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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR, formerly Heggies Pty Ltd) has been commissioned by the Port Authority of New South Wales (formerly Sydney Ports Corporation) to conduct monitoring of noise emissions during the loading of the Golden Concord (a bulk liquids vessel) at White Bay Berth 4 (WB-4), as required under Clause M4.1(1a) of the EPA Environment Protection Licence (Licence No 12095).

The Golden Concord vessel berthed at 7:41 pm on 23 August 2014 and departed at 11.55 am on the following day. Noise measurements were carried out at nearby residential receivers during Golden Concord vessel cargo handling operations during the late night and early morning of 23 and 24 August 2014.

The measured noise levels were found to be potentially influenced by Anzac Bridge traffic, local traffic and the general urban hum. A reference noise measurement was therefore carried out in close proximity to the Golden Concord vessel, where the noise environment was dominated by the WB-4 based bulk liquids cargo handling noise sources. The reference noise level was then used to predict noise levels at the representative receivers, for comparison with the attended measurements and Licence goals. Predicted noise levels represent the noise contribution from only the Golden Concord vessel operations; whereas the noise levels measured at the receivers contain noise from all the surrounding noise sourced such as roads and urban hum, as well as some contribution from the Golden Concord operations.

The predicted ship based $L_{Aeq(15\text{minute})}$ noise levels meet the Licence imposed noise goals at the representative location in Pyrmont. At Balmain, the measured and predicted $L_{Aeq(15\text{minute})}$ noise level complied with the Licence imposed noise goal. At Balmain, the predicted $L_{Aeq(\text{night})}$ noise level was above the noise goal by 6 dBA.

At Balmain, the bulk liquids terminal related maximum (L_{Amax}) noise levels were up to 3 dB above the Licence imposed noise goal. At Pyrmont, the bulk liquids terminal related maximum (L_{Amax}) noise levels complied with the Licence imposed noise goal.

Subject to feasibility, practicality and reasonability, the potential noise control measures that may be considered in order to meet the Licence imposed noise goals (as required by Condition R4.1) and to ensure that noise amenity remains unchanged in the area would be the implementation of an On-site Noise Management Strategy. Noise impact mitigation measures have been evaluated in the Revised Noise Impact Mitigation and Management Strategy (Report 10-4309-R10 Revision 1) together with a list of mitigation measures considered feasible and reasonable identified in the Noise Impact Mitigation Action Plan.

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1 INTRODUCTION

SLR has been commissioned by the Port Authority of New South Wales (formerly Sydney Ports Corporation) to conduct monitoring of noise emissions during the loading of the Golden Concord (a bulk liquids vessel) at White Bay Berth 4 (WB-4), as required under Clause M4.1(1a) of the EPA Environment Protection Licence (Licence No 12095).

Noise measurements were conducted when the ship was berthed during cargo handling operations (ship auxiliary power unit (APU), ventilation fans, pumps and truck activity on the wharf) at two locations considered representative of the potentially most exposed residential receivers. The locations are at Balmain to the west and at Pyrmont to the east of WB-4. Measurements at both representative locations were conducted during the loading of bulk liquids from road tanker trucks to the ship via pumps on the wharf. The measurements were conducted after the ship arrived, between 23.48 pm on 23 August and 1.24 am on 24 August 2014, with the weather consisting of an overcast sky and calm wind conditions. The noise measurement in these locations contain noise contributions from nearby roads and general urban hum, as well as noise from the operations at WB-4.

An additional reference noise measurement was carried out in close proximity to the Golden Concord vessel, where the noise environment was dominated by the WB-4 based bulk liquids cargo handling noise sources. The reference noise level was then used to predict noise levels due only to operations of WB-4 at the representative receivers for comparison with the attended measurements.

The predicted noise levels correlated well with the measured levels and were assessed against the noise goals set out in Table U1 of the Environment Protection Licence. Feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures are discussed in broad terms, with the aim of minimising the noise impacts from the operations, where the noise goals are exceeded.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The White Bay Port facility is located at the southern end of the Balmain peninsula. The facility occupies approximately 40 hectares of waterfront land and forms a crescent around White Bay, with a water frontage of about 2,100 m.

