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1 INTRODUCTION

Rodney Stevens Acoustics Pty Ltd (RSA) has been engaged by Place Studio to prepare a Noise Impact Assessment Report for the proposed Child Care Centre to be located at 31 Telopea Street, Punchbowl.

This report details the results of a noise survey and assesses the likely impact of noise (principally from traffic noise) incident upon the proposed Child Care Centre as well as noise from the proposed Child Care Centre upon nearby residential premises.

Specific acoustic terminology is used in this report. An explanation of common acoustic terms is provided in Appendix A.

2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Development Site

The proposed Child Care Centre is to be located at 31 Telopea Street, Punchbowl. The development site is bounded by residential dwellings to the north, south, east and west. The development site and its surrounding environment are mainly influenced by traffic noise from Telopea Street.

There are a number of sensitive receivers surrounding the proposed development, these receivers will be affected by noise generated by the proposed child care centre. The following table shows the most affected receivers

Table 2-1 Sensitive Receivers

Receiver	Sensitive Receiver's Address
R1	33 Telopea Street
R2	42 Wattle Street
R3	29 Telopea Street
R4	40 to 42 Telopea Street



Figure 2-1 shows an aerial image of the site area and the surrounding environment.

Figure 2-1 Site Location



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The following figure presents the proposed Child Care Centre Layout:

Figure 2-2 Proposed Child Care Centre Layout – Ground Level

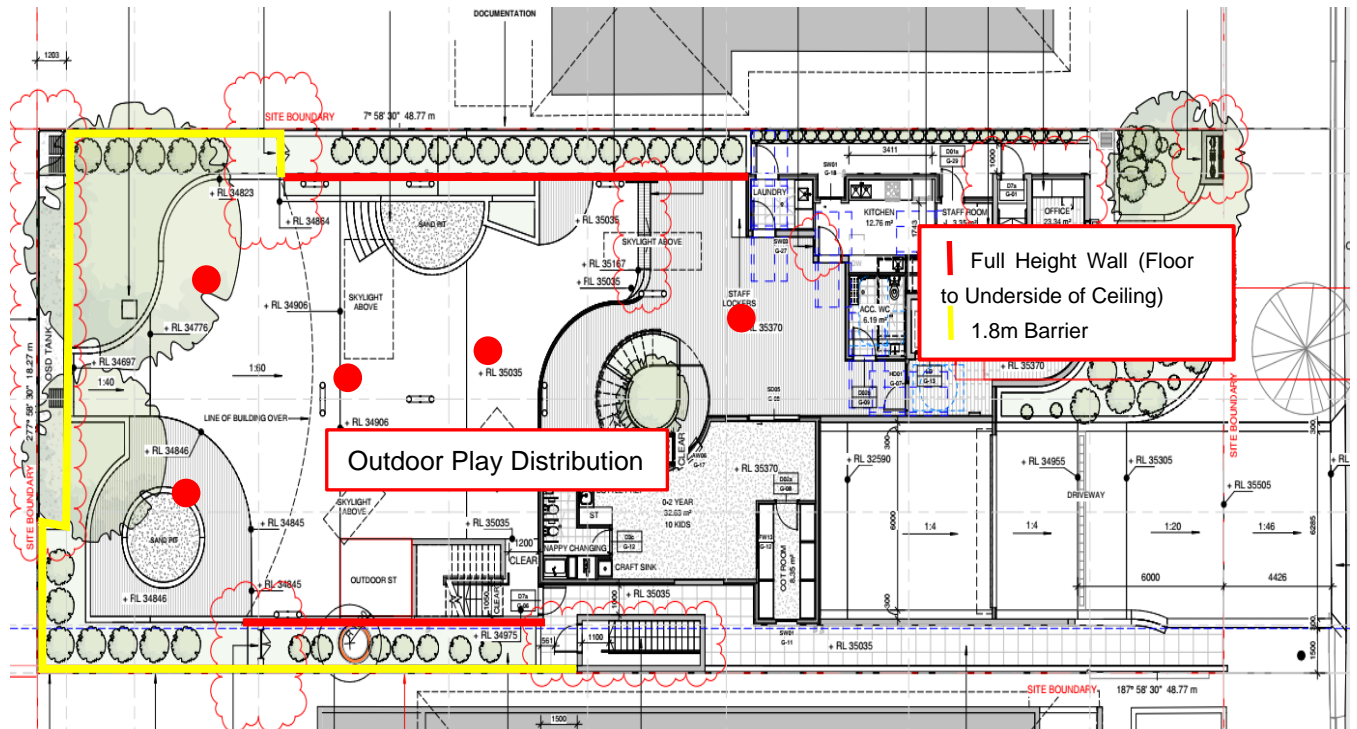
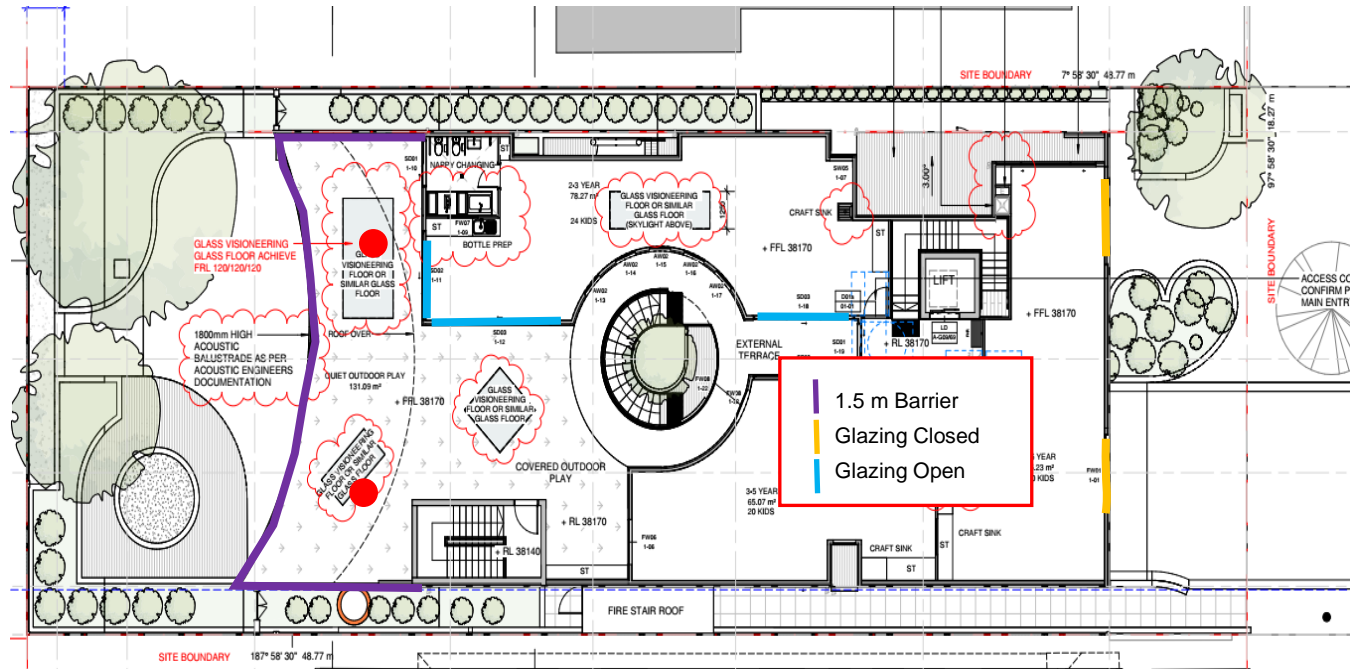


Figure 2-3 Proposed Child Care Centre Layout – Level 1





2.2 The Development

The proposal is to construct a double storey childcare centre. The building will have 2 outdoor play areas as well as 1 basement carpark

2.3 Hours of Operation

The following hours of operation are proposed:

- Monday to Friday 7:00 am until 6:00 pm

2.4 Enrolment Numbers

The proposed Child Care Centre plans to cater for up to 74 children between the ages of 0 and 5 years of age. The number of children and their age groups are as follows:

- 0-2 years old 10 Children
- 2-3 years old - 24 Children
- 3-5 years old - 40 Children

2.5 Outdoor Play Activities

In RSA's experience with Child Care Centres, potential noise issues occur primarily when children are engaged in outdoor play activities, in terms of intrusive environmental noise to the play areas and play area noise to nearby sensitive receivers.

3 BASELINE NOISE SURVEY

3.1 Unattended Noise Monitoring

In order to characterise the existing acoustical environment of the area unattended noise monitoring was conducted between the dates of Monday 21st June and Tuesday 29th June 2021 at the logging locations shown in Figure 2-1

Two noise loggers were set up at the project site. One noise logger was located at the front of the site and the second logger was located at the rear of the site.

The first logger which was located on the southern facade and monitored the road traffic noise from Telopea Street, while the second logger which was located at the rear of the site, this logger provides the baseline background noise environs of the surrounding residential areas adjacent to the project site.

Logger location was selected with consideration to other noise sources which may influence readings, security issues for noise monitoring equipment and gaining permission for access from residents and landowners.

Instrumentation for the survey comprised of 2 RION NL-42 environmental noise loggers (serial numbers 572542 and 546395) fitted with microphone windshields. Calibration of the logger was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ± 0.5 dB(A). All equipment carried appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates.

The logger determines L_{A1} , L_{A10} , L_{A90} and L_{Aeq} levels of the ambient noise. L_{A1} , L_{A10} , L_{A90} are the levels exceeded for 1%, 10% and 90% of the sample time respectively (see Glossary for definitions in Appendix A). Detailed results at the monitoring location are presented in graphical format in Appendix B. The graphs show measured values of L_{A1} , L_{A10} , L_{A90} and L_{Aeq} for each 15-minute monitoring period



3.2 Data Processing

3.2.1 Noise Emission (*Noise Policy for Industry*)

In order to assess noise emission from the proposed Child Care Centre, the data obtained from the noise logger has been processed in accordance with the procedures contained in the NSW Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) *Noise Policy for Industry* (NPfI, 2017) to establish representative noise levels that can be expected in the residential vicinity of the site. The monitored baseline noise levels are detailed in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Measured Baseline Noise Levels Corresponding to Defined NPfI Periods

Location	Measurement Descriptor	Measured Noise Level – dB(A) re 20 µPa		
		Daytime 7 am - 6 pm	Evening 6 pm – 10 pm	Night-time 10 pm – 7 am
Logger on northern boundary (Rear of site)	L _{Aeq}	50	50	45
	RBL (Background)	41	42	37

L_{Aeq} Equivalent continuous (energy average) A-weighted sound pressure level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustic energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

L_{A90} Noise level present for 90% of time (background level). The average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration).

