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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

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

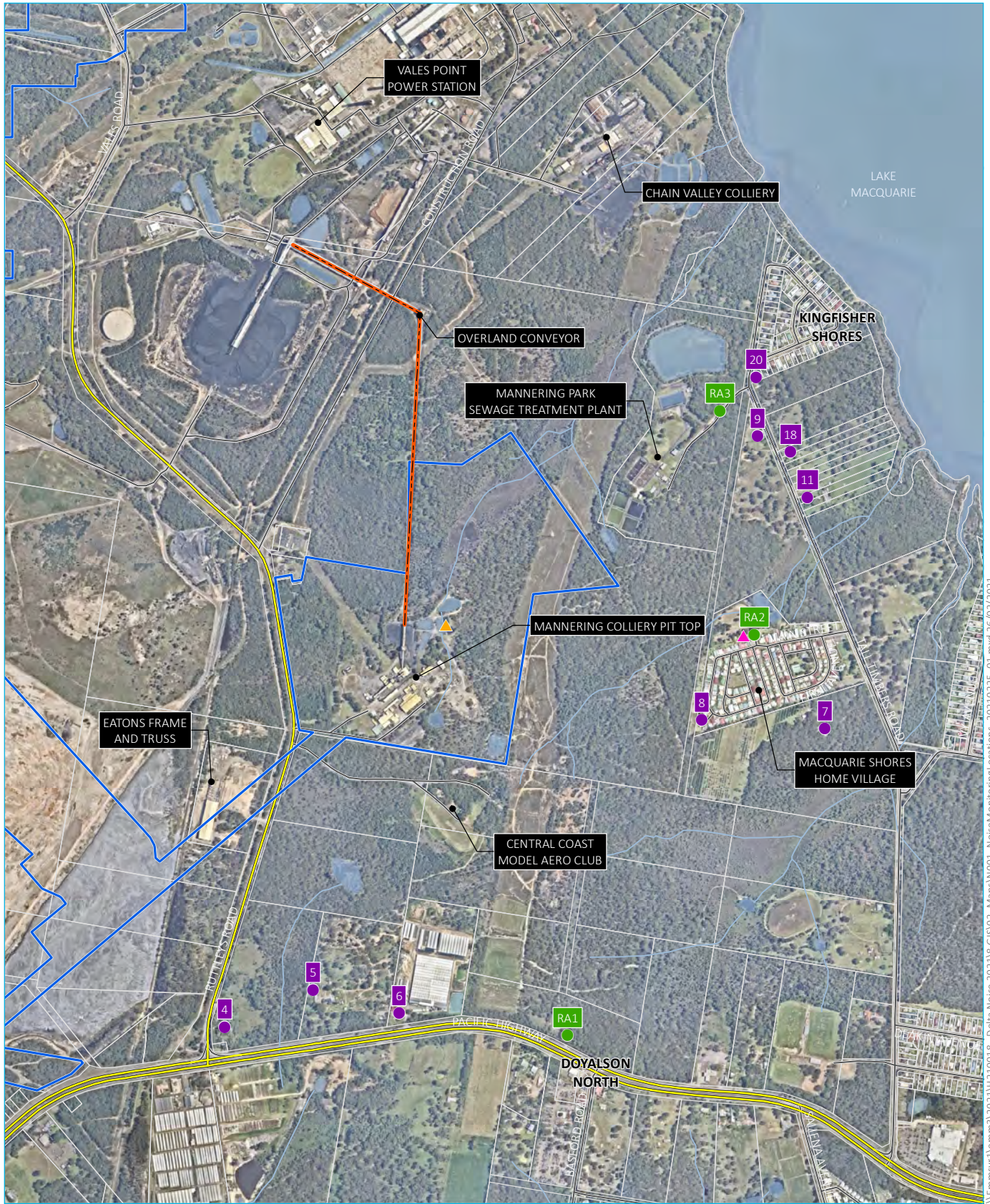
Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the evening and night periods on 5 March 2026 at three monitoring locations.

## 1.2 Attended monitoring locations

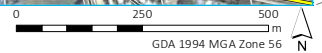
Site monitoring locations are detailed in Table 1.1 and shown on Figure 1.1. It should be noted that Figure 1.1 shows actual monitoring positions, not necessarily the location of residences.

**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



Source: EMM (2021); NearMap (2019); DFSI (2017)



**KEY**

- ▭ Manning 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

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Figure 1.1

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### 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	Noise level measurement unit is the decibel (dB).
$L_{Amax}$	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% of the time.
$LA_{1,1minute}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 1% of the specified time period of 1 minute.
$LA_{10}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 10% of the time.
$L_{Aeq}$	The energy average A-weighted noise level.
$L_{Aeq,15minute}$	The energy average A-weighted noise level over the specified time period of 15 minutes.
$LA_{50}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 50% of the time, also the median noise level during a measurement period.
$LA_{90}$	The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 90% of the time, also referred to as the “background” noise level and commonly used to derive noise limits.
$L_{Amin}$	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.
Hz	Hertz (Hz) is 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
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: 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Evening	Monday – Saturday: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
Night	Monday – Saturday: 10:00 pm to 7:00 am, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 10:00 pm to 8:00 am.
NPfi	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

Manning Colliery noise limits are provided in Table 1, Condition 2 of Schedule 3 of the current project approval (PA) PA MP06\_0311 dated 5 June 2020. Relevant sections of the PA are reproduced in Appendix B.1.

