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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) to conduct a monthly noise survey of operations at Mannering Colliery (MC, the site) located at Ruttleys Road, Doyalson North NSW. The survey purpose was to quantify the acoustic environment and compare site noise levels against specified limits.

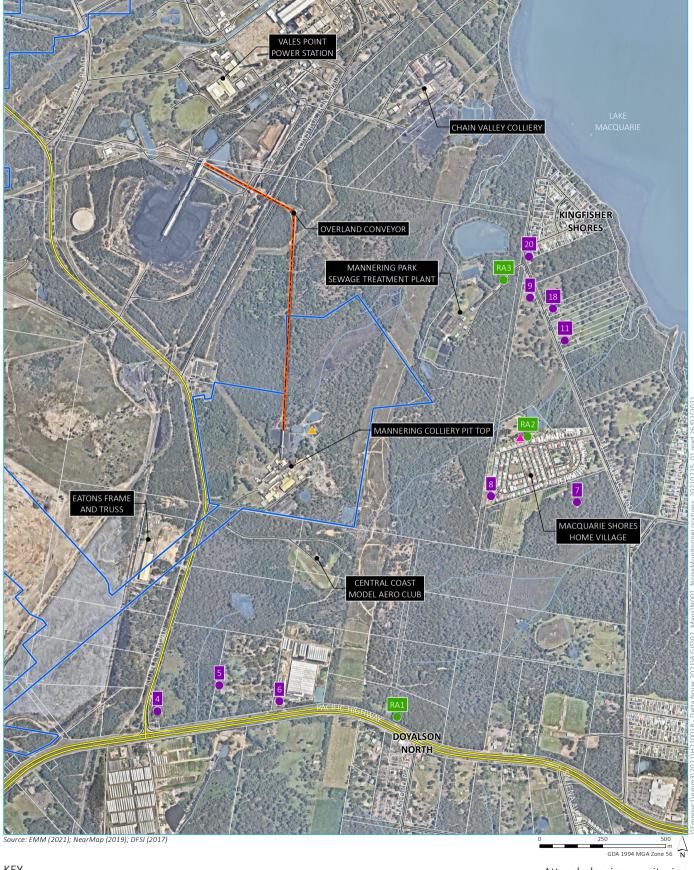
Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the evening and night periods of Wednesday 12 July 2023 at three monitoring locations.

1.2 Attended monitoring locations

Site monitoring locations are detailed in Table 1.1 and shown on Figure 1.1. It should be noted that Figure 1.1 shows actual monitoring positions, not necessarily the location of residences.

Table 1.1 Attended noise monitoring locations

| Location descriptor/ID | Description/address | Coordinates (MGA56) | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| | | Easting | Northing |
| RA1 | Pacific Highway, Doyalson North | 364646 | 6327221 |
| RA2 | Macquarie Shores Home Village, Doyalson North | 365164 | 6328332 |
| RA3 | Tall Timbers Road (northern end), Kingfisher Shores | 365069 | 6328953 |



KEY

Mannering Colliery project approval boundary

Alignment of overland conveyor to VPPS

- Main road

– Local road

Watercourse/drainage line

Waterbody

Cadastral boundary

Assessment location

Attended monitoring location

Continuous monitoring location

Meteorological station

Attended noise monitoring and assessment locations

Mannering Colliery Figure 1.1



1.3 Terminology and abbreviations

Some definitions of terms and abbreviations which may be used in this report are provided in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2 Terminology and abbreviations

