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1 Introduction

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been engaged by Crawfords Freightlines Pty Ltd (Crawfords) to complete a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) for the proposed extension of hours of the Werris Creek Intermodal Freight Terminal at Werris Creek, NSW (the 'project'). This report presents the methodology and findings of the NIA for the operation of the project during the extended hours.

1.1 Purpose and Objectives

A NIA is required as part of the Development Application and Statement of Environmental Effects (SoEE) for the project. The purpose of the NIA is to quantify potential environmental noise levels associated with the operation of the project during the extended hours proposed. Where impacts are identified, the assessment includes recommendations for potential noise mitigation and management measures.

1.2 Scope of the Assessment

The NIA includes the following key tasks:

- review operating activities to identify noise generating plant, equipment, machinery or activities proposed to be undertaken as part of the project;
- identify the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors situated within the area of influence to the project;
- quantify the existing noise environment by conducting unattended noise monitoring at locations representative of the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors;
- undertake 3D noise modelling to predict noise levels that may occur as a result of the operation of the project at the closest and/or potentially most affected receptors;
- assess the potential noise and vibration impacts associated with operation of the project; and
- provide feasible and reasonable noise and vibration mitigation and management measures, and monitoring options, where criteria may be exceeded.

A glossary of terms, definitions and abbreviations used in this report is provided in Appendix A.



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2 Project Description

2.1 Background

Crawfords propose to extend the operating hours of the Werris Creek Intermodal Freight Terminal, situated on the western edge of township, adjacent to existing railway lines and operations. The project includes extension of currently approved operations and additional weekday activities as described below and summarised in **Table 1**. Figure 1 presents the general project overview and site layout.

2.1.1 Current Activities & Operating Hours

The current approved operating hours are from 7am to 6pm Monday – Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays for the following activities:

- Loading/Unloading of trains;
- Loading/Unloading of trucks;
- Container Movements (via prime mover and trailers);
- Rail movements in and out of the site;
- Heavy vehicle access to site and log delivery (from 6am); and
- Cooling/refrigeration of containers (from 6am).

2.1.2 Proposed Weekend Operations

Crawford's propose to extend currently approved Saturday operations (8am to 1 pm) to 7am to 6pm Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday.

Technical Note: Saturday and Sunday daytime periods are assessed in the same manner as the daytime period for weekdays in accordance with Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) methodology. Therefore, a change in operating hours for these activities is assessed no differently to operating hours for weekdays.

Hence, there is no requirement in accordance with the NPI to assess the extension of hours for current operations.



2.1.3 Proposed Weekday Activities

Therefore, the scope of this assessment is limited to the proposed additional heavy vehicle loading and unloading between 6pm to 7am Monday – Friday.

The proposed activities will involve transferring shipping containers to and from heavy vehicles and placing the shipping containers in their relevant storage areas. These activities will involve a mixture of Semi Trailer, B Double and Side Loader heavy vehicle combinations and container forklifts.

There will be approximately 8 trucks in and out of the site (6pm to 7am) for typical (off peak) operations with one forklift operating and 20 trucks in and out of the site (6pm to 7am) during peak (harvest season) with one forklift operating.

	Monday - Friday			Saturday		Sundays & Public Holidays				
Activity	6am-7am	D	E	Ν	D	E	Ν	D	E	Ν
Train Loading/Unloading		✓			√			✓		
Truck Loading/Unloading		✓	✓	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Container Movements/Stack		✓	√	✓	~	✓	✓	 Image: A second s	✓	\checkmark
Rail Movements in/out of site		✓			~			 Image: A second s		
Service Train Loading		✓			~			✓		
Log Delivery	~	\checkmark			✓			 Image: A second s		
Container	1	1								
Cooling/Refrigeration	•	•								
✓ Current Approved Operation	✓ Current Approved Operations ✓ Extension of Hours (Approved Activities) ✓ Additional Activities									

Table 1 Current Approved Operations & Proposed Activities

Time of day is defined as follows: (These periods may be varied where appropriate, for example, see A3 in Fact Sheet A.)

day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays;

evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm;

night – the remaining periods.







FIGURE 1 PROJECT LAYOUT REF: MAC190870 This page has been intentionally left blank



3 Policy and Guidelines

This NA has been conducted in accordance with the following key policy and guidelines:

- Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI), 2017; and
- NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP), March 2011.

The assessment has also considered and applied the following additional policy, guidelines and standards where relevant:

- Australian Standard AS1055:2018 (AS1055) Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise;
- Australian Standard AS IEC 61672.1–2019 (AS61672) Electro Acoustics Sound Level Meters Specifications Monitoring; and
- Australian Standard AS/IEC 60942:2004/IEC 60942:2003 (IEC60942) Australian Standard Electroacoustics – Sound Calibrators.

3.1 Noise Policy for Industry

The EPA released the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI) in October 2017 which provides a process for establishing noise criteria for consents and licenses enabling the EPA to regulate noise emissions from scheduled premises under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. The objectives of the NPI are to:

- provide noise criteria that are used to assess the change in both short term and long term noise levels;
- provide a clear and consistent framework for assessing environmental noise impacts from industrial premises and industrial development proposals;
- promote the use of best-practice noise mitigation measures that are feasible and reasonable where potential impacts have been identified; and
- support a process to guide the determination of achievable noise limits for planning approvals and/or licences, taking into account the matters that must be considered under the relevant legislation (such as the economic and social benefits and impacts of industrial development).