3.2.2 Noise Intrusion (*Road Noise Policy*)

To assess noise intrusion into the outdoor play areas and internal areas of the Child Care Centre, the data obtained from the logger location has been processed to establish representative ambient noise levels from Telopea Street.

The time periods used for this assessment are as defined in the EPA's *Road Noise Policy* (RNP, 2011). Results are presented below in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2 Ambient Noise Levels Corresponding to Defined RNP Periods

Location	Period	External Noise Levels dB(A)
Southern Facade	Day Time 7:00 am - 10:00 pm	L _{Aeq} (1hour) 54 dB

4 NOISE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

4.1 Canterbury - Bankstown Council DCP 2015 Criteria

Canterbury - Bankstown Council has specific acoustic requirements for child care centres in the DCP 2015, Part B6, Section 5.2 Acoustic Privacy. The relevant excerpts are as follow:

Acoustic privacy

5.1 Air conditioning, mechanical ventilation or any other continuous noise source must not exceed the ambient level at any specified boundary by more than 5dB(A).

5.2 The location and design of child care centres must consider the projection of noise from various activities to avoid any adverse impacts on the residential amenity of adjoining land. For



the purpose of this clause, Council requires development applications to submit an Acoustic Report prepared by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant to determine:

- (a) existing noise levels at the identified sensitive receiver locations;*
- (b) likely noise levels to emanate from the child care centre at the identified sensitive receiver locations*
- (c) whether the development must apply measures to ensure the noise of children playing in outdoor areas does not exceed 10dB(A) above the background noise level;*
- (d) whether the location and setbacks of the development are sufficient to protect the acoustic privacy of adjacent dwellings;*
- (e) whether the location of outdoor areas should avoid living areas and bedrooms of adjacent dwellings; and*
- (f) whether the development must install certain noise attenuation measures to protect the acoustic privacy of adjacent dwellings.*

Based on Canterbury Bankstown Council's DCP 2015 the noise criteria for outdoor noise emissions is 51, this is based on a L_{90} of $41 + 10$ dB(A)

4.1.1 Road Noise Intrusion to Outdoor Playground

Noise levels within outdoor play areas are not covered by the Canterbury - Bankstown Council's DCP 2015. For the assessment of road traffic noise impact on the outdoor play areas, the Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC). The document, *AAAC Technical Guideline Child Care Centre Noise Assessment V3.0* has been used to determine the appropriate noise level. In accordance with the AAAC, the noise criterion for outdoor play areas is as follow:

- Outdoor play areas – $L_{Aeq,(1hour)}$ 55 dB(A) (external).

4.1.2 Noise Intrusion to Indoor Areas

Noise levels within indoor play areas are not covered by the Canterbury - Bankstown Council's DCP 2015. For the assessment of road traffic noise impact on the indoor play areas, the Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC). The document, *AAAC Technical Guideline Child Care Centre Noise Assessment V3.0* has been used to determine the appropriate noise level. In accordance with the AAAC, the noise criterion for outdoor play areas is as follow:

- Indoor play areas – $L_{Aeq,(1hour)}$ 40 dB(A) (internal).
- Sleeping areas – $L_{Aeq,(1hour)}$ 35 dB(A) (internal)

4.1.3 Other Noise Emissions

Based on Section 3.2.2 of the AAAC guidelines, the cumulative $L_{eq,15\text{ minute}}$ noise emission level resulting from the use and operation of the child care centre, with the exception of noise emission from outdoor play shall not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB at the assessment location. This includes the noise emission resulting from:

- Indoor play
- Mechanical plant
- Drop off and pick up



- Other activities/operations (not including outdoor play).

5 NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Road Traffic Noise Intrusion into Centre

5.1.1 Outdoor Play Area

Based on the measured road traffic noise level of $L_{Aeq(1hour)}$ 54 dB(A) from Telopea Street, the predicted traffic noise impacts at the outdoor play areas are presented in Table 5-1 below.

The following assumptions have been made in the noise modelling of the road traffic noise impacts on the outdoor play areas:

- Solid barriers are in place along the boundaries (Refer to Figure 2-2)
- The height of children between the ages of 0 and 5 years have an average height of 1 meter
- The outdoor play areas are located to the north of the site and it is shielded by the child care building.
- Road traffic noise impacts have been modelled from the centre line of the road to approximately the middle of the outdoor play areas.

Table 5-1 Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels Into Outdoor Play Areas

Area	Predicted L_{Aeq} Road Traffic Noise Level – dB(A)	Noise Criterion $L_{Aeq} - \text{dB(A)}$	Compliance (Yes / No)
Outdoor Play Area – Ground	38	55	Yes
Outdoor Play Area – Level 1	41	55	Yes

Existing road traffic noise levels in the Outdoor Play areas are predicted to comply with the $L_{Aeq(1hour)}$ 55 dB(A) (external) criterion stipulated in Section 4.1.1. Based on this assessment no additional no control measures will be required.

5.1.2 Indoor Areas

The typical outdoor to indoor noise reductions provided by most standard glazed facades (i.e. without special acoustical treatment) is generally accepted as being 10 dB(A) through an open window and in the order of 20 dB(A) with windows closed.

The facade road traffic noise at the proposed child care centre building is calculated to be $L_{Aeq(1hour)}$ 54 dB(A) on the southern facade. Taking into account the distance, shielding and glazing performance, the resultant indoor noise levels for opened and closed windows at the northern facade, corresponding to the typical noise reductions are as follow:



Table 5-2 Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels Into Indoor Areas

Area	Predicted L_{Aeq} Road Traffic Noise Level – dB(A)		Noise Criterion L_{Aeq} – dB(A)	Compliance (Open / Closed)
	Windows Open	Windows Closed		
0-2 Years	34	24	40	Open
2-3 Years	34	24	40	Open
3-5 Years	44	34	40	Closed
Cot	<20	<20	35	Open

We note that the doors leading to the outdoor play areas (north facade) and internal atrium can be open.

The predicted internal noise levels are likely to exceed the internal noise criteria as required by Canterbury – Bankstown Council with windows for the 3-5 years indoor area, all glazing must remain closed in order to comply with the criteria.

5.2 Mechanical Plant Noise Assessment

Mechanical ventilation may be installed at the proposed childcare centre, the operation of such mechanical plant must be in accordance with the relevant regulations such as the Building Code of Australia (BCA Vol.1, Part 4.5 *Ventilation of rooms*) and AS1668.2-2002 *The use of ventilation and air conditioning in buildings* will be required.

A specific mechanical plant selection has not been supplied at this stage. It is anticipated that the building will be serviced by typical mechanical ventilation/air conditioning equipment.

It is likely that the relevant noise criteria may be met through the use of conventional noise control methods (e.g. selection of equipment on the basis of quiet operation and, where necessary, providing enclosures, localised barriers, silencers and lined ductwork).

An appropriately qualified acoustic consultant should review the mechanical plant associated with the development at the detailed design stage when final plant selections have been made.

5.3 Operational Noise Emissions to Nearby Residences

5.3.1 Outdoor Play Activities Noise Impact

Potential noise management issues occur primarily when children are engaged in outdoor play activities. Noise generated by the children in the outdoor play area will occur at limited times throughout the day, with numbers of children playing and periods of play managed by the Centre staff.

The Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC) technical guideline for Child Care Centre Noise Assessment V3.0 provides the following sound power levels (L_w) for various age groups of children



Table 5-3 Effective Sound Power Levels ($L_{Aeq, 15min}$) for Groups of 10 Children Playing

Noise Descriptor	Noise Level (dB) at Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								Overall dB(A)
	63	125	250	500	1 k	2 k	4 k	8 k	
0 to 2 Years	54	60	66	72	74	71	67	64	78
2 to 3 Years	61	67	73	79	81	78	74	70	85
3 to 5 Years	64	70	75	81	83	80	76	72	87

If applicable, an adjustment to the above sound power levels of -6 dB could be applied in each age group for children involved in passive play.

Calculations have been made based on the spectra above assuming all the children will be playing outside at the one time. The levels were scaled to reflect the overall power levels presented by the AAAC to determine the likely noise levels at nearby receivers due to 74 children playing in the Outdoor Play areas of the proposed Child Care Centre.

The following assumptions have been made in the noise modelling of the Outdoor Play areas noise impacts on the neighbouring residences:

- 10 children between the ages of 0 and 2 with total sound power level of 78 dB(A), 24 children between the ages of 2 and 3 with total sound power level of 88 dB(A) and 40 children between the ages of 3 and 5 with total sound power level of 93dB(A) will be playing in the proposed outdoor play areas;
- The height of the residential receivers has been assumed to be 1.5 metres for residential buildings on their respective level;
- Source height in the outdoor play area, i.e. children height, have been taken to be 1 meter from the ground;
- The proposed solid barriers (Refer to Figure 2-2) along the boundaries of the outdoor play areas have been taken into account in the noise model;
- Resulting noise levels have been calculated to the most affected point on the boundary of the affected receivers

The following figure shows the receiver locations in relation to the proposed Child Care Centre.

Figure 5-1 Receiver Locations



The predicted noise levels experienced by nearest residential receivers are presented in Table 5-4 below. Noise levels have been calculated at the most affected boundary heights. The noise levels presented below are representative of the worst case scenarios for receiver.

Table 5-4 Predicted Outdoor Play Activities Noise Emission

Receiver	Predicted Outdoor Play Activities Noise at Neighbouring Residents – dB(A)	Criteria	Compliance
R1	47	51	Yes
R2	51	51	Yes
R3	44	51	Yes
R4	27	51	Yes

Noise from the outdoor play activities at the surrounding residences is predicted to comply with the 51 dB(A) criterion with scenario presented above. Based on the above assessment of the outdoor play activities noise



emissions, a number of solid barriers must be implemented along the boundaries. (Please refer to Figure 2-2 for further details), additionally 40% of the underside of the ceiling must be lined with absorptive material having a minimum NRC rating of 0.6

5.3.2 Noise Emissions from Indoor Activities

Calculations have been carried out to ascertain the noise breakout from indoor activities to the neighbouring premises. The predicted noise levels indicate that the noise criteria will not be exceeded if the windows are in the configuration shown in Figure 2-2, the resulting noise levels are presented in Table 5-5 below. Noise levels have been calculated at the most affected boundary heights.

Table 5-5 Predicted Indoor Play Activities Noise Emission

Receiver	Predicted Indoor Play Activities Noise at Neighbouring Residents – dB(A)	Criteria	Compliance
R1	42	46	Yes
R2	39	46	Yes
R3	38	46	Yes
R4	29	46	Yes

The assessment criterion for indoor play of 46 dB(A) can be achieved with the windows in the configuration shown in Figure 2-2.