| Term/descriptor | Definition |
|-----------------------|---|
| dB(A) | Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The "A" weighting scale is used to approximate how humans hear noise. |
| L _{Amax} | The maximum root mean squared A-weighted noise level over a time period. |
| L _{A1} | The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time. |
| LA1,1minute | The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the specified time period of 1 minute. |
| LA10 | The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 10 percent of the time. |
| LAeq | The energy average A-weighted noise level. |
| LAeq,15minute | The energy average A-weighted noise level over the specified time period of 15 minutes. |
| LA50 | The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time, also the median noise level during a measurement period. |
| L _A 90 | The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 90 percent of the time, also referred to as the "background" noise level and commonly used to derive noise limits. |
| LAmin | The minimum A-weighted noise level over a time period. |
| L _{Ceq} | The energy average C-weighted noise energy during a measurement period. The "C" weighting scale is used to take into account low-frequency components of noise within the audibility range of humans. |
| SPL | Sound pressure level. Fluctuations in pressure measured as 10 times a logarithmic scale, with the reference pressure being 20 micropascals. |
| Hertz (Hz) | The frequency of fluctuations in pressure, measured in cycles per second. Most sounds are a combination of many frequencies together. |
| AWS | Automatic weather station used to collect meteorological data, typically at an altitude of 10 metres |
| VTG | Vertical temperature gradient in degrees Celsius per 100 metres altitude. |
| Sigma-theta | The standard deviation of the horizontal wind direction over a period of time. |
| IA | Inaudible. When site noise is noted as IA then there was no site noise at the monitoring location. |
| NM | Not Measurable. If site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified. |
| Day | Monday – Saturday: 7 am to 6 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 8 am to 6 pm. |
| Evening | Monday – Saturday: 6 pm to 10 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 6 pm to 10 pm. |
| Night | Monday – Saturday: 10 pm to 7 am, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 10 pm to 8 am. |
| NPfl | NSW EPA Noise Policy for Industry (2017) |
| Temperature inversion | A meteorological condition where the atmospheric temperature increases with altitude. |

Appendix A provides further information that gives an indication as to how an average person perceives changes in noise level, and examples of common noise levels.

2 Noise limits

2.1 Project approval

Mannering Colliery noise limits are provided in Table 1, Condition 2 of Schedule 3 of the project approval (PA) PA MP06_0311. Relevant sections of the project approval are reproduced in Appendix B.1.

2.2 Environment protection licence

Environment Protection Licence 191 (EPL) references the PA with respect to noise limits. Relevant sections of the EPL are reproduced in Appendix B.2.

2.3 Noise management plan

The approved Noise Management Plan (NMP) was prepared in line with the Mod 5 approval and in accordance with the NSW EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI) issued in October 2017. Three attended noise monitoring locations representative of the PA noise assessment locations have been adopted in the NMP for the purpose of determining compliance with relevant noise limits. Relevant sections of the NMP are reproduced in Appendix B.3.

2.4 Noise limits

Noise impact limits based on the NMP are as shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Noise impact limits, dB

| Location | Day ^L Aeq,15minute | Evening L _{Aeq,15minute} | Night L _{Aeq,15minute} | Night L _{A1,1} minute |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| RA1 | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |
| RA2 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 45 |
| RA3 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 49 |

2.5 Meteorological conditions

The PA (Mod 5) states the following:

Noise generated by the development must be monitored and measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017).

Section 5.2 of the NPfI states that noise limits applicable under 'very noise-enhancing' conditions should be the limits that apply under 'standard' or 'noise-enhancing' conditions plus 5 dB. This implies that there will be no periods when noise limits do not apply due to meteorological conditions.

As per the PA (Mod 5) and in accordance with the NPfI, limits are adjusted when monitoring is undertaken during the following 'very noise-enhancing' conditions:

• wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 m above ground level;

- stability category F temperature inversion conditions with wind speeds greater than 2 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
- stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

Therefore, if monthly noise monitoring occurs during 'very noise-enhancing' conditions, this assessment adopts a +5 dB adjustment to the limits shown in Table 2.1. This is indicated in Table 4.3 where relevant. It is noted that monthly noise monitoring for the site is always scheduled to occur during appropriate forecasted meteorological conditions in accordance with the Approved Methods.

2.6 Additional requirements

Monitoring and reporting have been done in accordance with the NPfl and the 'Approved methods for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW' (Approved Methods) issued in January 2022.

3 Methodology

3.1 Overview

Attended environmental noise monitoring was done in general accordance with Australian Standard AS1055 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise' and relevant EPA requirements. Meteorological data was obtained from the Mannering Colliery on-site automatic weather station (AWS) which allowed correlation of atmospheric parameters with measured noise levels.

3.2 Attended noise monitoring

During this survey, attended noise monitoring was done during the evening and night periods at each location. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. Atmospheric conditions were measured at each monitoring location.

Measured sound levels from various sources were noted during each measurement, and particular attention was paid to the extent of site contribution (if any) to measured levels. At each monitoring location, the site-only $L_{Aeq,15minute}$ and L_{Amax} were measured directly or determined by other methods detailed in Section 7.1 of the NPfI.