The policy sets out a process for industrial noise management involving the following key steps:

- Determine the Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) (ie criteria) for a development. These are the levels, above which noise management measures are required to be considered. They are derived by considering two factors: shorter-term intrusiveness due to changes in the noise environment; and maintaining the noise amenity of an area.
- Predict or measure the noise levels produced by the development with regard to the presence of annoying noise characteristics and meteorological effects such as temperature inversions and wind.
- 3. Compare the predicted or measured noise level with the PNTLs, assessing impacts and the need for noise mitigation and management measures.
- 4. Consider residual noise impacts, that is, where noise levels exceed the PNTLs after the application of feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures. This may involve balancing economic, social and environmental costs and benefits from the proposed development against the noise impacts, including consultation with the affected community where impacts are expected to be significant.
- 5. Set statutory compliance levels that reflect the best achievable and agreed noise limits for the development.
- 6. Monitor and report environmental noise levels from the development.

3.1.1 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The policy sets out the procedure to determine the PNTLs relevant to an industrial development. The PNTL is the lower (ie, the more stringent) value of the **Project Intrusiveness Noise Level** (PINL) and **Project Amenity Noise Level** (PANL) determined in accordance with Section 2.3 and Section 2.4 of the NPI.

3.1.2 Project Intrusiveness Noise Level

The PINL (LAeq(15min)) is the RBL + 5dB and seeks to limit the degree of change a new noise source introduces to an existing environment. Hence, when assessing intrusiveness, background noise levels need to be measured.



3.1.3 Project Amenity Noise Level

PANL is relevant to a specific land use or locality. To limit continuing increases in intrusiveness levels, the ambient noise level within an area from all combined industrial sources should remain below the recommended amenity noise levels specified in Table 2.2 (of the NPI) and are reproduced in **Table 2** (the receiver types used in this assessment are shown as shaded rows). The NPI defines two categories of amenity noise levels:

- Amenity Noise Levels (ANL) are determined considering all current and future industrial noise within a receiver area.
- Project Amenity Noise Levels (PANL) is the recommended levels for a receiver area, specifically focusing the project being assessed.

Additionally, Section 2.4 of the NPI states: "to ensure that industrial noise levels (existing plus new) remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, a project amenity noise levels applies for each new source of industrial noise as follows": PANL = recommended ANL minus 5dB.

The following exceptions apply when deriving the PANL:

- areas with high traffic noise levels;
- proposed developments in major industrial clusters;
- existing industrial noise and cumulative industrial noise effects; and
- greenfield sites.

Furthermore, where the PANL is applicable and can be satisfied, the assessment of cumulative industrial noise is not required.



Table 2 Amenity Criteria				
Poppiyor Typo	Noise Amenity	Time of day	Recommended amenity noise level	
	Area	Time of day	LAeq, dBA	
		Day	50	
	Rural	Evening	45	
		Night	40	
		Day	55	
Residential	Suburban	Evening	45	
		Night	40	
		Day	60	
	Urban	Evening	50	
		Night	45	
Hotels motels caretakers' quarters			5dBA above the recommended	
holiday accommodation permanent	See column /	See column /	amenity noise level for a residence	
resident caravan parks	See column 4	See column 4	for the relevant noise amenity area	
			and time of day	
School classroom – internal	All	Noisiest 1-hour	35	
	7.41	period when in use		
Hospital ward				
- internal	All	Noisiest 1 hour	35	
- external		Noisiest 1 hour	50	
Place of worship – internal	All	When in use	40	
Area specifically reserved for passive	All	When in use	50	
recreation (e.g. national park)	7.41			
Active recreation area (e.g. school	All	When in use	55	
playground, golf course)	,			
Commercial premises	All	When in use	65	
Industrial premises	All	When in use	70	

Notes: The recommended amenity noise levels refer only to noise from industrial noise sources. However, they refer to noise from all such sources at the receiver location, and not only noise due to a specific project under consideration. The levels represent outdoor levels except where otherwise stated.

Types of receivers are defined as rural residential; suburban residential; urban residential; industrial interface; commercial; industrial – see Table 2.3 and Section 2.7.

Time of day is defined as follows: (These periods may be varied where appropriate, for example, see A3 in Fact Sheet A.)

day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays;

evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm;

night – the remaining periods.

In the case where existing schools are affected by noise from existing industrial noise sources, the acceptable LAeq noise level may be increased to 40dB LAeq(1hr).



3.2 Maximum Noise Level Assessment

The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events during the night-time period needs to be considered. The NPI considers sleep disturbance to be both awakenings and disturbance to sleep stages.

Where night-time noise levels from a development/premises at a residential location exceed the following criteria, a detailed maximum noise level event assessment should be undertaken:

- LAeq(15min) 40dB or the prevailing RBL plus 5dBA, whichever is the greater, and/or
- LAmax 52dB or the prevailing RBL plus 15dBA, whichever is the greater,

A detailed assessment should cover the maximum noise level, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the rating background noise level, and the number of times this happens during the night-time period.

Other factors that may be important in assessing the impacts on sleep disturbance include:

- how often the events would occur;
- the distribution of likely events across the night-time period and the existing ambient maximum events in the absence of the development;
- whether there are times of day when there is a clear change in the noise environment (such as during early morning shoulder periods); and
- current understanding of effects of maximum noise level events at night.

The NPI defines a residence as a lawful and permanent structure in a land use zone that permits for residential use and is not associated with a commercial undertaking such as a motel or hotel. Notwithstanding, to ensure temporary occupants within commercial residences, such as motels, hotels and holiday parks, are not affected by sleep disturbance a maximum noise level assessment should be undertaken.