The facility layout comprises the following main elements:

- Five multiple-use berths spread along the northern side of White Bay;
- Two storage / office buildings located north of White Bay, Wharf 3;
- The WBCT building and adjoining car park situated to the northeast of White Bay, Wharf 5 (WB5)
- Internal road continuing from Robert Street providing truck access to the storage areas of Docks 1 to 6

The Glebe Island facility, which includes four multiple-use berths, is located adjacent to the White Bay Port on a neighbouring peninsula south of White Bay.

WB-4 is located approximately in the middle of the northern side of White Bay, as shown in **Figure 1**. To the north and northwest of the site is a mixture of residential dwellings consisting of 1 and 2 storey detached houses and terraces. A number of 4 and 5 storey residential developments are situated directly west of WB-4 and incorporate acoustic façade treatments to achieve satisfactory internal noise levels. In addition, buildings in direct view were designed to provide significant acoustical shielding to the rest of the development. To the southeast of the site is Glebe Island, another working port area with four multiple-use berths. To the southeast of WB-4, about 550 m across the water, is the Pyrmont Peninsula, with a number of high-rise residential apartments near the waterfront.

2.1 Measurement Locations

The Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) Study (Report Number 10-4309-R1 prepared by Heggies Pty Ltd) for the proposed bulk liquid terminal operation has previously identified 5 Waite Street and 36 Refinery Drive as the most affected receiver locations within the Balmain / Rozelle and Pyrmont / Glebe areas respectively.

For the current study, in the Balmain/Rozelle area, monitoring was carried out only at 13 Donnelly Street (also assessed in the noise impact assessment) due to the availability of day/night access to the property boundary. Note that noise measurements at 13 Donnelly Street can be carried out off-street, whereas at 5 Waite Street noise measurements require backyard access. Furthermore, the location at 13 Donnelly Street is in close proximity of 5 Waite Street. It is approximately the same distance away and is also directly exposed to loading operations at WB-4. It is therefore considered to be of a similar acoustical environment to that of 5 Waite Street, Balmain.

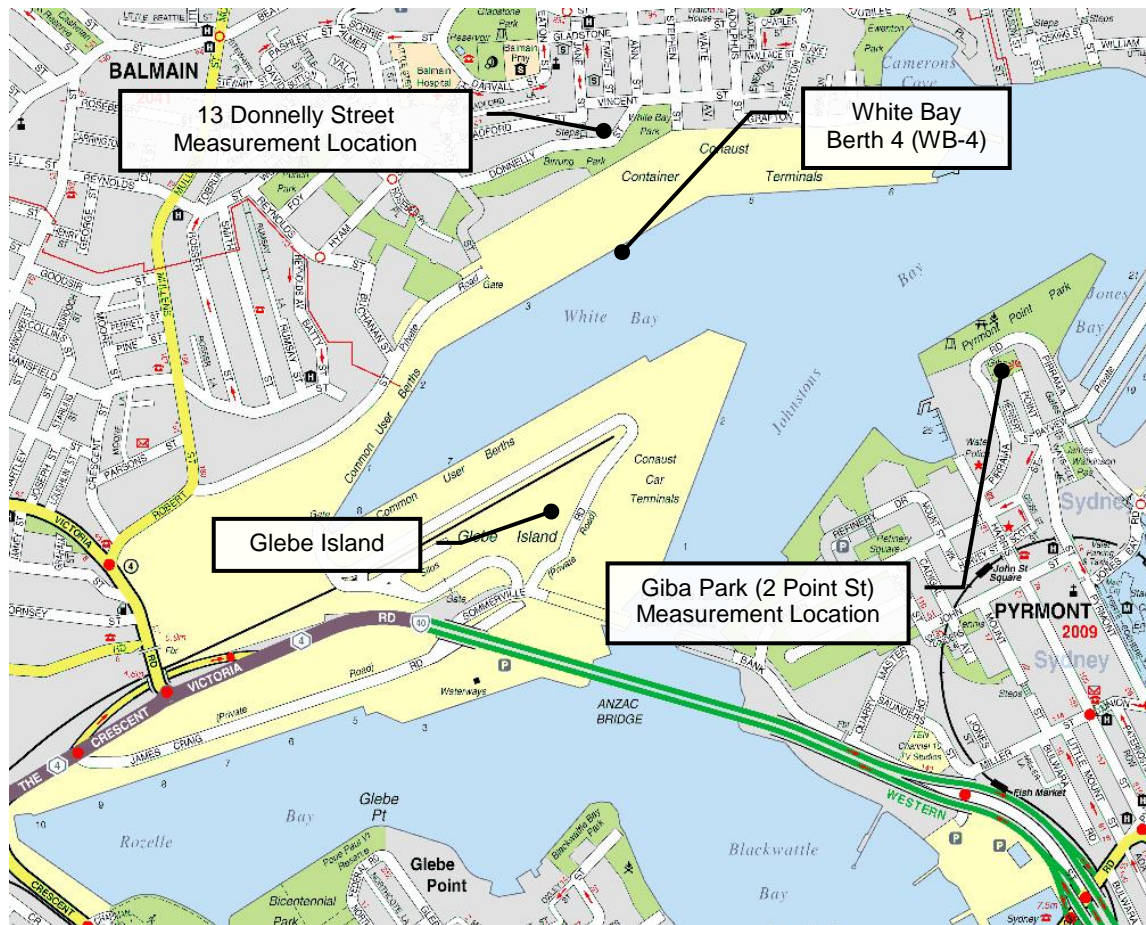
The monitoring location at 36 Refinery Drive, identified by the NIA as being the most affected receiver in the Pyrmont / Glebe area, was found to be exposed to high levels of traffic related noise from the Anzac Bridge. Giba Park (a publicly accessible park situated at the front of the 4 level apartment complex at 2 Point Street) was therefore selected as the representative measurement location for the Pyrmont / Glebe area, as it allowed ship noise measurements to be taken in the relative absence of traffic noise. Giba Park is considered to be acoustically equivalent to 2 Point Street, Pyrmont.