The terms 'Inaudible' (IA) or 'Not Measurable' (NM) may be used in this report. When site noise is noted as IA, it was inaudible at the monitoring location. When site noise is noted as NM, this means it was audible but could not be quantified. All results noted as NM in this report were due to one or more of the following:

- Site noise levels were very low, typically more than 10 dB below the measured background (L_{A90}), and unlikely to be noticed.
- Site noise levels were masked by other more dominant noise sources that are characteristic of the environment (such as breeze in foliage or continuous road traffic noise) that cannot be eliminated by monitoring at an alternate or intermediate location.
- It was not feasible or reasonable to employ methods such as move closer and back calculate. Cases may include rough terrain preventing closer measurement, addition/removal of significant source to receiver shielding caused by moving closer, and meteorological conditions where back calculation may not be accurate.

If exact noise levels from site could not be established due to masking by other noise sources in a similar frequency range but were determined to be at least 5 dB lower than relevant limits, then a maximum estimate of them may be provided. These are expressed as a 'less than' quantity, such as <20 dB or <30 dB.

For this assessment, the measured L_{Amax} has been used as a conservative estimate of $L_{A1,1minute}$. The EPA accepts sleep disturbance analysis based on either the $L_{A1,1minute}$ or L_{Amax} metrics, with the L_{Amax} representing a more conservative assessment of site noise emissions.

3.3 Meteorological data

This assessment determined stability categories throughout attended monitoring period using the sigma-theta method as per Fact Sheet D of the NPfI. This data was sourced from the site AWS, in accordance with PA requirements.

3.4 Modifying factors

All measurements were evaluated for potential modifying factors in accordance with the NPfl. Assessment of modifying factors is undertaken at the time of measurement if the site was audible and directly quantifiable. If applicable, modifying factor adjustments have been reported and added to measured site-only L_{Aeq} .

Low-frequency modifying factor penalties have only been applied to site-only L_{Aeq} levels if the site was the only contributing low-frequency noise source. Specific methodology for assessment of each modifying factor is outlined in Fact Sheet C of the NPfI.

3.5 Instrumentation

Equipment used to measure environmental noise levels is detailed in Table 3.1. Calibration certificates are provided in Appendix C.

Table 3.1 Attended noise monitoring equipment

| Item | Serial number | Calibration due date | Relevant standard |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Brüel & Kjær 2250 sound level meter | 3029363 | 3/11/2024 | IEC 61672-1:2002 |
| Svantek SV-36 calibrator | 86311 | 17/10/2024 | IEC 60942 |

4 Results

4.1 Total measured noise levels and atmospheric conditions

Overall noise levels measured at each location during attended measurements are provided in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Total measured noise levels¹ – July 2023

| Location | Start date and time | L _{Amax} dB | L _{A1} dB | L _{A10} dB | L _{Aeq} dB | L _{A50} dB | L _{A90} dB | L _{Amin} dB |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 21:00 | 76 | 69 | 63 | 59 | 55 | 47 | 41 |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 21:20 | 55 | 46 | 43 | 42 | 42 | 41 | 39 |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 21:45 | 47 | 44 | 42 | 41 | 41 | 39 | 36 |
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 22:09 | 70 | 66 | 62 | 57 | 54 | 45 | 38 |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 22:30 | 46 | 44 | 43 | 41 | 41 | 39 | 37 |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 22:49 | 52 | 43 | 42 | 41 | 41 | 40 | 39 |

Notes: 1. Levels in this table are not necessarily the result of activity at site.

Atmospheric conditions data measured by the operator during each measurement using a hand-held weather meter is shown in Table 4.2. The wind speed, direction and temperature were measured at approximately 1.5 m above ground. Attended noise monitoring is not done during rain, hail, or wind speeds above 5 m/s at microphone height.

Table 4.2 Measured atmospheric conditions – July 2023

| Location | Start date and time | Temperature °C | Wind speed m/s | Wind direction One of the control o | Cloud cover 1/8s |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 21:00 | 11 | <0.5 | - | 0 |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 21:20 | 10 | <0.5 | - | 0 |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 21:45 | 8 | <0.5 | - | 0 |
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 22:09 | 9 | <0.5 | - | 0 |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 22:30 | 7 | <0.5 | - | 0 |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 22:49 | 8 | <0.5 | - | 0 |

Notes: 1. "-" indicates calm conditions (wind speed <0.5 m/s) at monitoring location.

4.2 Site only noise levels

4.2.1 Modifying factors

There were no modifying factors, as defined in the NPfI, applicable during the survey.

4.2.2 Monitoring results

Table 4.3 provides site noise levels in the absence of other sources, where possible, and includes weather data from the site AWS. Noise limits are applicable under all weather conditions but are adjusted during very noise-enhancing weather conditions as defined by the NPfI (refer to Section 2.5).

