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# Executive Summary

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR Consulting) has completed a noise impact assessment of Rye Park Wind Farm. The methodology and criteria used in the assessment are supported by the South Australian Environmental Protection Authority (SA EPA) *Environment Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms (February 2003)*, World Health Organization (WHO) limits, construction noise guidelines (DECC Interim Construction Noise Guideline 2009) and blasting impact.

Noise monitoring was conducted by Epuron in the period 8 June 2012 through to 22 August 2012 at twenty locations to determine baseline conditions and establish indicative criteria for surrounding residential receivers.

Noise predictions were made for receptors within a 2 km of a proposed WTG. WTG noise for a layout of 126 Vestas V112 WTG's of hub height 80m has been predicted and assessed against relevant criteria prescribed by the SA EPA Guideline and World Health Organisation (WHO) goals where appropriate. The model was then mitigated using Sound Management Mode for some turbines. The predicted noise levels of the mitigated layout were determined to meet the relevant criteria at all receptor locations.

The project is yet to select and finalise the WTG make and model. Upon finalising the WTG model a revised noise prediction and assessment will be completed in which the noise impact mitigation techniques listed in **Section 7.5** will be investigated thoroughly to produce a fully compliant layout.

WTG vibration levels have been evaluated and based upon overseas research available were found to be acceptable.

Construction noise has been predicted to all receivers; a number of these are deemed 'noise affected' under the NSW Construction Noise Guidelines. In order to ensure all appropriate measures are being taken to manage construction noise, a more detailed construction management plan should be developed by the proponent. This document will provide detailed guidance on various noise mitigation strategies for the construction stage.

Blasting impact has been assessed and found to be acceptable. With a maximum instantaneous charge (MIC) of up to 80 kg, the airblast overpressure is anticipated to be below the acceptable level of 115 dB Linear for all existing residences. Similarly, vibration levels are anticipated to be well below the acceptable criteria.

Construction traffic noise impact has been assessed and the 'worst case' maximum construction traffic generated scenario would comply to the NSW RNP requirements, due to the typically large setback of dwellings from the road network. Night-time deliveries are unlikely to cause sleep disturbance based on predicted maximum noise levels.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR Consulting), has been engaged by Rye Park Wind Farm Pty Ltd (RPWF) as the acoustical consultants for the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm.

This report describes the methodology and findings of the Noise Impact Study (NIS) for the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm forming part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed project.

Detailed in this report are the main aspects of the proposed wind farm project, the acoustic criteria, the background noise measurements and the predicted noise levels at all potentially impacted receivers from the operation of the proposed wind farm. It also addresses the acoustic impact of the wind farm during the construction phase, including blasting and transportation noise.

## 1.1 Wind Farm Assessment Methodology

#### 1.1.1 Acceptability Limit Criteria

The methodology and acceptability limit criteria that have been applied to this study are based upon the *South Australia Environment Protection Authority (SA EPA) Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms (February 2003)* (SA EPA Guidelines). The principal acceptability limit criteria is that the wind farm Leq,(10 min) noise should not exceed the greater of an amenity limit of 35 dBA or the pre-existing background noise, L90,(10 min) by more than 5 dBA (for any given wind speed).

The project requirements and wind farm acceptability limit criteria are discussed in more detail in **Section 6**.

#### 1.1.2 Wind Farm Noise Level Prediction

The noise emission model used in this study to predict wind farm noise levels at sensitive receptors is based on ISO 9613-2:1996 as implemented in the SoundPLAN computer noise model. The model predicts noise levels through spherical spreading and includes the effect of air absorption (as per ISO 9613), ground attenuation and shielding.

Predicted L<sub>Aeq</sub> noise levels were calculated based upon sound power levels determined in accordance to the recognised standard IEC-61400-11:2002 *(Wind Turbine Generator Systems - Part 11: Acoustic Noise Measurement Techniques)*, where available, for the wind range 3 to 12 m/s.

The noise character of Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) noise emissions is also assessed for any special audible characteristics, such as tonality or low frequency content, which would be deemed more annoying or offensive. If sufficient characteristics such as tonality are identified then the predicted noise level would be penalised by the addition of 5 dBA. It should be noted that the characteristic noise level modulation of WTGs, commonly referred to as 'swish', is considered to be a fundamental part of wind farm noise and is taken into account by the SA EPA Guideline assessment procedure.

#### 1.1.3 Ambient Noise Monitoring

In order to establish the intrusive noise limit, background noise monitoring is required to establish the pre-existing ambient noise environment as a function of wind speed. As wind speed increases the ambient noise level at most receivers generally also increases as natural sources such as wind in trees begin to dominate. The variation of background noise with wind speed is usually quite site specific and related to various physical characteristics such as topographic shielding and the extent and height of exposed vegetation.

Noise monitoring is completed for a period of approximately 2 weeks and correlated to synchronous wind speed and direction data measured at the wind farm monitoring mast. The captured data is screened for validity, with data monitored during periods of rain or where the average wind speed at the microphone position likely exceeded 15 m/s (10 m AGL) being discarded from the data set. Other data that was obviously affected by external noise sources (eg pond pumps, grass mowing, birds at dawn, frogs etc) was also removed from the data set. A regression analysis of all valid data is used to determine a line of 'best fit' from which the noise limit is established.

#### 1.1.4 Assessment Procedure

In general, the assessment procedure contains the following steps:

- 1 Predict and plot the L<sub>Aeq</sub> 35 dBA noise level contour from the wind farm under reference conditions. Receivers outside the contour are considered to be within acceptable wind farm noise levels.
- 2 Establish the pre-existing background noise level at each of the relevant assessment receivers within the  $L_{Aea}$  35 dBA noise level contour through background noise monitoring.
- 3 Predict wind farm noise levels at all relevant assessment receivers for the wind range from cut-in of the WTG to approximately 10 m/s (at hub height).
- 4 Assess the acceptability of wind farm noise at each relevant assessment receiver to the established limits.

In addition, where the assessment of a receiver has predicted unacceptable wind farm noise levels, a process of noise mitigation and alternative wind farm layouts is considered and Steps 3 and 4 are repeated until an acceptable arrangement is developed.

A brief explanation and description of the acoustic terminology used in this report is included in **Appendix D**.

## 2 ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE CRITERIA

#### 2.1 Introduction

The New South Wales (NSW) Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DOPI) has issued information on the required inputs into the Environmental Assessment (EA). The environmental assessment requirements issued by the Director-General (DGRs) in relation to noise impacts are:

- → Include a comprehensive noise assessment of all phases and components of the project including turbine operation, the operation of the electrical substation, corona and / or Aeolian noise from the transmission line, construction noise (focusing on high noise generating construction scenarios and works outside of standard construction hours) traffic noise during construction and operation, and vibration generating activities (including blasting) during construction and / or operation. The assessment must identify noise/vibration sensitive locations (including approved but not yet developed dwellings), baseline conditions based on monitoring results, the levels and character of noise (e.g. tonality, impulsiveness, low frequency etc) generated by noise sources, noise vibration criteria, modelling assumptions and worst case and representative noise/vibration impacts;
- → In related to wind turbine operation, determine the noise impacts under operating meteorological conditions (i.e. wind speeds from cut in to rated power), including impacts under meteorological conditions that exacerbate impacts (including varying atmospheric stability classes and the van den Berg effect for wind turbines). The probability of such occurrences must be quantified;
- → Include monitoring to ensure that there is adequate wind speed/profile data and ambient background noise data that is representative for all sensitive receptors;
- → Provide justification for the nominated average background noise level used in the assessment process, considering any significant difference between day time and night time background noise levels higher than 30 dB(A)
- $\rightarrow$  Identify any risks with respect to low frequency or infra-noise;
- → Clearly outline the noise mitigation, monitoring and management measures that would be applied to the project. This must include an assessment of the feasibility, effectiveness and reliability of the proposed measures and any residual impacts after these measures have been incorporated;
- → If any noise agreements with residents are proposed for areas where noise criteria cannot be met, provide sufficient information to enable a clear understanding of what has been agreed and what criteria have been used to frame any such agreements;
- → Include a contingency strategy that provides for additional noise attenuation should higher noise levels than those predicted result following commissioning and/or noise agreements with landowners not eventuate.

#### 2.2 Applicable Noise Policies and Guidelines

The assessment must be undertaken consistent with the following guidelines for each aspect of the project.

- → Wind Turbines the South Australian Environment Protection Authority's Wind Farms Environmental Noise Guidelines (2003);
- → Electrical Substation NSW Industrial Noise Policy (EPA 2000)
- $\rightarrow$  Site Establishment and Construction Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (DECC, 2009);
- → Traffic Noise Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (NSW EPA, 1999); and
- → Vibration Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline (DECC, 2006).

## 2.3 SA EPA Wind Farm Noise Guidelines

The South Australia EPA Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms, 2003 (SA EPA Guidelines) recommends the following noise criteria for new wind farms,

"The predicted equivalent noise level ( $L_{Aeq, 10min}$ ), adjusted for tonality in accordance with these guidelines, should not exceed:

- 35 dBA, or
- the background noise level by more than 5 dBA,

whichever is the greater, at all relevant receivers for each integer wind speed from cut-in to rated power of the WTG."