Table 1 summarises the receiver locations where measurements were conducted in each area and gives a brief description of each location. A more detailed description and photos of the selected monitoring locations are presented in **Appendix B** and **Appendix C**.

Table 1 Representative Receiver Locations

| Location | Representative Receiver Location | Description |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Balmain and Rozelle | 13 Donnelly Street, Balmain | Ground level at the front of residence, about 7 m away from the façade |
| Pyrmont and Glebe | 2 Point Street, Pyrmont | At Giba Park, in front of 4 storey building at 2 Point Street |
| Reference Measurement | WB-4 Deck | On deck of WB-4, approximately 60 m from the rear engine room/exhaust stack area, the main source of noise from the Golden Concord vessel |

Figure 1 White Bay / Glebe Island Layout with Attended Noise Monitoring Locations



3 EPA LICENCE NOISE GOALS

For the purpose of the bulk liquid cargo handling operations at White Bay Berth 4 (WB-4), the Environment Protection Licence granted by the EPA sets out the project noise goals at the neighbouring residential communities. The noise goals are set out in Table U1 of the Licence conditions and reproduced in **Table 2**.

Table 2 EPA Licence Noise Goals (Reproduced from Table U1)

| Location | Night | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | LAeq(15minute) | LAeq(Night) | LAm _{ax} |
| Balmain and Rozelle | 49 dBA | 41 dBA | 59 dBA |
| Pymont and Glebe | 41 dBA | Not Applicable | 51 dBA |

Explanatory notes:

1. LAm_{ax} means maximum A-weighted sound pressure level measured on fast time weighting during the time over which sound is measured.
2. All other acoustic terms including “night” have the same meaning as in the INP.
3. Not Applicable: In instances where the amenity criteria LAeq(Night) has been determined to be a higher number than the intrusive criteria LAeq(15minute) that the amenity criteria is less stringent than the intrusive criteria, then the amenity criteria becomes ‘not applicable’. This is because compliance with the intrusive criteria will also ensure compliance with the amenity criteria.

4 MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY AND INSTRUMENTATION

The licence requires LAeq (A-weighted equivalent continuous) sound pressure level measurements to be carried out at locations representative of those potentially most affected (i.e. waterfront) locations during loading operations (e.g. ship pumps and truck activity on the wharf in addition to APUs), in accordance with Clause M4.1(2).