### 2.2 Environment protection licence

The current Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 191 dated 24 June 2025 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) (dated 20 April 2022) 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 limits consistent with the PA, EPL and approved NMP are as shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 Noise limits, dB**

Location	Day	Evening	Night	Night
	$L_{Aeq,15minute}$	$L_{Aeq,15minute}$	$L_{Aeq,15minute}$	$L_{A1,1minute}$
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.

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 metres per second (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
- 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 for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW' (EPA 2022) (the approved methods).

## 2.6 Additional considerations

Monitoring and reporting have been done in accordance with the NSW EPA's NPfI and the approved methods.

## 3 Methodology

### 3.1 Overview

Attended environmental noise monitoring was done in general accordance with Australian Standard AS 1055:2018 '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 in accordance with the NMP. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. Atmospheric conditions (at microphone height) 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. For example, frequency filtering and observations when extraneous noise is low are some of the techniques used to isolate site noise contribution.

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 IA or 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 site noise 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 periods 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. If applicable, modifying factor adjustments have been reported and added to measured site-only  $L_{Aeq}$ .

Low-frequency noise modifying factor adjustments have only been applied if 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 NPfl.

### 3.5 Instrumentation and personnel

Attended noise monitoring was conducted by acoustical consultant Kirsten Garlick. Qualifications, experience and competency are in accordance with the approved methods and demonstration of this is available upon request.

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
Rion NA-28 sound level meter	00370304	08/11/2026	IEC 61672-1:2002
Svantek SV36 acoustic calibrator	162796	05/02/2027	IEC 60942:2017

## 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 levels<sup>1</sup>, dB – March 2026**

Location	Start date and time	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A50</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>Amin</sub>
RA1	5/03/2026 20:55	80	72	67	63	59	47	41
RA1	5/03/2026 22:47	76	70	63	58	50	39	34
RA2	5/03/2026 21:45	46	41	40	39	39	38	36
RA2	5/03/2026 22:00	45	42	41	40	40	39	37
RA3	5/03/2026 21:17	57	51	51	48	48	43	38
RA3	5/03/2026 22:24	56	54	53	50	50	40	37

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

Meteorological 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 – March 2026**

Location	Start date and time	Temperature °C	Wind speed m/s	Wind direction ° Magnetic north <sup>1</sup>	Cloud cover 1/8s
RA1	5/03/2026 20:55	24	<0.5	-	0
RA1	5/03/2026 22:47	23	<0.5	-	0
RA2	5/03/2026 21:45	24	<0.5	-	0
RA2	5/03/2026 22:00	23	<0.5	-	0
RA3	5/03/2026 21:17	25	<0.5	-	0
RA3	5/03/2026 22:24	23	<0.5	-	0

Notes: 1. "-" indicates calm conditions 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 have been adjusted, where relevant, during very noise-enhancing weather conditions as defined by the NPfI (refer to Section 2.5).

**Table 4.3 Site noise levels and limits – March 2026**

Location	Start date and time	Wind		Stability class	Very noise-enhancing <sup>2</sup>	Limit, dB		Site level, dB <sup>3,4</sup>		Exceedance, dB <sup>4</sup>	
		Speed (m/s)	Direction <sup>1</sup>			L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>A1,1minute</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>
RA1	5/03/2026 20:55	1.2	49	F	No	36	N/A	IA	N/A	Nil	N/A
RA1	5/03/2026 22:47	0.3	226	F	No	36	46	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
RA2	5/03/2026 21:45	0.5	227	F	No	40	N/A	<20	N/A	Nil	N/A
RA2	5/03/2026 22:00	0.5	172	F	No	40	45	IA	IA	Nil	Nil
RA3	5/03/2026 21:17	0.8	23	F	No	39	N/A	IA	N/A	Nil	N/A
RA3	5/03/2026 22:24	0.5	202	F	No	39	49	IA	IA	Nil	Nil

- Notes:
1. Degrees magnetic north; “-” indicates calm conditions.
  2. Noise limits are adjusted by +5 dB during ‘very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions’ in accordance with the NPfl.
  3. Site-only L<sub>Aeq,15minute</sub> include modifying factor adjustments if applicable.
  4. Site-only L<sub>A1,1minute</sub> based on measured site-only L<sub>Amax</sub> as detailed in Section 3.2.
  5. N/A means “Not applicable”. The L<sub>A1,1minute</sub> limit only applies during the night period.

# 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 (non-site related) is provided as Figure 5.1, where frogs and insects are seen to be generating noise at frequencies above 1,000 Hz, while industrial noise is generally observed at frequencies less than 1,000 Hz.