These guidelines also provide information on measuring the background noise levels, locations and requirements on the number of valid data points to be obtained and the methodology for excluding invalid data points. It also outlines the process for determining lines of best fit for the background data, and determination of the noise limit.

The Guideline explicitly states that the "swish" or normal modulation noise from wind turbines is a fundamental characteristic of such turbines; however, it specifies that tonal or annoying characteristics of turbine noise should be penalised.

A 5 dBA penalty should be applied to the measured noise level if an "authorised" officer determines that tonality is an issue and that tonality should be assessed in a way acceptable to the EPA.

The Guideline does not provide an assessment for the potential of low frequency noise or infrasound, but it does state that recent turbine designs do not appear to generate significant levels of infrasound, as the earlier turbine models did.

The Guideline accepts that wind farm developers commonly enter into agreements with private landowners in which they are provided compensation. The guideline is intended to be applied to premises that do not have an agreement with the wind farm developers. This does not absolve the obligations of the wind farm developer entirely as appropriate action can be taken under the *Environmental Protection Act* if a development 'unreasonably interferes' with the amenity of an area. The guideline lists that there is unlikely to be unreasonable interference if:

- a formal agreement is documented between the parties
- the agreement clearly outlines to the landowner the expected impact of the noise from the wind farm and its effect on the landowner's amenity
- the likely impact of exposure will not result in adverse health impacts (e.g. the level does not result in sleep disturbance)

The proponent RPWF has discussed the possible noise implications of the various proposed turbine layouts with the involved residents whose property the turbines would be located on and will enter into agreements with these parties. The full noise assessment will be made available to all residents as part of the exhibited Environmental Assessment on the EPA website.

These agreements would specify that:

(a) RPWF would ensure that the properties met the World Health Organisation noise guidelines (see **Section 2.5**); and,

(b) RPWF would implement an adaptive management approach which could include the use of building treatments and turbine operation / management strategies if operational noise causes significant impact to the amenity of involved residents.

This noise agreement would only be required under those turbine configurations where the SA EPA Guidelines would be exceeded for that particular property.

## 2.4 NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP)

The NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP) requirements include site selection for background measurements, description of the site, the equipment used, graphing of results and amenity noise criteria during each of the three periods (Day, Evening and Night).

The proposed site for the Rye Park Wind Farm is in a rural area and therefore the Amenity Criteria for rural residential receivers, as detailed in Table 2.1 in the NSW INP, is applicable.

The criteria vary as a function of time of day. The Day, Evening and Night Periods are defined as:

Day Period	7:00 am - 6:00 pm 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (Sundays and Public Holidays)
Evening Period	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Night Period	10:00 pm - 7:00 am 10:00 pm - 8:00 am (Sundays and Public Holidays)

The Amenity Criteria ( $L_{Aeq}$  level) for the residential noise sensitive locations for the Rye Park Wind Farm project are,

Day Period	50 dBA
Evening Period	45 dBA
Night Period	40 dBA

The Intrusiveness Criterion in the INP is based on the rating background level (RBL), where the Criterion is,

#### $L_{Aeq, 15 min} \leq RBL + 5 dBA$

This is almost identical to the SA EPA Guidelines (**Section 2.3**), the difference being the measurement interval (15 and 10 minute) and the determination of the background noise level (rating level, based on the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of measured background levels, or using a line of best fit through the data points).

The INP states where the measured RBL is less than 30 dBA, then the RBL is considered to be 30 dBA.

In summary it is evident that the non project related residential receivers assessed under the SA EPA Wind Farm Guideline will generally comply to INP amenity criteria. Furthermore, intrusiveness is covered by the SA EPA Wind Farm Guideline.

#### 2.5 World Health Organisation (WHO) Guidelines

The WHO publication '*Guidelines for Community Noise*' identifies the main health risks associated with noise and derives acceptable environmental noise limits for various activities and environments.

The appropriate guideline limits are listed in **Table 1** below.

Specific Environment	Critical Health Effect(s)	L <sub>eq</sub> (dBA)	Time base (hours)	L <sub>мах</sub> (dBA, Fast)
Outdoor living area	Serious Annoyance, daytime & evening	55	16	-
Outdoor living area	Moderate annoyance, daytime & evening	50	16	-
Dwelling indoors	Speech Intelligibility & moderate annoyance, daytime & evening	35	16	
Inside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, night-time	30	8	45
Outside bedrooms	Sleep disturbance – window open, night-time	45	8	60

#### Table 1 WHO Guideline values for environmental noise in specific environments

Where noise levels at project-involved residences do not comply with the SA EPA Guidelines, the proponent intends to enter into agreements with the owners of those residences to achieve noise criteria in accordance with World Health Organisation (WHO) Guidelines. The proponent will apply those guidelines as necessary to ensure that the project does not result in an 'unreasonable interference' with the amenity or cause any adverse health effects at those residences. (See Section 2.3)

For the assessment of project involved residences the adopted external criteria of 45 dBA or the level given by the SA EPA Guideline criteria, where higher, will be adopted. Effectively this becomes 45 dBA or background + 5 dBA, whichever is the higher.

## 2.6 Construction Noise Guidelines

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) issued the "*Interim Construction Noise Guideline*" in July 2009. The main objectives of the guideline are stated in Section 1.3, a portion of which is presented below:

- promote a clear understanding of ways to identify and minimise noise from construction works.
- focus on applying all 'feasible' and 'reasonable' work practices to minimise construction noise impacts.
- encourage construction to be undertaken only during the recommended standard hours unless approval is given for works that cannot be undertaken during these hours.

The guideline sets out Noise Management Levels (NMLs) at residences, and how they are to be applied, as presented in **Table 2**. This approach intends to provide respite for residents exposed to excessive construction noise outside the recommended standard hours whilst allowing construction during the recommended standard hours without undue constraints.

Table 2 Noise at Residences Using Quantitative Assessmen	ititative Assessment
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Time of Day	Management Level LAeq(15minute) <sup>1</sup>	How to Apply
Recommended standard hours:	Noise affected RBL + 10 dBA	The noise affected level represents the point above which there may be some community reaction to noise.
Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 6.00 pm		Where the predicted or measured LAeq(15minute) is greater than the noise affected level, the proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to minimise noise.
Saturday 8.00 am to		The proponent should also inform all potentially impacted residents of the nature of works to be carried out, the expected noise levels and duration, as well as contact details.

Time of Day	Management Level LAeq(15minute) <sup>1</sup>	How to Apply
1.00 pm	Highly noise affected 75 dBA	The highly noise affected level represents the point above which there may be strong community reaction to noise.
No work on Sundays or public holidays		Where noise is above this level, the proponent should consider very carefully if there is any other feasible and reasonable way to reduce noise to below this level.
		If no quieter work method is feasible and reasonable, and the works proceed, the proponent should communicate with the impacted residents by clearly explaining the duration and noise level of the works, and by describing any respite periods that will be provided.
Outside recommended	Noise affected RBL + 5 dBA	A strong justification would typically be required for works outside the recommended standard hours.
standard hours		The proponent should apply all feasible and reasonable work practices to meet the noise affected level.
		Where all feasible and reasonable practices have been applied and noise is more than 5 dBA above the noise affected level, the proponent should negotiate with the community.

Note 1: Noise levels apply at the property boundary that is most exposed to construction noise. If the property boundary is more than 30 m from the residence, the location for measuring or predicting noise levels is at the most noise-affected point within 30 m of the residence.

## 2.7 Vibration Guidelines

Impacts from vibration can be considered both in terms of effects on building occupants (human comfort) and the effects on the building structure (building damage). Of these considerations, the human comfort limits are the most stringent. Therefore, for occupied buildings, if compliance with human comfort limits is achieved, it will follow that compliance will be achieved with the building damage objectives.

The DECCW's Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline provides acceptable values for continuous and impulsive vibration based upon guidelines contained in BS 6472–1992, *Evaluation of human* exposure to vibration in buildings (1–80 Hz).

Both preferred and maximum vibration limits are defined for various locations and are shown in **Table 3**, with the preferred night-time PPV criteria of 0.2 mm/s being the most relevant to the project.

Location	Assessment period <sup>1</sup>		ed values leration m/s <sup>2</sup>		um values eleration m/s <sup>2</sup>	Peak Velocity PPV mm/s		
		z-axis	x- and y- axes	z-axis	x- and y- axes	Preferred	Maximum	
Continuous vibration								
Critical areas <sup>2</sup>	Day- or night- time	0.0050	0.0036	0.010	0.0072	0.14	0.28	
Residences	Daytime	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014	0.28	0.56	
	night-time	0.007	0.005	0.014	0.010	0.20	0.40	
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day- or night- time	0.020	0.014	0.040	0.028	0.56	1.1	
Workshops	Day- or night- time	0.04	0.029	0.080	0.058	1.1	2.2	
Impulsive vibration								
Critical areas <sup>2</sup>	Day- or night- time	0.0050	0.0036	0.010	0.0072	0.14	0.28	
Residences	Daytime	0.30	0.21	0.60	0.42	8.6	17.0	
	night-time	0.010	0.0071	0.020	0.014	2.8	5.6	
Offices, schools, educational institutions and places of worship	Day- or night- time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92	18.0	36.0	
Workshops	Day- or night- time	0.64	0.46	1.28	0.92	18.0	36.0	

**Table 3** Preferred and maximum values for continuous and impulsive vibration

1 Daytime is 7.00 am to 10.00 pm and night-time is 10.00 pm to 7.00 am

2 Examples include hospital operating theatres and precision laboratories where sensitive operations are occurring. There may be cases where sensitive equipment or delicate tasks require more stringent criteria than the human comfort criteria specified above. Stipulation of such criteria is outside the scope of this policy, and other guidance documents (e.g. relevant standards) should be referred to. Source: BS 6472–1992

These limits relate to a long-term (16 hours for daytime), continuous exposure to vibration sources. Where vibration is intermittent, a higher level of vibration is typically acceptable.