After the ship berths, the equipment is set up (hoses unrolled and connected to the ship's manifold etc). The equipment setup phase usually lasts less than 2 hours, after which the loading is continuous, with up to two road tankers filling the ship at any one time. Ship noise measurements during periods of activity can be measured at any time after loading commences, representing "normal maximum operations".

The previous ship noise monitoring report prepared by Heggies (Report Number 10-4309-R2 Revision 1) concluded that measurements are best carried out at night (preferably after 1.00 am). Extraneous noise (not related to the subject activity) is generally at a minimum at this time and measurement results are consequently likely to be much more meaningful. In this instance the measurements were conducted during the late night/early morning period after the ship arrival.

The bulk liquids ship Golden Concord berthed at 7:41 pm on 23 August 2014 and departed at 11:55 am on the following day. Pumping commenced at 9.30 pm and was completed at 10.00 am the following day. Measurements were conducted between 11.48 pm on the 23 August and 1.24 am on 24 August 2014, following the arrival of the vessel.

Attended noise level measurements were carried out at 1.5 m above ground level at both 13 Donnelly Street and Giba Park, located adjacent to the residential apartment complex at 2 Point Street, Pymont.

A reference measurement was conducted in close proximity to the Golden Concord, where the noise environment was dominated by bulk liquids loading related noise. The reference measurement was then used as a basis for the estimation of WB-4 activity related noise at the receivers of interest.

An equivalent ship sound power level was calculated based on the reference measurement and noise contributions related to the bulk liquids cargo handling were estimated at each noise sensitive location.

All items of acoustic instrumentation employed during the noise monitoring surveys were designed to comply with the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1 2004: "*Electroacoustics-Sound level meters-Specifications*" and carried appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates. Calibration was checked prior to and subsequent to the survey. Any drift in calibration was within 0.5 dB and considered acceptable.

The survey instrumentation used during the studies is set out in **Table 3**.

Table 3 Noise Survey Instrumentation

| Type | Serial Number | Instrument Description |
|------|---------------|--|
| 2260 | 2115053 | Brüel & Kjær Modular Precision Sound Level Meter |
| 4189 | 2839696 | Brüel & Kjær 12.5 mm Prepolarised Condenser Microphone |
| 4231 | 2218228 | Brüel & Kjær Calibrator |

Environmental noise measurements were carried out with reference to the guidelines contained within the NSW Industrial Noise Policy, 2000 (INP). In circumstances where it was not practical to carry out measurements at the potentially most affected receiver locations as predicted by the Noise Impact Assessment, locations of similar noise characteristics were chosen, as described in **Section 2.1**.

Given the relatively constant nature of noise related to the bulk liquids cargo handling operations, short-term measurements (of 15 minute duration) are usually considered to be sufficient to provide adequate information to enable an estimate of the $L_{Aeq(night)}$ noise levels at the selected residential receivers. A brief description of acoustic terminology used in this report is presented in **Appendix A**.

Attended measurements of periods of unloading activities were carried out during the late evening of 23 August 2014, commencing at approximately 11.48 pm.

Two separate 15 minute measurements were carried out at the representative Balmain location during cargo handling operations at WB-4, at 11.48 pm and 0.47 am. At this location, for the first and second measurement the noise from bulk handling at WB4 was clearly audible and was considered the main contributor to the measurement, with the measurements also potentially influenced by local traffic, traffic on Anzac Bridge and general urban noise.

One 15 minute noise measurement was also carried out at the representative receiver at the Pymont site, commencing at 1.24 am on the 24 August 2014. At this location, the vessel was not audible with the measurement generally influenced by Anzac Bridge traffic as well as the general urban hum. One truck departing WB4 was audible but not able to be measured. There was also an audible alarm from the vessel at 1.37 am, with a duration of 30 seconds and estimated to be 47 dBA.

5 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The results of the 15 minute duration attended noise measurements are summarised in **Table 4**. Discussion of the results is presented in **Section 6** of this report. It should be noted that the measured noise levels presented below include noise from the bulk liquids cargo handling facility at WB-4 as well as ambient noise unrelated to the facility.