Table 4.3 Site noise levels and limits – July 2023

| Location | Start date and time | Wii | nd | Stability class | Standard limits apply?1 | Limit, | dB | Site leve | l, dB² | Exceedan | ce, dB |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Speed m/s | Direction ³ | | | L _{Aeq,15minute} | L _{Amax} | L _{Aeq,15minute} | L _{Amax} | L _{Aeq,15minute} | L _{Amax} |
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 21:00 | 0.2 | 105 | F | Yes | 36 | N/A | IA | N/A | Nil | N/A |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 21:20 | 0.3 | 7 | F | Yes | 39 | N/A | IA | N/A | Nil | N/A |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 21:45 | 0.4 | 39 | F | Yes | 40 | N/A | IA | N/A | Nil | N/A |
| RA1 | 12/07/2023 22:09 | 0.2 | 42 | F | Yes | 36 | 46 | NM | NM | Nil | Nil |
| RA2 | 12/07/2023 22:30 | 0.2 | 160 | F | Yes | 40 | 45 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |
| RA3 | 12/07/2023 22:49 | 0.3 | 163 | F | Yes | 39 | 49 | IA | IA | Nil | Nil |

Notes:

^{1.} If "No", adjusted noise limits (standard limit + 5 dB) apply during 'very noise-enhancing' meteorological conditions as stated in Section 2.5.

^{2.} Site-only LAeq,15minute include modifying factor adjustments if applicable.

^{3.} Degrees magnetic north, "-" indicates calm conditions.

5 Discussion

5.1 Noted noise sources

During attended monitoring, the time variations (temporal characteristics) of noise sources are considered in each measurement via statistical descriptors. From these observations, summaries have been derived for the location and provided in this chapter. Statistical 1/3 octave-band analysis of environmental noise was undertaken and the following figures display frequency ranges of various noise sources at each location for L_{A1} , L_{A10} , L_{Aeq} , L_{A50} , and L_{A90} descriptors. These figures also provide, graphically, statistical information for these noise levels.

An example is provided as Figure 5.1, where frogs and insects are seen to be generating noise at frequencies above 1000 Hz, while industrial noise is observed at frequencies less than 1000 Hz.

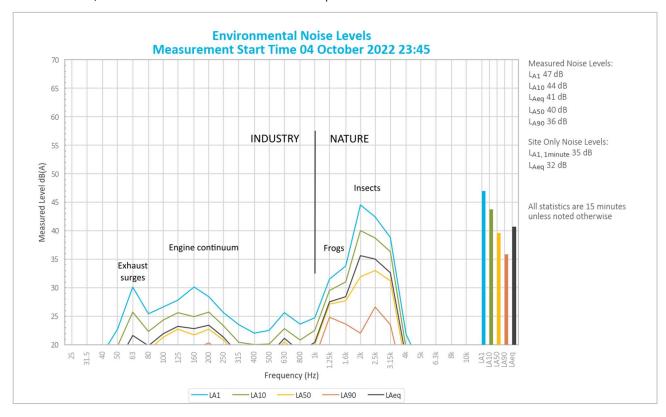


Figure 5.1 Example graph (refer to Section 5.1 for explanatory note)

5.2 RA1 – Evening

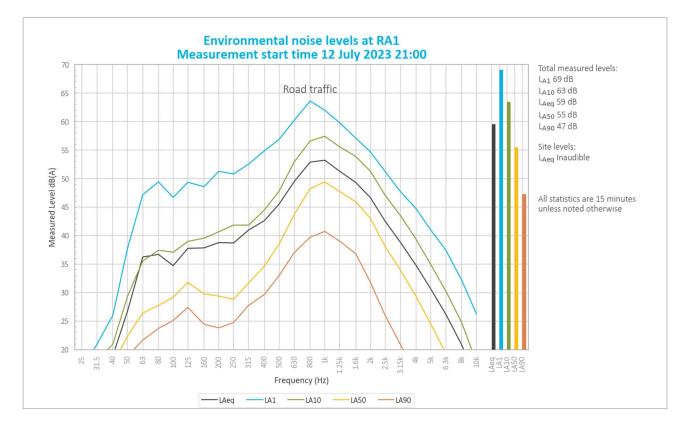


Figure 5.2 Environmental noise levels – RA1, Pacific Highway

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Road traffic noise generated all measured levels.