#### 2.7.1 Building Damage

In regard to potential building damage, the German Standard DIN4150 recommends a limit of 10 mm/s PPV within any building and the British Standard BS7385: Part 2 - 1993 sets a limit within buildings which depends upon the vibration frequency, but is as low as 7.5 mm/s PPV (at 4.5Hz). For the purposes of ensuring a reasonable factor of safety a conservative limit of approximately 5 mm/s PPV has been applied for this project.

## 2.8 Blasting Criteria

The ground vibration and airblast levels which cause concern or discomfort to residents are generally lower than the relevant building damage limits.

The DECCW advocates the use of the Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council (ANZECC) guideline *"Technical basis for guidelines to minimise annoyance due to blasting overpressure and ground vibration"* for assessing potential residential disturbance arising from blast emissions. The ANZECC guidelines for control of blasting impact at residences are as follows:

- → The recommended maximum level for airblast is 115 dB Linear. The level of 115 dB Linear may be exceeded on up to 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months. The level should not exceed 120 dB Linear at any time.
- → The recommended maximum for ground vibration is 5 mm/s, Peak Vector Sum (PVS) vibration velocity. It is recommended however, that 2 mm/s (PVS) be considered as the long term regulatory goal for the control of ground vibration. The PVS level of 5 mm/s may be exceeded on up to 5% of the total number of blasts over a period of 12 months. The level should not exceed 10 mm/s at any time.
- → Blasting should generally only be permitted during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Saturday. Blasting should not take place on Sundays and public holidays.
- $\rightarrow$  Blasting should generally take place no more than once per day.

The Australian Standard 2187.2-1993 "*Explosives - Storage, Transport and Use. Part 2: Use of Explosives*" does not present human comfort criteria for ground vibration from blasting. It does however make mention of human comfort level for airblast in saying "a limit of 120 dB for human comfort is commonly used". This is consistent with the ANZECC guidelines.

AS 2187.2-1993 nominates building damage assessment criteria as presented in Table 4.

Building Type	Vibration Level	Airblast Level (dB re 20 μPa)
Sensitive (and Heritage)	PVS 5 mm/s	133 dB(Linear) Peak
Residential	PVS 10 mm/s	133 dB(Linear) Peak
Commercial/Industrial	PVS 25 mm/s	133 dB(Linear) Peak

#### 2.9 Traffic Noise

The NSW *Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise* (ECRTN May 1999) as required by the Director General Requirements presents guidelines for the assessment of road traffic noise arising from new or redeveloped roads.

Subsequent to the issuing of the DGR's the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW (DECCW) superseded ECRTN with the publication of NSW Road Noise Policy (RNP) in March 2011. The document provides road traffic noise guidelines for a range of road or residential developments, as well as guidelines that apply for other nominated sensitive land uses.

The road traffic guidelines recommended are based on the functional categories of the subject roads, as applied by the Roads Traffic Authority (RTA).

The functional categories are as follows:

- → Arterial roads (including freeways) carrying predominantly through-traffic from one region to another, forming principal avenues of communication for urban traffic movements.
- → Sub-arterial roads connecting the arterial roads to areas of development and carrying traffic from one part of a region to another. They may also relieve traffic on arterial roads in some circumstances.
- → Local roads, which are the subdivisional roads within a particular developed area. These are used solely as local access roads

For this project, traffic associated with the construction stage has the potential to increase noise levels on existing arterial and local roads during the day (no night period construction proposed). As such, the relevant traffic noise criteria, as provided in Table 3 of the NSW RNP, are provided in **Table 5** below.

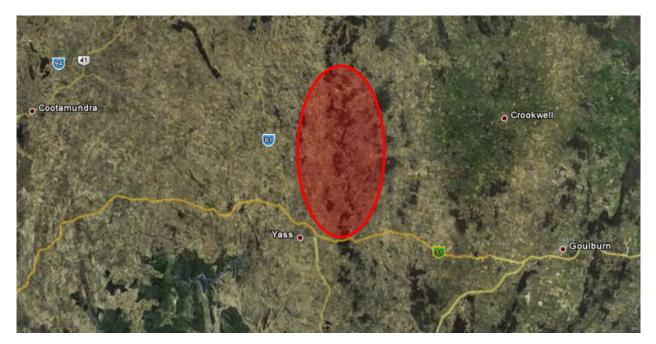
Type of	Criteria	
Development	Day 7am - 10pm (dBA)	Where Criteria are Already Exceeded
Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing freeways/arterial/sub- arterial roads generated by land use developments	LAeq(15hour) 60 dBA	In all cases, the redevelopment should be designed so as not to increase existing noise levels by more than 2 dBA.
Existing residences affected by additional traffic on existing local roads generated by land use developments	LAeq(1hour) 55 dBA	In all cases, the redevelopment should be designed so as not to increase existing noise levels by more than 2 dBA.

Table 5 Road Traffic Noise Criteria

## **3 GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site is located on the edge of the Southern Tablelands and the South West Slopes in the vicinity of the township of Rye Park, approximately 12 km north east of Yass and 42 km west of Crookwell, in NSW. An aerial view of Rye Park Wind Farm is shown in **Figure 1** below.

#### Figure 1 Location of proposed Rye Park Wind Farm



## 3.1 Characteristics of the site

The proposed project site incorporates up to 36 landowners. A numerical noise assessment has been carried out for all dwellings within 2 km of a turbine using the noise limit set in SA EPA Guidelines. Dwellings further than this distance are deemed to comply if dwellings closer to the wind farm comply with the SA EPA noise limit.

Topographically, the proposed site runs along a series of ridgelines running north-to-south. The ridges are approximately 700m above sea level, with the majority of the receptor locations either on the slopes of the ridges, or on flat terrain either side of the ridgelines approximately 550 to 650 m above sea level.

The surrounding district is primarily used for agricultural (grazing) purposes with several densely vegetated areas scattered around and within the proposed wind farm allotment. The township of Rye Park lies approximately 3 kilometres to the east of the proposed wind farm.

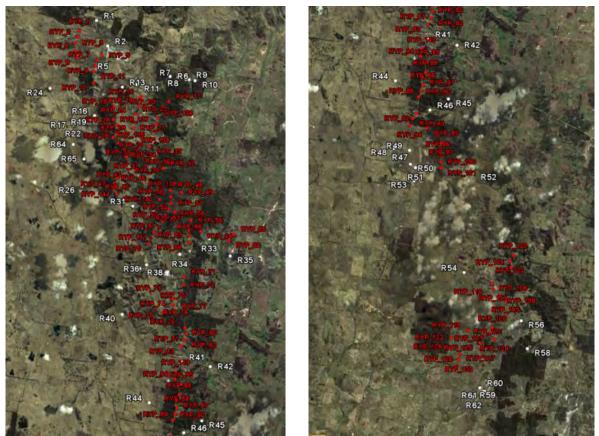
All properties surrounding the proposed wind farm site have an ambient background noise environment that is determined by pre-dominantly natural sources which are largely wind-influenced.

Prevailing winds are easterlies and westerlies. The district receives approximately 600 mm – 700 mm of rainfall annually.

## 3.2 Dwelling Locations

Figure 2 shows all locations assessed (shown in white) and the turbine positions for the layout considered (show in red).

Figure 2 Dwelling Locations and WTG Layouts



North End

South End

**Table 6** lists all 51 receiver locations, their positions and identifies those that are project involved. Other dwellings located beyond 6 km of a proposed WTG are not considered within this assessment, primarily as WTG noise is unlikely to be audible at these distances and compliance to noise criteria more critical at closer receivers.

Location	Easting (m)	Northing (m)
R1	677514	6187097
R2*	678095	6185733
R6	681484	6184020
R7	681917	6183967
R8	682339	6183864
R9	682517	6183838
R10	682842	6183767

Location	East (m)	North (m)
R36*	679988	6173811
R38	679623	6173620
R40	678605	6171136
R41*	681802	6168516
R42*	683370	6168206
R44*	679986	6166322
R45	682847	6165279

Table 6	Surrounding	Receivers
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ocation	Easting (m)	Northing (m)		Location	Location East (m)
R11*	679650	6183618		R46*	R46* 681835
R24	678848	6183498		R47	R47 680155
R13*	677807	6183115		R48	R48 679834
R14*	677297	6181991	R49*		680667
16*	676127	6181740	R50		680701
R17	676412	6181665	R51*		680970
R19	676130	6181544	R52*		684135
R20	676095	6181037	R53		680877
R22	674877	6183534	R54*		683514
R25*	677075	6178323	R56		686567
R26*	676523	6178178	R58		686872
R29	676434	6177903	R59*		684670
R30*	682495	6177218	R60*		684244
R31*	679304	6177019	R61*		684489
R32*	680416	6176683	R62		683916
R33*	683440	6175148	R63		683875
R34*	681817	6174338	R64*		676089
R35*	684554	6174195	R65		676668

Note: \* Denotes the location is involved with the project

The distances between the surrounding receivers and WTG's are compiled in Appendix C.