Table 4 Measured Noise Levels - Unloading Activity

| Address | Start Time | L_{Aeq} (15min) | L_{A90} (15min) | WB-4 Related L_{Amax} Range | Comments |
|---|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 13 Donnelly Street (Balmain/Rozelle) | 11.48 pm | 50 dBA | 47 dBA | 54 dBA to 62 dBA | L_{Aeq} influenced by WB-4 noise as well as a Cormorant bird during the first survey. WB-4 estimate 49 dBA. |
| | 0.47 am | 49 dBA | 47 dBA | 53 dBA to 60 dBA | |
| Level 5, 2 Point Street (Pymont/Glebe) | 1.24 am | 46 dBA | 44 dBA | 47 dBA | Golden Concord vessel not audible. Truck departing audible, alarm estimate 47 dBA. |

During the measurements at 13 Donnelly Street (at approximately 11.48 pm and 0.47 am) noise from WB-4 operations such as the ship APU was clearly audible. Noise from the ship APU was considered the dominant source influencing the L_{Aeq} noise level and was found to be constant in nature. Noise from the pumps was audible during both surveys and a significant contributor to the L_{Aeq} . The L_{Aeq} was also potentially influenced by local traffic, Anzac Bridge traffic and a Cormorant bird during the first survey.

During the measurement at Point Street, the ambient noise resulted from Anzac Bridge traffic as well the general urban hum or city noise. There was also an alarm from the vessel estimated to be 47 dBA. An L_{Aeq} noise level of 46 dBA was recorded for the 1.24 am survey.

Noise from trucks and truck loading was audible at Balmain, with a summary of the L_{Amax} truck noise events at the site presented in **Table 5**. One WB 4 related L_{Amax} noise event of 47 dBA was observed at the Pymont monitoring location.

Table 5 Summary of Attended LA_{max} Noise Levels at 13 Donnelly Street, Balmain

| LA _{max} Source | LA _{max} Range | Notes |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Truck unloading | 54 dBA to 58 dBA | 'Clunks' of a short duration were audible from the trucks unloading. The events last for approximately 1 second. |
| Truck engine | 53 dBA to 60 dBA | Truck engine audible as it both arrived and departed. |
| Truck parking brake | 55 dBA to 62 dBA | Air release audible when parking brake engaged |

In order to confirm the contribution to the ambient noise by bulk liquids related noise, noise levels were predicted based on the reference measurements taken in close proximity of the Golden Concord, where the noise environment was dominated by bulk liquids loading related noise.

Table 6 presents the reference noise measurements carried out 60 m away from the hull of the vessel, Golden Concord, and 7 m from the silenced pumps where the noise environment was dominated by bulk liquids cargo handling related noise.

Table 6 Golden Concord Reference Noise Level

| Reference | Location | Distance from Source | Height of Source | LA _{eq} |
|-----------|----------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | WB-4 | 66 m | 15 m | 58 dBA |
| 2 | WB-4 | 7 m | 1.5 m | 72 dBA |
| 3 | WB-4 | 7 m | 1.5 m | 75 dBA |

Calculations were performed with the reference measurements taken in close proximity of the Golden Concord vessel. Up to three silenced pumps have been assumed to be continuously operational in any 15 minute period and pumping would occur for typically 30 percent of the night-time period. Therefore, for comparison with the licence conditions, which are applicable during the night-time period only, calculations were performed in order to determine the LA_{eq(15minute)} and the LA_{eq(9hour)} noise levels.

Predictions that indicate bulk liquids loading related LA_{eq(15minute)} noise levels at the representative receiver at 13 Donnelly Street are 44 dBA to 48 dBA for the ship only and the ship plus pumps respectively. At 2 Point Street, the predicted noise level for the ship and pumps is 35 dBA.

The measured LA_{eq(15minute)} noise level of 49 dBA is marginally higher than the predicted noise level at 13 Donnelly Street, and consistent with influence from local traffic and other localised noise sources as well as the general city ambient noise level. The predicted LA_{eq(15minute)} noise level at 2 Point Street is below the ambient noise level at this location and is consistent with WB-4 related noise being inaudible.