The NPI outlines that additional guidance on maximum noise level assessments may be sourced from the EPA NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP). Section 5.4 of the RNP outlines that a maximum internal noise level of 50-55dBA is unlikely to awaken people from sleep. Taking into account a 10dB loss for a partially open window an external level of 65dBA in unlikely to awaken internal occupants. This level has been adopted to assess the impact of maximum noise events on occupants of commercial residential land uses to safeguard against sleep disturbance. The recommended amenity noise level for the night period will be adopted for awakening assessment for these receivers.

3.3 Road Noise Policy

The road traffic noise criteria are provided in the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW (DECCW), Road Noise Policy (RNP), 2011. The policy sets out noise criteria applicable to different road classifications for the purpose of quantifying traffic noise impacts.

Road noise criteria relevant to this assessment are presented in detail in **Section 5.3** and the operational road traffic assessment results are presented in **Section 7.3**.



4 Existing Environment

A key element in assessing environmental noise impacts is understanding the existing ambient environment and background noise levels at the closest and/or potentially most affected receivers to the project.

4.1 Potentially Sensitive Receivers

MAC has identified the following receivers that may be affected by noise from the project. **Table 3** presents a summary of receiver identification, type, address and coordinates. These are reproduced visually in **Figure 1**.

Table 3 Noise Sensitive Receivers								
	Toma		Description Address	Coordinate	Coordinates (MGA 55)			
ID	Туре	Previous ID	Description Address	Easting	Northing			
R01		R-NCA02-B	25 Silo Rd	276123	6529930			
R02		R-NCA03	35 Single St Cnr North St	276181	6529560			
R03		R-NCA06-A	73 Coronation Ave	276174	6529092			
R04		R-NCA09-B	99 Single St	276125	6528559			
R05		R-NCA09-C	105 Single St Cnr Gordon St	276095	6528430			
R06		R-NCA12	Cnr Single St/Kurrara St	276057	6528226			
R07		R-NCA14	1758 Werris Creek Rd	276040	6528022			
R08	Suburban Residential	R-NCA04	42 Henry St	276374	6529537			
R09		R-NCA07	86 Coronation Ave	276318	6529077			
R10		R-NCA10-A	96 Henry St	276301	6528943			
R11		R-NCA10-B	142 Henry St	276254	6528544			
R12		R-NCA13	17 Kurrara St	276237	6528205			
R13		R-NCA08-B	43 Downton St	275729	6528633			
R14		R-NCA08-A	174 Loco St	275755	6529017			
R18		R-NCA11-B 16 West St		276123	6529930			
R15		R-NCA15-B	21 West St	274816	6528883			
R16	Rural Residential	R-NCA15-C	19 West St	274790	6528719			
R17		R-NCA15-D	274 Escott Rd	275067	6527989			



Table 3 Noise Sensitive Receivers								
חו	Type	Provious ID ¹	Description Address	Coordinates (MGA 55)				
U	туре	T TEVIOUS ID	Description Address	Easting	Northing			
C01	Commercial	R-NCA06-B	Commercial/Shops	276179	6529264			
C02	Commercial	R-NCA09-A	Commercial Hotel	276168	6528962			
101		R-NCA01-A	Railway	275024	6529575			
102	Inductrial	R-NCA15-A	Water Treatment Plant	275410	6529501			
103	R-NCA05 Railway Yard		Railway Yard	275963	6529226			
104		R-NCA11-A	ARTC	275856	6528277			
AR01	Active Recreation	R-NCA01-B	Golf Club	274909	6529826			

Note 1: Identifier in historic assessment (ERM Report 0452237RP01_F05 September 2018).

4.2 Historic Noise Monitoring

Background noise levels were sourced from the historic assessment (ERM Report 0452237RP01_F05 September 2018) and are reproduced in **Table 4**.

Table 4 Unattended Noise Monitoring Results							
Monitoring Location	Period ¹	Measured Background Level	Measured Ambient Noise Level				
	T chou	RBL dB LA90	dB LAeq				
	Day	37	47				
LU1 Single St	Evening	33	43				
	Night	31 ¹	43				
	Day	27	44				
LU2 Downton St	Evening	34	45				
	Night	41	48				

Note 1: Reported value in the historic report was 30.45dBA. Typically, values are not reported to more than one decimal place which results in 31dBA when rounded to the nearest whole number as required by NPI methodology.



4.3 Supplementary 2019 Noise Monitoring

Additional unattended noise monitoring was conducted in October 2019 to measure background noise levels at receivers without line of sight to be affected by road traffic on Werris Creek Road/Single Street and rail noise.

The unattended noise survey was conducted in general accordance with the procedures described in Australian Standard AS 1055:2018, "Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise". Measurements were carried out using a Svantek 977 noise analyser from Tuesday 8 October 2019 to Tuesday 15 October 2019. Calibration of all instrumentation was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5dBA. All equipment carried appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates.

Data affected by adverse meteorological conditions have been excluded from the results in accordance with methodologies provided in Fact Sheet A4 of the NPI. Residential receivers in the area have been classified under the EPA's suburban amenity category. This criterion is used in conjunction with the intrusiveness criteria to determine the limiting criteria. A summary of measured background noise levels and are summarised in in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Unattended Noise Monitoring Results							
Monitoring Location	Poriod ¹	Measured Background Level	Measured Ambient Noise Level				
	renou	RBL dB LA90	dB LAeq				
	Day	31	48				
L03 Dewburst St	Evening	27	45				
Downards of	Night	23	43				

Detailed results for historic and supplementary unattended noise monitoring including Assessment Background Levels (ABLs) are contained in **Appendix B**.