The glazing for the windows on the southern façade must have a minimum R_w 35, all remaining glazing can be standard, we note that the R_w rating is required for the complete glazing and frame assembly. The minimum glazing thicknesses will not necessarily meet the required R_w rating without an appropriate frame system. It will be therefore necessary to provide a window glass and frame system having a laboratory tested acoustic performance meeting the specified requirements

Noise emissions from indoor activities will meet recommended design limits at the neighbouring residential receivers with the internal layout proposed.

5.3.3 Carpark Emission

The proposed car park consists of 1 basement, it has a capacity of 19 car spaces, calculations of noise from the carpark have been based on typical noise generating events within a carpark such as, door slams, engine starts and cars driving away. We have assumed a scenario were 19 cars enter or leave the carpark in a span of 15 minutes.

The calculated noise levels from the activities carried out within the carpark are presented in the table below:



Table 5-6 Calculated Carpark Noise Levels

Receiver	Predicted Carpark Activities Noise at Neighbouring Residents – dB(A)	Criteria	Compliance
R1	24	46	Yes
R2	<20	46	Yes
R3	<20	46	Yes
R4	31	46	Yes

We note that a 1.5 meter solid barrier on the western boundary has been used for calculation purposes, please refer to Figure 2-2

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations must be implemented in order to achieve compliance with the criteria requirements from Canterbury - Bankstown Council

6.1 Outdoor Play Areas

In order to achieve compliance with council's noise requirements for outdoor play, the following must be implemented:

- All children can engage in outdoor play at a time
- No music is to be played in the outdoor areas
- 40% of the underside of the ceiling must be lined with absorptive material having a minimum NRC rating of 0.6
- Playground equipment that allows a child to be more than 0.5 above the ground level should not be used
- Children must be supervised at all times

6.2 Indoor Play Areas

In order to achieve compliance with council's noise requirements for outdoor play, the following must be implemented:

- The windows must follow the configuration shown in Figure 2-2,
- The glazing for the windows on the southern façade must have a minimum Rw 35, all remaining glazing can be standard



6.3 Acoustic Barrier Details

Solid barriers along the boundaries must be implemented (Refer to Figure 2-2)

Acoustic barrier is required to provide the adequate noise attenuation, the construction material of the barriers must have a surface density of 10-15 kg/m² and be free from holes and gaps. Some suitable materials include:

- 25 mm thick plywood timber panelling
- 9 mm thick fibre cement sheet
- 75mm thick Hebel Powerpanel
- 12 mm thick Perspex, polycarbonate or Danpalon
- 6 mm toughened laminated safety glass
- Any other approved material which meets the above surface density specification

A typical material used in childcare centres is Perspex, which is a polycarbonate material. The use of the 12 mm thick Perspex or 6 mm glass for this purpose which has a surface mass of 11 kg/m² will meet the mass requirements detailed above and be suitable for use as it is transparent and will not unduly restrict light or vision.

All barriers must be free of gaps and penetrations and it is particularly important to ensure that the gap at the bottom of the barrier is minimised as far as practicable. The base of the barriers should be well sealed at the junction where the barrier meets the floor, but still be designed to allow proper water drainage

7 CONCLUSION

RSA has conducted a noise impact assessment of the proposed Child Care Centre at 31 Telopea Street, Punchbowl. The assessment has comprised the establishment of noise criteria and assesses noise impacts with regard to relevant statutory requirements.

Traffic noise intrusion into the indoor areas has been assessed to exceed the noise criteria as set out in Section 3.2.2. Based on this assessment, the windows on the southern façade and cot room must remain closed.

Noise emissions from the indoor play activities to the nearest residential receivers have been calculated to comply with the noise criterion, with the configurations shown in Table 5-2.

Noise emissions from the outdoor area play activities to the nearest residential receivers have been calculated to comply with the noise criterion, where all children are playing outside at any given time. A solid barriers along the boundaries must be implemented to minimise the noise impact from the outdoor areas (Refer to Figure 2-2).

Noise emissions from the carpark to the nearest residential receivers have been calculated to comply with the noise criterion

Criteria for noise emissions from mechanical plant have been established, a further acoustic survey by a qualified acoustic consultant will be required once mechanical plant schedules have been selected.

Based on our assessment the proposed Child Care Centre at 31 Telopea Street, Punchbowl is deemed to not cause "Offensive Noise" to neighbouring residences provided that the noise control measures recommended is implemented. It is therefore recommended that planning approval be granted for the proposed development on the basis of acoustics.



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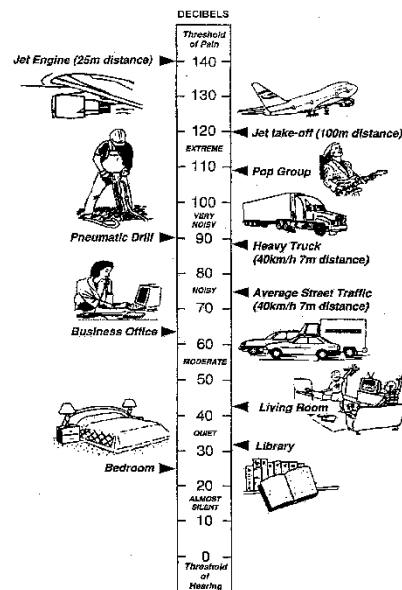


Appendix A – Acoustic Terminology

A-weighted sound pressure	The human ear is not equally sensitive to sound at different frequencies. People are more sensitive to sound in the range of 1 to 4 kHz (1000 – 4000 vibrations per second) and less sensitive to lower and higher frequency sound. During noise measurement an electronic ' <i>A-weighting</i> ' frequency filter is applied to the measured sound level <i>dB(A)</i> to account for these sensitivities. Other frequency weightings (B, C and D) are less commonly used. Sound measured without a filter is denoted as linear weighted <i>dB(linear)</i> .
Ambient noise	The total noise in a given situation, inclusive of all noise source contributions in the near and far field.
Community annoyance	<p>Includes noise annoyance due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ character of the noise (e.g. sound pressure level, tonality, impulsiveness, low-frequency content)■ character of the environment (e.g. very quiet suburban, suburban, urban, near industry)■ miscellaneous circumstances (e.g. noise avoidance possibilities, cognitive noise, unpleasant associations)■ human activity being interrupted (e.g. sleep, communicating, reading, working, listening to radio/TV, recreation).
Compliance	The process of checking that source noise levels meet with the noise limits in a statutory context.
Cumulative noise level	The total level of noise from all sources.
Extraneous noise	Noise resulting from activities that are not typical to the area. Atypical activities may include construction, and traffic generated by holiday periods and by special events such as concerts or sporting events. Normal daily traffic is not considered to be extraneous.
Feasible and reasonable measures	<p>Feasibility relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to build; reasonableness relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a decision, taking into account the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Noise mitigation benefits (amount of noise reduction provided, number of people protected).■ Cost of mitigation (cost of mitigation versus benefit provided).■ Community views (aesthetic impacts and community wishes).■ Noise levels for affected land uses (existing and future levels, and changes in noise levels).
Impulsiveness	Impulsive noise is noise with a high peak of short duration or a sequence of these peaks. Impulsive noise is also considered annoying.



Low frequency	Noise containing major components in the low-frequency range (20 to 250 Hz) of the frequency spectrum.
Noise criteria	The general set of non-mandatory noise levels for protecting against intrusive noise (for example, background noise plus 5 dB) and loss of amenity (e.g. noise levels for various land use).
Noise level (goal)	A noise level that should be adopted for planning purposes as the highest acceptable noise level for the specific area, land use and time of day.
Noise limits	Enforceable noise levels that appear in conditions on consents and licences. The noise limits are based on achievable noise levels, which the proponent has predicted can be met during the environmental assessment. Exceedance of the noise limits can result in the requirement for either the development of noise management plans or legal action.
Performance-based goals	Goals specified in terms of the outcomes/performance to be achieved, but not in terms of the means of achieving them.
Rating Background Level (RBL)	The rating background level is the overall single figure background level representing each day, evening and night time period. The rating background level is the 10 th percentile min L _{A90} noise level measured over all day, evening and night time monitoring periods.
Receptor	The noise-sensitive land use at which noise from a development can be heard.
Sleep disturbance	Awakenings and disturbance of sleep stages.
Sound and decibels (dB)	<p>Sound (or noise) is caused by minute changes in atmospheric pressure that are detected by the human ear. The ratio between the quietest noise audible and that which should cause permanent hearing damage is a million times the change in sound pressure. To simplify this range the sound pressures are logarithmically converted to decibels from a reference level of 2×10^{-5} Pa.</p> <p>The picture below indicates typical noise levels from common noise sources.</p>



dB is the abbreviation for decibel – a unit of sound measurement. It is equivalent to 10 times the logarithm (to base 10) of the ratio of a given sound pressure to a reference pressure.

Sound power Level (SWL)

The sound power level of a noise source is the sound energy emitted by the source. Notated as SWL, sound power levels are typically presented in $dB(A)$.

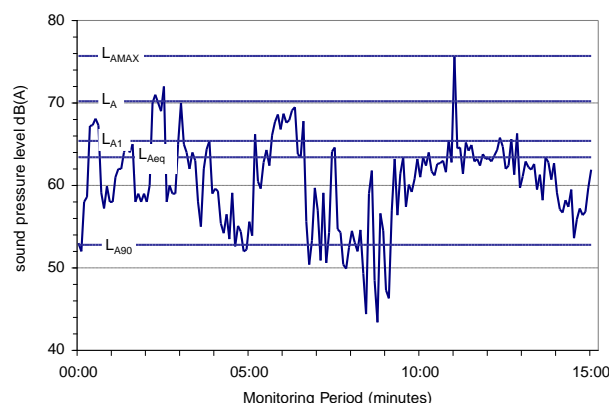
Sound Pressure Level (SPL)

The level of noise, usually expressed as SPL in $dB(A)$, as measured by a standard sound level meter with a pressure microphone. The sound pressure level in $dB(A)$ gives a close indication of the subjective loudness of the noise.

Statistic noise levels

Noise levels varying over time (e.g. community noise, traffic noise, construction noise) are described in terms of the statistical exceedance level.

A hypothetical example of A weighted noise levels over a 15 minute measurement period is indicated in the following figure:



Key descriptors:

L_{Amax} Maximum recorded noise level.

L_{A1} The noise level exceeded for 1% of the 15 minute interval.