A comparison of the measured and predicted noise levels with the noise goals listed in the Licence Conditions is presented in **Table 7**, **Table 8** and **Table 9**.

Table 7 Comparison of Measured/Predicted Noise Levels with LA_{eq(15minute)} Noise Goals

| Prediction Location | Measured/Predicted LA _{eq} Noise Levels ¹ | LA _{eq(15 minute)} Noise Goals | Assessment against Licence Noise Goals |
|---|---|---|--|
| 13 Donnelly Street (Balmain/Rozelle) | 49/48 dBA | 49 dBA | Complies |
| Level 5, 2 Point Street (Pyrmont/Glebe) | 46/35 dBA | 41 dBA | Complies |

Note 1: At 2 Point Street, the predicted level is considered more representative of WB-4 noise, given the significant contribution to the ambient by other sources at this location, and that WB-4 noise was not audible. This level meets the 41 dBA licence condition.

Table 8 Comparison of Predicted Noise Levels against LAeq(night) Noise Goals

| Prediction Location | Predicted LAeq Noise Levels ¹ | LAeq(night) Noise Goals | Assessment against Licence Noise Goals |
|--|--|-------------------------|--|
| 13 Donnelly Street Balmain/Rozelle) | 47 dBA | 41 dBA | 6 dB above |
| Level 5, 2 Point Street (Pyrmont/Glebe) | 35 dBA | N/A | N/A |

Table 9 Assessment of (WB-4 Related) Measured Noise Levels against LAmax Noise Goals

| Measurement Location | Range of Maximum Measured Levels (LAmax Range) | LAmax Noise Goals | Assessment of Measured LAmax Range against Licence Noise Goals ¹ |
|--|--|-------------------|---|
| 13 Donnelly Street (Balmain/Rozelle) | 55 dBA to 62 dBA | 59 dBA | Up to 3 dB above |
| Level 5, 2 Point Street (Pyrmont/Glebe) | 47 dBA | 51 dBA | Complies |

6 DISCUSSION

Predicted ship based LAeq(15minute) noise levels meet the Licence imposed noise goals at the representative location in Pyrmont. At Balmain, the measured and predicted LAeq(15minute) noise levels comply with the Licence imposed noise goal. The predicted LAeq(night) noise level is above the noise goal by 6 dB at Balmain.

Bulk liquids terminal related maximum (LAmax) noise levels were measured to be 47 dBA at Pyrmont which complies with the goal at this location. At Balmain, bulk liquids terminal related maximum (LAmax) noise levels were up to 3 dB above the Licence goal.

In order to fulfil the requirement of Licence Condition R4.1, and in relation to compliance with Licence Conditions O4.1 and O4.2, the potential in-concept noise control measures are discussed below for the sources identified.

A Revised Noise Impact Mitigation and Management Strategy (Report No 10-4309-R10 Revision 1) has been prepared for the operation. Taking into consideration the infrequency and limited duration of the operation, expected costs, development times, uncertainty of effective outcome, and the impact on flexibility in relation to ships that may be used in the operation, the implementation of ship specific engineering noise control measures is not considered practical nor reasonable within the Revised Noise Impact Mitigation and Management Strategy. Instead, the document recommends an On-site Noise Management Strategy be implemented based on operator awareness and procedures to identify and repair abnormally noisy equipment, as outlined within the Noise Impact Mitigation Action Plan.

7 CONCLUSION

Noise measurements were carried out during the Golden Concord bulk liquids cargo handling operations during the late night and early morning of 23 and 24 August 2014. The measured noise levels were found to be potentially influenced by Anzac Bridge traffic and the general urban hum. A reference noise measurement was carried out in close proximity of the Golden Concord vessel, where the noise environment was dominated by the WB-4 based bulk liquids cargo handling noise sources. The reference noise level was then used to predict noise levels at the representative receivers, for comparison with the attended measurements.

Predicted ship based $L_{Aeq(15\text{minute})}$ noise levels meet the Licence imposed noise goals at the representative location in Pyrmont. At Balmain, the measured and predicted $L_{Aeq(15\text{minute})}$ noise levels comply with the Licence imposed noise goal. At Balmain, the predicted $L_{Aeq(\text{night})}$ noise level is above the noise goal by 6 dB.