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5 Assessment Criteria

5.1 Operational Noise Criteria

5.1.1 Project Intrusiveness Noise Levels

The PINLs for the residential receivers are presented in **Table 6** and have been determined based on the review of the historic monitoring data. PINLs are not applicable to non residential receivers including hotels and motels.

Table 6 Intrusiven	Table 6 Intrusiveness Noise Levels							
Pagaiver	р. "1	Ref Meas	Measured RBL	Adopted RBL ²	PINL			
Receiver	Penod	Data	dB LA90	dB LA90	dB LAeq(15min)			
Rural	Day		n/a	35	40			
Residential	Evening	NPI	n/a	30	35			
Receivers R15-R17	Night	Default	n/a	30	35			
Suburban	Day		37	37	42			
Residential Receivers	Evening	L01	33	33	38			
Single St R02-R07	Night		31	31	36			
Suburban	Day		31	31	36			
Residential Receivers	Evening	L03	27	30 ²	35			
Henry St R08-R12	Night		23	30 ²	35			
Suburban	Day		27	35²	40			
Residential Receivers	Evening	L02	34	34	39			
R01, R13, R14, R18	, R13, R14, R18 Night		41	34 ³	39			

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.

Note 2: Where the measured RBL is less than 35dBA for the day period, is set to 35dBA, and where the measured RBL is less than 30dBA for the evening and night, is set to 30dBA.

Note 3: Section 2.3 of the NPI recommends that the PINL for evening be set at no greater than the PINL for daytime and that the PINL for night-time should be no greater than the PINL for day or evening.



5.1.2 Project Amenity Noise Levels

The PANLs for residential receivers potentially affected by the project are presented in Table 7.

Table 7 Project Amenity Noise Levels							
Receiver Type	Noise Amenity Area	Assessment Period ¹	Recommended ANL dB LAeq(period) ²	PANL dB LAeq(period) ³	PANL dB LAeq(15min) ⁴		
Residential Receivers	Rural	Day Evening Night	50 45 40	45 40 35	48 43 38		
Residential Receivers	Suburban	Day Evening Night	55 45 40	50 40 35	53 43 38		
Hotels, Motels, caretakers	Suburban	Day Evening Night	60 55 45	55 50 40	58 53 43		
Industrial	Industrial	When in Use	70	65	68		
Commercial	Commercial	When in Use	65	60	63		
Active Recreation	Active Recreation	When in Use	55	50	53		

Note 1: Day – the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening – the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night – the remaining periods.

Note 2: Recommended amenity noise levels as per Table 2.2 of the NPI.

Note 3: PANL equals ANL minus 5dB.

Note 4: Includes a +3dB adjustment to the amenity period level to convert to a fifteen-minute assessment period as per Section 2.2 of the NPI.



5.1.3 Project Noise Trigger Levels

The PNTLs are the lower of either the PINL or the PANL. **Table 8** presents the derivation of the PNTLs in accordance with the methodologies outlined in the NPI.

Table 8 Project Noise	Trigger Levels			
Poopiusr Turpo	Accomment Deried ¹	PINL	PANL	PNTL
Receiver Type	Assessment Penda	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)
Rural	Day	40	48	40
Residential Receivers	Evening	35	43	35
R15-R17	Night	35	38	35
Suburban	Day	42	53	42
Residential Receivers	Evening	38	43	38
Single St R02-R07	Night	36	38	36
Suburban	Day	36	53	36
Residential Receivers Henry St R08-R012	Evening	35	43	35
	Night	35	38	35
Suburban Residential	Day	40	53	40
Receivers	Evening	39	43	39
R01, R13, R14, R18	Night	39	38	38
	Day	n/a	58	58
Hotels, Motels,	Evening	n/a	53	53
Carotanolo	Night	n/a	43	43
Commercial	When in Use	N/A	63	63
Industrial	When in Use	N/A	68	68
Active Recreation	When in Use	N/A	53	53

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.



5.2 Maximum Noise Level Assessment Criteria

The maximum noise level screening criteria shown in **Table 9** is based on night time RBLs and trigger values as per Section 2.5 of the NPI and guidance provided in the RNP.

able 9 Maximum Noise L	evel Assessment Scr	eening Criteria	
Rural Residential F	Receivers (R15-R17) and S	uburban Residential Receivers Henry	y St (R08-R12)
LAeq(15	min)	LAma	x
40dB LAeq(15min)	or RBL + 5dB	52dB LAmax or F	RBL + 15dB
Trigger	40	Trigger	52
RBL30+5dB	35	RBL30+15dB	45
Highest	40	Highest	52
	Suburban Residential F	Receivers Single St (R02-R07)	
LAeq(15min) LAmax			x
40dB LAeq(15min)	or RBL + 5dB	52dB LAmax or F	RBL + 15dB
Trigger	40	Trigger	52
RBL31+5dB	36	RBL31+15dB	46
Highest	40	Highest	52
	Suburban Residential Re	eceivers (R01, R13, R14, R18)	
LAeq(15	min)	LAma	x
40dB LAeq(15min)	or RBL + 5dB	52dB LAmax or F	RBL + 15dB
Trigger	40	Trigger	52
RBL34+5dB	39	RBL34+15dB	49
Highest	40	Highest	52
	Non-Resident	ial Receivers (C02)	
		LAmax	
		65	

Note: As per Section 2.5 of the NPI, the highest of each metric are adopted as the screening criteria.