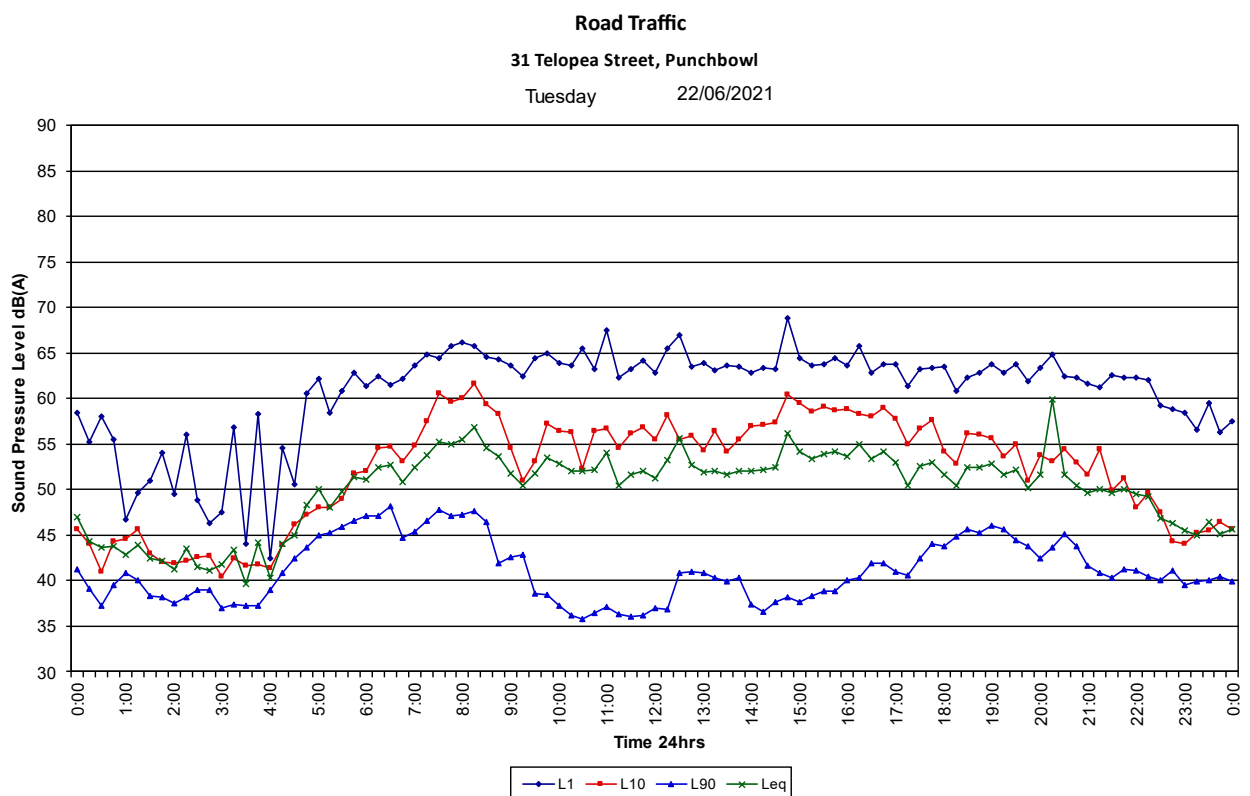
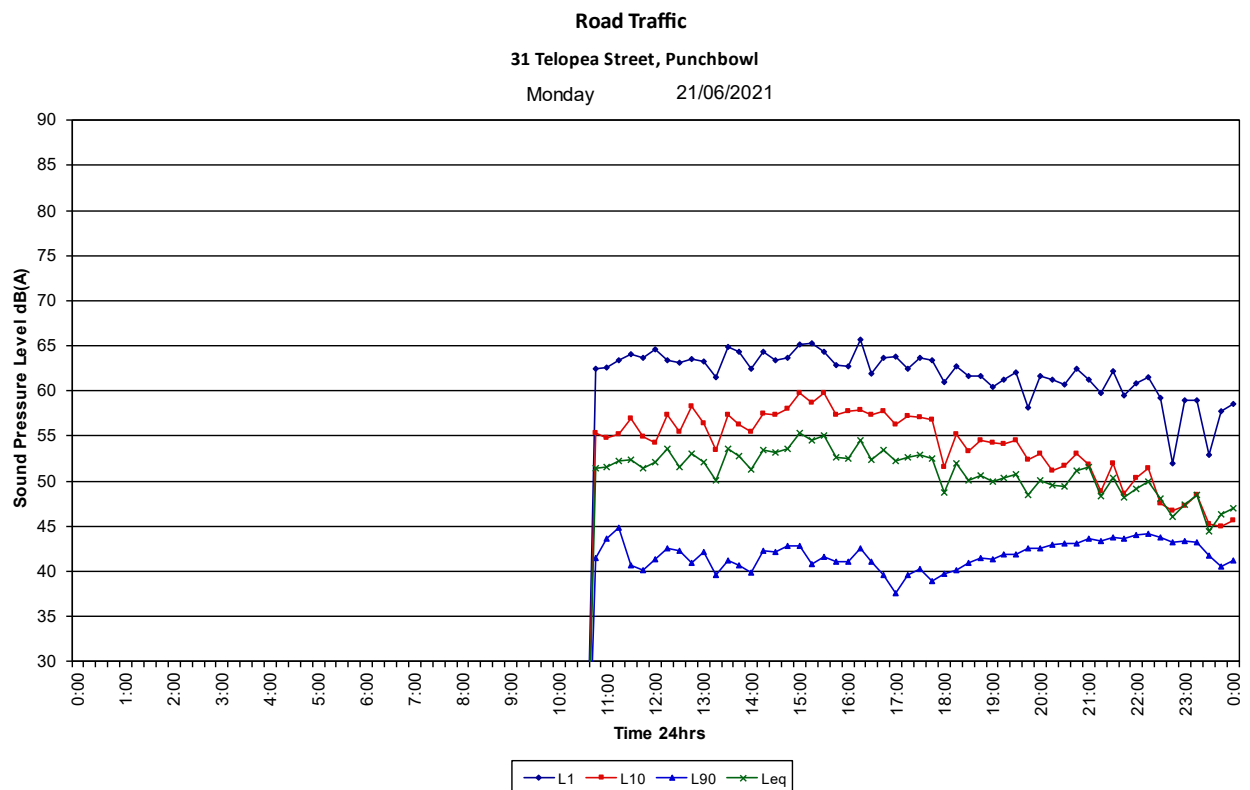


	<p>L_{A10} Noise level present for 10% of the 15 minute interval. Commonly referred to the average maximum noise level.</p> <p>L_{Aeq} Equivalent continuous (energy average) A-weighted sound pressure level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustic energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.</p> <p>L_{A90} Noise level exceeded for 90% of time (background level). The average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration).</p>
Threshold	The lowest sound pressure level that produces a detectable response (in an instrument/person).
Tonality	Tonal noise contains one or more prominent tones (and characterised by a distinct frequency components) and is considered more annoying. A 2 to 5 dB(A) penalty is typically applied to noise sources with tonal characteristics