At Balmain, bulk liquids terminal related maximum (L_{Amax}) noise levels were up to 3 dB above the Licence imposed noise goal. At Pyrmont bulk liquids terminal related maximum (L_{Amax}) noise levels complied with the Licence imposed noise goal.

Potential noise control measures that may be considered to meet the Licence imposed noise goals (as required by Condition R4.1) subject to feasibility, practicality and reasonability, include a combination of applying engineering noise control measures to trucks and an on-site noise management strategy. Noise impact mitigation measures have been evaluated in the Revised Noise Impact Mitigation and Management Strategy (Report 10-4309-R10 Revision 1), with a list of mitigation measures considered feasible and reasonable identified in the Noise Impact Mitigation Action Plan.

8 CLOSURE

This report has been prepared by SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd with all reasonable skill, care and diligence, and taking account of the manpower and resources devoted to it by agreement with the client. Information reported herein is based on the interpretation of data collected and has been accepted in good faith as being accurate and valid.

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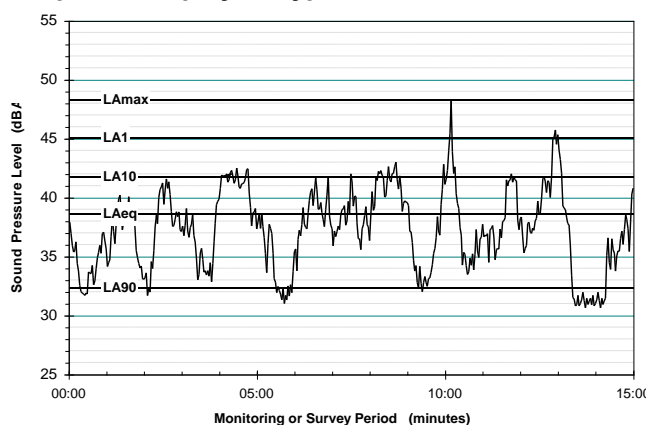
ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY USED IN THE REPORT

Typical Noise Indices

This Report makes repeated reference to certain noise level descriptors, in particular the LA10, LA90 and LAeq and LAm_{ax} noise levels.

- The LA10 is the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded 10% of a given measurement period and is utilised normally to characterise typical maximum noise levels.
- The LAeq is essentially the average sound level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given time-varying sound over the same measurement period. The LAeq(peri_{od}) is the measurement parameter used to describe the average sound level over the period. For daytime the period is 7 am to 6 pm, for evening 6 pm to 10 pm, and for night-time 10 pm to 7 am.
- The LA90 noise level is the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded 90% of a given measurement period and is representative of the average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration), or simply the “background” level.
- The LAm_{ax} is simply the maximum noise level and is often represented by the LA1(1min), being the level exceeded 1% of 1 minute, ie the noise level exceeded for 0.6 of a second.

Graphical Display of Typical Noise Indices



Typical Noise Levels

The following table presents examples of typical noise levels.

Typical Noise Levels

| Sound Pressure Level (dBA) | Typical Source | Subjective Evaluation |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 130 | Threshold of pain | Intolerable |
| 120 | Heavy rock concert | Extremely noisy |
| 110 | Grinding on steel | |
| 100 | Loud car horn at 3 m | Very noisy |
| 90 | Construction site with pneumatic hammering | |
| 80 | Kerb side of busy street | Loud |
| 70 | Loud radio or television | |
| 60 | Department store | Moderate to Quiet |
| 50 | General Office | |
| 40 | Inside private office | Quiet to Very quiet |
| 30 | Inside bedroom | |
| 20 | Unoccupied recording studio | Almost silent |

A-Weighting or dBA Noise Levels

The overall level of a sound is usually expressed in terms of dBA, which is measured using the “A-weighting” filter incorporated in sound level meters. These filters have a frequency response corresponding approximately to that of human hearing. People’s hearing is most sensitive to sounds at mid frequencies (500 Hz to 4000 Hz), and less sensitive at lower and higher frequencies. Thus, the level of a sound in dBA is a good measure of the “loudness” of that sound. Different sources having the same dBA level generally sound about equally as loud, although the perceived loudness can also be affected by the character of the sound (eg the loudness of human speech and a distant motorbike may be perceived differently, although they are of the same dBA level).