5.3 Road Traffic Noise Criteria

The road traffic noise criteria are provided in the RNP. For this assessment, the 'local road' category, as specified in the RNP, has been adopted for West Street and Loco Street, and the 'arterial road' category has been adopted for Werris Creek Road/Single Street. Road noise criteria relevant to this assessment are presented in **Table 10** for residential receivers.

Table 10 Road Traffic Noise Assessment Criteria for Residential Land Uses						
			Assessment (Criteria - dBA		
Road category	Road Name	Type of Project/Development	Day	Night		
			(7am to 10pm)	(10pm to 7am)		
		Existing residences affected by				
Local Poods	West Street	additional traffic on existing local	55dBA LAeq(1hr)	50dBA LAeq(1hr)		
LUCAI ROAUS	Loco Street	roads generated by land use	external	external		
		developments				
		Existing residences affected by				
Freeway/arterial/sub	Werris Creek	additional traffic on existing	60dBA Aeg(15br)	55dBA Aeg(9hr)		
artorial road	Road/Single	freeways/arterial/sub-arterial	ovtornal	ovtornal		
-alterial load	Street.	roads generated by land use	external	external		
		developments				

Note: For road noise assessments, the day period is from 7am to 10pm (ie there is no evening assessment period as there is with operational noise). Night is from 10pm to 7am.

Additionally, the RNP states where existing road traffic noise criteria are already exceeded, any additional increase in total traffic noise level should be limited to 2dB, which is generally accepted as the threshold of perceptibility to a change in noise level.

5.3.1 Relative Increase Criteria

In addition to meeting the assessment criteria, any significant increase in total traffic noise at receivers must be considered. Receivers experiencing increases in total traffic noise levels above those presented in **Table 11** due to the addition of project vehicles on Werris Creek Road should be considered for mitigation. As discussed in the RNP, the relative increase criteria is not applicable to local roads.

Table 11 Increase Criteria for Residential Land Uses					
Dood Cotogon (Turse of Discipat/Development	Total Traffic Noise Level Increase, dBA			
Road Calegory	Type of Project/Development	Day (7am to 10pm)	Night (10pm to 7am)		
Freeway/arterial/aub	New road corridor/redevelopment or existing		Evicting troffic		
Freeway/anenai/sub-	road/land use development with the potential	Existing traffic	Existing tranic		
arterial roads and		LAeq(15hr)	LAeq(9hr)		
transit ways	to generate additional traffic on existing road.	+12dB (external)	+12dB (external)		

Note 1: Relative increase criteria is not applicable to local roads.



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6 Assessment Methodology

A computer model was developed to determine the impact of project noise emissions to neighbouring receivers for typical operations and activities. DGMR's iNoise (Version 2019.1) noise modelling software was used to assess potential noise impacts associated with the project. A three-dimensional digital terrain map giving all relevant topographic information was used in the modelling process. The model uses relevant noise source data, ground type, shielding such as barriers and/or adjacent buildings and atmospheric information to predict noise levels at the nearest potentially affected receivers. Plant and equipment were modelled at locations representative of realistic operational conditions for the project. Locations of modelled plant and equipment are presented in **Figure 2**.

The model calculation method used to predict noise levels was in accordance with ISO 9613-1 'Acoustics - Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors. Part 1: Calculation of the absorption of sound by the atmosphere' and ISO 9613-2 'Acoustics - Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors. Part 2: General method of calculation'.

6.1 Modelling Parameters & Assumed Mitigation

Mobile equipment sound power levels (Lw) were sourced from the historic assessment (ERM Report 0452237RP01_F05 September 2018). **Table 12** presents the equipment activity, quantity and Lw for each assessment scenario.

Table 12 Equipment Sound Power Levels, Lw dBA re 10 ⁻¹² W				
Noise Source/Item	Utilisation	Quantity	Item Lw	
Heavy Vehicle pass by	66%	2 per 15 minutes	96	
	0078	(1 in/1 out)	90	
Heavy Vehicle at idle while	33%	1	94	
unloading/loading	0070	•	01	
Container Forklift	100%	3	100	
Generator ¹	100%	1	85	
Container Refrigeration (AC Power)	100%	4	88	

Note 1: Lw 85dBA Atlas Copco Technical Data Sheet QAS 5 Series Portable Generators.

The noise barrier proposed in the historic assessment (ERM Report 0452237RP01_F05 September 2018) along the western boundary has been included in all calculations.







FIGURE 2 EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS REF: MAC190870

6.1.1 Off Peak Extended Hours Truck Unloading and Loading

For normal operations, between 6am and 6pm, approximately eight trucks will enter the site, travel via the weighbridge to the loading/unloading area where a forklift will remove and replace a container before the truck exits via the weighbridge and onto Downton Street. Considering that the assessment period is 15 minutes, noise modelling has calculated the emissions from one truck entry and exit for a duration of ten minutes and the unloading and loading operation (with truck idling) occurring for five minutes for one forklift.

6.1.2 Peak (Harvest) Extended Hours Truck Unloading and Loading

For peak (harvest season) operations between 6am and 6pm, approximately 20 trucks will enter the site, travel via the weighbridge to the loading/unloading area where a forklift will remove and replace a container before the truck exits via the weighbridge and onto Downton Street. The potential for noise emissions for this scenario is the same as for the off peak scenario except that the arrival, unloading loading and departure cycle will occur for two 15 minute periods during any hour between 6pm and 6am.