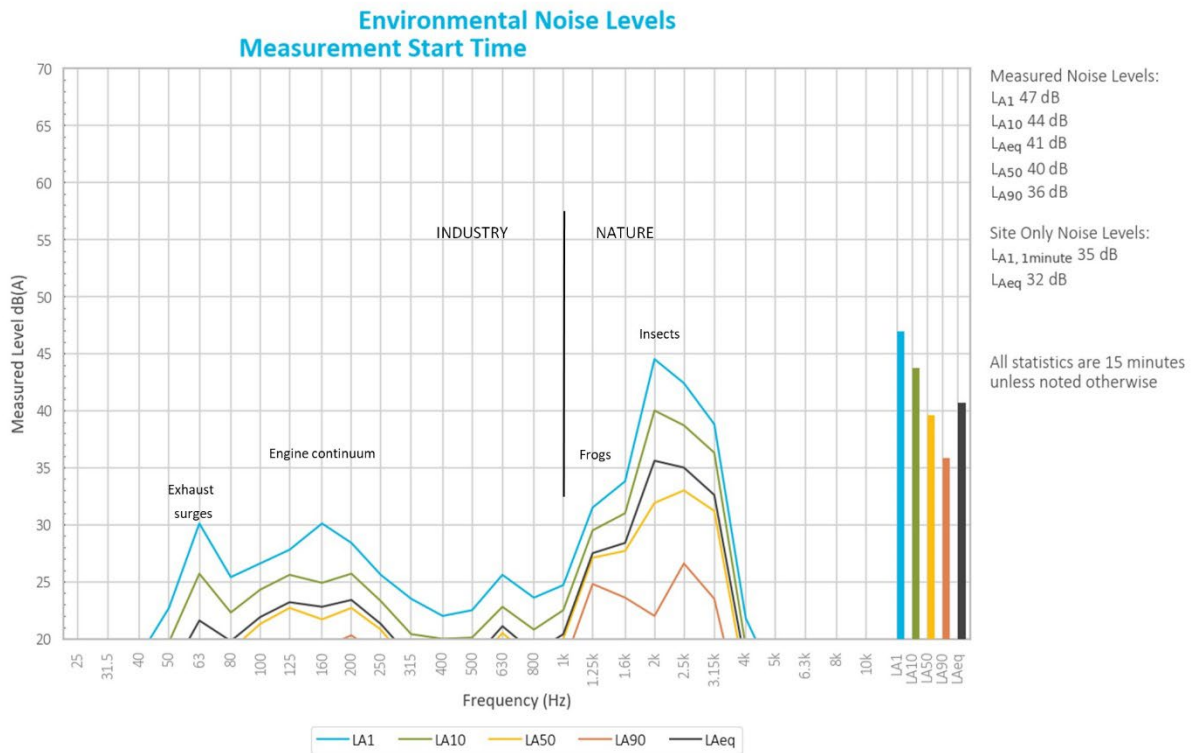
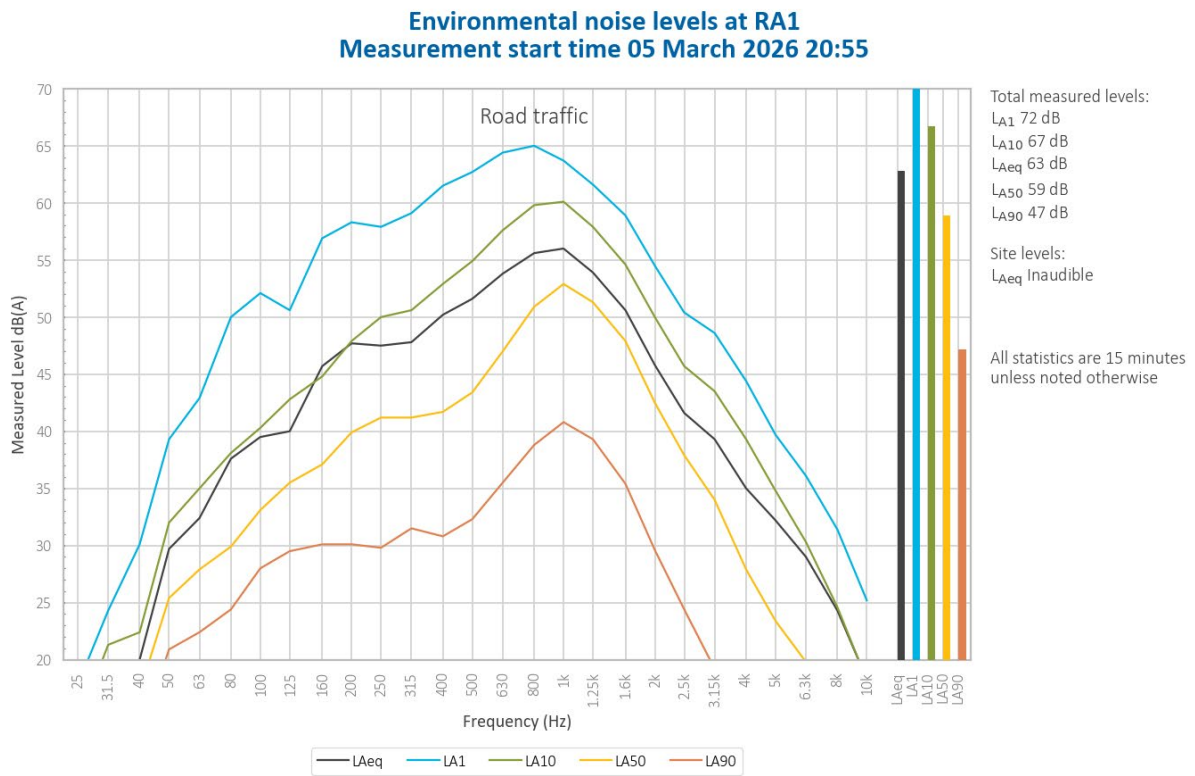