Sensitivity of People to Noise Level Changes

A change of up to 3 dBA in the level of a sound is difficult for most people to detect, whilst a 3 dBA to 5 dBA change corresponds to a small but noticeable change in loudness. A 10 dBA change corresponds to an approximate doubling or halving in loudness

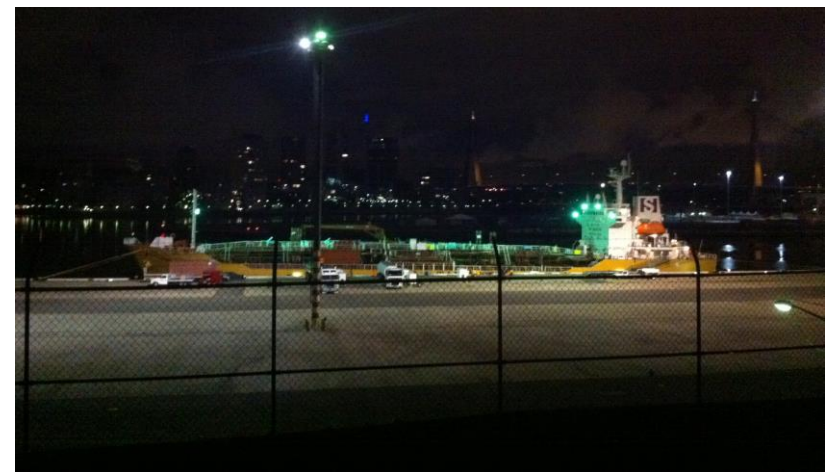
The location is situated approximately 170 m away from and directly overlooking White Bay Berth 4 (across the park). It is elevated some 15 m above dock level. The measurement was conducted from street level (from a footpath) with Donnelly Street traffic less than 2 m away.



Aerial Photo showing the monitoring location at 13 Donnelly Street, relative to White Bay Berth 4 (WB-4)



View from WB-4 deck towards 13 Donnelly Street

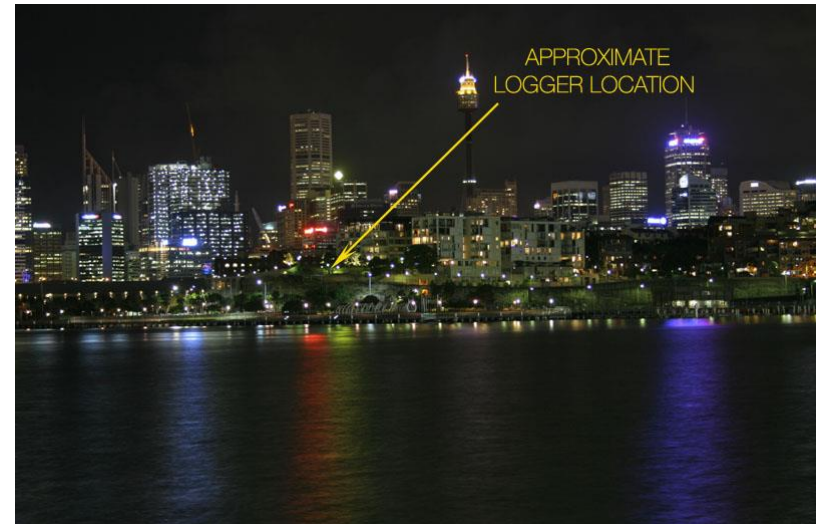


View from 13 Donnelly St towards the bulk liquids ship, berthed at WB-4

This monitoring location is situated approximately 660 m away from White Bay Berth 4 (across the bay). Monitoring was conducted at a height equivalent of a 5 storey building, on the cliffs edge. Pirrama Road encircles the park on the western, northern and eastern sides, approximately 15 m below.



Aerial Photo showing the monitoring location at 2 Point Street, relative to White Bay Berth 4 (WB-4)



View from WB-4 deck towards 2 Point Street



View from 2 Point Street towards the bulk liquids ship berthed at WB-4