the ground and into the structure of nearby buildings, which can then create audible noise impacts inside the building. The ICNG and CNVS provide evening and night-time ground-borne noise NMLs for residences to protect the amenity and sleep of affected residents. The ground-borne noise NMLs are:

Evening LAeq(15minute) 40 dBA

Night-time LAeq(15minute) 35 dBA.

For commercial receivers, the CNVS does not provide guidance in relation to acceptable ground-borne noise levels. An internal NML of 60 dBA has been used for these receivers, which is consistent with other similar infrastructure projects.

The NMLs only apply where internal ground-borne noise levels are higher than noise transmitted through the air. This situation can occur where buildings near to construction work have high performing facades which attenuate the airborne component, or where sensitive internal areas do not have facades which face the construction work. Should buildings susceptible to ground-borne noise be identified in the project area this should be assessed during preparation of the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP).

4.4 Vibration assessment criteria

The effects of vibration in buildings can be divided into three main categories – those in which the occupants or users of the building are inconvenienced or possibly disturbed, those where the building contents may be affected and those in which the integrity of the building or the structure itself may be affected.

4.4.1 Human comfort vibration

The EPA's Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline provides guideline values for continuous, transient and intermittent events that are based on a Vibration Dose Value (VDV) rather than a continuous vibration level. The VDV is dependent upon the level and duration of the short-term vibration event, as well as the number of events occurring during the daytime or night-time period.

The VDVs recommended in the document for vibration of an intermittent nature (ie construction work where more than three distinct vibration events occur) are presented in **Table 7**.



Table 7 Acceptable vibration dose values for intermittent vibration (m/s^{1.75}) (Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline)

Building types	Assessment period	Vibration Dose Val	alue¹ (m/s¹ ^{.75})	
		Preferred	Maximum	
Critical Working Areas (eg hospital operating theatres, precision 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	

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.

4.4.2 Effects on building contents

People can perceive floor vibration at levels well below those likely to cause damage to building contents or affect the operation of typical equipment. For most receivers, the controlling vibration criterion will be the human comfort criterion, and it is therefore not normally required to set separate criteria in relation to the effect of construction vibration on most building contents.

Where appropriate, objectives for the satisfactory operation of critical instruments or manufacturing processes should be sourced from manufacturer's data and/or other published objectives

4.4.3 Structural damage vibration

Structural damage vibration limits are based on Australian Standard AS 2187: Part 2-2006 Explosives - Storage and Use - Part 2: Use of Explosives and British Standard BS 7385 Part 2-1993 Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings Part 2. These standards provide frequency-dependent vibration limits related to cosmetic damage, noting that cosmetic damage is very minor in nature, is readily repairable and does not affect the structural integrity of the building. The recommended vibration limits from BS 7385 for transient vibration for minimal risk of cosmetic damage to residential and industrial buildings is shown in **Table 8**.

Table 8 Transient vibration guide values for minimal risk of cosmetic damage (BS 7385)

Line	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 above	
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



4.4.4 Minimum working distances

As a guide, minimum working distances for the proposed items of vibration intensive plant are provided in the CNVS and are reproduced below in **Table 9**.

Table 9 Recommended minimum working distances for vibration intensive plant

Plant item	Rating/description	Minimum working dista	nce ¹
		Cosmetic damage (BS 7385)	Human response (NSW EPA Vibration Guideline)
Vibratory roller	< 50 kN (Typically 1-2t)	5 m	15 m to 20 m
	< 100 kN (Typically 2-4t)	6 m	20 m
	< 200 kN (Typically 4-6t)	12 m	40 m
	< 300 kN (Typically 7-13t)	15 m	100 m
	> 300 kN (Typically 13-18t)	20 m	100 m
	> 300 kN (Typically > 18t)	25 m	100 m
Small hydraulic hammer	300 kg - 5 to 12t excavator	2 m	7 m
Medium hydraulic hammer	900 kg - 12 to 18t excavator	7 m	23 m
Large hydraulic hammer	1600 kg - 18 to 34t excavator	22 m	73 m
Jackhammer	Hand held	1 m (nominal)	Avoid contact with structure
Bored piling	< 800 mm	2 m	n/a

Note 1: More stringent conditions may apply to heritage or other sensitive structures, Refer Section 4.10.4.

The minimum working distances presented in **Table 9** are quoted for both cosmetic damage (refer to BS 7385:2 *Evaluation and Measurement for Vibration in Buildings Part 2: Guide to Damage Levels from Ground-borne Vibration*, 1993) and human comfort (refer to NSW EPA *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline*, 2006).

The minimum working distances for building damage should be complied with at all times. The distances are noted as being indicative and would vary depending on the particular item of plant and local geotechnical conditions. They apply to addressing the risk of cosmetic (minor – easily reparable) damage of typical buildings under typical geotechnical conditions.

Where vibration intensive work is required to be undertaken within the specified minimum working distances, vibration monitoring should be undertaken to ensure acceptable levels of vibration are satisfied.

In relation to human comfort, the minimum working distances relate to continuous vibration. For most construction activities, vibration emissions are intermittent in nature and for this reason, higher vibration levels, occurring over shorter periods are allowed.

4.5 Construction timing

4.5.1 Staging

Subject to approval, construction is expected to commence in 2021 and take around 24 months to complete. The construction methodology would be further developed during the detailed design of the Proposal by the nominated Contractor in consultation with Transport for NSW.



The proposed construction activities for the Proposal are identified in **Section 4.6**. The construction staging outlined in this assessment is indicative and is based on the current scoping design and may change once the detailed design methodology is finalised. The staging is also dependent on the Contractor's preferred methodology, program, and sequencing of work.

4.5.2 Construction hours

Where possible, work required for the Proposal would be undertaken during standard NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) construction hours, which are as follows:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 1pm Saturdays
- no work on Sundays or public holidays.

Work may need to occur outside standard hours and would include night work and work during scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods, which are scheduled closures that would occur regardless of the Proposal when part of the rail network is temporarily closed and trains are not operating.

Out of hours work is required in some cases to minimise disruptions to customers, pedestrians, motorists and nearby sensitive receivers; and to ensure the safety of railway workers and operational assets. It is estimated that around 19 scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods may be required to facilitate the following:

- services, piling and lift shaft installation on the platform
- installation of cable route from new transformer to main switchboard
- installation of new 200kVA padmount transformer

Out of hours work may also be scheduled outside scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods. Approval from Transport for NSW would be required for any out of hours work and the affected community would be notified as outlined in the CNVS.

4.6 Construction work scenarios

In order to assess the potential noise and vibration impacts during construction, a number of scenarios comprising typical plant and equipment have been developed. These are summarised in **Table 10**.

Piling work is associated with several work activities. For the purpose of this assessment, it is assumed that piling work would be performed using bored piling. If the construction contractor elects to use an alternative piling method, the noise and vibration levels generated by the use of this plant may be different to those presented in this assessment and should be reviewed during detailed design.



Table 10 Indicative construction scenarios

Plan	t item		Chainsaw¹	Chipper	Concrete Mixer Truck	Concrete Pump	Concrete Saw ¹	Concrete Vibrator	Elevated Working Platform	Excavator	Flatbed Truck	Forklift	Generator / Light Tower	Grinder / Demolition Saw¹	Hand Tools	Hi-Rail Plant (Hiab / Flatbed)	Jackhammer ¹	Mobile Crane	Piling - Bored	Roller – Vibratory¹	Truck
Sour	nd Power Level (LA	eq) ¹	114	116	103	106	118	102	97	99	100	101	98	105	94	102	113	100	111	109	108
Assu	med on-time in 15	minute period (minutes)	5	15	7.5	7.5	5	15	3	7.5	3	15	15	5	15	7.5	5	7.5	7.5	15	3
SWL	Max (LAmax)	116	120	112	109	122	105	102	105	106	106	98	108	100	110	115	107	118	115	112	
ID	Scenario	Activity																			
1A	Site establishment	Enabling work, establishment / demobilisation of site compounds and work areas							Х			х	Х		Х			х			х
1B		Vegetation removal	Х	Х					Х						Х						Х
2A	Main work	Demolition of existing railings, kiosk, components, etc, where required					х		х				х	Х	х						Х
2B		Excavation and piling work								Х			Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х
2C		Concrete work			Х	Х		Х					Х			Х					
2D		Installation of lifts, services, and fit-out							х		х	Х	Х		Х	х		Х			х
2E		Platform resurfacing					Х		Х				Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	
2F		Platform canopies work							Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х			Х

Plan	ıt item	Chainsaw ¹	Chipper	Concrete Mixer Truck	Concrete Pump	Concrete Saw ¹	Concrete Vibrator	Elevated Working Platform	Excavator	Flatbed Truck	Forklift	Generator / Light Tower	Grinder / Demolition Saw¹	Hand Tools	Hi-Rail Plant (Hiab / Flatbed)	Jackhammer ¹	Mobile Crane	Piling - Bored	Roller – Vibratory¹	Truck	
Soul	nd Power Level (LAe	eq) ¹	114	116	103	106	118	102	97	99	100	101	98	105	94	102	113	100	111	109	108
Assu	umed on-time in 15		15	7.5	7.5		15			3	15	15		15	7.5		7.5	7.5	15	3	
SWL	. Max (LAmax)		116	120	112	109	122	105	102	105	106	106	98	108	100	110	115	107	118	115	112
ID	Scenario	Activity																			
2G	Main work	Station building modifications and new amenities block							Х				Х		Х						х
2H		Resurfacing of King St / Goodsell St footpaths					Х						х	Х			Х			Х	х
3A	Site compounds and laydown										Х		Х					Х			
3B	areas Concord St in-corridor laydown area										Х		х			Х		Х			

Note 1: Incorporates the ICNG 'annoyance penalty'

4.7 Predicted noise impacts

In order to quantify noise emissions from the proposed construction work, a 3D computer noise model has been used to predict the LAeq(15minute) and LA1(1minute) noise levels at the nearest receivers.

The predictions include the source noise levels of the anticipated equipment, the location of the nearest sensitive receivers, the number of plant items likely to be operating at any given time, the distance between the equipment and the receivers, and shielding or reflections provided by topography and/or buildings.

The resultant daytime, daytime Out of Hours, evening and night-time worst-case Laeq(15minute) and La1(1minute) noise level predictions are presented for residential receivers in **Table 11** and non-residential receivers **Table 12**. The results are presented as a summary of the worst-case impacts for each work scenario when the work is located at the nearest position within the work area to each receiver.

In practice, the noise levels will vary due to plant moving around the worksite and not all operating concurrently. As such, noise levels are likely to be lower than the worst-case noise levels presented for notable periods of time during the work.

The ICNG states that where construction work is planned to extend over more than two consecutive nights, the impact assessment should cover the maximum noise level from the proposed work.