Figure 5.1 Example graph (refer to Section 5.1 for explanatory note)

## 5.2 RA1 – Evening



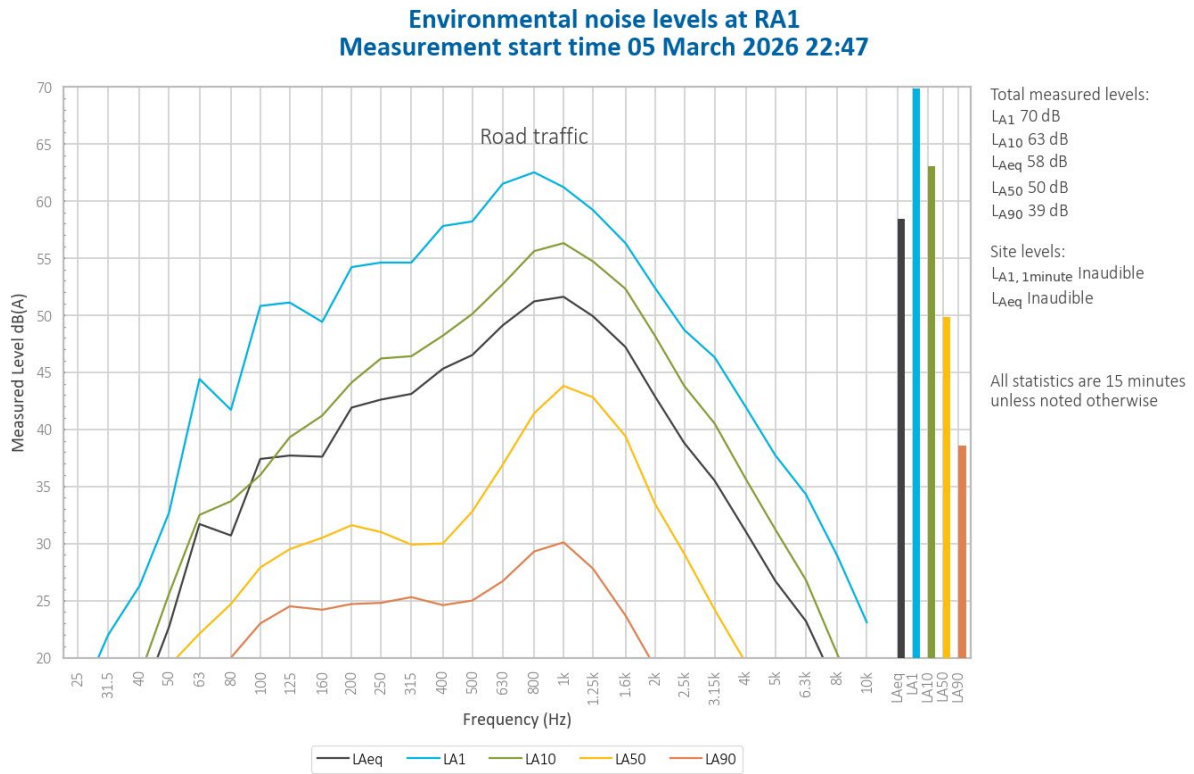
**Figure 5.2 Environmental noise levels – RA1 (Pacific Highway) – Evening**

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Road traffic generated the total measured noise levels.

Noise from insects, bats and Vales Point Power Staton (VPPS) was also noted.