6.1.3 Meteorological Parameters

Noise emissions from industry can be significantly affected by prevailing weather conditions. Wind has the potential to increase noise at a receiver when it is at low velocities and travels from the direction of the noise source. As the strength of the wind increases, the noise produced by the wind will mask the audibility of most industrial sources. Meteorological conditions that enhance received noise levels include source to receiver winds and the presence of temperature inversions (night only). This assessment has adopted the meteorological conditions used in the historic assessment (ERM) and are summarised in **Table 13**.

Table 13 Meteorological Conditions for Noise Modelling					
Assessn	nent Period	Temperature	Wind Speed /Direction	Relative Humidity	Stability Class
	Daytime	20°C			
Standard	Evening	16°C	Calm	60%	D
Conditions	Night	10°C			
	Daytime	20°C	6.2m/o	60%	D
	Evening	16°C	0.011/8	00 %	D
Noise	Evening	16°C	SE 3m/s	60%	D
Conditions			S 3m/s	60%	D
Conditions	Night	10°C	SE 3m/s	60%	D
			SE 2m/s (Drainage)	60%	F



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7 Results

7.1 Predicted Noise Levels

Noise levels were predicted at each receiver at a height of 1.5m above ground level. As discussed in Section 6.1.1 and 6.1.2, noise emission levels from either off peak or peak operations are the same for any 15-minute period during the evening and night time period (6pm to 6am). Predicted evening and night time noise levels for standard conditions for the proposed operational scenarios (off peak and peak) are below the PNTLs for all assessed receivers and are presented in **Table 14**.

Table 14 Predicted Operational Noise Levels –Standard Conditions					
ID	Predicted Noise Level dB LAeq(15min)	PNTL Evening dB LAeq(15min)	PNTL Night dB LAeq(15min)	Compliance Achieved	
R01	<30	39	38	Yes	
R02	<30	38	36	Yes	
R03	<30	38	36	Yes	
R04	33	38	36	Yes	
R05	33	38	36	Yes	
R06	30	38	36	Yes	
R07	<30	38	36	Yes	
R08	<30	35	35	Yes	
R09	<30	35	35	Yes	
R10	30	35	35	Yes	
R11	30	35	35	Yes	
R12	<30	35	35	Yes	
R13	37	39	38	Yes	
R14	<30	39	38	Yes	
R15	<30	35	35	Yes	
R16	<30	35	35	Yes	
R17	<30	35	35	Yes	
R18	<30	39	38	Yes	
C01	<30	63	63	Yes	
C02	31	53	43	Yes	
101	<30	68	68	Yes	
102	<30	68	68	Yes	
103	<30	68	68	Yes	
104	39	68	68	Yes	
AR01	<30	53	53	Yes	



The highest predicted evening and night time noise levels for noise enhancing conditions (prevailing winds or temperature inversion with drainage) for the proposed operational scenario are below the PNTLs for all assessed receivers and are presented in **Table 15**.

It is noted that to avoid exceedance of the PNTL, only one truck and one forklift can operate during the night time period.

Table 15 Predicted Operational Noise Levels - Noise Enhancing Conditions					
ID	Predicted Noise Level	PNTL Evening	PNTL Night	Compliance	
	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAeq(15min)	Achieved	
R01	<30	39	38	Yes	
R02	<30	38	36	Yes	
R03	32	38	36	Yes	
R04	34	38	36	Yes	
R05	33	38	36	Yes	
R06	30	38	36	Yes	
R07	<30	38	36	Yes	
R08	<30	35	35	Yes	
R09	31	35	35	Yes	
R10	32	35	35	Yes	
R11	30	35	35	Yes	
R12	<30	35	35	Yes	
R13	38	39	38	Yes	
R14	32	39	38	Yes	
R15	<30	35	35	Yes	
R16	<30	35	35	Yes	
R17	<30	35	35	Yes	
R18	<30	39	38	Yes	
C01	30	63	63	Yes	
C02	34	53	43	Yes	
101	<30	68	68	Yes	
102	<30	68	68	Yes	
103	32	68	68	Yes	
104	39	68	68	Yes	
AR01	<30	53	53	Yes	



7.2 Maximum Noise Level Assessment Results

In assessing maximum noise events, typical LAmax noise levels from transient events were assessed to the nearest residential receivers. For the maximum noise assessment, a sound power level of 112dBA was adopted to represent potential container impacts during unloading or loading activities.

Predicted noise levels from LAeq(15min) and LAmax events for assessed receivers are presented in **Table 16.** Results identify that the maximum noise events screening criterion will be satisfied for all assessed receivers.

Table 16 Ma	Table 16 Maximum Noise Level Assessment (Night) ¹					
Dessiver	Predicted N	oise Level	Screening	Criteria	Compliant	
Receiver	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAmax	dB LAeq(15min)	dB LAmax	- Compliant	
R01	<30	32	40	52	✓	
R02	<30	35	40	52	✓	
R03	<30	44	40	52	✓	
R04	33	46	40	52	✓	
R05	33	45	40	52	✓	
R06	30	41	40	52	✓	
R07	<30	38	40	52	✓	
R08	<30	34	40	52	\checkmark	
R09	<30	43	40	52	✓	
R10	30	45	40	52	\checkmark	
R11	30	42	40	52	\checkmark	
R12	<30	39	40	52	\checkmark	
R13	37	50	40	52	\checkmark	
R14	<30	45	40	52	\checkmark	
R15	<30	34	40	52	\checkmark	
R16	<30	34	40	52	\checkmark	
R17	<30	35	40	52	\checkmark	
R18	<30	36	40	52	\checkmark	
C02	31	47	N/A	65	\checkmark	

Note 1: Day - the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday or 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays; Evening - the period from 6pm to 10pm; Night - the remaining periods.