## 4 PROPOSED WIND FARM LAYOUT

## 4.1 WTG Type and Details

The WTG manufacturer and model has not yet been finalised, and accordingly it is necessary to evaluate the wind farm based on a typical turbine model that may comprise a layout. The base layout presented in this report is a 126 WTG layout, the considered WTG model is the Vestas V112 3.0MW.

The WTG considered is three bladed, upwind, pitch regulated and active yaw. A comprehensive tabulated listing of WTG coordinates for the layout is included in **Appendix E**. Should an alternative selection or turbine type or layout be finalised them a revised noise impact assessment prediction will be completed.

Table 7 and Table 8 summarise the relevant turbine input data used for noise level prediction.

#### Table 7 WTG Manufacturers Data

Make, model, power	Vestas V112 3.0MW
Rotor diameter	112 m
Hub height	84 m
Cut-in wind speed	3 m/s
Rated wind speed	12 m/s
Rotor speed	4.4 – 17.7 rpm
'Standard Mode' Sound Power Level, LWA,ref 8m/s	106.5 dBA
'Sound Management Mode' Sound Power, LWA,ref 8m/s (Mode 2)	104.5 dBA

#### Table 8 Vestas V112 Sound Power Curves

Wind Turbine Model	Wind speed Vs (10m AGL) (m/s)									
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Standard Mode (Mode 0)	94.5	97.4	100.9	104.3	106.0	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5	106.5
Sound Management Mode (Mode 2)	94.5	97.3	100.9	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5	104.5

Noise emissions for the proposed WTG have been provided by the manufacturer and have either been independently tested according to International Standard IEC 61400-11 or are warranted noise levels calculated in accordance with the International Standard. Copies of the certification test or manufacturers documentation that give the sound power level variation with wind speed, frequency spectra and tonality assessment have been provided by RPWF and will be made available on request.

## 4.2 Assessment of Tonality and Infrasound

WTG manufacturers are obliged to conduct independent tests in accordance with IEC 61400-11. A part of this assessment is to conduct a tonal audibility test. The tonal audibility  $\Delta L_{t,a}$  is assessed using the methodology outlined in *Joint Nordic Method Version 2 – Objective Method for Assessing the Audibility of Tones in Noise*.

The tonal audibility data  $\Delta L_{A,k}$  values have been supplied by the WTG manufacturers as follows:

Wind Turbine Model			Wi	nd speed	l Vs (10r	n AGL) (	m/s)			
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Standard Mode - Mode 0				-1.97	-3.04	-13.27	-11.88	-9.19		

#### Table 9 Audible tonality assessment to IEC 61400-11

No tonality has been provided for Mode 2 operation of the turbine. The manufacturer should provide any tonality data on this mode upon finalisation of the turbine model for the wind farm.

A more detailed assessment of tonality has been undertaken for the V112 model. This analysis is presented in **Section 7.3**.

Infrasound is not tested as an obligatory part of IEC 61400-11. It is noted that, in general, modern WTG's do not exhibit significant infrasound emissions. Refer to **Section 7.1** for a more detailed discussion.

## 5 OPERATIONAL NOISE LEVELS

#### 5.1 Introduction

As discussed in **Section 1.1.2**, a three-dimensional computer noise model was used to predict LAeq noise levels from all WTG's at all surrounding residential dwellings.

The ISO 9613 noise model incorporates a 'hard ground' assumption and includes one-third octave band calculated effects for air absorption, ground attenuation and topographic shielding. It is noted that ISO 9613 equations predict for average downwind propagation conditions and also hold for average propagation under a well-developed moderate ground-based temperature inversion.

The estimated accuracy of the prediction model is approximately ±3 dBA.

#### 5.2 Wind Turbine Noise

For indicative purposes the WTG noise levels from the proposed WTG layout was calculated for the reference wind condition of 8 m/s at 10m AGL and listed in **Table 10**. The predicted noise contour plot is presented in **Figure 3**.

Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA	Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA
R1	37.1	R36*	37.2
R2*	41.7	R38	36
R6	34.2	R40	27.9
R7	32.9	R41*	43.1
R8	31.4	R42*	34.1
R9	30.8	R44*	37.2
R10	30.8	R45	36.2
R11*	41	R46*	42.7
R13*	41.2	R47	35.5
R14*	42.3	R48	34.3
R16*	42.7	R49*	37.4
R17	35.1	R50	35.4
R19	36.8	R51*	36.5
R20	35.2	R52*	32.3
R22	34.6	R53	33.4
R24	31.4	R54*	33.6
R25*	37.4	R56	39.8
R26*	33.6	R58	29.1
R29	33.7	R59*	34.2
R30*	43	R60*	33
R31*	39.9	R61*	32.1
R32*	45.7	R62	32.4
R33*	41.4	R63	31.9

Table 10 Predicted Wind Turbine Noise Level (dBA) – Base Layout

Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA Locati		n Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA		
R34*	41.4	R64*	34		
R35*	37.8	R65	33.9		

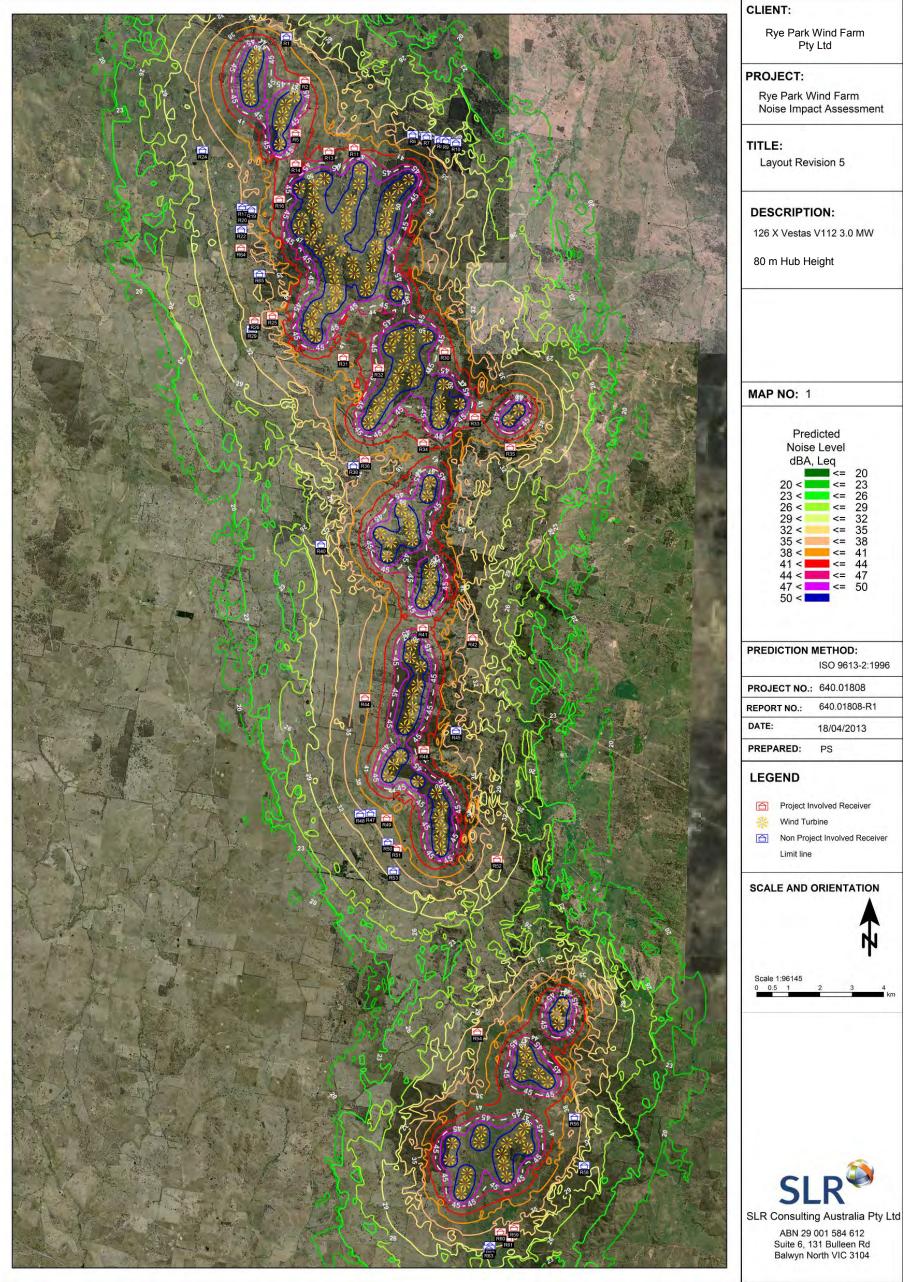
Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

Furthermore, noise levels from the proposed wind farm were calculated for all integer wind speeds in the range of 3 m/s to 12 m/s (at 10m AGL) at all surrounding assessment receivers within 6 km of a WTG. Whilst the rated wind speed of the WTG's is typically 13 m/s to 14 m/s, published manufacturers sound power level test data (IEC 61400-11) has only been generated as high as 12 m/s. It should be noted that noise produced by WTG's begins to 'plateau off' at higher wind speeds and because of the higher masking background noise level at higher wind speeds, noise impacts and compliance are not critical at these speeds. The assessed wind range sufficiently covers the most noise critical operational conditions.