### 5.3 RA1 – Night



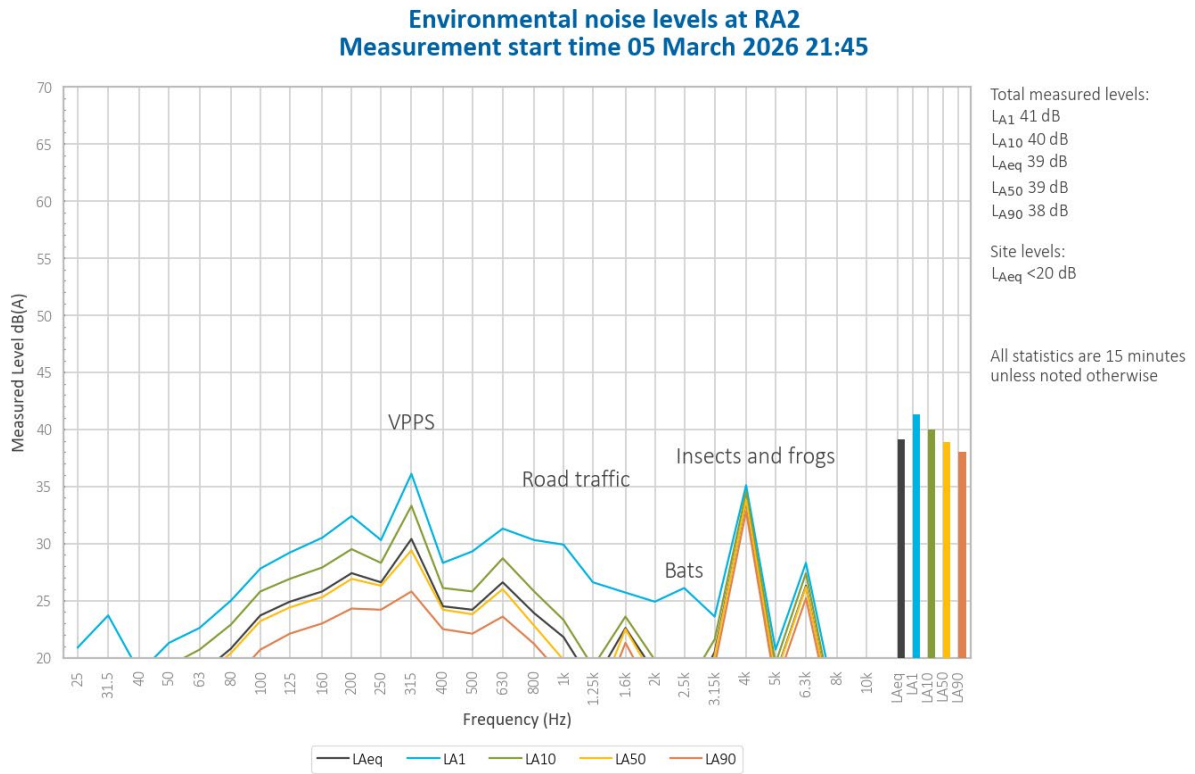
**Figure 5.5 Environmental noise levels – RA1 (Pacific Highway) – Night**

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Road traffic generated the total measured noise levels.

Noise from nearby petrol station, insects, bats, birds, dogs, and VPPS was also noted.

## 5.4 RA2 – Evening



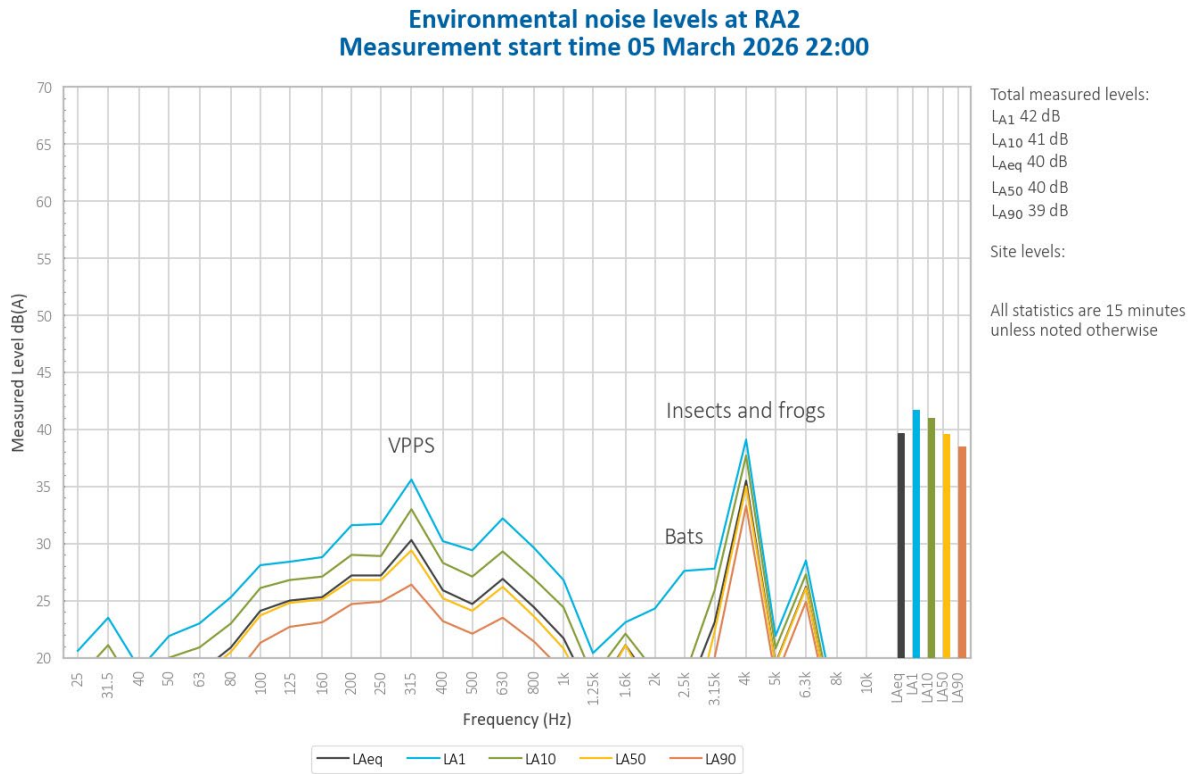
**Figure 5.3 Environmental noise levels – RA2 (Macquarie Shores) – Evening**

MC operations were audible on occasion during the measurement generating the site-only  $L_{Aeq}$  of less than 20 dB.