Table 11 Predicted noise levels at residential receivers

Ref	Work activity	Worst case construction	NCA	Туре	Noise level –	LAeq(15min	ute) (dl	BA)								Noise level – LA1(60second) (dBA) (sleep disturbance)			
		Period			Worst-case	RBL			NML				NML E	xceedar	ice		Worst-case	Screening	Exceedance	
					predicted	Day	Eve	Night	Day	Day OOH	Eve	Night	Day	Day OOH	Eve	Night	predicted	criteria (RBL+15 dBA)		
Site 6	Site establishment																			
1A	Enabling work, establishment /	Night-time	NCA01	RES	59	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	5	10	12	16	68	53	15	
	demobilisation of site		NCA02	RES	>80	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	30	>30	>30	>30	>80	51	>30	
	compounds and work areas		NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
1B	Vegetation removal	Standard	NCA01	RES	68	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	14	-	-	-	-	53	-	
		Daytime	NCA02	RES	>80	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	35	-	-	-	-	51	-	
			NCA03	RES	79	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	25	-	-	-	-	52	-	
Main	work																			
2A	Demolition of existing railings,	Night-time	NCA01	RES	66	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	12	17	19	23	74	53	21	
	kiosk, components, etc, where		NCA02	RES	>80	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	51	>30	
	required		NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
2B	Excavation and piling work	Night-time	NCA01	RES	64	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	10	15	17	21	68	53	15	
			NCA02	RES	75	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	20	25	27	>30	79	51	28	
			NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
2C	Concrete work	Night-time	NCA01	RES	57	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	3	8	10	14	61	53	8	
			NCA02	RES	69	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	14	19	21	28	73	51	22	
			NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	28	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
2D	Installation of lifts, services, and	Night-time	NCA01	RES	58	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	4	9	11	15	66	53	13	
	fit-out		NCA02	RES	69	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	14	19	21	28	77	51	26	
			NCA03	RES	78	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	24	29	29	>30	>80	52	>30	
2E	Platform resurfacing	Night-time	NCA01	RES	66	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	12	17	19	23	72	53	19	
			NCA02	RES	80	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	25	>30	>30	>30	>80	51	>30	
			NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
2F	Platform canopies work	Night-time	NCA01	RES	60	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	6	11	13	17	64	53	11	
			NCA02	RES	72	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	17	22	24	>30	76	51	25	
			NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	
2G	Station building modifications	Night-time	NCA01	RES	52	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	0	3	5	9	64	53	11	
	and new amenities block		NCA02	RES	62	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	7	12	14	21	74	51	23	
			NCA03	RES	78	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	24	29	29	>30	>80	52	>30	
2H	Resurfacing of King St / Goodsell	Night-time	NCA01	RES	65	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	11	16	18	22	68	53	15	
	St footpaths		NCA02	RES	70	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	15	20	22	29	73	51	22	
			NCA03	RES	>80	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	>30	>30	>30	>30	>80	52	>30	



Ref	construction														Noise level – LA1(60second) (dBA) (sleep disturbance)				
		Period			predicted	RBL			NML	NML			NML Exceedance					Screening	Exceedance
						Day	Eve	Night	Day	Day OOH	Eve	Night	Day	Day OOH	Eve	Night	predicted	criteria (RBL+15 dBA)	
Site o	Site compounds and laydown areas																		
3A	Lord St in-corridor site compound	Night-time	NCA01	RES	54	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	0	5	7	11	58	53	5
	and laydown area		NCA02	RES	73	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	18	23	25	>30	77	51	26
			NCA03	RES	64	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	10	15	15	22	68	52	16
3B	Concord St in-corridor laydown	Night-time	NCA01	RES	73	44	42	38	54	49	47	43	19	24	26	30	79	53	26
	area	NCA02	NCA02	RES	47	45	43	36	55	50	48	41	0	0	0	6	53	51	2
			NCA03	RES	57	44	45	37	54	49	49	42	3	8	8	15	63	52	11

Note 1: Worst-case predicted noise levels greater than 75 dBA are highlighted in red and indicates highly affected receiver noise levels as defined in the ICNG.

Note 2: Predicted exceedances of the sleep disturbance screening criteria are highlighted in brown.

Table 12 Predicted noise levels at non-residential receivers

NCA	Type ¹	Perio	d when	in use		NML	Predicted	Worst-case	LAeq(15min	ute) Noise l	evel [NML l	xceedance](dBA)					
		Day	Day OOH	Eve	Night	(dBA)	Site establi	shment	Main work								Site compo laydown ar	
							1A – Enabling work, establishment / demobilisation of site compounds and work areas	1B – Vegetation removal²	2A – Demolition of existing railings, kiosk, components, etc, where required	2B – Excavation and piling work	2C – Concrete work	2D – Installation of lifts, services, and fit-out	2E – Platform resurfacing	2F – Platform canopies work	2G – Station building modifications and new amenities block	2H – Resurfacing of King St / Goodsell St footpaths	3A – Lord St in-corridor site compound and laydown area	3B – Concord St in-corridor laydown area
NCA01	сом	Х	Х			70	65 [-]	74 [4]	69 [-]	66 [-]	60 [-]	62 [-]	70 [-]	63 [-]	57 [-]	67 [-]	61 [-]	68 [-]
	ОНО	Х	Х	Х	Х	55	38 [-]	45 [-]	46 [-]	41 [-]	36 [-]	39 [-]	45 [-]	39 [-]	35 [-]	44 [-]	29 [-]	44 [-]
	ООР	Х	Х	Х		60	32 [-]	39 [-]	39 [-]	36 [-]	30 [-]	32 [-]	39 [-]	33 [-]	27 [-]	40 [-]	25 [-]	46 [-]
NCA02	сом	Х	Χ			70	>80 [11]	>80 [20]	>80 [17]	76 [6]	70 [-]	70 [-]	79 [9]	73 [3]	63 [-]	71 [1]	67 [-]	46 [-]
	occ	Х	Х			50	30 [-]	37 [-]	39 [-]	34 [-]	31 [-]	29 [-]	39 [-]	34 [-]	28 [-]	37 [-]	23 [-]	18 [-]
	OED	Х	Х			55	43 [-]	47 [-]	52 [-]	47 [-]	41 [-]	43 [-]	50 [-]	44 [-]	41 [-]	50 [-]	32 [-]	28 [-]
	ОНО	Х	Х	Х	Х	55	80 [25]	>80 [>25]	>80 [>25]	73 [18]	67 [12]	66 [11]	77 [22]	70 [15]	61 [6]	70 [15]	69 [14]	55 [-]
	ОРВ	Х	Х			55	54 [-]	57 [2]	60 [5]	55 [-]	49 [-]	51 [-]	58 [3]	52 [-]	47 [-]	57 [2]	39 [-]	41 [-]
	OPW	Х	Х	Х		55	38 [-]	41 [-]	48 [-]	40 [-]	37 [-]	38 [-]	45 [-]	40 [-]	37 [-]	46 [-]	27 [-]	27 [-]
	OOA	Х	Х	Χ		65	37 [-]	42 [-]	47 [-]	40 [-]	37 [-]	37 [-]	44 [-]	40 [-]	36 [-]	45 [-]	28 [-]	26 [-]
NCA03	сом	Х	Х			70	64 [-]	63 [-]	78 [8]	59 [-]	53 [-]	60 [-]	62 [-]	56 [-]	63 [-]	>80 [12]	49 [-]	47 [-]
	OOA	Х	Х	Х		65	44 [-]	53 [-]	52 [-]	42 [-]	38 [-]	43 [-]	47 [-]	41 [-]	38 [-]	50 [-]	35 [-]	37 [-]
	ООР	Х	Х	Х		60	50 [-]	58 [-]	55 [-]	53 [-]	47 [-]	48 [-]	56 [-]	50 [-]	37 [-]	56 [-]	43 [-]	45 [-]

Note 1: Receiver classification abbreviations are residential (RES), commercial (COM), other sensitive – childcare centre (OCC), other sensitive – educational facility (OED), other sensitive – hotel (OHO), other sensitive – public building eg town hall (OPB), other sensitive – public building eg town hall (OPB), other sensitive – outdoor active recreation (OOA), other sensitive – outdoor passive recreation (OOP)

Note 2: Construction works proposed during standard daytime construction hours only

Note 3: Cells shaded orange indicate exceedances of the NMLs.



4.8 Discussion

4.8.1 Site establishment

During site establishment, the most potentially affected residential receivers are predicted to exceed the daytime NMLs by more than 30 dB in NCA02 and NCA03. During these noise-intensive work the receivers with the highest NML exceedances are generally those with direct line of sight to the equipment and situated immediately adjacent to the work.

Impacts at other sensitive receiver types are generally below NML with the exception of receivers immediately adjacent to the work (ie the nearby mixed commercial and hotel in NCAO2 north of the works).

While some NML exceedances have been identified as relatively high, these impacts are highly dependent on the specific location of the high noise plant which should be considered to minimise the impacts. Options to minimise noise impacts at these receivers are discussed further in **Section 5**.

NML exceedances of this magnitude would be limited to periods when noise intensive plant is operating directly adjacent to the sensitive receivers. Sensitive receivers which are located further away from the proposed work areas would have lower NML exceedances. For example, the predicted noise levels at the second row of receivers from the work area typically reduce by 10 dB when compared with the front row. However, due to the noise intensive nature of the equipment, NML exceedances are predicted over the adjacent area during the site establishment work.

Site establishment work is proposed to be undertaken during a combination of standard daytime construction hours, out-of-hours periods, and during shorter duration scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods, depending on the specific tasks being undertaken. The use of high noise equipment associated with vegetation clearing (chainsaw and chipper) is not anticipated to extend for more than a few days.

4.8.2 Main work

The majority of the main work is proposed to occur during standard daytime construction hours and during outof-hours periods occurring during scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods.

Due to the close vicinity to the work, the closest receivers in all adjacent catchments are predicted to exceed the NMLs during noise intensive activity. The highest predicted noise levels at residential receivers exceed the NML by over 30 dB during most of the noise intensive activities when located immediately adjacent to the first row of receivers in NCA02 and NCA03.

The highest predicted noise levels at non-residential receivers exceed the NML by over 25 dB during demolition works at the hotel (Sydney Park Hotel) in NCA02. NML exceedances of this magnitude would be limited to the rooms with a line of sight to the proposed equipment for this work. Consultation with this hotel may allow scheduling of some work at a time when these receivers are not occupied and therefore not susceptible to adverse noise impact.

The night-time noise management levels are based on the lower background noise level during this period. The culmination of these factors results in an increased risk of sleep disturbance at many surrounding residential receivers. Where practical it is recommended that use of noise intensive equipment is scheduled to occur in the less sensitive daytime period to reduce the magnitude of the resultant NML exceedances and sleep disturbance impacts.



4.8.3 Site compounds and laydown areas

The nearest-affected residential receivers in NCA02 and NCA03 are predicted to exceed the daytime NMLs by up to 18 dB and 10 dB respectively during the proposed compound and laydown activity at the Lord Street incorridor location.

Construction noise levels in NCA01 due to the Concord Street in-corridor laydown area are predicted to exceed NMLs by up to 19 dB during the daytime and up to 30 dB during out of hours at residential receivers during the work.

The highest predicted noise levels at non-residential receivers exceed the NML by up to 14 dB at Sydney Park Hotel in NCAO2.

4.8.4 Highly noise affected receivers

Residential receivers are considered to be highly noise affected if noise levels from construction exceed 75 dBA LAeq(15minute).

With reference to **Table 11**, the work is predicted to result in 'highly noise affected' receivers. Due to the close vicinity of the work to receivers directly adjacent to St Peters Station, worst case construction daytime noise levels are predicted above 75 dBA LAeq(15minute) during the operation of noise intensive equipment.

The location of receivers with potential to be highly noise affected at noise intensive times during these activities is shown in **Figure 3**.



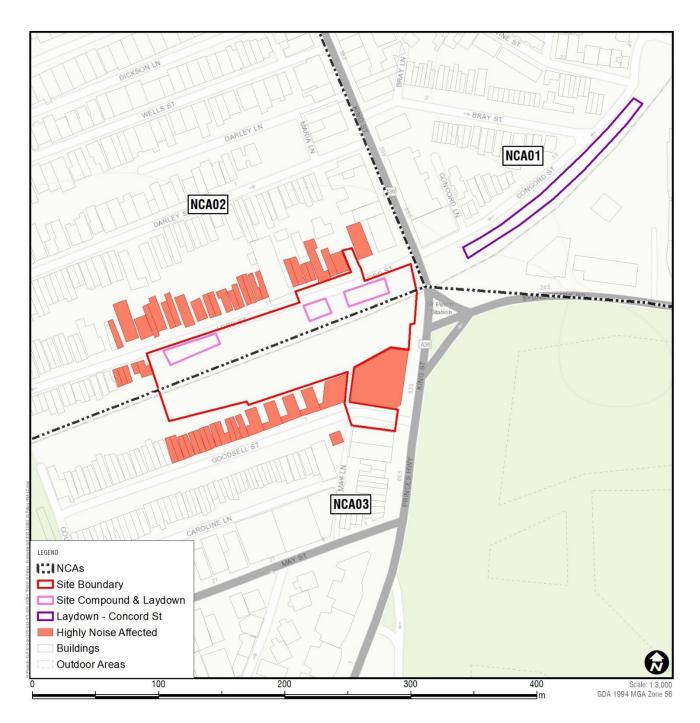


Figure 3 Highly noise affected receivers

Figure 3 shows that 31 residential receiver buildings in NCA02 and 20 in NCA03 are predicted to be highly noise affected during noise intensive work.

Mitigation measures recommended to minimise the impacts are outlined in **Section 5**.