7.3 Road Traffic Noise Results

The proposed transport route will be from Werris Creek Road, either from the north (using the proposed U-turn) or the south onto West Street to Loco Street where they enter the site. Predicted LAeq(1hr) noise levels from project related traffic at the closest receiver on all roads on the route has been completed using the United States (US) Environment Protection Agency's road traffic calculation method and are presented in **Table 17** (off peak) and **Table 18** (peak).

Table 17 Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels – Off Peak					
	Nearest Offset				
Road Name	Distance to	Period	Predicted Noise Level	RTN Criteria	Comply
	Receiver				
West Street/Loco Street	10m	Night	44dB LAeq(1hr)	50dB LAeq(1hr)	Yes
Werris Creek Road/	10m	Night			Vaa
Single Street	TOM	ivight	43UD LACO(9nr)	JUD LAeq(9nr)	res

Table 18 Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels – Peak (Harvest)					
	Nearest Offset				
Road Name	Distance to	Period	Predicted Noise Level	RTN Criteria	Comply
	Receiver				
West Street/Loco Street	10m	Night	47dB LAeq(1hr)	50dB LAeq(1hr)	Yes
Werris Creek Road/	10m	Night	18dP L Ass(0br)	55dP Acad(0hr)	Voc
Single Street	TUIT	ivigni	4000 LAed(aut)	JJUB LAed(aut)	168

Results demonstrate that project related road traffic noise levels would satisfy the relevant RNP criteria.



8 Conclusion

Muller Acoustic Consulting Pty Ltd (MAC) has been engaged by Crawfords Freightlines Pty Ltd (Crawfords) to complete a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) for the proposed extension to operating hours for the Werris Creek Intermodal Freight Terminal at Werris Creek, NSW.

The assessment has quantified potential noise emissions associated with the operation of the project. The results of the assessment shows that noise levels associated with the proposed activities are expected to satisfy the NPI PNTLs at all assessed receivers.

Furthermore, sleep disturbance is not anticipated, as emissions from impact noise are predicted to remain below the EPA for maximum noise level screening criterion.

Additionally, the NIA demonstrates that the road noise criteria as specified in the RNP will be satisfied at all receivers on the proposed transport route.

Based on the NIA results, there are no noise related issues which would prevent the approval of the project.



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Appendix A – Glossary of Terms



A number of technical terms have been used in this report and are explained in Table A1.

Table A1 Gloss	ary of Terms
Term	Description
1/3 Octave	Single octave bands divided into three parts
Octave	A division of the frequency range into bands, the upper frequency limit of each band being
	twice the lower frequency limit.
ABL	Assessment Background Level (ABL) is defined in the NPI as a single figure background level
	for each assessment period (day, evening and night). It is the tenth percentile of the measured
	L90 statistical noise levels.
Ambient Noise	The noise associated with a given environment. Typically a composite of sounds from many
	sources located both near and far where no particular sound is dominant.
A Weighting	A standard weighting of the audible frequencies designed to reflect the response of the human
	ear to noise.
dBA	Noise is measured in units called decibels (dB). There are several scales for describing noise,
	the most common being the 'A-weighted' scale. This attempts to closely approximate the
	frequency response of the human ear.
dB(Z), dB(L)	Decibels Linear or decibels Z-weighted.
Hertz (Hz)	The measure of frequency of sound wave oscillations per second - 1 oscillation per second
	equals 1 hertz.
LA10	A noise level which is exceeded 10 % of the time. It is approximately equivalent to the average
	of maximum noise levels.
LA90	Commonly referred to as the background noise, this is the level exceeded 90 % of the time.
LAeq	The summation of noise over a selected period of time. It is the energy average noise from a
	source, and is the equivalent continuous sound pressure level over a given period.
LAmax	The maximum root mean squared (rms) sound pressure level received at the microphone
	during a measuring interval.
RBL	The Rating Background Level (RBL) is an overall single figure background level representing
	each assessment period over the whole monitoring period. The RBL is used to determine the
	intrusiveness criteria for Noise and Vibration Assessment purposes and is the median of the
	ABL's.
Sound power	This is a measure of the total power radiated by a source. The sound power of a source is a
level (Lw)	fundamental location of the source and is independent of the surrounding environment. Or a
	measure of the energy emitted from a source as sound and is given by :
	= 10.log10 (W/Wo)
	Where : W is the sound power in watts and Wo is the sound reference power at 10-12 watts.



 Table A2 provides a list of common noise sources and their typical sound level.