Appendix B – Logger Graphs

Traffic Logger

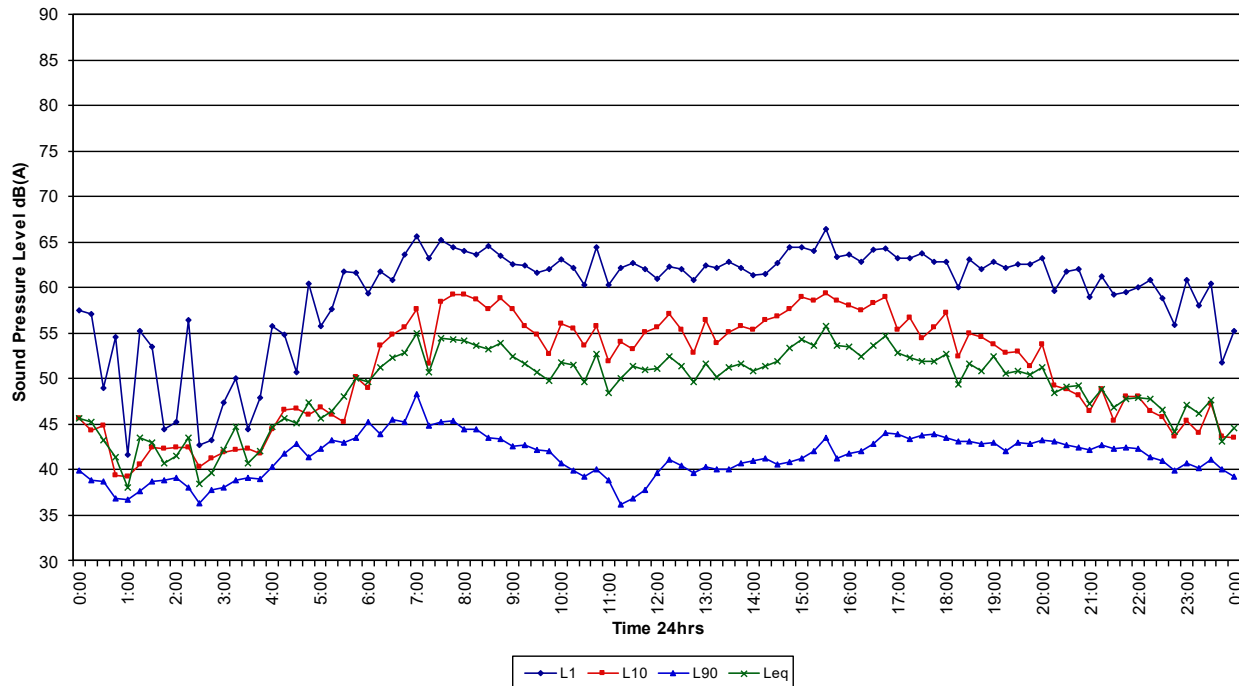




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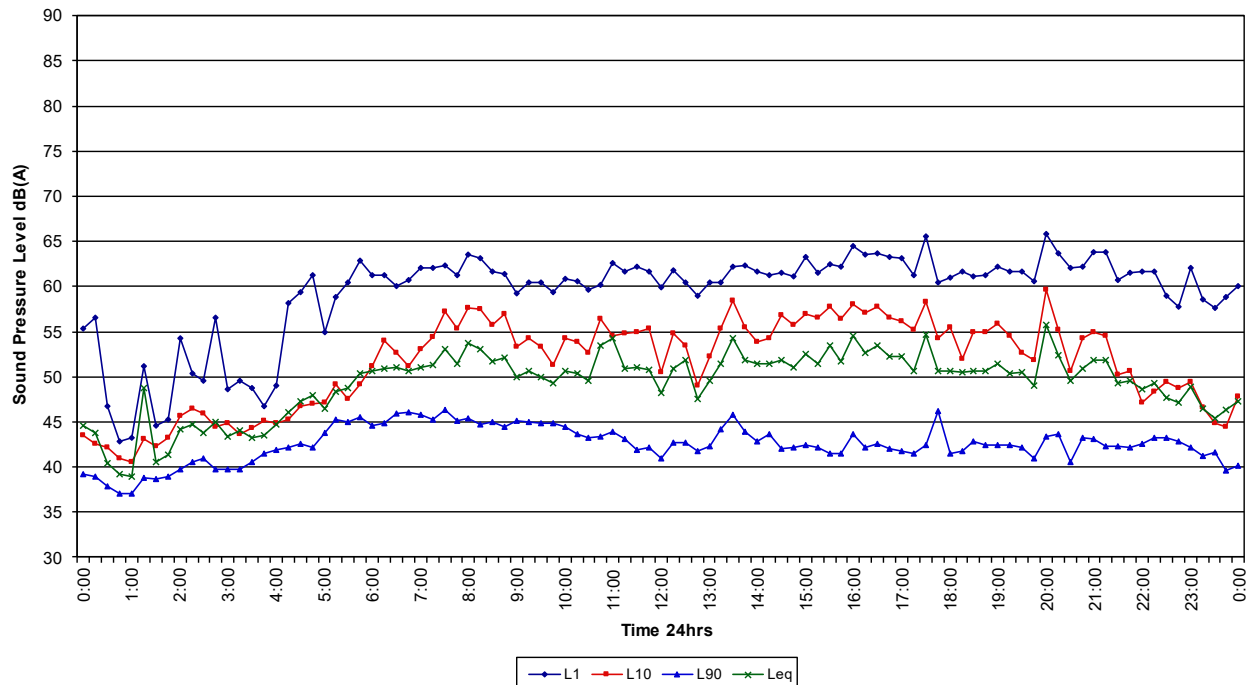
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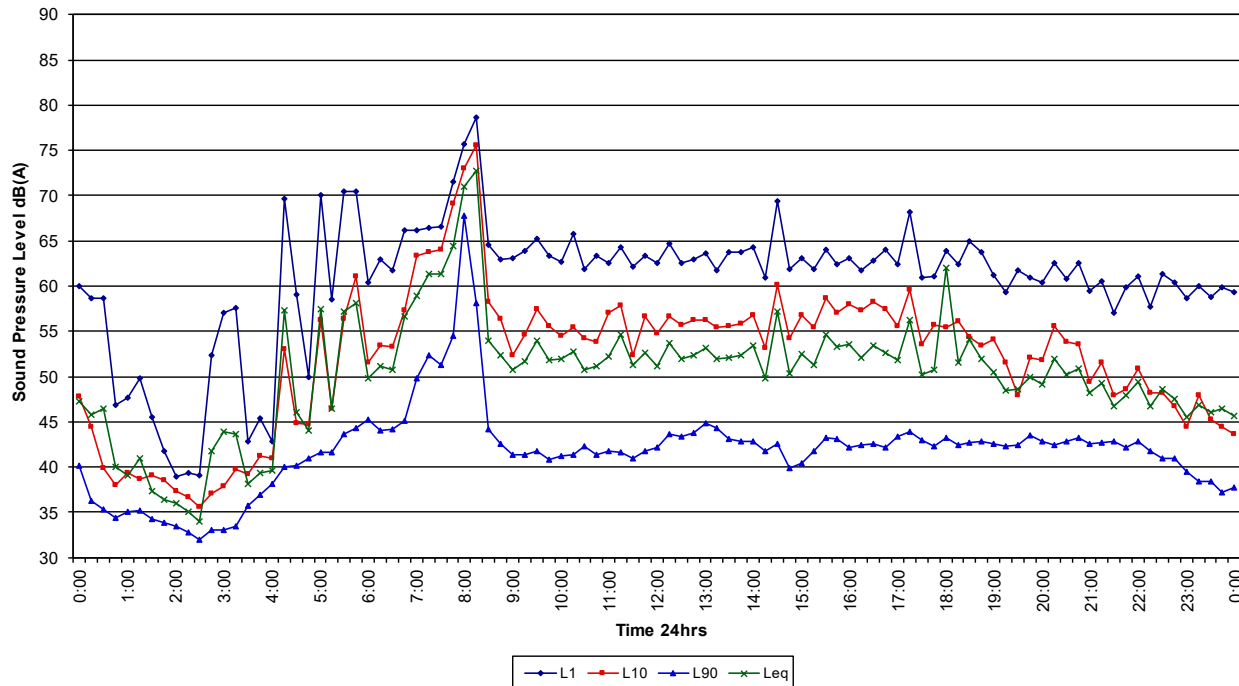
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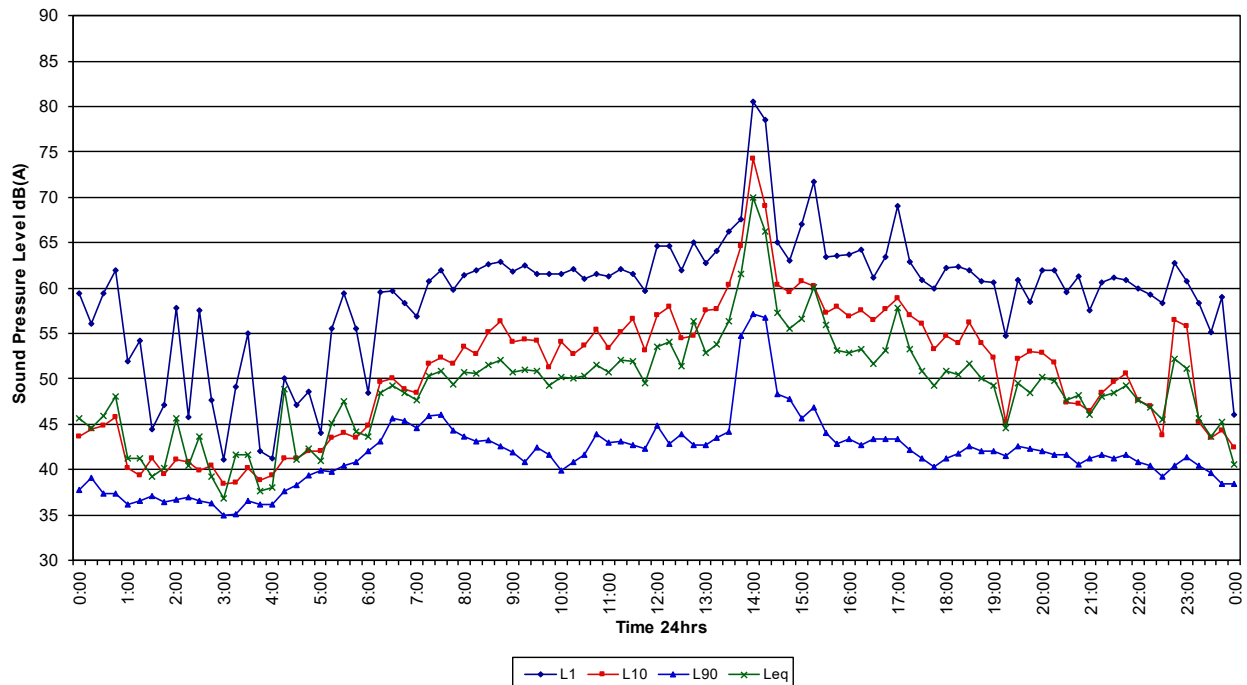




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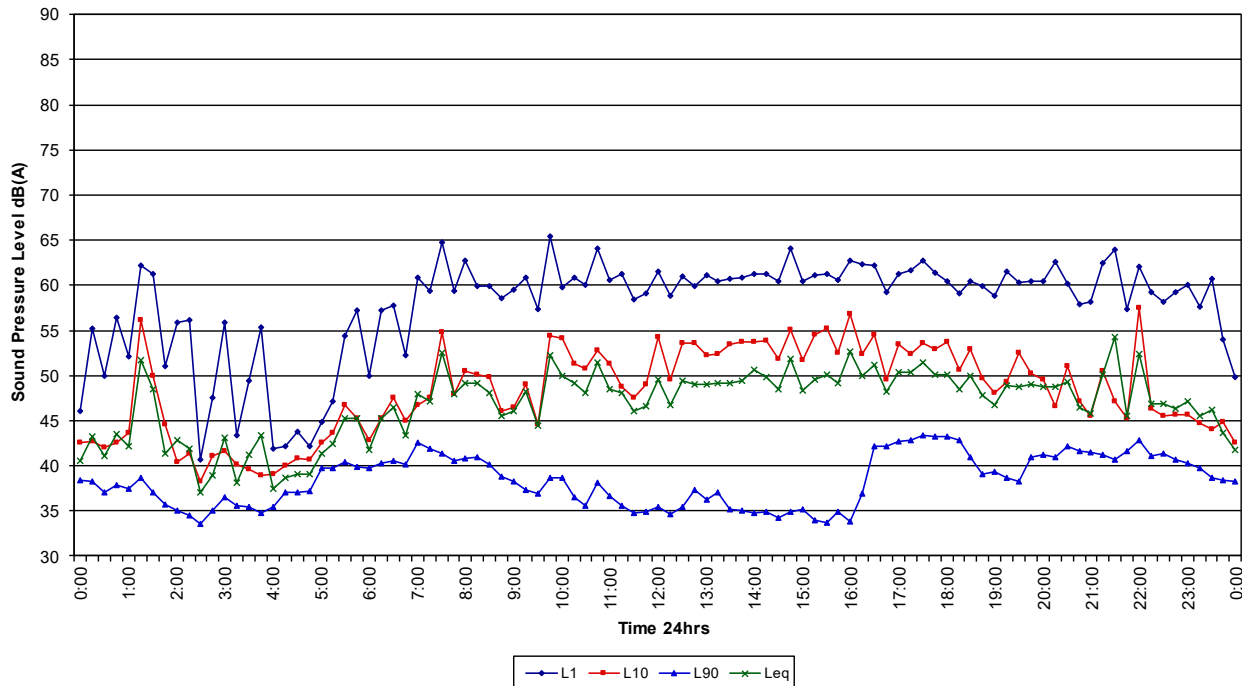