To compare predicted noise levels with the assessment criteria, the wind speed data measured at several heights above ground level was extrapolated to a hub height of 80 m using the logarithmic profile law<sup>1</sup> by RPWF (Refer to **Section 6**). The assessment graphs of WTG operational noise levels were prepared and are depicted in **Appendix A1**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (Section 8 Data reduction procedures, page 20, International Standard IEC61400-11 ©IEC:2002+A1:2006 (E) *Wind Turbine Generator Systems – Part 11: Acoustic noise measurement techniques*).





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## 6 BACKGROUND LEVELS AND NOISE LIMITS

## 6.1 Measurement Locations

The locations for the background noise measurements were selected by SLR Consulting on the basis of preliminary predicted WTG noise levels as well as proximity and similarity to other receptors.

Monitoring equipment was deployed by RPWF and photos taken at each location. The SA EPA Guidelines recommend that the measurement locations should be located at least 5 metres from a reflecting surface (other than the ground) and within 20 metres of a residence.

The relative proximity of some receiver locations to one another and their similar wind exposure and surrounding environment meant that background noise monitoring could be conducted at one representative location and be considered indicative of other similar locations.

Monitoring was conducted at 20 locations around the proposed wind farm site. The background noise monitoring locations, along with locations allocated as being indicative to that site, are listed in **Table 11**.

Location	Indicative of	Notes / Similar Characteristic for wind induced noise			
R2*	R1, R2	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R6	R6, R7, R8, R9, R10	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R13*	R11, R13	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R14*	R14, R16	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R19	R17, R19, R20, R22	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R24	R24	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R25*	R25, R26, R29	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R30*	R30, R33	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R32*	R31, R32	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R34*	R34, R35	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R36*	R36, R38, R64	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R41*	R41, R42	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R44*	R40, R44, R65	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R46*	R45, R46	Project involved, close to WTGs, sheltered from the West, indicative of R45 (possibly R42 & R43) due to exposure & tre			
R49*	R47, R48, R49	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R51*	R51, R53	Geographic proximity, similar region, exposure to wind			
R52*	R52	Project involved, closest to WTGS, on top of small hill, maybe exposed to wind			
R54*	R54	Project involved, closest to WTGS, relatively sheltered			
R56	R56, R58	Potentially higher WTG noise, project involved, more sheltered from wind			
R60*	R59, R60, R61, R62, R63	Most representative of others near creek, lowest in gully and therefore potentially shielded, similar level of vegetation of others in area			

#### Table 11 Measurement Locations

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

At each location noise monitoring equipment was placed in the vicinity of the residence and the position of the monitoring equipment was documented with photographs.

A single weather station was deployed by RPWF near the monitoring sites. The station was relocated to areas where the noise monitoring was concentrated throughout the monitoring campaign. The weather data was used to identify and exclude any data collected during rain periods, which may have affected the background noise levels. The measured data for rain confirmed that the monitoring period was generally dry and as a result only a small number of data points were rejected due to rain.

Any periods of data that were clearly affected by extraneous noise sources (eg pumps, insects, birds, frogs etc) were removed from the analysis data set. If after exclusion there were not sufficient valid data points, the loggers were typically re-deployed to obtain a more complete data set.

The SA EPA Guidelines require measurements to be conducted in 10 minute intervals, while the NSW INP request 15 minute interval data. Given that almost all wind data, including the wind farm site monitored data, is in 10 minute intervals, this period was used for all measurements.

Simultaneous noise monitoring and wind monitoring was conducted during the period 1 June 2012 to 21 September 2012. Wind speed was monitored at 4 wind masts throughout the proposed site. Wind speed for a given background monitoring location was allocated to the wind mast nearest to that location. Where the receptor was approximately equidistant to two wind masts, the background noise was correlated to the wind mast with the highest correlation coefficient ( $R^2$  value).

Wind Mast	Easting	Northing	Nearest Background Locations
RYP_2	676503	6186530	R2, R6, R13, R14, R19, R24
RYP_3	682046	6170278	R25, R30, R32, R34, R36, R41, R44
RYP_4	682325	6162517	R46, R49, R51, R52
YJ	684969	6152742	R54, R56, R60

#### Table 12 Wind mast details

Wind speed at a height of 80 metres AGL was provided by RPWF. Local noise data was then correlated to the 80 m AGL wind speed.

## 6.2 Measurement Details

The measurement location, monitoring period, and serial number of the Type 2 RION NL42 noise loggers used by RPWF for all testing are summarised in **Table 13**, along with the number of valid data points for each location.

The SA EPA Guideline recommends a set of approximately 2,000 valid data points. Any data points adversely affected by extraneous noise were excluded.

The measured background noise levels ( $L_{A90}$ ) are then plotted against the 80 metre wind speed to obtain a background versus wind speed characteristic for each location.

The line of best fit for the data set is then determined, as required by the SA EPA Guideline, using a linear, second order (quadratic) or third order (cubic) polynomial. The Guideline requires that the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$  value) for each line type be reported and the line of best fit with the highest correlation coefficient used. At each location the cubic polynomial gave the highest correlation and was therefore used for the line of best fit.

Measurement Location	Measurement Period	Noise Logger Model # Serial number	Total No. of monitoring intervals	No. of valid data points		Correlation Coefficient (R <sup>2</sup> )		
				All	Night	Linear	Quad.	Cubic
R2*	8/6/12 to 15/6/12 and 6/7/12 to 18/7/12	RION NL42 S/N 810839	2679	2296	777	0.3064	0.3491	0.3494
R6	8/6/12 to 15/6/12 (sporadic) and 15/6/12 to 27/6/12	RION NL42 S/N 810849	2522	2345	718	0.3033	0.3282	0.3306
R13*	15/6/12 to 6/7/12 and 24/8/12 to 31/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 410151	4037	2479	1037	0.3997	0.4424	0.4428
R14*	1/6/12 to 8/6/12, 15/6/12 to 23/6/12, 6/7/12 to 12/7/12, and 24/7/12 to 31/7/12	RION NL42 S/N 221356	4023	2453	1216	0.3719	0.4111	0.4113
R19	1/6/12 to 8/6/12 and 15/6/12 to 28/6/12	RION NL42 S/N 810840	2903	2778	1041	0.1764	0.2111	0.213
R24	1/6/12 to 8/6/12 15/6/12 to 18/6/12 and 6/7/12 to 23/7/12	RION NL42 S/N 810850	3692	3307	811	0.2594	0.3074	0.3074
R25*	18/7/12 to 7/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 810712	2869	2647	906	0.2035	0.2688	0.275
R30*	31/7/12 to 14/8/12 and 31/8/12 to 4/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 410151 & 810839	2531	2244	956	0.2482	0.2778	0.278
R32*	15/6/12 to 3/7/12	RION NL42 S/N 410151	2589	2504	399	0.2258	0.2493	0.249
R34*±	4/9/12 to 21/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 0021356	2440	1531	832	0.7945	0.7957	0.8039
R36*	31/7/12 to 12/8/12 and 31/8/12 to 4/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 221356	2309	2178	1288	0.2366	0.3348	0.335
R41*	6/7/12 to 18/7/12 and 26/7/12 to 8/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 810840	3670	3454	841	0.4482	0.4665	0.4736
R44*	8/8/12 to 20/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 10/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 810840	2634	2259	1114	0.4842	0.522	0.5243
R46*	10/7/12 to 31/7/12	RION NL42 S/N 410152	3001	2817	1017	0.2541	0.3129	0.313 <sup>,</sup>
R49*	31/7/12 to 20/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 410152	2956	2720	1053	0.3806	0.4025	0.4038
R51*	6/7/12 to 21/7/12 and 26/7/12 to 7/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 810852 & 221356	3966	2913	1146	0.1862	0.2528	0.258
R52*	26/7/12 to 17/8/12	RION NL42 S/N 410151	3164	3012	902	0. 126	0.2631	0.2632
R54*	10/7/12 to 31/7/12	RION NL42	2973	2303	905	0.1766	0.2733	0.273

Measurement Location	Measurement Period	Noise Logger Model # Serial number	Total No. of monitoring intervals	No. of valid data points		Correlation Coefficient (R <sup>2</sup> )		
				All	Night	Linear	Quad.	Cubic
		S/N 810713						
R56	31/7/12 to 4/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 21/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 810713	3116	2475	890	0.2647	0.3004	0.305
R60*	8/8/12 to 22/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 10/9/12	RION NL42 S/N 810852	2811	2337	941	0.3019	0.311	0.3369

Note that '<sup>±</sup>' denotes a location with fewer than 2000 monitoring intervals

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

The number of valid data points at location R34 fell short of the recommended 2000 intervals due to data exclusion of local, extraneous noise sources. However, as more than 50% of the data had been collected and the correlation coefficient was relatively good (greater than 80%) the result for the full period was deemed as still statistically relevant.