5.3 RA3 – Evening

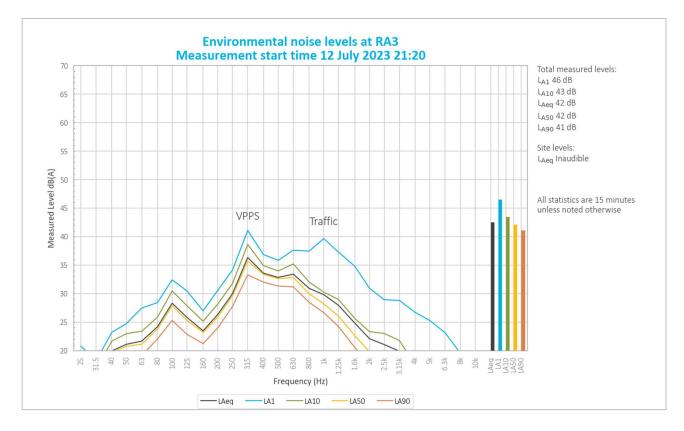


Figure 5.3 Environmental noise levels – RA3, Kingfisher Shores

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Vales Point Power Station (VPPS) hum generated the measured L_{A10} , L_{A50} , L_{A90} and L_{Aeq} . VPPS hum and road traffic on Tall Timbers Road generated the measured L_{A1} .

5.4 RA2 – Evening

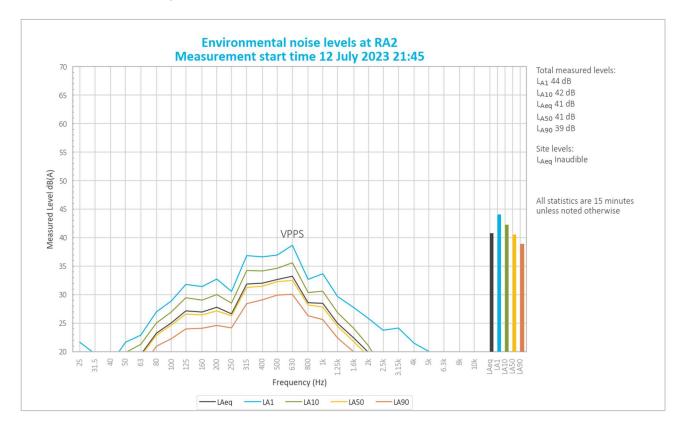


Figure 5.4 Environmental noise levels – RA2, Macquarie Shores

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

VPPS hum generated all measured levels.

5.5 RA1 – Night

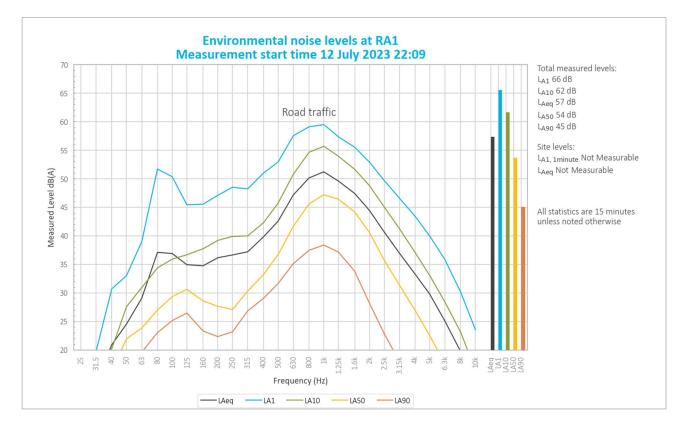


Figure 5.5 Environmental noise levels – RA1, Pacific Highway

MC coal handling plant noise was audible during the measurement but not measurable.

Road traffic noise generated all measured levels.

5.6 RA2 – Night

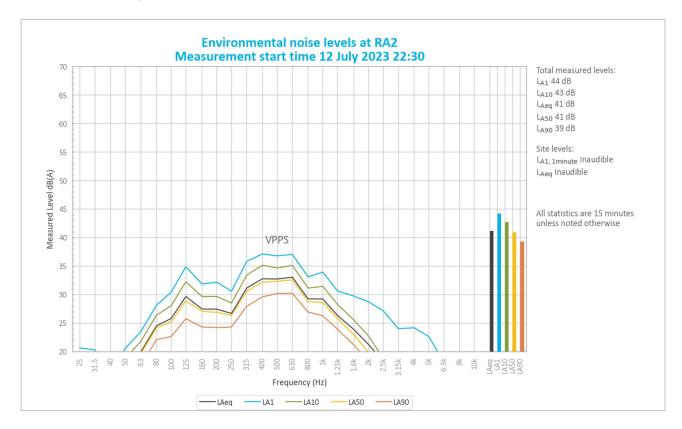


Figure 5.6 Environmental noise levels – RA2, Macquarie Shores

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

VPPS hum generated all measured levels.