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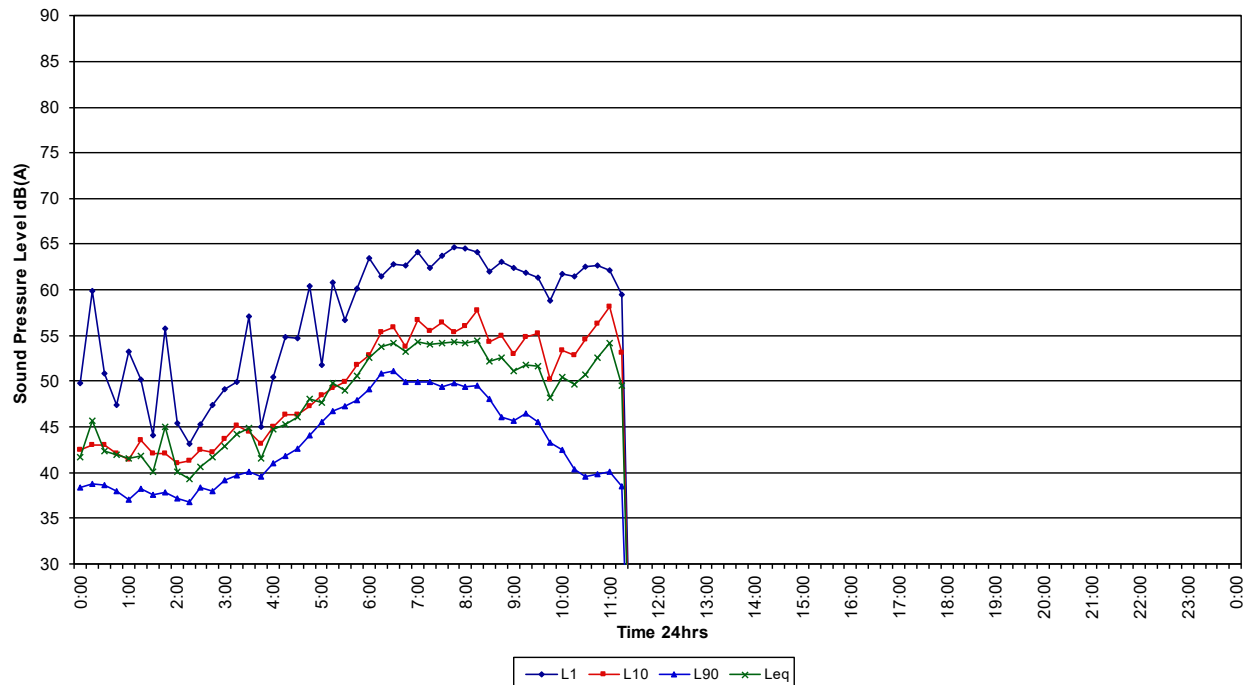




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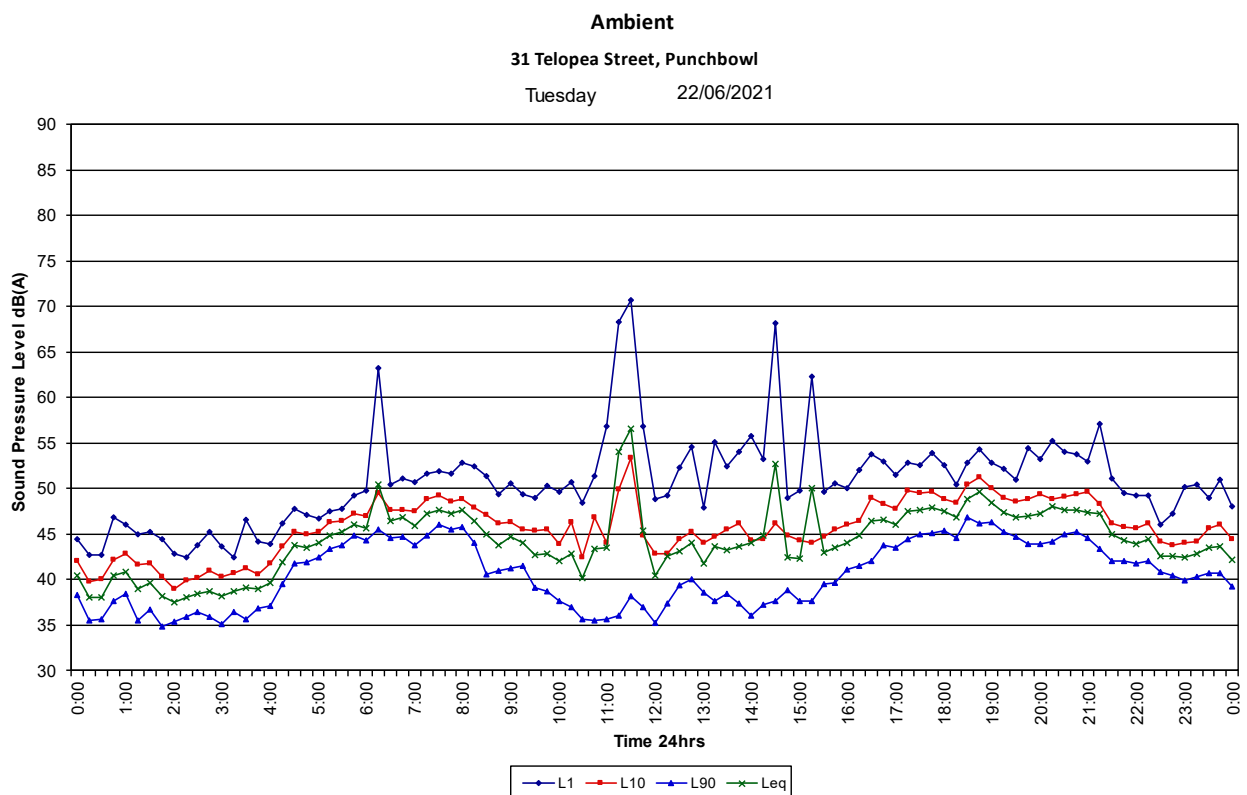
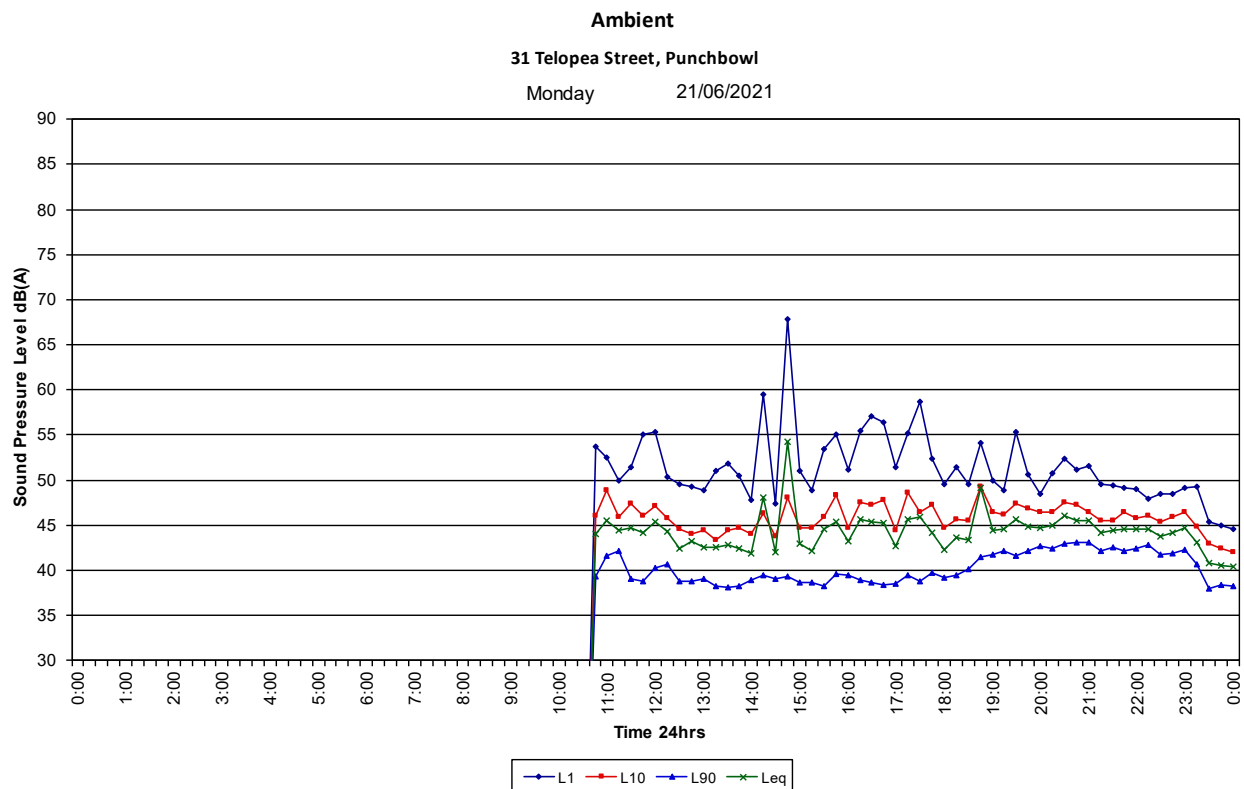