## 6.3 Night Period Analysis

A reduced data set was created for the night period (10:00 pm to 7:00 am). The resulting data sets typically included 400 to 900 data points and were fitted with a cubic polynomial regression line of best fit.

The regression line for night-only data is generally lower than that for all data by between 1 dB to 5 dB and varies considerably from location to location. Lower night data is attributed to two main factors. Firstly that extraneous noise sources (animals, traffic etc) are lower during the night period and secondly that the wind shear for the night period is usually greater compared to the day period which results in lower ground level wind speeds for a given hub height reference wind speed and hence lower wind related background noise levels.

The resulting effect on project involved receptors' criteria with consideration to only the lower night period background data is generally minimal with the criteria being exactly the same (criteria is a constant 45 dBA as background noise regression lines are always less than 40 dBA) or marginally higher at high wind speeds where compliance is more easily achieved.

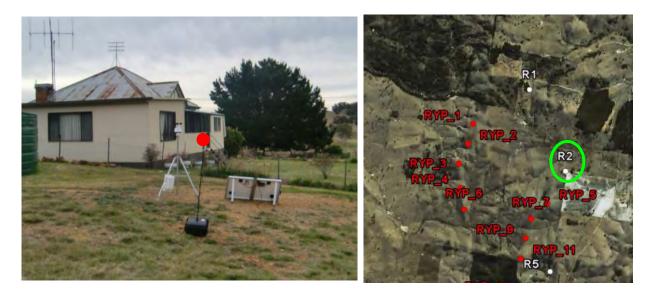
The criteria for project uninvolved receptors with consideration to only the night period background data is generally marginally lower at higher wind speeds. As this is typically not the most critical wind range for compliance the net effect of night data based criteria is negligible with regards to compliance.

## 6.4 Location R2

Location R2 is located to the north of the proposed wind farm allotment, below the ridge for RYP\_1, RYP\_2 etc. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 600 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

Figure 4 Photo and Map of Location R2



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 8/6/12 to 15/6/12 and 6/7/12 to 18/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group are shown in **Figure 5**.

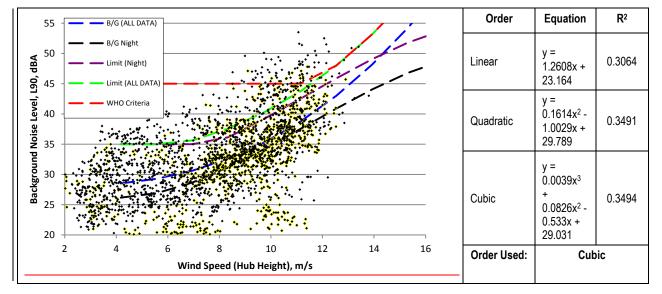


Figure 5 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R2

## 6.5 Location R6

Location R6 is located north east of the proposed wind farm allotment, on the north side of the ridge line for RYP\_117, RYP\_20 RYP\_23 etc. The residence is set back approximately 750 m from the main road. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.3 km away.

#### Figure 6 Photo and Map of Location R6



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 8/6/12 to 15/6/12 and 15/6/12 to 27/6/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group are shown in **Figure 7**.

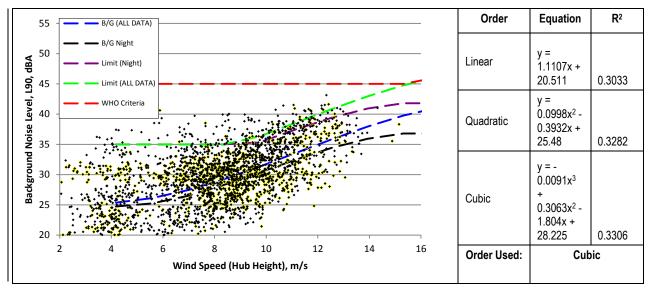


Figure 7 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R6

## 6.6 Location R13

Location R13 is located within the northern end of proposed wind farm allotment. The residence is set back approximately 130 m from Rye Park-Rugby Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 800 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

Figure 8 Photo and Map of Location R13



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 15/6/12 to 6/7/12 and 24/8/12 to 31/8/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 9**.

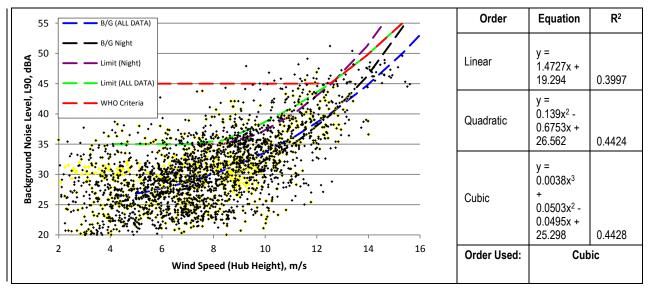


Figure 9 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R13

## 6.7 Location R14

Location R14 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment in a valley between two ridgelines. The residence is set back approximately 200 m from Rye Park-Rugby Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 620 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

## Figure 10 Photo and Map of Location R14



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 1/6/12 to 8/6/12, 15/6/12 to 23/6/12, 6/7/12 to 12/7/12, and 24/7/12 to 31/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 11**.

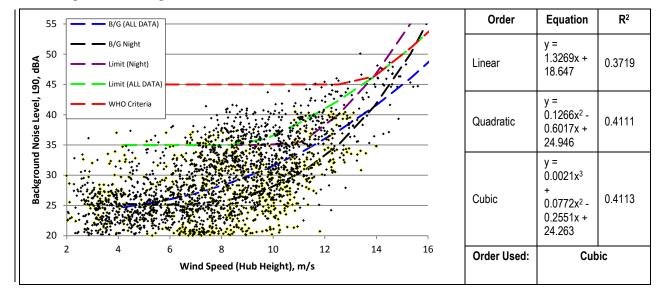


Figure 11 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R14

## 6.8 Location R19

Location R19 is located to the east of the proposed wind farm allotment. The residence is set back approximately 80 m from Rye Park-Rugby Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.6 km away.

#### Figure 12 Photo and Map of Location R19



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 1/6/12 to 8/6/12 and 15/6/12 to 28/6/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 13**.

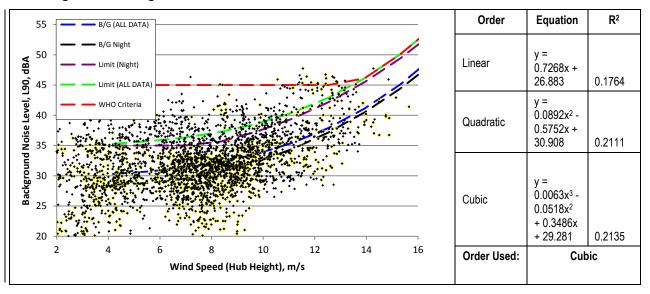


Figure 13 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R19

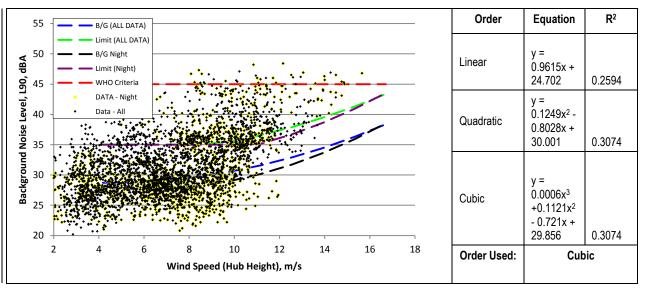
## 6.9 Location R24

Location R24 is located east of the proposed wind farm allotment. The residence is set back approximately 200 m from the main road. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 2.4 km away.

## Figure 14 Photo and Map of Location R24



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 1/6/12 to 8/6/12, 15/6/12 to 18/6/12 and 6/7/12 to 23/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 15**.





# 6.10 Location R25

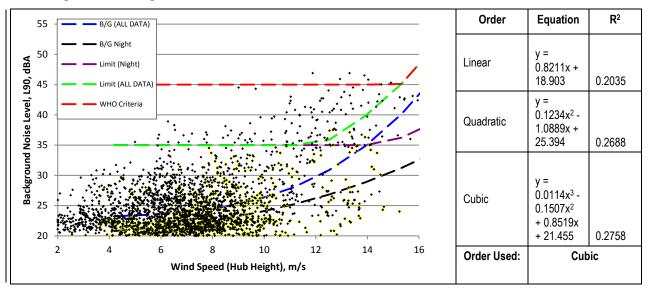
Location R25 is located east of the proposed wind farm allotment, at the base of the ridgeline for R47, R46 etc. The residence is approximately 2 km from the township of Rye Park. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.2 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 16 Photo and Map of Location R25



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 18/7/12 to 7/8/12 showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 17**.





# 6.11 Location R30

Location R30 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment on the east side, in a sheltered part between ridges. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 600 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 18 Photo and Map of Location R30



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 31/7/12 to 14/8/12 and 31/8/12 to 4/9/12 showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 19**.