4.8.5 Cumulative noise impacts

Cumulative noise impacts warrant assessment where more than one work scenario operates at the same time and in the same location such that the same receiver is impacted by noise from more than one work scenario simultaneously. Generally, the proposed work is scheduled in consecutive phases and therefore cumulative noise impacts are not predicted as the assessment is controlled by noise impacts from the individual phases (as assessed).

Where construction work associated with other projects occurs at the same time as the Proposal work, this has the potential to result in marginally higher noise levels at the nearby receivers. However, noisy work from each project would typically not occur at the same time, and may affect different facades of a building, minimising the cumulative impacts.

4.9 Construction road traffic

Construction vehicles associated with the Proposal on public roads are not expected to exceed 15 heavy vehicle deliveries per day during peak construction periods (scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods) and less during non-track work periods.

The relatively small number of construction vehicles accessing the site is predicted to have an insignificant effect on existing road traffic noise levels and further consideration of noise impacts due to construction traffic is not required.

4.10 Construction vibration assessment

4.10.1 Vibration intensive equipment

Vibration intensive equipment is proposed during the main work scenarios which include the use of a vibratory roller, jackhammer and piling rigs.

For the purpose of this assessment, it is assumed that piling work would be performed using non-vibration intensive bored piling. If the construction contractor elects to use an alternative piling method, the vibration levels generated by the use of this plant may be higher than those presented in this assessment.

Vibratory rolling is proposed during the following scenarios:

- excavation and piling work
- platform resurfacing work
- resurfacing of King St / Goodsell St footpaths

Jackhammering is proposed during platform canopies work, as well as the three activities above.

Vibratory rolling during the station work at its closest is likely to be the around 15 metres from the closest residential receivers. For resurfacing work on King St / Goodsell St footpaths, the work may be closer than 15 m to the nearest buildings which are immediately adjacent to the footpath. For work on the platform, vibration impacts to the station buildings should be considered.



4.10.2 Cosmetic damage assessment

For most sources of intermittent vibration during construction, the predominant vibration energy occurs at frequencies usually in the 10 Hz to 100 Hz range. On this basis, and with reference to BS 7385:2 and **Section 4.4**, a vibration damage screening level of 7.5 mm/s has been adopted for the purpose of assessing potential impacts from continuous vibration.

BS 7385:2 sets guide values for vibration based on the lowest vibration levels above which damage has been credibly demonstrated. These levels are judged to give a minimum risk of vibration-induced damage, where minimal risk is usually taken as 95 per cent probability of no effect.

Based on the safe working distances presented in the CNVS and the use of a medium vibratory roller, indicative vibration levels at the representative receivers are shown in **Table 13**.

 Table 13
 Indicative vibration levels at nearby receivers

Receiver ¹	Approximate distance to works	Indicative Vibration Level (mm/s) ²
NCA01 (RES)	70 m	<1
NCA02 (RES)	20 m	4.8
NCA03 (RES)	15 m (station platforms)	7.5
	<15 m (King St / Goodsell St footpaths)	>7.5

Note 1: Receiver classification abbreviations are residential (RES).

Note 2: Estimated from the minimum working distances specified in CNVS for a medium vibratory roller (< 50 kN, Typically 7-13 tonnes) and assumed dense rock.

The information presented in **Table 13** indicates that the separation distance from the nearest receivers is sufficient to mitigate the potential impacts for a medium sized vibratory roller with the exception of the King Street / Goodsell Street footpath resurfacing works which may exceed the screening criteria should this be required within 15 metres of a standard residential type building and alternative methods should be considered (refer to **Section 5**). Industrial type reinforced buildings are generally considered less susceptible to vibration than a brick residential type construction and therefore the finalised works location should also consider the adjacent building construction to ensure acceptable levels of vibration are satisfied.

Other items of plant (bored piling and jackhammering) are associated with a lower vibration level and are not identified any closer to the receivers than the vibratory rolling scenario. As such, it is considered that structural or cosmetic damage impacts from vibration intensive work is unlikely for the adjacent receivers during other scenarios.

If vibration intensive work such as large vibratory rollers or other equipment are required to be undertaken within the specified minimum working distances outlined in **Section 4.4.4**, or in close proximity to potentially vibration-sensitive structures such as the station buildings, vibration monitoring should be undertaken to ensure acceptable levels of vibration are satisfied.

4.10.3 Human comfort vibration assessment

In relation to human comfort (response), the safe working distances in **Section 4.4.4** relate to continuous vibration and apply to **residential** receivers. For most construction activities, vibration emissions are intermittent in nature and for this reason, higher vibration levels, occurring over shorter periods are permitted, as discussed in *Assessing Vibration - a technical guideline*.



Vibration at the nearest receivers is likely to be perceptible at times during the work.

For vibratory rolling, where the nearest affected receiver is located approximately 15 metres from the work area, assuming a medium vibratory roller operating continuously near the adjacent site boundary, it is anticipated that the residential VDV criteria of $0.4 \text{ m/s}^{1.75}$ (daytime) and $0.26 \text{ m/s}^{1.75}$ (night-time) will be reached within an impractical working time (under one hour). This applies to the majority of front row receivers with the majority of receivers in the area situated at over 100 metres from the site boundary at sufficient distance to mitigate potential vibration impacts.

Where vibratory rolling is required at a location less than 50 metres from the nearest sensitive receiver it is recommended that a small vibratory roller is used where practicable.

This assessment indicates that vibration monitoring is required at the start of work to determine the site specific vibration propagation characteristics and provide information to the construction team in relation to likely allowable working durations with the vibratory roller.



4.10.4 Heritage buildings

The heritage items identified in the City of Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2011 are shown in **Figure 4**.

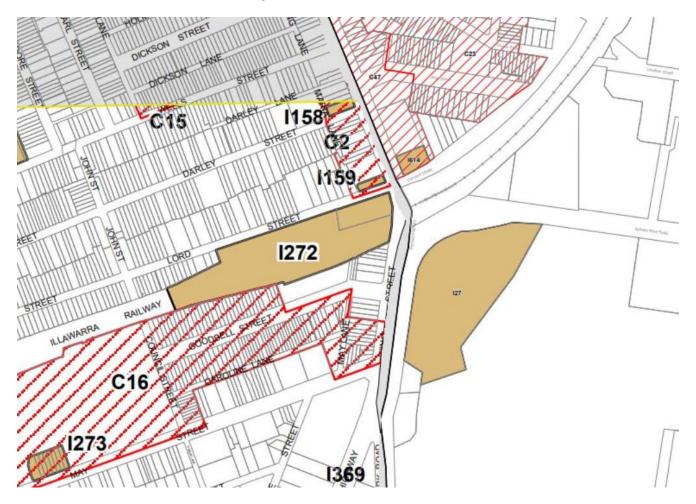


Figure 4 City of Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012

Note: Map identification number 5200_COM_HER_004_010_20170707 and 7200_COM_HER_004_005_20120814.

At this stage in the Proposal, the following heritage listed structures have been identified within approximately 100 metres of the proposed work involving vibration-generating plant described in **Section 4.10.1**.

Table 14 Heritage listed structures within 100 metres of vibration generating work

LEP Designation	Address	Description
127	2 Princes Highway	Former Bedford Brickworks group including chimneys, kilns and grounds
1272	King Street	St Peters Railway Station group, including interiors
1273	105–119 May Street	Terrace housing, including interiors
1158	597 King Street (corner Darley Street)	Botany View Hotel, including interiors
1159	631 King Street	St Peters Hotel, including interiors ¹
1614	672 King Street	Former St Peter's Theatre facade

Note 1: St Peters Hotel is now known as Sydney Park Hotel.

BS 7385 states that "a building of historical value should not (unless it is structurally unsound) be assumed to be more sensitive".

Heritage buildings are to be considered on a case by case bases. Where a historic building or structure is deemed to be sensitive to damage from vibration (following inspection), it is recommended to reduce the vibration criteria accordingly in line with the CNVS. The more conservative DIN 4150 superficial cosmetic damage criteria of 2.5 mm/s should be considered for vibration sensitive structures. Where heritage buildings of a typical residential-type construction are not found to be structurally unsound, DIN 4150 superficial cosmetic damage criteria of 5 mm/s may be more suitable as a screening criterion.

For the proposed construction activities, the vibration intensive equipment is limited to the vibratory roller (during excavation, platform resurfacing work and resurfacing of King St / Goodsell St footpaths).

During these works the DIN4150 criteria could be exceeded at the following heritage items:

- St Peters Railway Station
- Sydney Park Hotel

As such, it is recommended that alternative lower vibration techniques to the vibratory roller (eg tamping, non-vibratory rolling or use of a smaller capacity roller) is preferred when in the near vicinity of these items.

Where vibration intensive work is required to be undertaken within the specified safe working distances outlined in **Section 4.4.4**, or in close proximity to vibration sensitive heritage structures, vibration monitoring should be undertaken to ensure acceptable levels of vibration are satisfied.

In relation to the heritage structures, it is recommended to limit equipment to low vibration items (ie non-vibratory rollers) when work is required within 50 metres of any heritage structure. Note this is to be confirmed with site measurements to quantify the site-specific vibration levels. This could be undertaken prior to commencement of the work near any sensitive structures and include operator-attended monitoring.

At locations where the predicted and/or measured vibration levels are greater than the nominated screening levels, a more detailed analysis of the building structure, vibration source, dominant frequencies and dynamic characteristics of the structure would be required to determine the applicable safe vibration level.



5 Construction noise and vibration mitigation measures

The construction noise and vibration predictions indicate that the proposed construction activities are likely to exceed the construction noise management levels at locations adjacent to the construction work areas. The predicted exceedances should therefore be managed in accordance with mitigation measures as detailed within this report and Transport for NSW procedures.

A detailed construction methodology and associated management plans (including a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan) should be developed during the detailed design phase of the Proposal to manage impacts.

5.1 Standard mitigation measures

Particular effort should be directed towards the implementation of all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation and management strategies as per the standard mitigation measures detailed in the ICNG.

Reference should also be made to the Transport for NSW Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy (CNVS, version 4.2 and its November 2019 addendum to Tables 8 and 9) which details a number of standard mitigation measures for construction activities likely to result in adverse noise or vibration impacts associated with infrastructure projects.

Where identified in the impact assessment, particular effort should be directed towards the implementation of all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation and management strategies, noting that additional site specific measures may also be recommended.

Standard mitigation measures which may be considered appropriate for the Proposal, as taken from the CNVS, are shown in **Table 15**.

Table 15 Recommended standard noise mitigation measures

Action required	Applies to	Details
Management measu	res	
Implementation of any project specific mitigation measures required	Airborne noise. Ground-borne noise and vibration	In addition to the measures set out in this table, any project specific mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment documentation (eg Environmental Impact Statement, Review of Environmental Factors, submissions or representations report) or approval or licence conditions must be implemented
Implement stakeholder consultation measures	Airborne noise. Ground-borne noise and vibration	Periodic Notification (monthly letterbox drop and website notification) ¹ Notifications for night/weekend noisy works Website and web based surveys Project information and construction response telephone line Social media and email distribution list Community Engagement Managers



Action required	Applies to	Details
Register of Noise Sensitive Receivers	Airborne noise Ground-borne noise and vibration	A register of all noise and vibration sensitive receivers (NSRs) would be kept on site. The register would include the following details for each NSR: address of receiver category of receiver (eg Residential, Commercial etc.) contact name and phone number
Site inductions	Airborne noise Ground-borne noise and vibration	 All employees, contractors and subcontractors are to receive an environmental induction. The induction must at least include: all relevant project specific and standard noise and vibration mitigation measures relevant licence and approval conditions permissible hours of work any limitations on high noise generating activities location of nearest sensitive receivers construction employee parking areas designated loading/unloading areas and procedures site opening/closing times (including deliveries) environmental incident procedures.
Behavioural practices	Airborne noise	No swearing or unnecessary shouting or loud stereos/radios on site. No dropping of materials from height; throwing of metal items; and slamming of doors. No excessive revving of plant and vehicle engines Refrain from idling vehicles Controlled release of compressed air.
Monitoring	Airborne noise Ground-borne noise and vibration	A noise monitoring program is to be carried out for the duration of the works in accordance with the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan and any approval and licence conditions.
Attended vibration measurements	Ground-borne vibration	Attended vibration measurements shall be undertaken at all buildings within 25 m of vibration generating activities when these activities commence to confirm that vibration levels are within the acceptable range to prevent cosmetic building damage.
Building condition surveys	Vibration Blasting	Undertake building dilapidation surveys on all buildings located within the buffer zone prior to major project construction activities with the potential to cause property damage.
Construction respite period	Ground-borne noise and vibration Airborne noise	High noise and vibration generating activities ² may only be carried out in continuous blocks, not exceeding 3 hours each, with a minimum respite period of one hour between each block ³ .
Construction hours and scheduling	Airborne noise Ground-borne noise and vibration	Where feasible and reasonable, works should be carried out during Standard Construction Hours. Work generating high noise and/or vibration levels would be scheduled during less sensitive time periods.
Source controls		
Equipment selection	Airborne noise Ground-borne noise and vibration	Use quieter and less vibration emitting construction methods where feasible and reasonable.
Maximum noise levels	Airborne-noise	The noise levels of plant and equipment must have operating Sound Power Levels compliant with the criteria in Appendix C (of the CNVS).