Source	Typical Sound Level
Threshold of pain	140
Jet engine	130
Hydraulic hammer	120
Chainsaw	110
Industrial workshop	100
Lawn-mower (operator position)	90
Heavy traffic (footpath)	80
Elevated speech	70
Typical conversation	60
Ambient suburban environment	40
Ambient rural environment	30
Bedroom (night with windows closed)	20
Threshold of hearing	0

Table A2 Common Noise Sources and Their Typical Sound Pressure Levels (SPL), dBA

Figure A1 – Human Perception of Sound





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Appendix B – Unattended Noise Monitoring Data



Table 3.2Unattended Noise Logging (L01)

Date	Measured Existing Noise Levels, in dBA								
	L90, 11 hour (Daytime)	L90, 4 hour (Evening)	L90, 9 hour (Night-time)	Leq, 11 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 4 hour (Evening)	Leq, 9 hour (Night-time)	Leq, 15 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 1 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 1 hour (Night-time)
Wednesday, 14 March 2018	-	31.20	28.86	-	42.77	43.00	45.54	48.00	45.43
Thursday, 15 March 2018	37.40	34.45	28.60	47.10	44.05	41.84	46.47	47.61	43.47
Friday, 16 March 2018	36.42	31.65	30.56	46.24	43.63	43.07	45.66	47.56	46.05
Saturday, 17 March 2018	35.21	32.65	31.80	45.82	42.54	42.44	45.14	47.31	44.00
Sunday, 18 March 2018	(35.62)	32.45	31.02	(46.72)	43.69	43.68	45.70	47.15	46.25
Monday, 19 March 2018	37.13	34.95	32.18	47.67	-	43.78	47.00	-	46.59
Tuesday, 20 March 2018	(37.66)	-	(30.34)	(48.87)	(42.92)	(44.34)	-	-	47.35
Wednesday, 21 March 2018	-	(32.73)	-	-	(38.60)	-	45.64	47.58	-
Thursday, 22 March 2018	-	-	27.65	-	-	41.26	-	-	42.66
Friday, 23 March 2018	(36.90)	-	-	(47.25)	-	-	47.25	48.25	-
Overall L90 and Leq Values	36.78	32.65	30.45	47.19	42.87	43.03	46.11	48.11	46.36
Assessment L90 and Leq Values	37.00	33.00	30.00	47.00	43.00	43.00	46.00	48.00	46.00

1. Brackets e.g. "(35.0)" indicate that a full dataset was not captured for the entire period but the value recorded is considered representative. Dash "-" indicates that either a) the data has been excluded (due to weather or other influences) or b) no data was recorded.

Date	Measured Existing Noise Levels, in dBA								
	L90, 11 hour (Daytime)	L90, 4 hour (Evening)	L90, 9 hour (Night-time)	Leq, 11 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 4 hour (Evening)	Leq, 9 hour (Night-time)	Leq, 15 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 1 hour (Daytime)	Leq, 1 hour (Night-time)
Wednesday, 14 March 2018	(26.85)	36.80	40.96	(40.09)	-	48.36	-	51.22	49.44
Thursday, 15 March 2018	26.90	35.15	41.26	42.00	47.51	46.76	44.26	47.89	48.34
Friday, 16 March 2018	27.07	34.25	-	-	44.07	-	45.70	58.59	51.43
Saturday, 17 March 2018	28.92	31.40	41.20	-	42.49	49.05	44.95	58.80	50.77
Sunday, 18 March 2018	(29.62)	31.75	39.08	(44.79)	46.86	46.87	46.78	50.78	49.31
Monday, 19 March 2018	27.01	29.60	40.82	42.04	46.35	48.99	43.71	46.82	52.30
Tuesday, 20 March 2018	(29.22)	(38.16)	-	(44.89)	(42.53)	-	44.59	44.48	53.59
Wednesday, 21 March 2018	-	-	(37.44)	(44.30)	(42.05)	(47.50)	42.94	43.86	51.58
Thursday, 22 March 2018	-	-	31.05	-	-	44.85	-	-	48.98
Friday, 23 March 2018	-	-	-	(46.84)	-	-	46.84	48.95	-
Overall L90 and Leq Values	27.07	34.25	40.82	44.06	45.08	47.69	45.17	49.32	49.99
Assessment L90 and Leq Values	35.00 ²	30.00 ²	30.00 ²	44.00	45.00	48.00	45.00	49.00	50.00

1. Brackets "(35.0)" indicate that a full dataset was not captured for the entire period but the value recorded is considered representative. Dash "-" indicates that either a) the data has been excluded (due to weather or other influences) or b) no data was recorded.

2. The NPI, 2017 minimum assumed rating background noise level applies.



Supplementary Unattended Monitoring October 2019 (MAC 2019)									
	Measured Noise Levels, dBA								
Date	ABL Day L90	ABL Evening L90	ABL Night L90	Leq Day	Leq Evening	Leq Night			
Tuesday-8-Oct-19		36.0	23.2		48.8	43.6			
Wednesday-9-Oct-19	31.0	26.7	23.2	47.5	43.3	43.1			
Thursday-10-Oct-19	29.0	26.4	23.2	46.7	42.7	42.0			
Friday-11-Oct-19	30.9	28.6	26.2	49.9	46.2	40.6			
Saturday-12-Oct-19	30.4	24.3	22.3	46.0	48.2	42.2			
Sunday-13-Oct-19	29.3	25.8	23.5	47.5	46.5	42.2			
Monday-14-Oct-19	32.1	28.9	27.6	48.7	46.3	47.0			
Tuesday-15-Oct-19	31.8			51.7					
RBL and Leq Overall	31	27	23	48	45	43			

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96a Dewhurst Street - Tuesday 8 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)

Time (End of 15 Minute Sample Interval)



96a Dewhurst Street - Wednesday 9 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)



96a Dewhurst Street - Thursday 10 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)



96a Dewhurst Street - Friday 11 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)



96a Dewhurst Street - Saturday 12 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)

Time (End of 15 Minute Sample Interval)



96a Dewhurst Street - Sunday 13 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)



96a Dewhurst Street - Monday 14 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)



96a Dewhurst Street - Tuesday 15 October 2019



Wind Speed (m/s)

Time (End of 15 Minute Sample Interval)

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