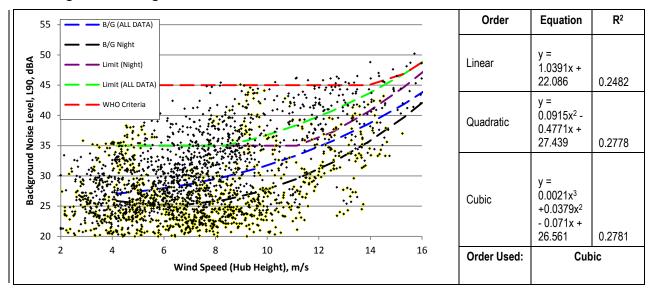


Figure 19 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R30

# 6.12 Location R32

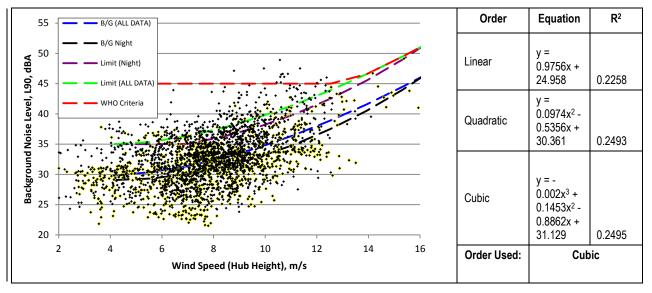
Location R32 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment, on the west side of the ridgeline for RYP\_53, RYP\_57, RYP\_61 etc. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 700 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 20 Photo and Map of Location R32



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 15/6/12 to 3/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 21**.





# 6.13 Location R34

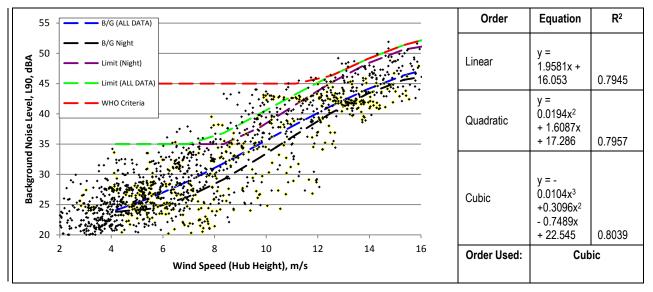
Location R34 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment, to the south of the ridge for RYP\_69, RYP\_66 etc. The residence is surrounded by trees, particularly to the south-west. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 800 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 22 Photo and Map of Location R34



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 4/9/12 to 21/9/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 23**.





Note that this monitoring location fell below the 2000 points required by the standard, due to data exclusion of local noise sources. However, as more than 50% of the data had been collected and the correlation coefficient was relatively good (greater than 80%) the result for the full period was deemed as still statistically relevant.

# 6.14 Location R36

Location R36 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment. The residence sits within a small valley, with ridgelines to the north and south. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.1 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

Figure 24 Photo and Map of Location R36



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 31/7/12 to 12/8/12 and 31/8/12 to 4/9/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 25**.

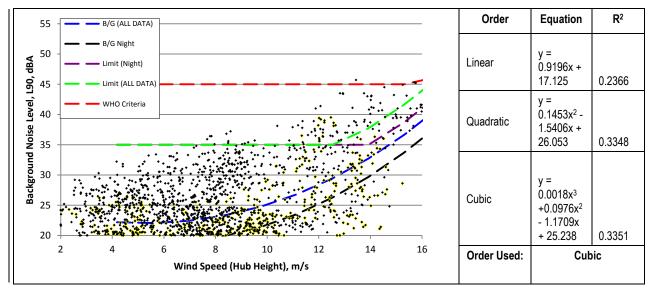


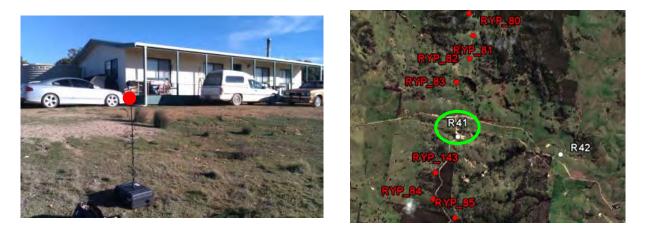
Figure 25 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R36

# 6.15 Location R41

Location R41 is located within the proposed wind farm allotment. The residence is on the north side of the ridge for RYP\_143, RYP\_83 etc. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 620 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 26 Photo and Map of Location R41



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 6/7/12 to 18/7/12 and 26/7/12 to 8/8/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 27**.

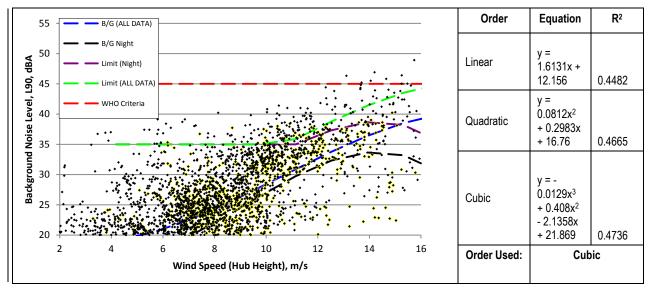


Figure 27 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R41

# 6.16 Location R44

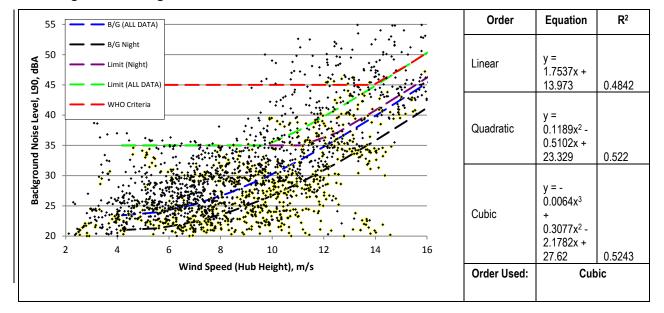
Locaiton R44 is located to the west of the ridge for RYP\_143, RYP\_84 etc. The residence is set back approximately 2 km from Rye Park-Dalton Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.5 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 28 Photo and Map of Location R44



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 8/8/12 to 20/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 10/9/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 29**.



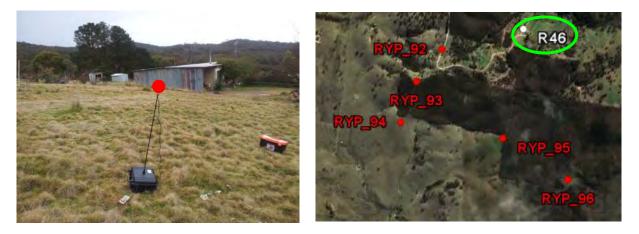


# 6.17 Location R46

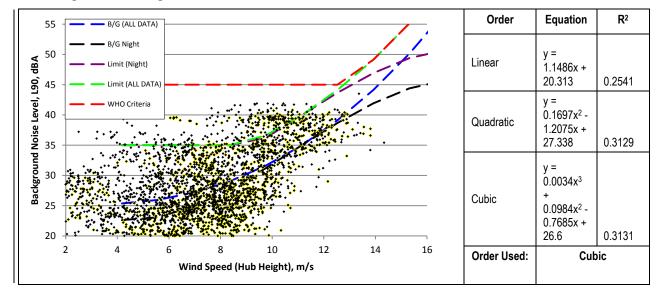
Location R46 is located on the south of the ridge for RYP\_143, RYP\_88. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 740 m away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 30 Photo and Map of Location R46



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 10/7/12 to 31/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 31**.





# 6.18 Location R49

Location R49 is located to the west of the ridge for RYP\_95, RYP\_96 etc. The residence is set back approximately 550 m from Rye Park-Dalton Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.3 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 32 Photo and Map of Location R49



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 31/7/12 to 20/8/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 33**.

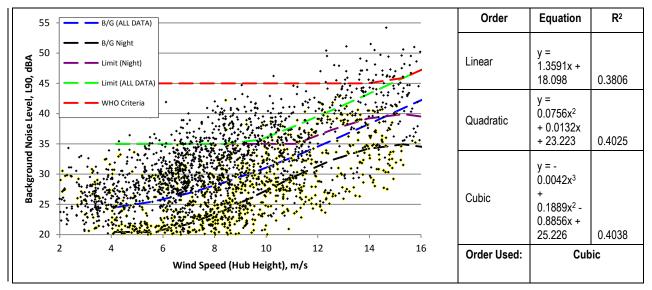


Figure 33 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R49

# 6.19 Location R51

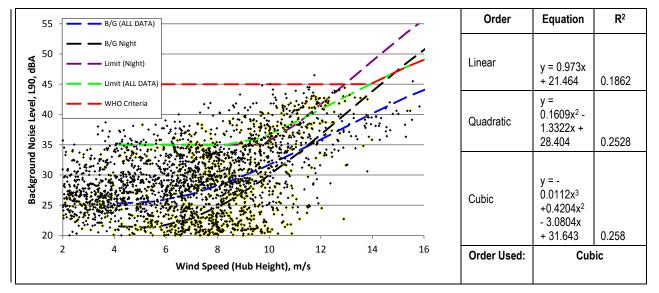
Location R51 is located to the west of the ridge for RYP\_95, RYP\_96 etc, south east of Location R49 The residence is set back approximately 200 m from Rye Park-Dalton Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.3 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

### Figure 34 Photo and Map of Location R51



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 6/7/12 to 21/7/12 and 26/7/12 to 7/8/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 35**.