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Ambient Logger

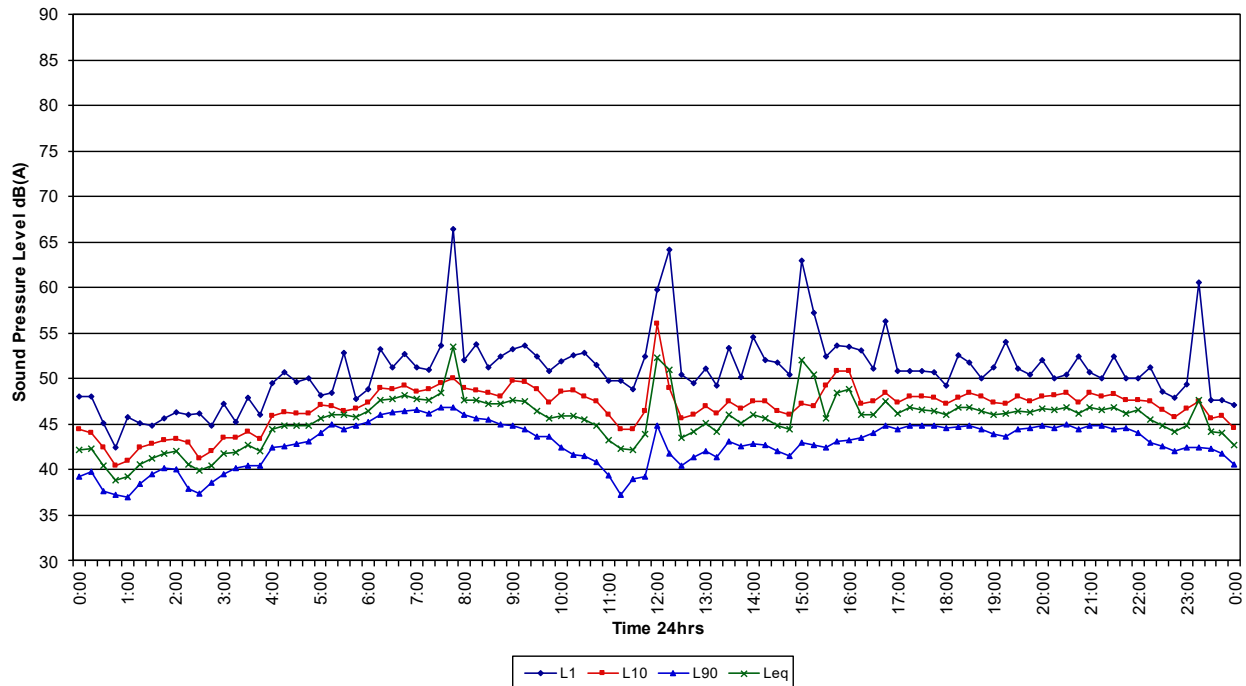




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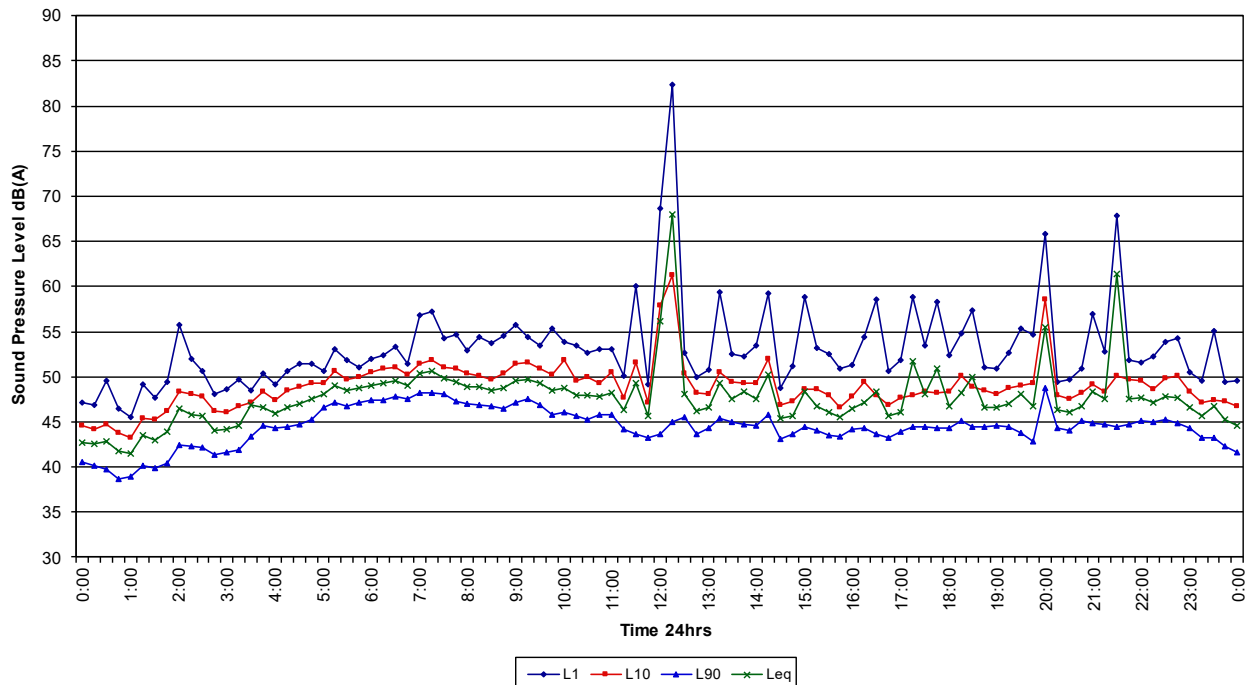
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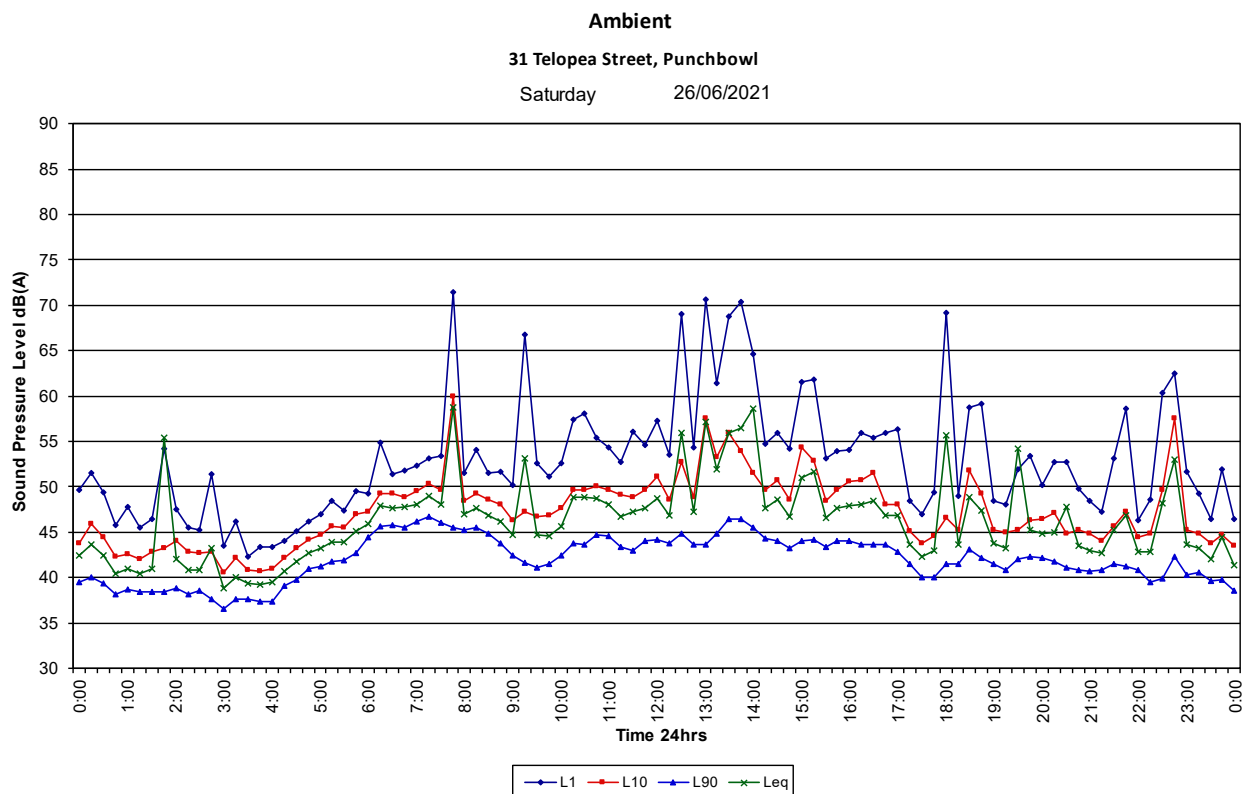
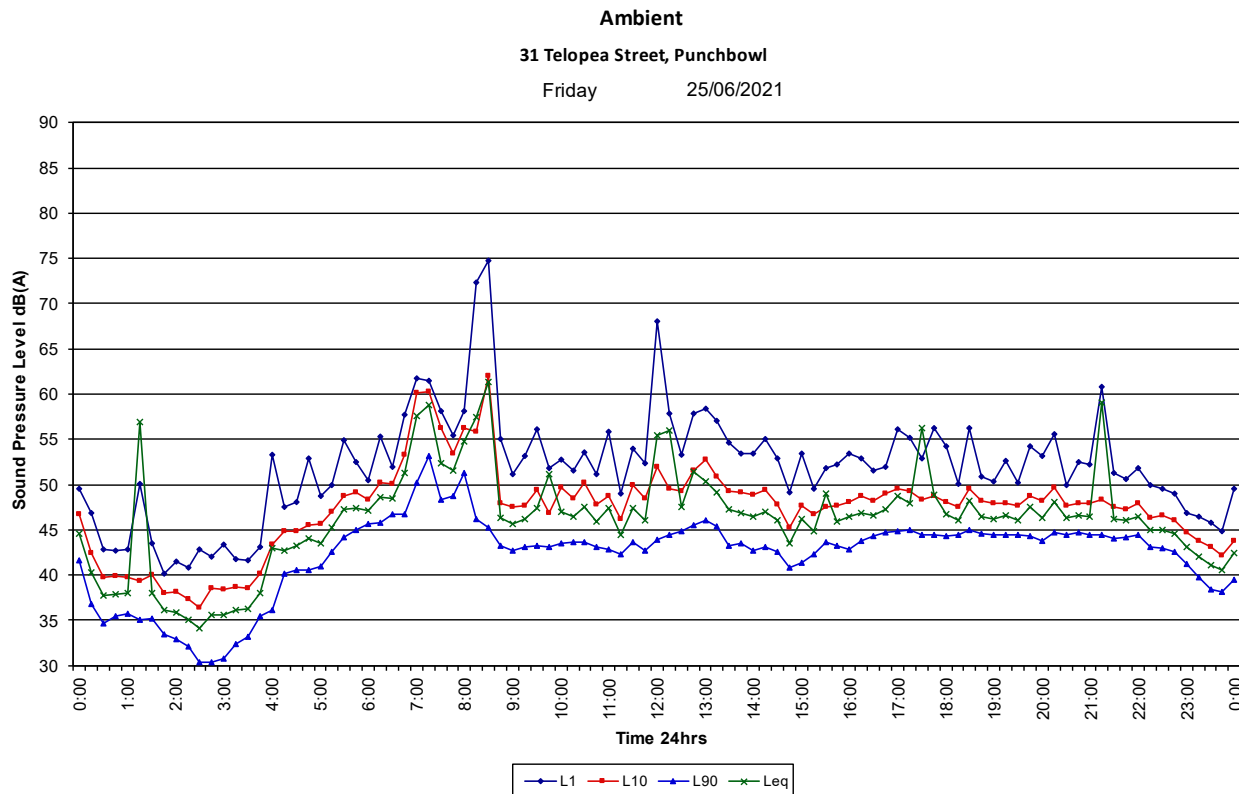