Action required	Applies to	Details
Rental plant and equipment	Airborne-noise	The noise levels of plant and equipment items are to be considered in rental decisions and in any case cannot be used on site unless compliant with the criteria in Appendix C (of the CNVS).
Plan worksites and activities to minimise noise and vibration	Airborne noise Ground-borne vibration	Plan traffic flow, parking and loading/unloading areas to minimise reversing movements within the site.
Non-tonal reversing alarms	Airborne noise	Non-tonal reversing beepers (or an equivalent mechanism) must be fitted and used on all construction vehicles and mobile plant regularly used on site and for any out of hours work.
Minimise disturbance arising from delivery of goods to construction sites	Airborne noise	Loading and unloading of materials/deliveries is to occur as far as possible from sensitive receivers.
Path controls		
Shield stationary noise sources such as pumps, compressors, fans etc	Airborne noise	Stationary noise sources would be enclosed or shielded whilst ensuring that the occupational health and safety of workers is maintained where necessary. Appendix F of AS 2436: 1981 lists materials suitable for shielding.
Shield sensitive receivers from noisy activities	Airborne noise	Use structures to shield residential receivers from noise such as site shed placement; earth bunds; fencing; erection of operational stage noise barriers (where necessary) and consideration of site topography when situating plant.

- Note 1 Detailing all upcoming construction activities at least 7 days prior to commencement of relevant work.
- Note 2 Includes jack and rock hammering, sheet and pile driving, rockbreaking and vibratory rolling.
- Note 3 "Continuous" includes any period during which there is less than a 60 minutes respite between ceasing and recommencing any of the work.

5.2 Additional noise mitigation measures

Additional noise mitigation measures to be explored in the CNVMPs in the event of predicted exceedances of the noise goals, particularly during Out of Hours Works (OOHWs), are described in the CNVS as updated in the November 2019 addendum.

The additional mitigation measures described in the CNVS are summarised in **Table 16**, with discussion of their potential applicability to these works. The objective of these additional noise mitigation measures is to engage, inform and provide project-specific messages to the community, recognising that advanced warning of potential disruptions can assist in reducing the impact.



Table 16 Additional Management Measures Descriptions

Measure	Description	Abbreviation
Periodic Notification	A notification entitled 'Project Update' or 'Construction Update' is produced and distributed to stakeholders via letterbox drop and distributed to the project postal and/or email mailing lists. The same information will be published on the Transport for NSW website. Periodic notifications provide an overview of current and upcoming works across the project and other topics of interest. The objective is to engage, inform and provide project-specific messages. Advanced warning of potential disruptions (eg traffic change or noisy works) can assist in reducing the impact on stakeholders. The approval conditions for project specify the requirements for notification to sensitive receivers where works may impact on them. Content and length is determined on a project-by-project basis and must be approved by Transport for NSW prior to distribution. Most projects distribute notifications on a monthly basis. Each notification is graphically designed within a branded template. In certain circumstances media advertising may also be used to supplement Periodic Notifications, where considered effective.	PN
Verification Monitoring	Verification monitoring of noise and/or vibration during construction may be conducted at the affected receivers or a nominated representative location. Monitoring can be in the form of either unattended logging (ie for vibration with an immediate feedback mechanism such as SMS capabilities) or operator attended surveys (ie for specific periods of construction noise). The purpose of the monitoring is to confirm that: • construction noise and vibration from the project are consistent with the predictions in the noise assessment • mitigation and management of construction noise and vibration is appropriate for receivers affected by the works Where noise monitoring finds that the actual noise levels exceed those predicted in the noise assessment then immediate refinement of mitigation measures may be required.	V
Specific Notification	Specific notification are in the form of a personalised letter or phone call to identified stakeholders no later than seven calendar days ahead of construction activities that are likely to exceed the noise objectives. Alternatively (or in addition to), communications representatives from the contractor would visit identified stakeholders at least 48 hours ahead of potentially disturbing construction activities and provide an individual briefing. • Letters may be letterbox dropped or hand distributed • Phone calls provide affected stakeholders with personalised contact and tailored advice, with the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed work and their specific needs • Individual briefings are used to inform stakeholders about the impacts of noisy activities and mitigation measures that will be implemented. Individual briefing provide affected stakeholders with personalised contact and tailored advice, with the opportunity to comment on the project. Specific notifications are used to support periodic notifications, or to advertise unscheduled works and must be approved by Transport for NSW prior to implementation/ distribution.	SN



Measure	Description	Abbreviation
Respite Offer	Respite Offer The purpose of a project specific respite offer is to provide residents subjected to length periods of noise or vibration respite from an ongoing impact. The offer could comprise per-purchased movie tickets, bowling activities, meal vouchers or similar offer. This measure is determined on a case-by-case basis, and may not be applicable to all projects.	
Alternative Accommodation	Alternative accommodation options may be provided for residents living in close proximity to construction works that are likely to incur unreasonably high impacts. Alternative accommodation will be determined on a case-by-case basis and should provide a like-for-like replacement for permanent residents, including provisions for pets, where reasonable and feasible.	AA
Alternative Construction Methodology	Where the vibration assessment identifies that the proposed construction method has a high risk of causing structural damage to buildings near the works, the proponent will need to consider alternative construction options that achieve compliance with the VMLs for building damage. For example, replace larger rock break with smaller rock breakers or rock saws.	AC
Respite Period	OOHW during evening and night periods will be restricted so that receivers are impacted for no more than 3 consecutive evenings and no more than 2 consecutive nights in the same NCA in any one week, except where there is a Duration Respite. A minimum respite period of 4 evenings/5 nights shall be implemented between periods of evening and/or night works. Strong justification must be provided where it is not reasonable and feasible to implement these period restrictions (eg to minimise impacts to rail operations), and approval must be given by Transport for NSW through the OOHW Approval Protocol. Note: this management measure does not apply to OOHW Period 1 – Days.	RP
Duration Reduction	Where Respite Periods (see management measure above) are considered to be counterproductive to reducing noise and vibration impacts to the community it may be beneficial to increase the number of consecutive evening and/or nights through Duration Reduction to minimise the duration of the activity. This measure is determined on a project-by-project basis, and may not be applicable to all project. Impacted receivers must be consulted and evidence of community support for the Duration Reduction must be provided as a justification for the Duration Reduction. A community engagement strategy must be agreed with and implemented in consultation with Community Engagement Representatives.	DR

The CNVS includes definition of the level of noise impact which triggers consideration of each additional mitigation measure (reproduced in **Table 17**).



Table 17 Additional mitigation measures matrix – Airborne construction noise

Construction hours	Receiver perception	dBA above RBL	dBA above NML	Additional management measures
Standard Hours	Noticeable	5 to 10	0	-
Mon-Fri (7am - 6pm)	Clearly Audible	>10 to 20	<10	-
Sat (8am - 1pm) Sun/Pub Hol (Nil)	Moderately Intrusive	>20 to 30	>10 to 20	PN, V
Sull/Pub Hol (Mil)	Highly Intrusive	>30	>20	PN, V
	75 dBA or greater	N/A	N/A	PN, V, SN
OOHW Period 1	Noticeable	5 to 10	<5	-
Mon-Fri (6pm - 10pm) Sat (7am - 8am & 1pm - 10pm)	Clearly Audible	>10 to 20	5 to 15	PN, RP ¹ , DR ¹
	Moderately Intrusive	>20 to 30	>15 to 25	PN, V, SN, RO, RP ¹ , DR ¹
Sun/Pub Hol. (8am - 6pm)	Highly Intrusive	>30	>25	PN, V, SN, RO, RP ¹ , DR ¹
OOHW Period 2	Noticeable	5 to 10	<5	PN
Mon-Sat (12am - 7am &	Clearly Audible	>10 to 20	5 to 15	PN, V, SN, RO ² , RP ¹ , DR ¹
10pm - 12am) Sun/Pub Hol. (12am -	Moderately Intrusive	>20 to 30	>15 to 25	PN, V, SN, RO ² , RP ¹ , DR ¹
8am & 6pm - 12am)	Highly Intrusive	>30	>25	PN, V, SN, RO ² , RP ¹ , DR ¹ , AA

Note 1: Respite periods and duration reduction are not applicable when works are carried out during OOHW Perio 1 Day only (ie Saturday 6am-7am and 1pm-6pm, Sunday / Public Holidays 8am-6pm).

5.3 Additional vibration mitigation measures

Where the vibration management levels for building damage may be exceeded, vibration monitoring should be conducted to determine site specific minimum working distances. Alternative construction methodologies may need to be considered where it is not possible to complete the work within the building damage vibration management levels. The additional mitigation measures described in the CNVS are summarised below in **Table 18**.



Note 2: Respite offer during OOHW Period 2 are only applicable for evening periods (ie, Sundays / Public Holidays 6pm-10pm), and may not be required if a respite offer has already been made for the immediately preceding OOHW Period 1.

Note 3: PN = Project notification, SN = Specific notification, individual briefings, or phone call, V = Verification monitoring, DR = Duration Reduction, RP = Respite Period, RO = Project specific respite offer, AA = Alternative accommodation.

Table 18 Additional mitigation measures matrix – Construction vibration

Construction hours	Receiver Perception	Vibration Management Level	Additional Management Measures
Standard Hours	Human disturbance	Exceeds HVML	PN, V, RO
Mon-Fri (7am - 6pm) Sat (8am - 1pm) Sun/Pub Hol (Nil)	Building damage	Exceeds DVML	V, AC
OOHW Period 1	Human disturbance	Exceeds HVML	PN, V, SN, RO, RP, DR
Mon-Fri (6pm - 10pm) Sat (7am - 8am) & (1pm - 10pm) Sun/Pub Hol. (8am - 6pm)	Building damage	Exceeds DVML	V, AC
OOHW Period 2	Human disturbance	Exceeds HVML	PN, V, SN, RO, AA, RP, DR
Mon-Fri (10pm - 7am) Sat (10pm - 8am) Sun/Pub Hol. (6pm - 7am)	Building damage	Exceeds DVML	V, AC

Notes:

PN = Project notification SN = Specific notification, individual briefings, or phone call, V = Verification monitoring, AA = Alternative accommodation, DR = Duration Reduction, RO = Project specific respite offer, RP = Respite Period, AC = Alternative construction methodology.

5.4 Summary of additional mitigation

Based on the predicted noise levels in **Section 4.7**, additional mitigation measures as per the requirements shown in **Table 17** have been determined for work during the proposed construction hours. The extent of additional mitigation measures are representative of the worst-case construction activities with the daytime and night-time (OOHW period 2) affected receiver areas shown in **Figure 5** and **Figure 6** respectively.

Respite offers and respite periods may be counterproductive in reducing the impact on the community for longer duration projects. In this instance and where it can be strongly justified, it may be beneficial to increase the work duration, number of evenings or nights worked so that the project can be progressed and completed in a shorter timeframe. The approach to respite periods would be confirmed during preparation of the CNVMP and in consultation with the community.