5.7 RA3 – Night

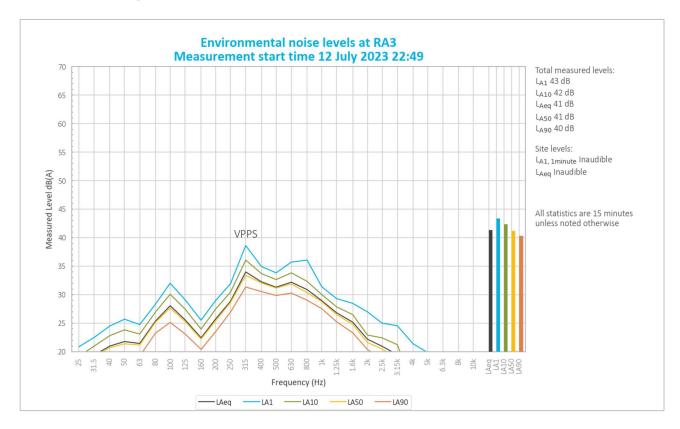


Figure 5.7 Environmental noise levels – RA3, Kingfisher Shores

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

VPPS hum generated all measured levels.

6 Summary

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) to conduct a monthly noise survey of operations at the site. The survey purpose was to quantify the acoustic environment and compare site noise levels against specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the evening and night periods of Wednesday 12 July 2023 at three monitoring locations.

Noise levels from site complied with relevant limits at all monitoring locations during the July 2023 survey.

Appendix A

Noise perception and examples



A.1 Noise levels

Table A.1 gives an indication as to how an average person perceives changes in noise level. Examples of common noise levels are provided in Figure A.1.

Table A.1 Perceived change in noise

| Change in sound pressure level (dB) | Perceived change in noise |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| up to 2 | Not perceptible |
| 3 | Just perceptible |
| 5 | Noticeable difference |
| 10 | Twice (or half) as loud |
| 15 | Large change |
| 20 | Four times (or quarter) as loud |

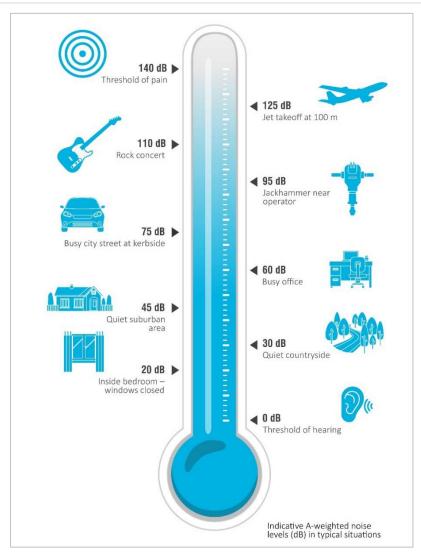


Figure A.1 Common noise levels

Appendix B Regulator documents



SCHEDULE 3 SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

NOISE

Construction Noise

1. The Applicant must ensure that the noise generated by any construction work is managed in accordance with the requirements outlined in the *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (DECC, 2009).

Operational Noise Criteria

2. Except for the carrying out of construction works, the Applicant must ensure that the noise generated by the development does not exceed the criteria in Table 1 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 1: Operational noise criteria dB(A)

| Noise Assessment | Day | Evening | Night | Night |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Location | LAeq (15 min) | LAeq (15 min) | LAeq (15 min) | L _{A1} (1 min) |
| 4 – di Rocco | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |
| 5 - Keighran | 40 | 39 | 39 | 49 |
| 6 – Swan | 40 | 37 | 37 | 47 |
| 7 – Druitt | 40 | 35 | 35 | 45 |
| 8 – Macquarie Shores Home Village | 42 | 42 | 42 | 47 |
| 9 - Jeans | 40 | 37 | 37 | 47 |
| 11 - Jeans | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |
| 18 - Jeans | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |
| 20 – Knight and all other privately-owned residences | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |

^a The Noise Assessment Locations referred to in Table 1 are shown in Appendix 4.