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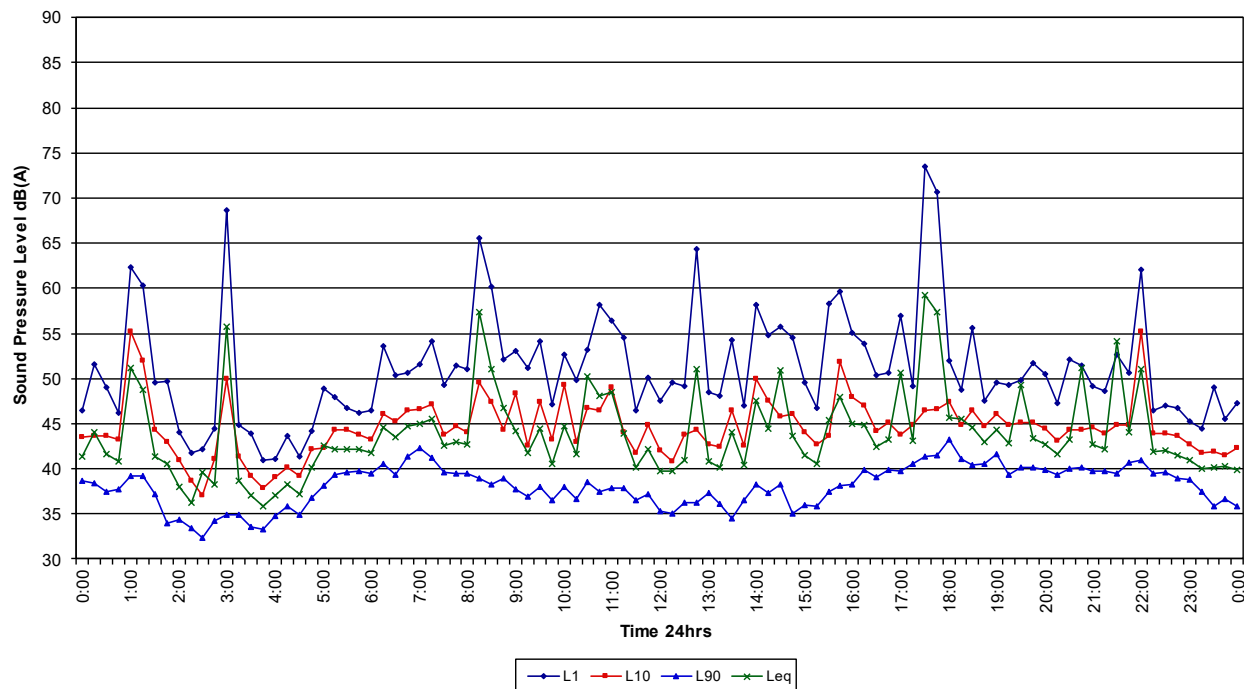




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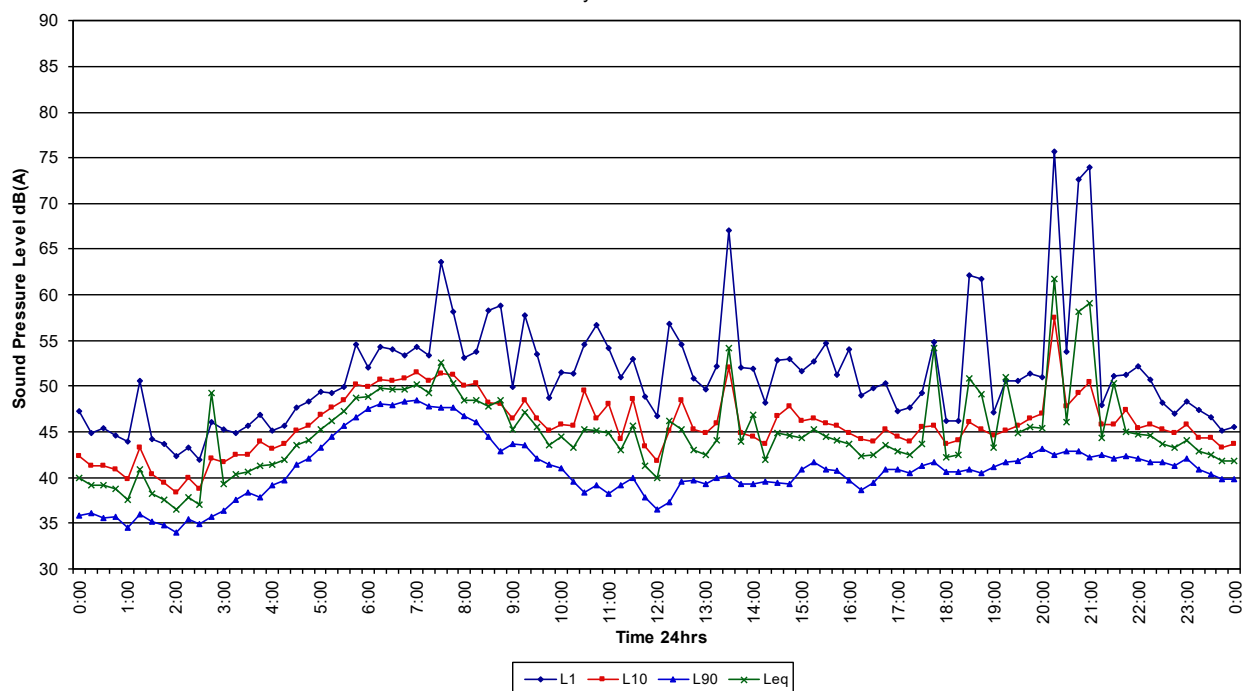
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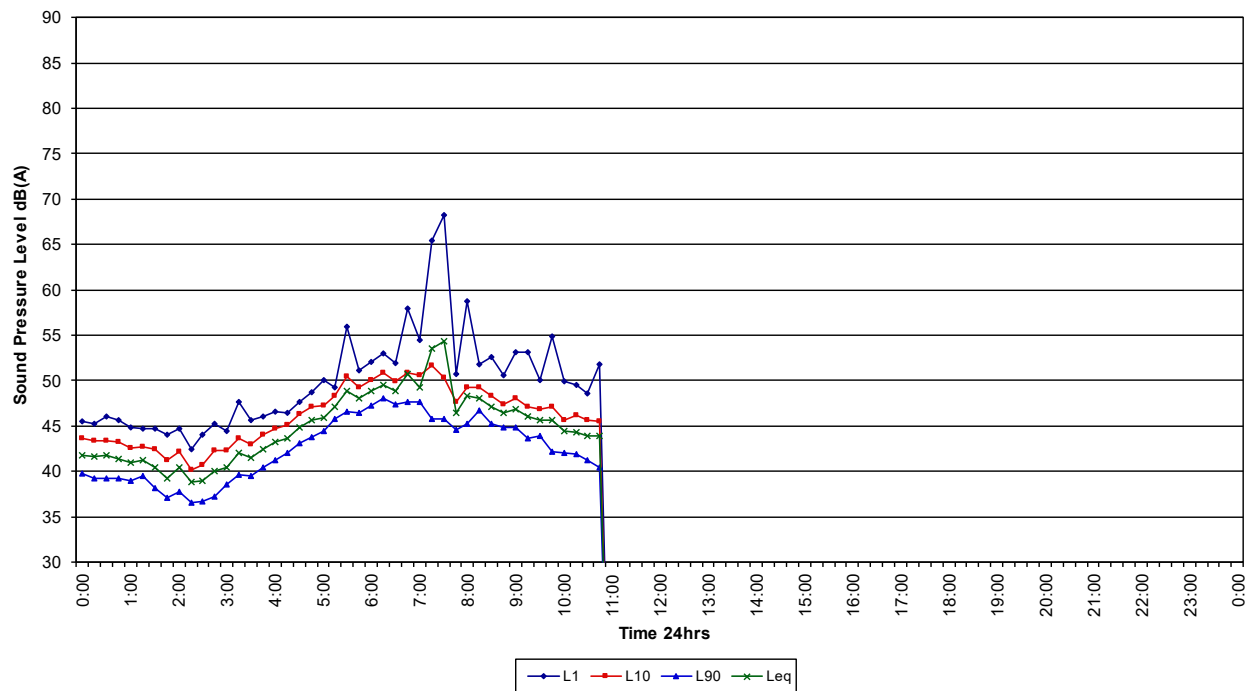


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Appendix C – Calibration Certificates



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Octave Band Filter IEC 61260-3:2016 Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C20737A

Client Details Rodney Stevens Acoustics Pty Ltd
1 Majura Close
St Ives Chase NSW 2075

Filter Model Number : Rion NL-42EX
Filter Serial Number : N/A
Instrument Serial Number : 00546395
Microphone Serial Number : 144601
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 23060

Atmospheric Conditions

Ambient Temperature : 23°C
Relative Humidity : 49.2%
Barometric Pressure : 99.1kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 21 Dec 2020

Secondary Check: Max Moore
Report Issue Date : 22 Dec 2020

Approved Signatory :

Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
Midband Relative Attenuation (Clause 10)	Pass	Operating Range Lower Limit (Clause 12)	Pass
Linearity, Range and Overload (Clause 11)	Pass	Relative Attenuation (Clause 13)	Pass

The filter submitted for testing successfully completed the periodic tests of IEC 61260-3, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the filter to the full specifications of IEC 61260-1:2014 because (a) evidence was not publicly available, from an independent testing organization responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of filter fully conformed to the class 2 specifications in IEC 61260-1:2014 and (b) because the periodic tests of IEC 61260-3 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61260-1:2014.

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Electrical Tests		Environmental Conditions	
5dB < ΔA(K) < -5dB	±0.1dB	Temperature	±0.2°C
40dB < ΔA(K) < 5dB	±0.2dB	Relative Humidity	±2.4%
ΔA(K) < 40dB	±0.3dB	Barometric Pressure	±0.015kPa

All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.



This calibration certificate is to be read in conjunction with the calibration test report.

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Sound Level Meter
IEC 61672-3:2013
Calibration Certificate
Calibration Number C19390

Client Details Rodney Stevens Acoustics Pty Ltd
1 Majura Close
St Ives Chase NSW 2075

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : Rion NL-42EX
Instrument Serial Number : 00572542
Microphone Serial Number : 170370
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 72880

Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions
Ambient Temperature : 23.7°C
Relative Humidity : 38.9%
Barometric Pressure : 101.88kPa

Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions
Ambient Temperature : 23.8°C
Relative Humidity : 38.9%
Barometric Pressure : 101.88kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 3 Jul 2019

Secondary Check: Eloise Burrows
Report Issue Date : 8 Jul 2019

Approved Signatory :

Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	Pass	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	Pass
13: Electrical Sig. tests of frequency weightings	Pass	18: Toneburst response	Pass
14: Frequency and time weightings at 1 kHz	Pass	19: C Weighted Peak Sound Level	Pass
15: Long Term Stability	Pass	20: Overload Indication	Pass
16: Level linearity on the reference level range	Pass	21: High Level Stability	Pass

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 2 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 requirements of IEC 61672-1:2013 because evidence was not publicly available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements 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.

Least Uncertainties of Measurement -			
Acoustic Tests	Environmental Conditions		
	31.5 Hz to 8kHz	±0.15dB	Temperature ±0.2°C
	12.5kHz	±0.2dB	Relative Humidity ±2.4%
	16kHz	±0.29dB	Barometric Pressure ±0.015kPa
Electrical Tests	31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	±0.11dB	

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