VPPS, insects and frogs were responsible for the total measured  $L_{Aeq}$ ,  $L_{A50}$  and  $L_{A90}$ . VPPS primarily generated the total measured  $L_{A1}$  and  $L_{A10}$ . Insects and frogs contributed to the measured  $L_{A1}$  and  $L_{A10}$ . Road traffic contributed to the total measured  $L_{A1}$ .

Noise from bats, consultant’s vehicle and Chain Valley Colliery operations (dolly cart alarm was briefly audible) was also noted.

## 5.5 RA2 – Night



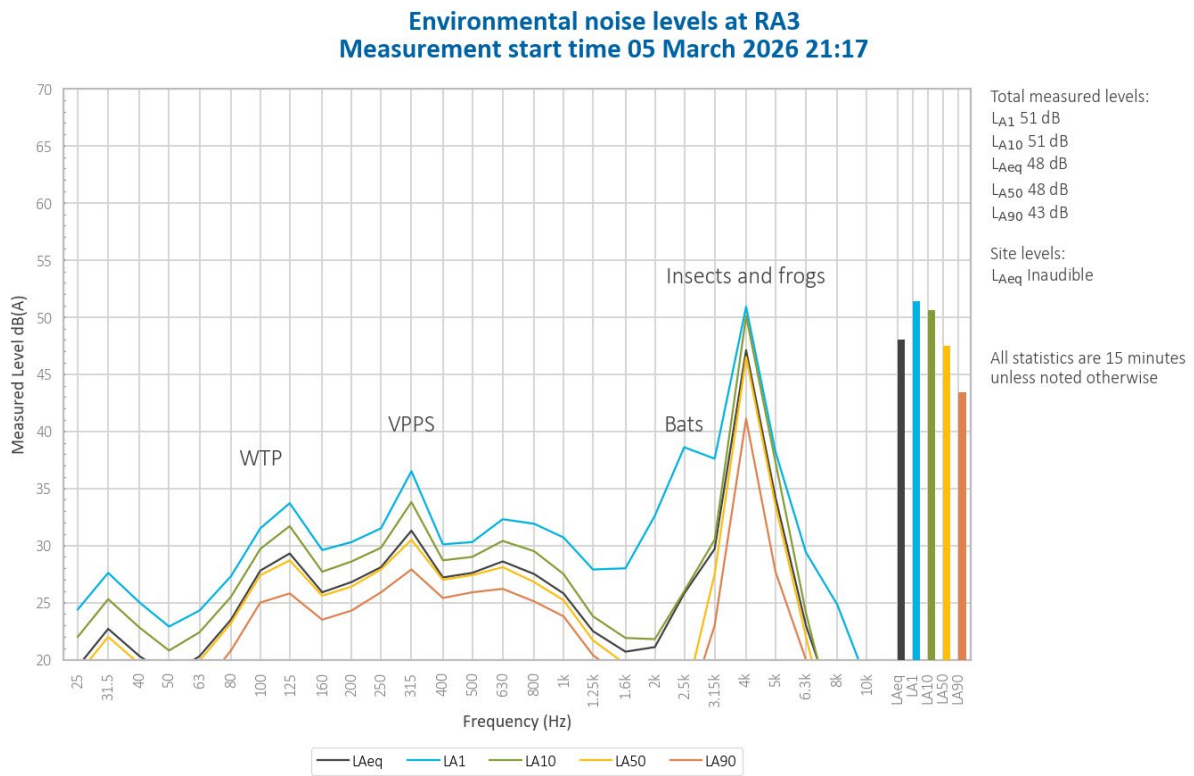
**Figure 5.6 Environmental noise levels – RA2 (Macquarie Shores) – Night**

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

VPPS, insects and frogs were responsible for the total measured levels.

Noise from bats, birds, aircraft and Chain Valley Colliery operations (dolly cart was briefly audible) was also noted.