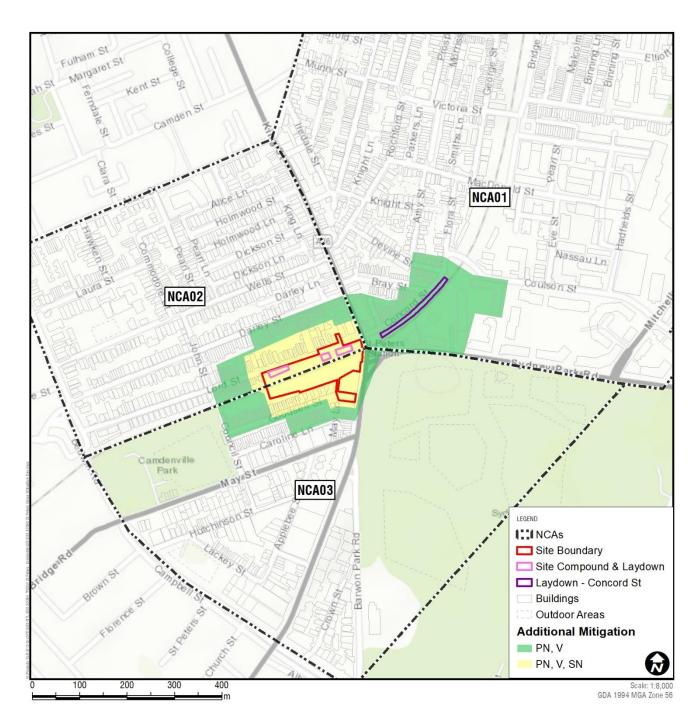


Figure 5 Additional mitigation summary - Standard daytime construction hours

Notes: PN = Project notification SN = Specific notification, individual briefings, or phone call, V = Verification monitoring

Additional mitigation measures are required for daytime work at residential receivers surrounding St Peters Station and the Concord St laydown area. These mitigation requirements are generally a result of construction activities with high noise plant such as a chainsaw, chipper, concrete saw, jackhammer, or vibratory roller.



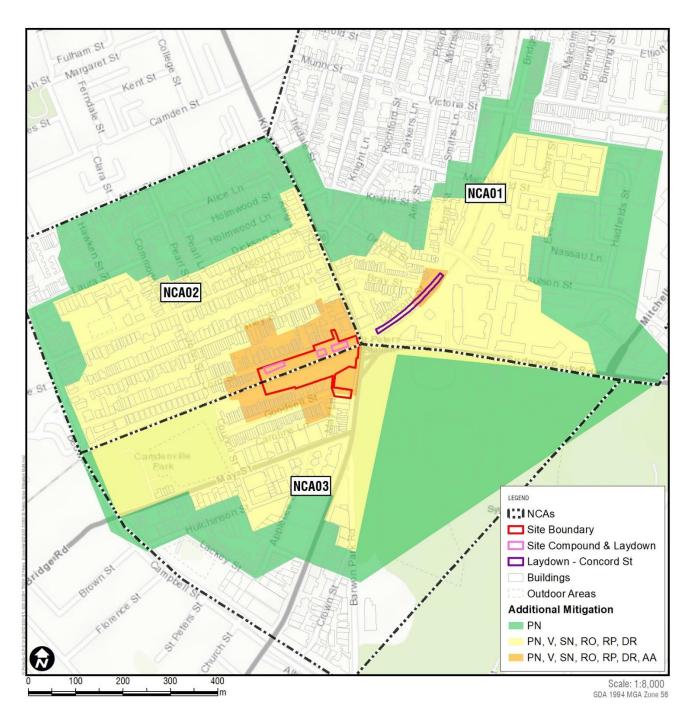


Figure 6 Additional mitigation summary - Out of hours period 2 work

Notes: PN = Project notification, SN = Specific notification, individual briefings, or phone call, V = Verification monitoring, DR = Duration Reduction, RP = Respite Period, RO = Project specific respite offer, AA = Alternative accommodation.

Additional mitigation measures are required for out of hours work at residential receivers surrounding the Proposal. These mitigation measures mostly involve project notification and verification monitoring during OOHW periods. Receivers located to the immediate vicinity of St Peters Station and the Concord St laydown area require consideration of additional measures with several residential receivers qualifying for consideration of alternative accommodation during the most noise intensive OOHW.



The additional noise mitigation requirements are based on predicted exceedance of RBLs and NMLs assuming sensitivity to noise increases for the receivers outside standard construction hours. The NMLs for other sensitive receiver types are specific to the type of use rather than the time of operation in accordance with the ICNG. Notwithstanding, due to the potential noise impacts at adjacent other sensitive receiver types it is recommended to undertake letterbox drops at other sensitive receivers immediately adjacent the work to inform these receivers of the proposed work.

It is recommended that representative operator attended noise monitoring be carried out on the first night of the proposed work in order to verify that the impacts from the work is not greater than anticipated.

The extent of impacts would depend on the finalised scheduled Sydney Trains track work periods and work schedule (eg timing noise intensive plant during less sensitive periods) to be confirmed in a CNVIS for the possession activities and managed in accordance with the CNVMP.



6 Operational noise assessment

6.1 NPfI trigger noise levels

The EPA has regulatory responsibility for the control of noise from 'scheduled premises' under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. In implementing the NPfI, the EPA has two broad objectives:

- controlling intrusive noise levels in the short term
- maintaining noise amenity levels for particular land uses over the medium to long-term.

In general terms, the NPfI sets out procedures for establishing the project intrusiveness LAeq(15minute) and project amenity LAeq(period) noise levels, with a view to determining the lower (that is, the more stringent) being the Project Trigger Noise Level (PTNL), NPfI Section 2.1 states:

The project intrusiveness noise level aims to protect against significant changes in noise levels, whilst the project amenity noise level seeks to protect against cumulative noise impacts from industry and maintain amenity for particular land uses. Applying the most stringent requirement as the project noise trigger level ensures that both intrusive noise is limited and amenity is protected and that no single industry can unacceptably change the noise level of an area.

For assessing intrusiveness, the existing background noise generally needs to be measured. The intrusiveness trigger level essentially means that the equivalent continuous noise level (LAeq) of the source should not be more than 5 dBA above the measured (or default) Rating Background Level (RBL).

The amenity assessment is based on amenity noise levels specific to the land use and associated activities. The project noise levels relate only to industrial-type noise and do not include road, rail or community-related noise. Based on the NPfI land use descriptions residences surrounding the development have been classified for the purposes of this noise assessment as 'Suburban'.

Applicable PTNLs for all noise sensitive receiver areas surrounding the Proposal have been established with reference to the NPfI and are contained in **Table 19**.



Table 19 Project Trigger Noise Levels

Type of receiver	Noise amenity	NCA			Measured level, dBA				.evel, dBA
	area			RBL ¹	LAeq(period)	Intrusive	Amenity ^{2,3}	Overall	
Residential	Suburban	NCA01	Day	44	65	49	53	49	
		(LO1)	Evening	42	66	47	43	43	
			Night	38	62	43	38	38	
		NCA02	Day	45	59	50	53	50	
		(LO2)	Evening	43	57	48	43	43	
			Night	36	53	41	38	38	
		NCA03	Day	44	65	49	53	49	
		(L03)	Evening	44 (actual 45)	67	49	43	43	
			Night	37	65	42	38	38	
Commercial	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	63	63	
Childcare ^{54,6}	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	48	
Educational ⁵	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	43	43	
Hotel ⁷⁶	n/a	All	Day	n/a	n/a	n/a	58	58	
			Evening	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	48	
			Night	n/a	n/a	n/a	43	43	
Place of worship ⁵⁴	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	48	
Passive recreation	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	48	
Active recreation	n/a	All	When in use	n/a	n/a	n/a	53	53	

Note 1: RBL = Rating Background Level.

Note 2: The recommended amenity noise levels have been reduced by 5 dB to give the project amenity noise levels due to other sources of industrial noise being present in the area, as outlined in the NPfI.

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

Note 4: The criterion is specified as an internal noise level for this receiver category. As the noise model predicts external noise levels, it has been conservatively assumed that all schools and places of worship have openable windows and external noise levels are therefore 10 dB higher than the corresponding internal level, which is generally considered representative of windows being partially open for ventilation.

Note 5: The NPfI and AS2107 do not provide specific guideline noise levels for childcare centres, as such an internal criteria of 40 dBA LAeq(15minute) has been adopted.

Note 6: Recommended amenity noise level set at 5 dBA above relevant residential recommended amenity noise level, as outlined in the NPfl.



6.2 Operational noise sources

The key identified fixed noise sources associated with the station upgrade include:

- two new lifts to the eastern side of Platform 1/2 and Platform 3/4
- public address (PA) system upgrade
- a new padmount substation

The indicative positions of the new lifts and the padmount substation are displayed in **Figure 1**. The PA system components would be installed on the station platforms.

6.3 Operational noise source management

At this stage of the design specific lift and substation systems have not been selected, which means it is too early to assess compliance with the applicable noise criteria. However, given this type of noise source generally has relatively low noise emissions, it is anticipated that the lift system designs could be relatively easily mitigated if required during the detailed phase of the Proposal through the selection of appropriate equipment. While noise emissions from PA systems are generally louder than the other operational noise sources, they can typically be designed to minimise any impacts through the equipment selection, location, directionality and volume.

The applicable criteria for operational noise from the new station lifts, PA systems and padmount substation is shown in **Table 19**.

Where a noise source contains certain characteristics, such as tonality, impulsiveness, intermittency, irregularity or dominant low-frequency content, there is evidence to suggest that it can cause greater annoyance than other less-obtrusive noise sources at the same level. To account for this additional annoyance, the NPfl describes modifying factors to be applied when assessing amenity and intrusiveness. Substation fans have the potential to incur a tonality modifying factor. PA systems generally incur an intermittency modifying factor. The modifying factors should be considered when selecting equipment models.

Cumulative noise impacts from all station noise sources should be assessed in the detailed design stage when selecting specific equipment locations and models for the lift facilities, PA systems and padmount substation.



APPENDIX A

Acoustic Terminology



1. Sound Level or Noise Level

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

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

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

2. 'A' Weighted Sound Pressure Level

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

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

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

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

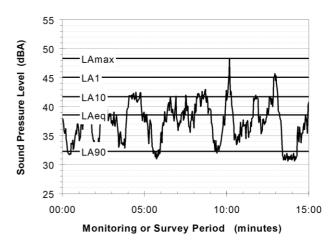
The Sound Power of a source is the rate at which it emits acoustic energy. As with Sound Pressure Levels, Sound Power Levels are expressed in decibel units (dB or dBA),

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

4. Statistical Noise Levels

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

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



Of particular relevance, are:

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

LA10 The noise level exceeded for 10% of the 15 minute interval.

This is commonly referred to as the average maximum noise level.

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

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

5. Frequency Analysis

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

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

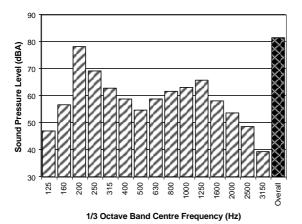
Frequency analysis can be in:

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



but may be identified by the symbols SWL or LW, or by the reference unit $10^{\text{-}12}$ W.

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



6. Annoying Noise (Special Audible Characteristics)

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

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

7. Vibration

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

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

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

The common units for velocity are millimetres per second (mm/s). As with noise, decibel units can also be used, in which case the reference level should always be stated. A vibration level V, expressed in mm/s can be converted to decibels by the formula 20 log (V/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

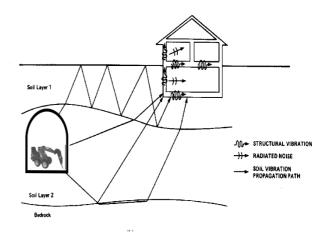
People are able to 'feel' vibration at levels lower than those required to cause even superficial damage to the most susceptible classes of building (even though they may not be disturbed by the motion). An individual's perception of motion or response to vibration depends very strongly on previous experience 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

Ambient Noise Monitoring Results



Noise Monitoring Location

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Noise Monitoring Address

68 Bray Street, Erskineville

Logger Device Type: Svantek 957, Logger Serial No: 23244

Sound Level Meter Device Type: Brüel and Kjær 2270, Sound Level Meter Serial No: 3027586

Ambient noise logger deployed at residential address 68 Bray Street, Erskineville. Logger located on front porch on the southern side of the property, with view of Bray St, Concord St and the railway line.

Attended noise measurements indicate the daytime ambient noise environment at this location is dominated by train passbys including flanging noise. Local traffic and aircraft also contribute to the LAeq at this location. The daytime background noise level was typically distant traffic.