Noise generated by the development must be monitored and measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the *NSW Noise Policy for Industry* (EPA, 2017).

3. The noise criteria in Table 1 do not apply if the Applicant has an agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land to exceed the noise criteria, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

Noise Operating Conditions

- 3A. The Applicant must:
 - (a) take all reasonable steps to minimise noise from construction and operational activities, including low frequency noise and other audible characteristics, associated with the development;
 - (b) implement reasonable and feasible noise attenuation measures on all plant and equipment that will operate in noise sensitive areas;
 - (c) operate a comprehensive noise management system commensurate with the risk of impact;
 - (d) take all reasonable steps to minimise the noise impacts of the development during noise-enhancing meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see NPfl);
 - (e) carry out regular attended noise monitoring (at least once a month, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary) to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent;

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- (f) regularly assess the noise monitoring data and modify or stop operations on the site to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent; and
- (g) implement reasonable and feasible measures to further enclose the structure housing the coal crusher in order to further mitigate noise from operational activities.
- 3B. The Applicant must decommission the surface rotary breaker identified in the Statement of Commitments at Appendix 3, within 3 months of approval of Modification 5.

Noise Management Plan

- 3C. The Applicant must prepare a Noise Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person/s whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) describe the measures to be implemented to ensure:
 - i. compliance with the noise criteria and operating conditions in this consent;
 - ii. best practice management is being employed; and
 - iii. noise impacts of the development are minimised during noise-enhancing meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see NPfI):
 - (c) describe the noise management system in detail; and
 - (d) include a monitoring program that:
 - i. uses a combination of real-time and supplementary attended monitoring to evaluate the performance of the development;
 - ii. monitors noise at the nearest and/or most affected residences;
 - iii. includes a program to calibrate and validate the real-time noise monitoring results with the attended monitoring results over time;
 - iv. adequately supports the noise management system;
 - v. includes a protocol for distinguishing noise emissions of the development from any neighbouring developments; and
 - vi. includes a protocol for identifying any noise-related exceedance, incident or non-compliance and for notifying the Department and relevant stakeholders of any such event.

The Applicant must implement the Noise Management Plan as approved by the Planning Secretary.

SUBSIDENCE

- The Applicant must limit its coal extraction methods on the site to first workings only, and must not undertake second workings.
- Deleted.

SOIL AND WATER

Discharge

- 6. The Applicant must only discharge water from the site as expressly provided for by its EPL.
- 7. The Applicant must investigate, assess and report on the ecological interactions of minewater discharged from the site with the aquatic ecology of the unnamed creek and wetlands (and associated vegetation) between the minewater discharge point/s and Lake Macquarie. This report must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with EPA by suitably qualified expert/s whose appointment/s have been approved by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) be submitted to the Planning Secretary by the end of March 2009; and
 - (c) assess the probable alterations in the local ecology attributable to previous and proposed minewater discharges and any future cessation of minewater discharge flows.

Water Management Plan

- 8. The Applicant must prepare a Water Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must:
 - (a) be prepared in consultation with DPIE Water by suitably qualified expert/s whose appointment/s have been approved by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) be submitted the Planning Secretary by the end of March 2009; and
 - (c) include a:
 - Site Water Balance;

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L4 Waste

L4.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste to be received at the premises, except the wastes expressly referred to in the column titled "Waste" and meeting the definition, if any, in the column titled "Description" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises must only be used for the activities referred to in relation to that waste in the column titled "Activity" in the table below.

Any waste received at the premises is subject to those limits or conditions, if any, referred to in relation to that waste contained in the column titled "Other Limits" in the table below.

This condition does not limit any other conditions in this licence.

| Code | Waste | Description | Activity | Other Limits |
|------|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| NA | Waste | Any other waste received on the premises for storage, treatment, processing, sorting or disposal and which receipt is not a scheduled activity under Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, as in force from time to time. | | |
| NA | General or Specific exempted waste | Waste that meets all the conditions of a resource recovery exemption under Clause 51A of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 | As specified in each particular resource recovery exemption | N/A |

- L4.2 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.
- L4.3 This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal of waste at the premises if it requires an environment protection licence.

L5 Noise limits

Note: Noise limits are not specified as a condition of this licence. Noise limits are prescribed with the conditions of Project Approval 06_0311 granted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* the Department of Planning is the appropriate authority in respect of the administration and regulation of the Project Approval.