5.6 RA3 – Evening



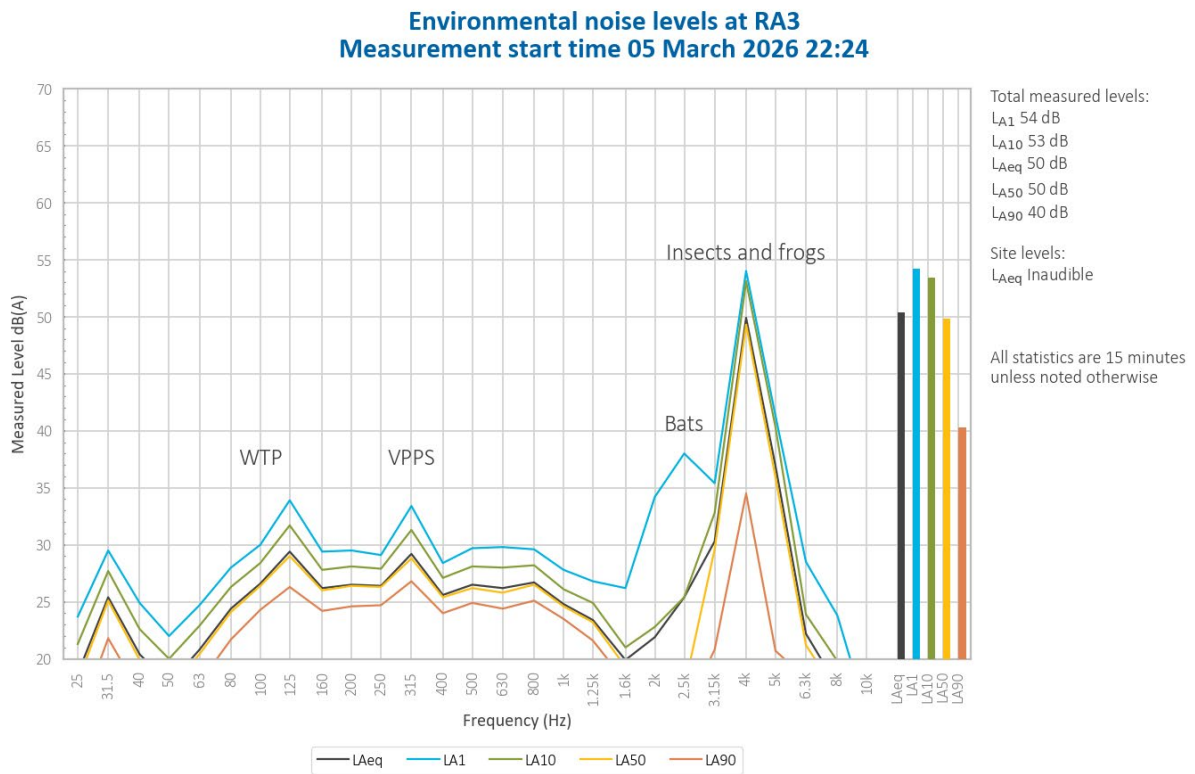
**Figure 5.4 Environmental noise levels – RA3 (Kingfisher Shores) – Evening**

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Insects and frogs dominated the total measured levels. VPPS contributed to the total measured  $L_{A90}$ . Bats contributed to the total measured  $L_{A1}$  and  $L_{A10}$ .

Noise from nearby water treatment plant (WTP), birds, residents and road traffic was also noted.

## 5.7 RA3 – Night



**Figure 5.7 Environmental noise levels – RA3 (Kingfisher Shores) – Night**

MC operations were inaudible during the entire measurement.

Insects and frogs dominated the total measured levels. VPPS also contributed to the total measured  $L_{A90}$ .

Noise from nearby water treatment plant (WTP), bats and birds was also noted.

## 6 Summary

EMM was engaged by Delta Power & Energy (Chain Valley) Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) to complete a monthly noise survey of operations conducted at Mannering Colliery. 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 on 5 March 2026 at three monitoring locations.

Noise levels from site complied with relevant limits at all monitoring locations during the March 2026 survey.

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# Appendix A

Noise perception and examples

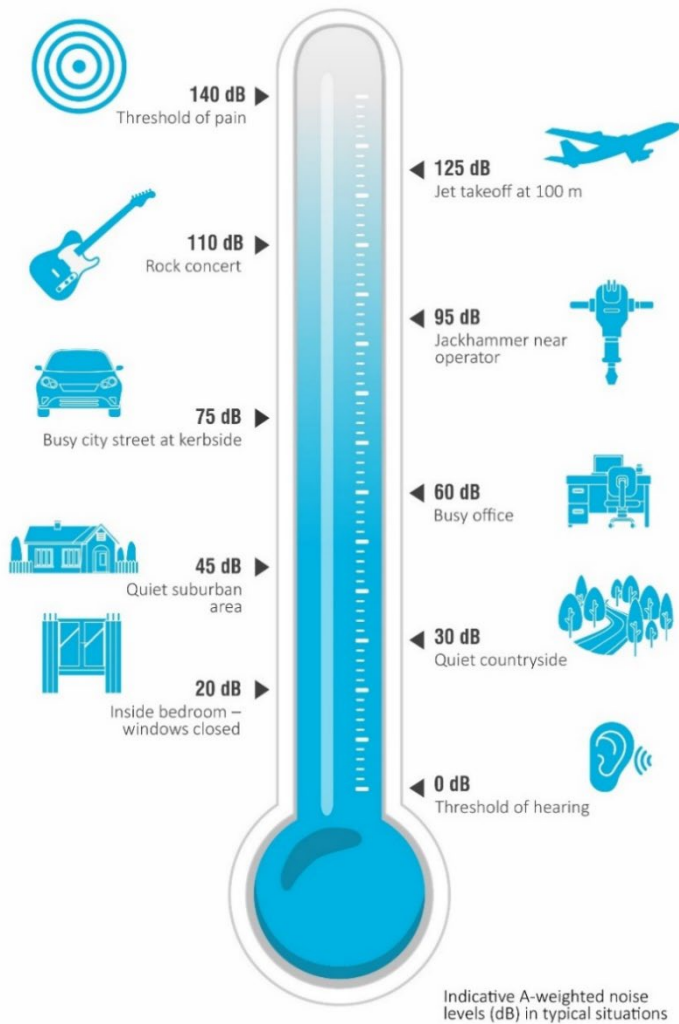
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## A.1 Noise levels