Recorded Noise Levels (LAmax):

18/11/2020: Traffic on Concord St & Bray St: 55-96 dBA, Train passby: 60-75 dBA, Train flanging: 75-84 dBA, Aircraft: up to 55 dBA, Wind in trees (intermittent): 45-46 dBA, Distant traffic on King St/Sydney Park Rd: 45-47 dBA.

Ambient Noise Logging Results – ICNG Defined Time Periods

Monitoring Period	Noise Level (dBA)					
	RBL	LAeq	L10	L1		
Daytime	44	64	66	76		
Evening	42	66	66	79		
Night-time	38	62	57	72		

Attended Noise Measurement Results

Date	Start Time	Measured N	Measured Noise Level (dBA)			
		LA90	LAeq	LAmax		
18/11/2020	17:26	46	68	96		

Map of Noise Monitoring Location

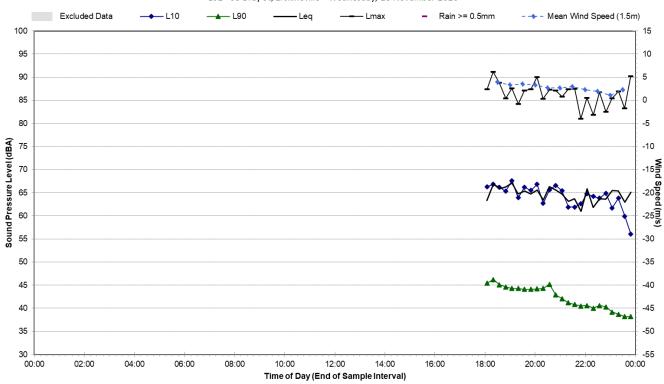


Photo of Noise Monitoring Location



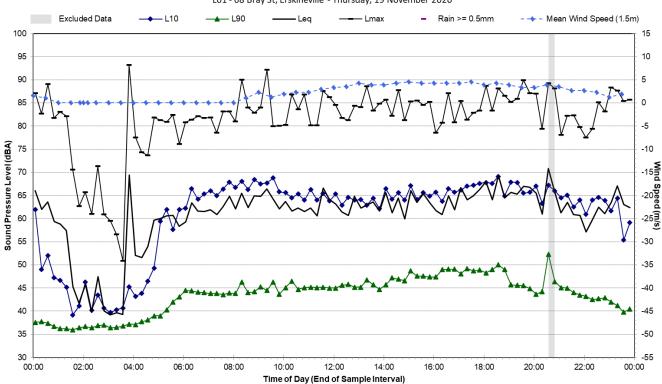


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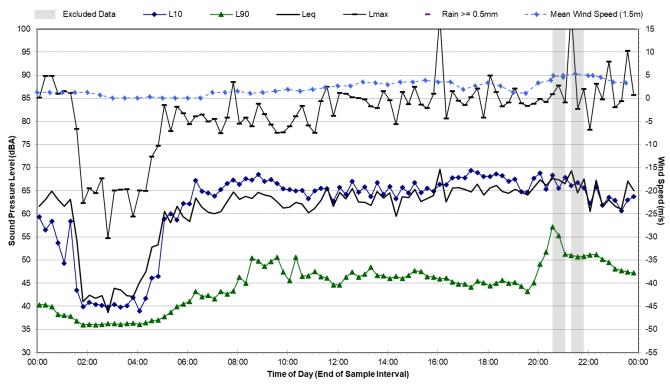
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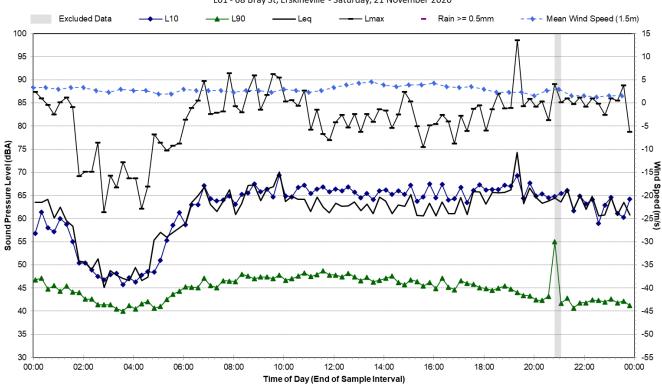


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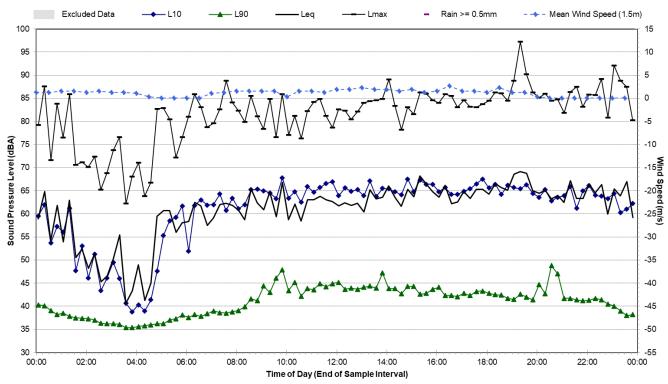
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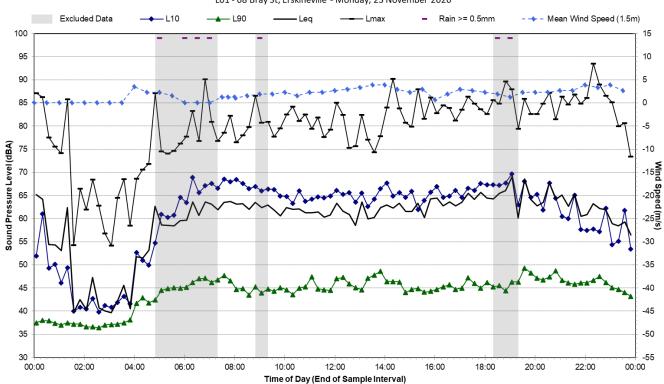


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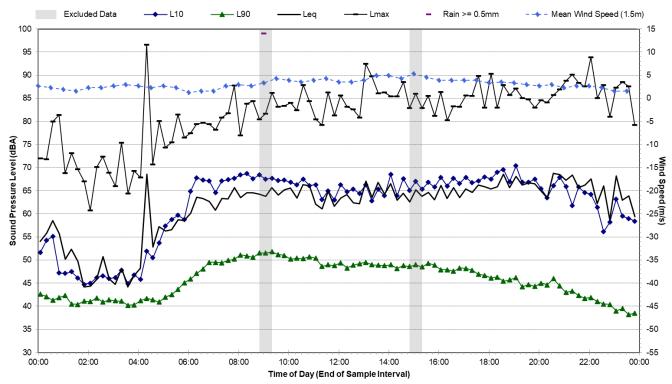
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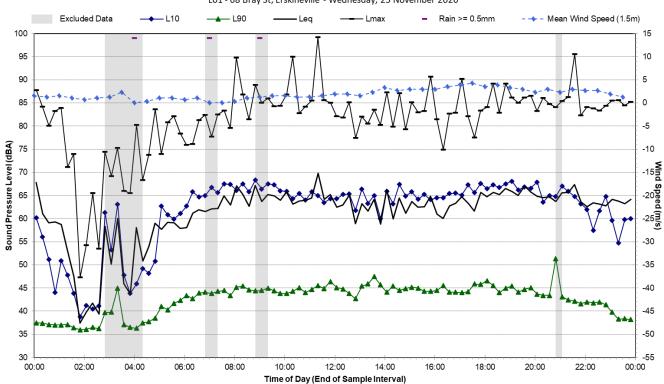


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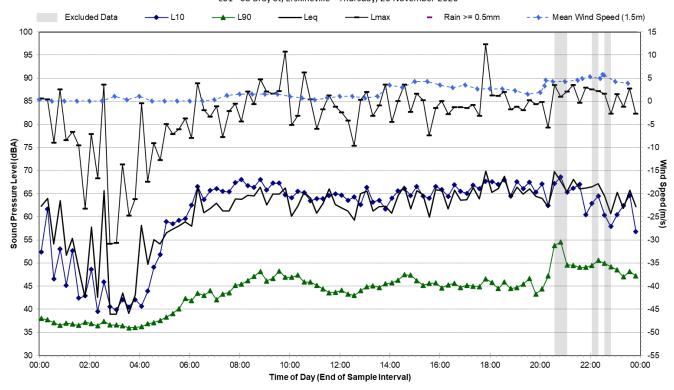
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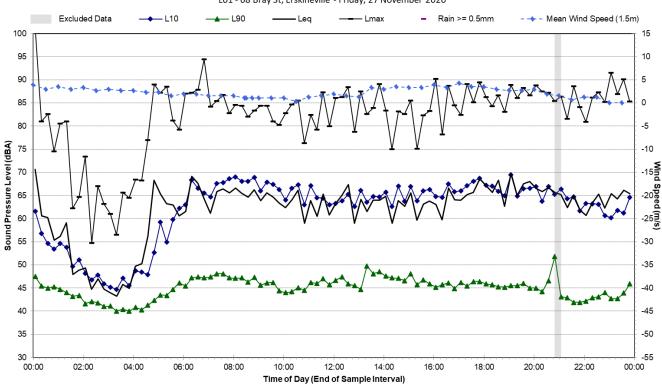


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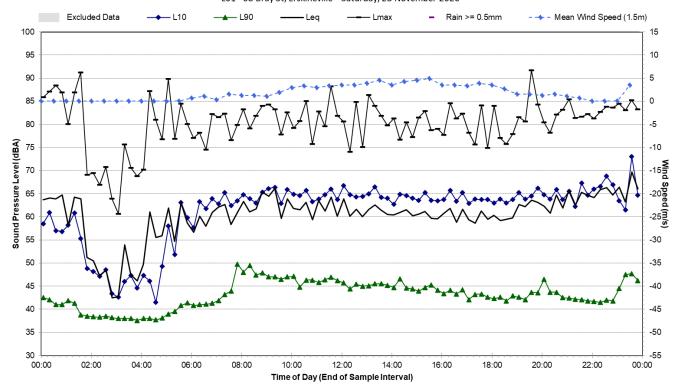
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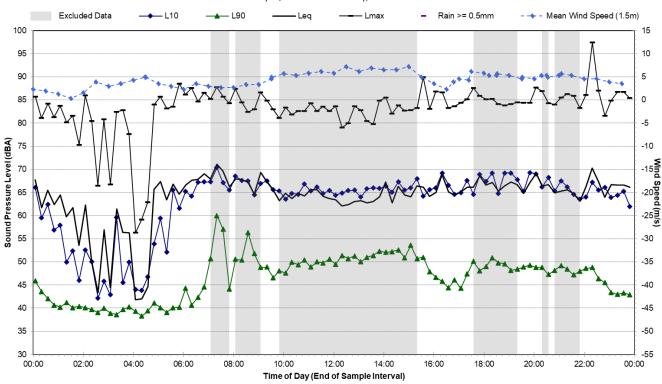


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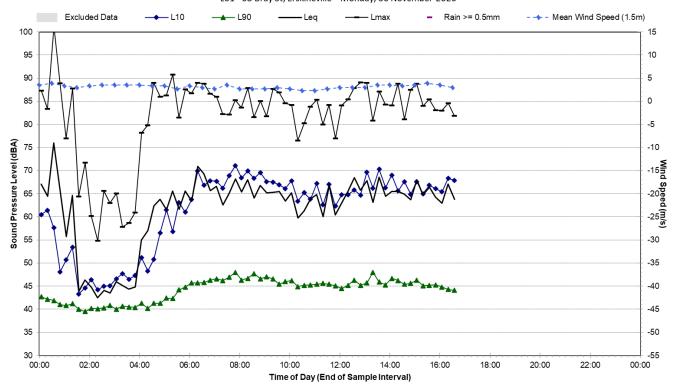
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Noise Monitoring Location

Noise Monitoring Address

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23 Lord Street, Newtown

Logger Device Type: Svantek 957, Logger Serial No: 23293

Sound Level Meter Device Type: Brüel and Kjær 2270, Sound Level Meter Serial No: 3027586

Ambient noise logger deployed at residential address 23 Lord Street, Newtown. Logger located in front garden on the southern side of the property, with view of Lord St, the railway line and St Peters Station.