The above noise monitoring locations are representative of residential receivers most likely to be affected by CVC operational noise. Adherence with the relevant noise criteria at these locations will indicate that noise criteria will be met at other surrounding noise-sensitive locations.

4.2.3 Mannering Colliery

Consistent with the Noise Impact Assessment (EMM 2019) undertaken as part of the Project Approval MP06_0311 MOD 5, rural and residential receivers have been divided into three (3) receiver areas (RA's) with similar geographical and acoustic features. The following points are considered representative of each receiver area:

- RA1, rural residential properties south of MC and fronting the Pacific Highway. The dominant noise source in this area is road traffic. Birds, insects and other industrial sources are also audible at times.
- RA2, privately-owned relocatable residences within the MSHV, east of MC. The dominant noise sources in this RA are birds, insects, traffic and other industrial sources. Activities at MC are also noted to be audible at times.
- RA3, various rural residential residences on Tall Timbers Road at Kingfisher Shores and adjacent to the Chain Valley Bay suburban area. The dominant noise sources in this RA are birds, insects, other industrial sources and traffic movements. Activities at MC are also noted to be audible at times.

The attended noise monitoring locations for MC and relevant noise criteria are identified below in **Table 6**.

Table 6: Noise Monitoring Locations and Limits for Mannering Colliery

| Location | Receivers Represented MP06_0311 ID | Coordinates | Day L _{Aeq(15} min) dB (A) | Evening L _{Aeq(15 min)} dB (A) | Night L _{Aeq(15} min) dB (A) | Night L _{A1(1 min)} dB (A) |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| RA1 | 4, 5, 6 | 364646E 6327221N | 40 | 36 | 36 | 46 |
| RA2 | 7,8 | 365164E 6328332N | 40 | 40 | 40 | 45 |
| RA3 9, 11, 18, 20 365069E 6328953N | | 365069E 6328953N | 40 | 39 | 39 | 49 |

The above noise monitoring locations are representative of residential receivers most likely to be affected by MC operational noise. Adherence with the relevant noise criteria at these locations will indicate that noise criteria will be met at other surrounding noise-sensitive locations.

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Appendix C Calibration certificates



CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: C34022

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Calibrator

Manufacturer: Svantek

Type No: SV-36 Serial No: 86311

Owner: EMM Consulting

Suite 01, 20 Chandos St St Leonards NSW 2065

Tests Performed: Measured Output Pressure level, Frequency & Distortion

Comments: See Details overleaf. All Test Passed.

| Parameter | Pre- Adj | Adj Y/N | Output: (dB re 20 μPa) | Frequency (Hz) | THD&N (%) |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Level1: | NA | N | 94.01 dB | 1000.00 Hz | 2.00 % |
| Level2: | NA | N | 113.92 dB | 1000.00 Hz | 0.35 % |
| Uncertainty | | | ±0.11 dB | ±0.05% | ±0.20 % |
| Uncertainty (at | 95% c.l.) | k=2 | A Marie Company | Commence of | Contract of the second |

CONDITION OF TEST:

Ambient Pressure 1013 hPa ±1 hPa Date of Receipt: 17/10/2022 Temperature 22 °C ±1° C Date of Calibration: 17/10/2022 Relative Humidity 56 % ±5% Date of Issue: 17/10/2022

Acu-Vib Test AVP02 (Calibrators)

Procedure: Test Method: AS IEC 60942 - 2017

CHECKED BY:X

AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:

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CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: SLM34169

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Meter

Manufacturer: B&K

Type No: 2250 Mic. Type: 4189

Pre-Amp. Type: ZC0032

Filter Type: 1/3 Octave

Owner: EMM Consulting Suite 01, 20 Chandos St St Leonards NSW 2065

Tests Performed: IEC 61672-3:2013 & IEC 61260-3:2016

Comments: All Test passed for Class 1. (See overleaf for details)

CONDITIONS OF TEST:

Ambient Pressure 1002 hPa ±1 hPa Temperature 24 °C ±1° C

Temperature 24 °C \pm 1° C Relative Humidity 35 % \pm 5%

Date of Receipt: 02/11/2022

Serial No: 3029363

Test No: F034175

Serial No:

Serial No:

3260501

30109

Date of Calibration: 03/11/2022 Date of Issue: 04/11/2022

Acu-Vib Test Procedure: AVP10 (SLM) & AVP06 (Filters)

CHECKED BY: AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:

Jack Kielt

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