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**

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# Appendix B

Regulator documents

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## B.1 Project approval

## 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<sup>a</sup> on privately-owned land.

**Table 1:** Operational noise criteria dB(A)

Noise Assessment Location	Day	Evening	Night	Night
	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)	L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)	L <sub>A1</sub> (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

<sup>a</sup> 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 NPfI);
  - (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;

- (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 NPfl);
- (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**

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

5. 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;

## B.2 Environment Protection Licence



# Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 191

“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 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 92 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.

## 4 Operating Conditions

### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.  
This includes:

## B.3 Approved noise management plan

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 Manning 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 Manning Colliery**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Receivers Represented MP06_0311 ID</b>	<b>Coordinates</b>	<b>Day</b> <i>L<sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub></i> <i>dB (A)</i>	<b>Evening</b> <i>L<sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub></i> <i>dB (A)</i>	<b>Night</b> <i>L<sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub></i> <i>dB (A)</i>	<b>Night</b> <i>L<sub>A1(1 min)</sub></i> <i>dB (A)</i>
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	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

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: **C53022**

**EQUIPMENT TESTED :** Acoustic Calibrator

**Manufacturer:** Pulsar

**Type No:** 105

**Serial No:** 96080

**Class:** 1

**Owner:** EMM Consulting

Level 1, 175 Scott Street

Newcastle, NSW 2300

**Tests Performed:** Measured Output Pressure level, Frequency & Distortion  
See Details and Class Tolerance overleaf.

## Comments:

### CONDITION OF TEST:

**Ambient Pressure** 1008 hPa  $\pm 1$  hPa

**Temperature** 24  $^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Relative Humidity** 52 %  $\pm 5\%$

**Date of Receipt :** 27/02/2025

**Date of Calibration :** 04/03/2025

**Date of Issue :** 04/03/2025

**Acu-Vib Test** AVP02 (Calibrators)

**Procedure:** Test Method: AS IEC 60942 - 2017

**CHECKED BY:** *KB*

**AUTHORISED  
SIGNATURE:**




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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE NO: **SLM51832**

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Meter

**Manufacturer:** Rion  
**Type No:** NA-28                      **Serial No:** 00370304  
**Mic. Type:** UC-59                      **Serial No:** 10421  
**Pre-Amp. Type:** NH-23                      **Serial No:** 60313  
**Filter Type:** 1/3 Octave                      **Test No:** F051834  
**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:

<b>Ambient Pressure</b>	993 hPa $\pm 1$ hPa	<b>Date of Receipt :</b>	05/11/2024
<b>Temperature</b>	24 $^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$	<b>Date of Calibration :</b>	08/11/2024
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	47 % $\pm 5\%$	<b>Date of Issue :</b>	08/11/2024

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

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The performance characteristics listed below were tested. The tests are based on the relevant clauses of IEC 61672-3:2013

Tests Performed:	Clause	Result
<i>Absolute Calibration</i>	10	Pass
<i>Acoustical Frequency Weighting</i>	12	Pass
<i>Self-Generated Noise</i>	11.1	Observed
<i>Electrical Noise</i>	11.2	Observed
<i>Long Term Stability</i>	15	Pass
<i>Electrical Frequency Weightings</i>	13	Pass
<i>Frequency and Time Weightings</i>	14	Pass
<i>Reference Level Linearity</i>	16	Pass
<i>Range Level Linearity</i>	17	Pass
<i>Toneburst</i>	18	Pass
<i>Peak C Sound Level</i>	19	Pass
<i>Overload Indicator</i>	20	Pass
<i>High Level Stability</i>	21	Pass

**Statement of Compliance:** The sound level meter submitted for testing successfully completed the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:-2013, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the sound level meter to the full specifications of IEC 61672-1:-2013 because evidence was not publically available, from an independent testing organization responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the class 1 specifications in IEC 61672-1:-2013 and because the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:-2013 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61672-1:-2013.

**This Sound Level Meter included an Octave Filter Set. Tests were based on IEC 61260-3:2016 and were conducted to test the following performance characteristics:**

Tests performed	Clause	Result
<i>Test of relative attenuation at filter midband frequency</i>	10	Pass
<i>Linear operating range including range control if fitted</i>	11	Pass
<i>Test of lower limit of linear operating range</i>	12	Pass
<i>Measurement of relative attenuation (filter shape)</i>	13	Pass

The filter submitted for testing successfully completed the tests listed above for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. If the filter type has successfully completed the pattern-evaluation tests of IEC 61260-2 then it can be stated that the filter set continues to conform to the specifications of IEC 61260-1.

**A full technical report is available on request.**

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