Attended noise measurements indicate the daytime ambient noise environment at this location is dominated by train passbys and station noise. Local traffic and aircraft also contribute to the LAeq at this location. The daytime background noise level was typically distant traffic.

Recorded Noise Levels (LAmax):

18/11/2020: Traffic on Lord St: 53-69 dBA, Train passby: 56-65 dBA, Station idle train: 59 dBA, Station whistle: 62 dBA, Aircraft: 51-80 dBA, Pedestrians: 49-62 dBA, Birds (intermittent): 53-70 dBA, Loud trucks/cars on King St: 48-54 dBA, Distant traffic on King St: 47 dBA.

Ambient Noise Logging Results – ICNG Defined Time Periods

Monitoring Period	Noise Level (dBA)			
	RBL	LAeq	L10	L1
Daytime	45	59	60	68
Evening	43	57	59	67
Night-time	36	53	54	62

Attended Noise Measurement Results

Date Start Time	Start Time	Measured Noise Level (dBA)		
		LA90	LAeq	LAmax
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Map of Noise Monitoring Location

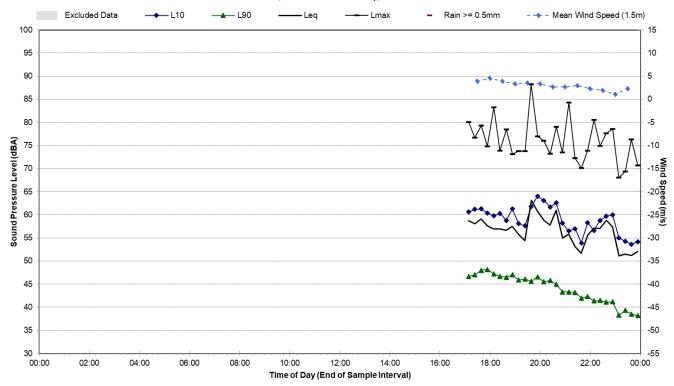


Photo of Noise Monitoring Location



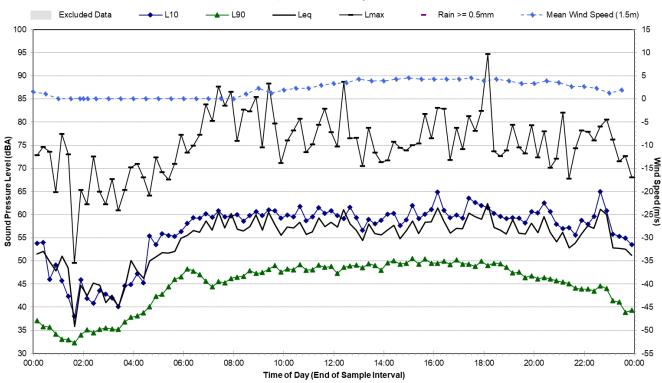


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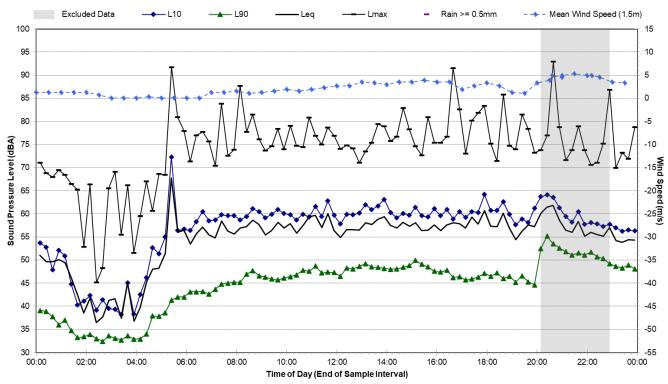
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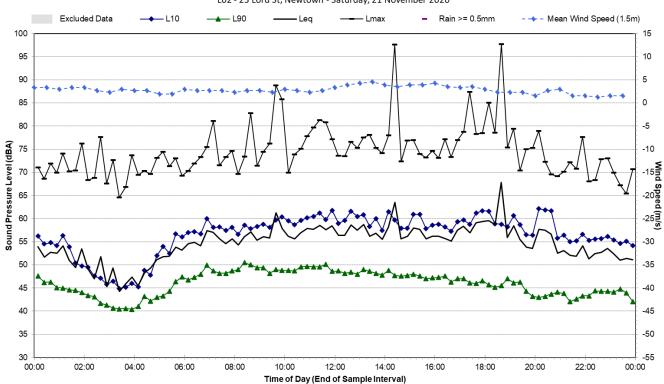


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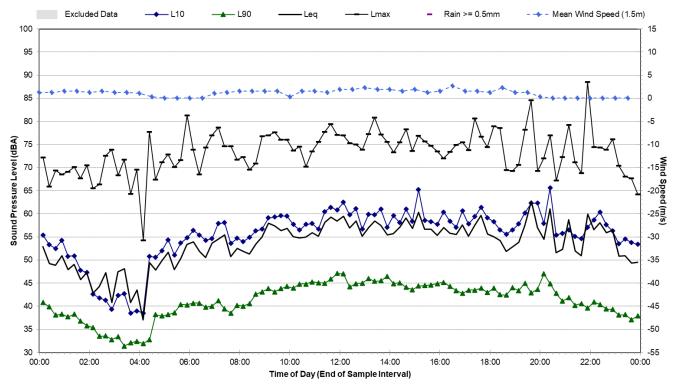
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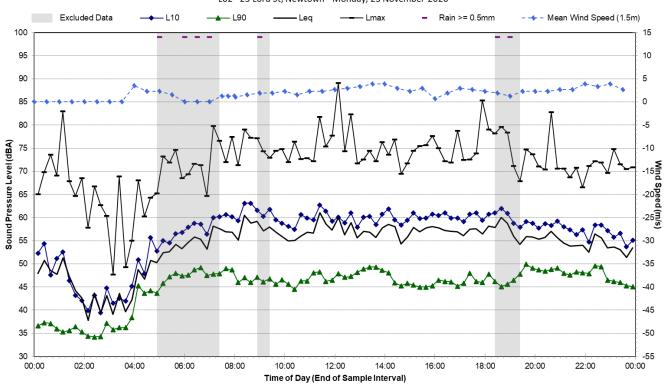


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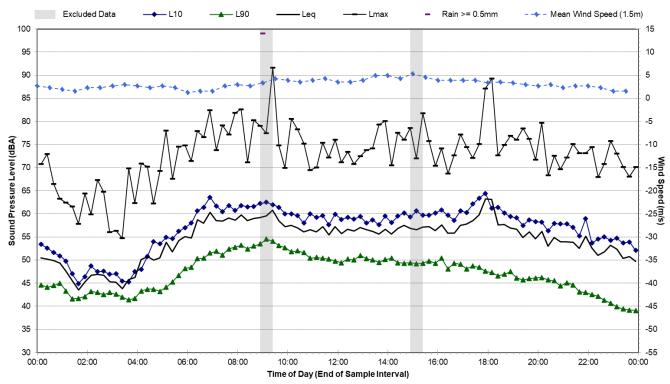
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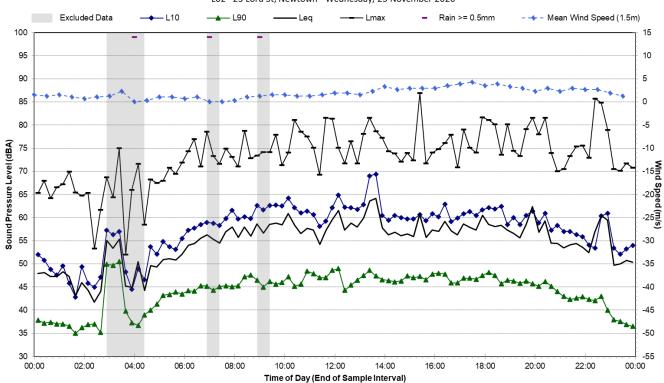


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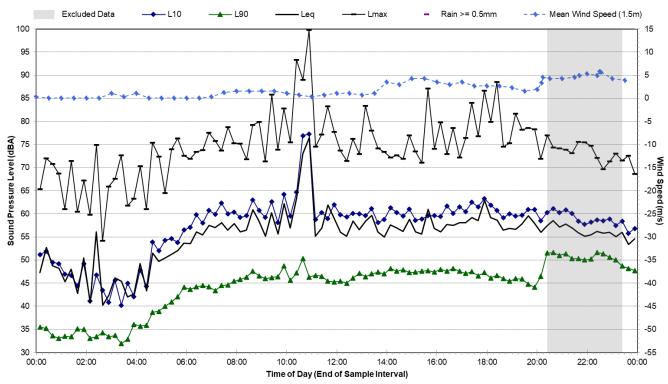
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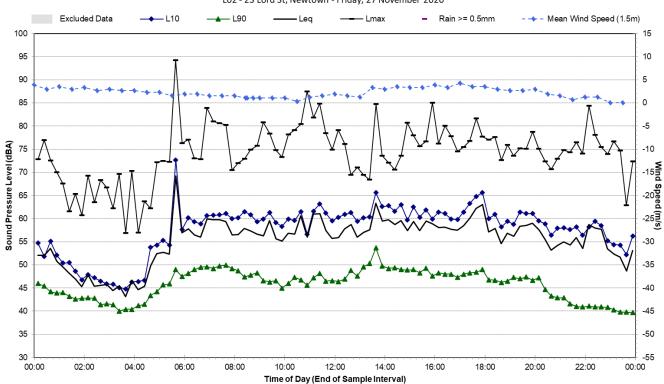


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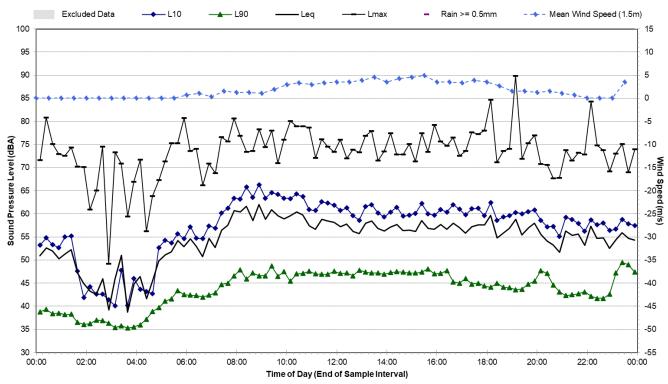
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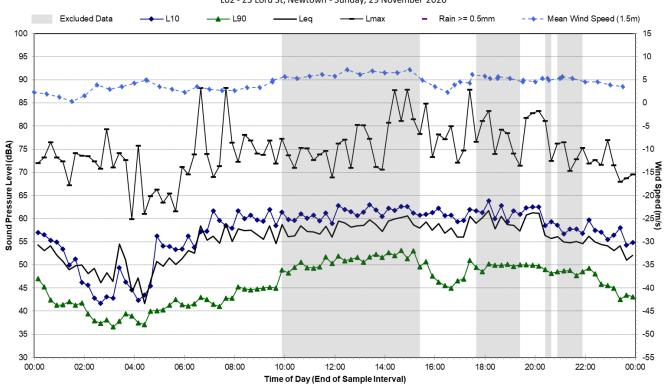


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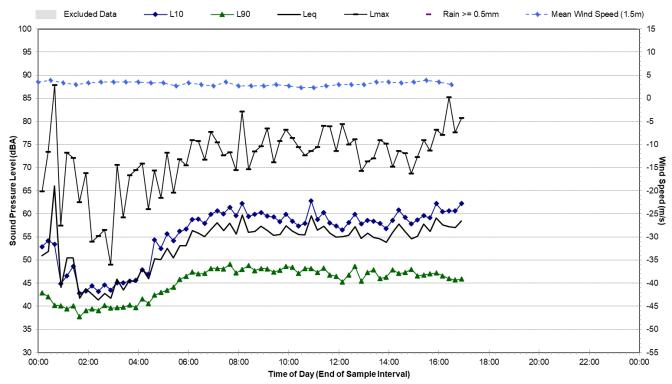
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Noise Monitoring Location

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Noise Monitoring Address 3 Goodsell Street, St Peters

Logger Device Type: Svantek 977, Logger Serial No: 69507

Sound Level Meter Device Type: Brüel and Kjær 2270, Sound Level Meter Serial No: 3027586

Ambient noise logger deployed at residential address 3 Goodsell Street, St Peters. Logger located in rear yard on the northern side of the property, with view of the railway line and St Peters Station.

Attended noise measurements indicate the daytime ambient noise environment at this location is dominated by train passbys and station noise. Local traffic and aircraft also contribute to the LAeq at this location. The daytime background noise level was typically distant traffic.

Recorded Noise Levels (LAmax):

18/11/2020: Train passby: 57-73 dBA, Train flanging: 77 dBA, Station idle trains: 52-59 dBA, Station train doors closing: 56 dBA, Aircraft: up to 58 dBA, Wind in trees (intermittent): 44-56 dBA, Birds (intermittent): 50-53 dBA, Loud trucks/cars on King St: 54-61 dBA, Distant traffic on King St: 45 dBA.

Ambient Noise Logging Results – ICNG Defined Time Periods

Monitoring Period	Noise Level (dBA)			
	RBL	LAeq	L10	L1
Daytime	44	65	63	77
Evening	45	67	64	80
Night-time	37	65	55	71

Attended Noise Measurement Results

Date	Start Time	Measured Noise Level (dBA)		
		LA90	LAeq	LAmax
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Map of Noise Monitoring Location

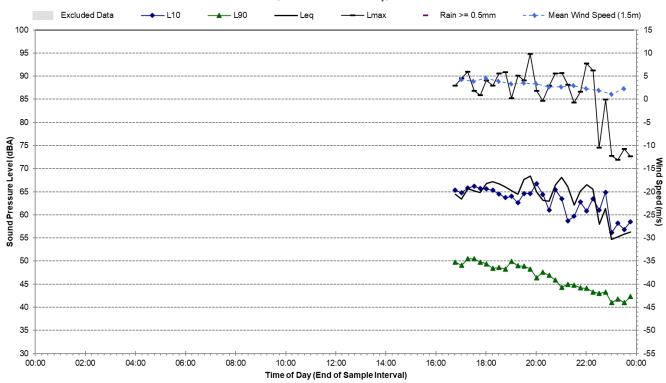


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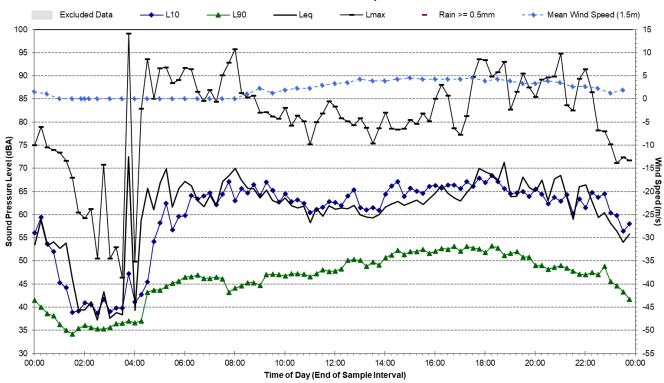


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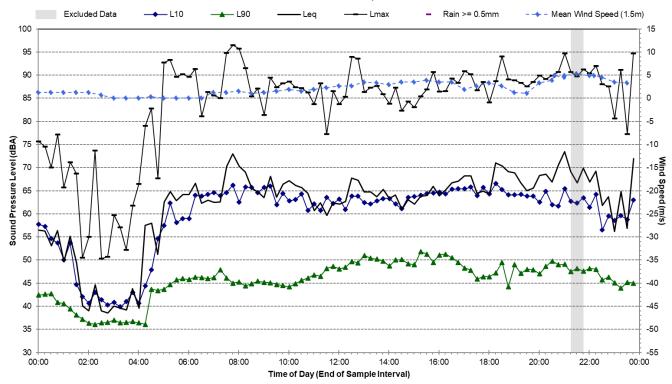
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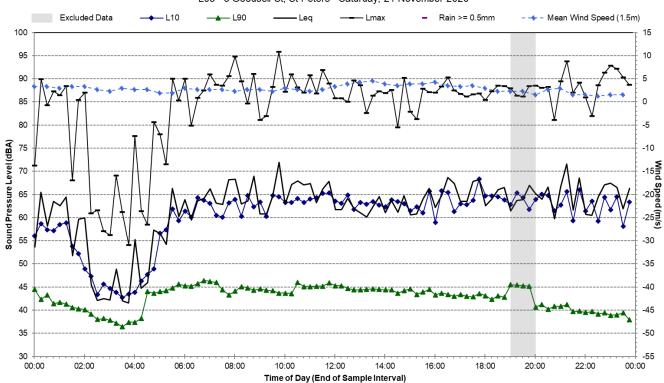


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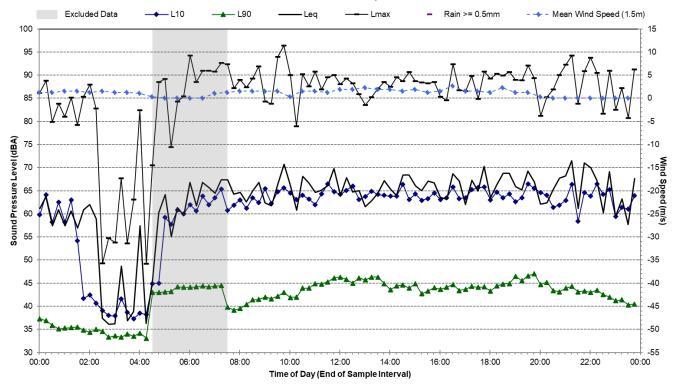
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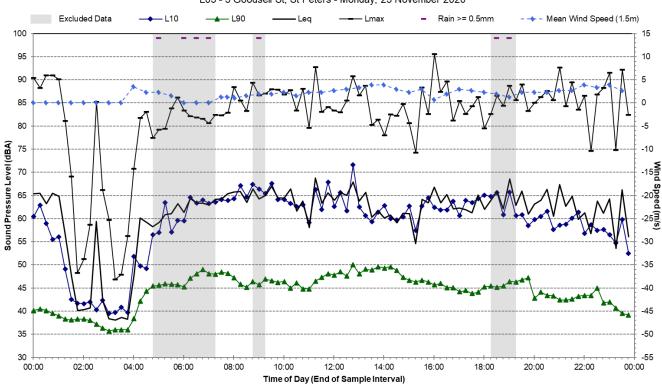


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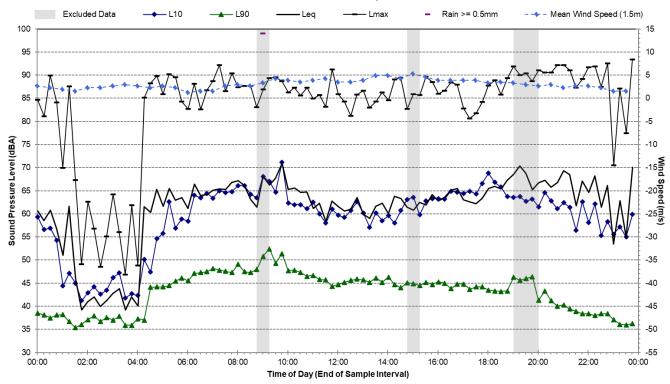
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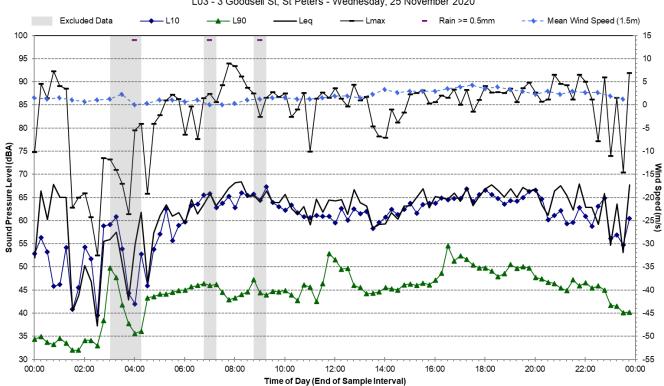


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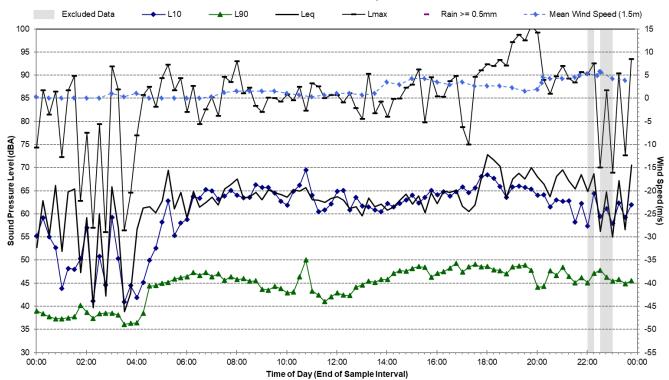
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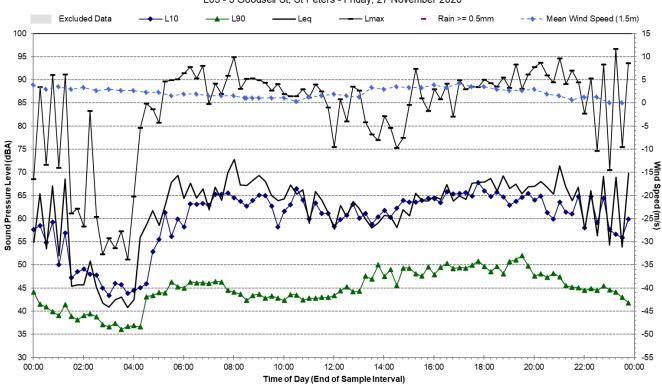


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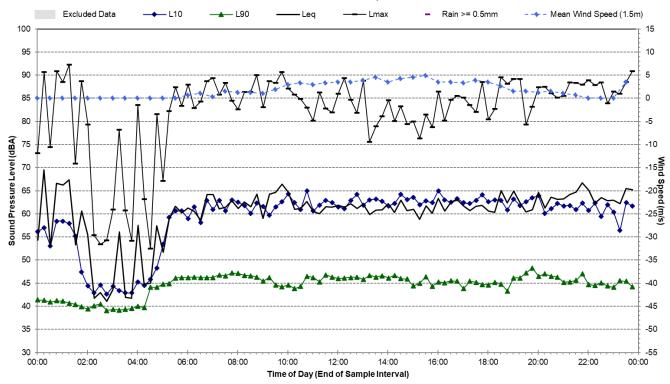
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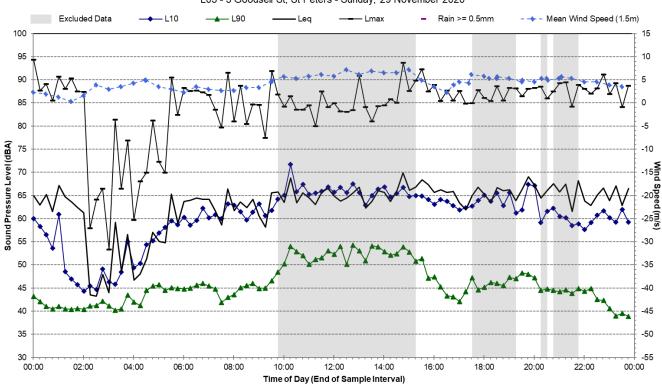


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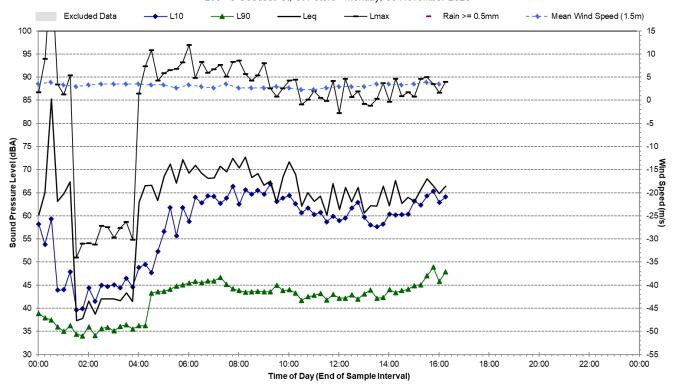
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