# 6.20 Location R52

Location R52 is located east of the ridge for RYP\_95, RYP\_96 etc.. The residence is set back approximately 350 m from Blakney Creek North Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.8 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

Figure 36 Photo and Map of Location R52



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 26/7/12 to 17/8/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 37**.

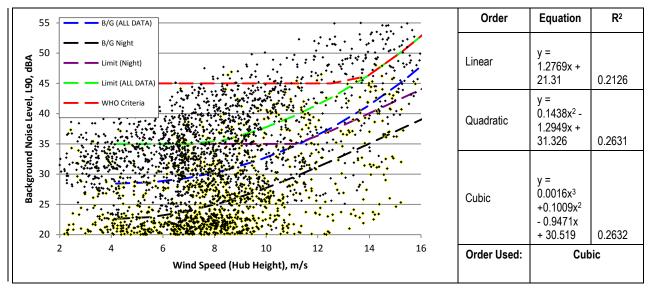


Figure 37 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R52

# 6.21 Location R54

Location R54 is located north west of the ridge for RYP\_106, RYP\_107 etc. The residence is set back approximately 1.2 km from Blakney Creek South Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.7 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

Figure 38 Photo and Map of Location R54



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 10/7/12 to 31/7/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 39**.

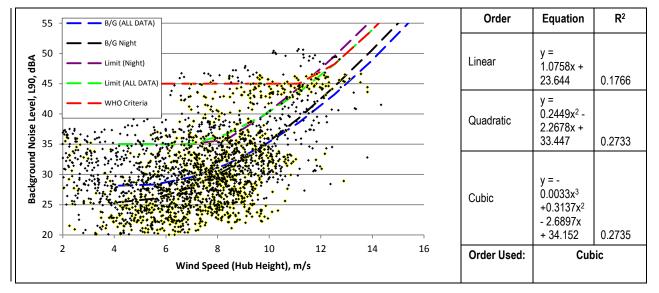


Figure 39 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R54

# 6.22 Location R56

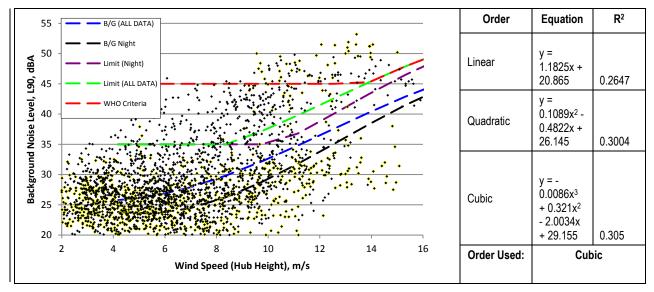
Location R56 is located south east of the ridge for RYP\_106, RYP\_107 etc. west-north-west from RYP\_120, RYP\_121 etc. The residence is approximately 1.5 km from location R58. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.4 km away.

### Figure 40 Photo and Map of Location R56





The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 31/7/12 to 4/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 21/9/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 41**.





# 6.23 Location R60

Location R60 is located south of the proposed wind farm allotment. The residence is set back approximately 420 m from Coolalie Rd. The nearest proposed turbine to this location is approximately 1.7 km away.

This residence is occupied by one of the landowners that make up part of the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm site and is therefore considered 'project involved'.

## Figure 42 Photo and Map of Location R60



The results of the background noise monitoring taken from 8/8/12 to 22/8/12 and 4/9/12 to 10/9/12, showing the data points, line of best fit and criteria curve for that group is shown in **Figure 43**.

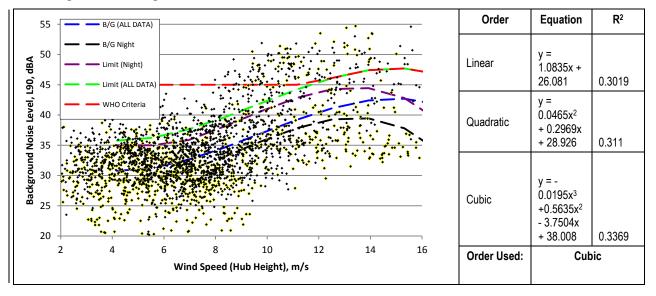


Figure 43 Background Noise Measurements and Noise Criteria Curve – Location R60

# 7 ACOUSTIC ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED WIND FARM

### 7.1 Initial Layout - Unmitigated

An assessment of the acceptability of wind farm noise levels at all assessment receivers located within 2 km of a turbine using the noise limit set in SA EPA Guidelines has been completed. Dwellings further than this distance are deemed to comply if dwellings closer to turbines comply with the SA EPA noise limit. The pre-existing background noise level regression analysis used to set the background + 5 dBA limit curve is detailed in **Section 6**.

The proponent RPWF intends to enter into noise agreements with some project involved residences prior to construction. Under the SA EPA Guidelines these residences are not required to comply to the 35 dBA or 'background + 5 dBA' limits. However, it is necessary to ensure that the project does not result in an 'unreasonable interference' with the amenity of these areas or cause any adverse health effects. Therefore for the assessment of project involved residences the adopted external criteria of 45 dBA (as per the WHO guidelines) or the level given by the SA EPA Guideline criteria, where higher, will be adopted. Effectively this becomes 45 dBA or background + 5 dBA, whichever is the higher. (See **Section 2.5** for details)

Predicted external noise levels will be further mitigated by shielding effects of the building, with the anticipated internal noise levels similarly reduced by the façade of the dwelling.

It should be further noted that all predicted noise levels are considered to be conservative with the model assuming 'hard ground' and average downwind propagation from all WTG's to each receiver or a well-developed moderate ground based temperature inversion.

Predicted noise levels for a reference wind speed of 8 m/s are shown in **Table 10** (See **Section 5.2**), based on the sound power levels provided by the manufacturer at this wind speed.

The assessment figures contained in **Appendix A1** depict the predicted WTG noise level curves for the proposed WTG layout, superimposed over SA EPA Guideline Criteria and WHO based noise limits.

**Table 14** below shows the predicted exceedances for all locations. Project involved locations are denoted with an asterisk.

				Exceeda	nce at W	ind spee	d (m/s, 1	0m AGL)	dBA		
Receiver	BG Location	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Max
R32*	R32*				0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7			0.7
R38	R36				0.5	1.0	0.7				1.0
R56	R56			2.4	1.6						2.4

#### Table 14 Noise Criteria Exceedances

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

For comparative purposes, predicted wind farm noise levels were compared to the SA EPA limits based on the night-time background noise regression curve. The exceedances of the night-time criteria are shown in **Table 15**.

	Exceedance at Wind speed (m/s, 10m AGL) dBA										
Receiver	BG Location	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Max
R32*	R32*				0.2	0.7	0.7				0.7
R56	R56			2.6	4.3	2.3					4.3
R38	R36				0.5	1.0	1.0	0.2			1.0
R47	R49					0.1					0.1

#### Table 15 Noise Criteria Exceedances – Night-time Limits

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

### 7.2 Mitigated Layout – Sound Management Mode

As some exceedances were predicted additional analysis was conducted to determine if full compliance can be achieved using the Sound Management Mode on some turbines. The contribution of each turbine to the receiver locations listed above was calculated. Those turbines that contributed most to the overall noise level were remodelled in Sound Management Mode (Mode 2).

A total of 12 turbines were set to Sound Management Mode. A detailed tabulation of the mitigated turbine layout is shown in **Appendix E**. The mitigated scenario was then remodelled in SoundPLAN software and compared to the noise limit curve for all wind speeds. **Table 16** shows the predicted noise levels for the mitigated layout at the reference wind speed 8 m/s (10 m AGL). The assessment curves for the mitigated scenario are shown in **Appendix A2**.

Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA	Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA
R1	37.1	R36*	36.0
R2*	41.7	R38	35.0
R6	34.2	R40	27.7
R7	32.9	R41*	43.1
R8	31.4	R42*	34.0
R9	30.7	R44*	36.7
R10	30.8	R45	35.6
R11*	41.0	R46*	42.4
R13*	41.2	R47	35.4
R14*	42.3	R48	34.1
R16*	42.7	R49*	37.2
R17	35.1	R50	34.9
R19	36.8	R51*	35.7
R20	35.2	R52*	31.5
R22	34.6	R53	32.5
R24	31.4	R54*	33.2
R25*	37.4	R56	35.0
R26*	33.6	R58	27.9
R29	33.6	R59*	34.1
R30*	42.9	R60*	32.9
R31*	39.5	R61*	32.0

#### Table 16 Predicted Wind Turbine Noise Level (dBA) – Mitigated Layout

Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA	Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBA
R32*	44.7	R62	32.3
R33*	41.4	R63	31.8
R34*	41.2	R64*	34.0
R35*	37.8	R65	33.9

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

The predicted noise levels from this scenario were determined to comply for all receivers for all wind speeds. This mitigation process demonstrates that full compliance is achievable for the wind farm. As the final turbine model is still to be decided, a final noise assessment will be needed to ensure compliance will be achieved on the wind farm as constructed.

### 7.3 Vestas V112 Detailed Tonality assessment

IEC 61400-11:2002 is the measurement standard used for determining the sound power in one-third octave bands for wind turbines, as measured in the near field. In addition, the standard uses narrow band analysis to quantify tones in the measured sound power spectrum. The result of this test is the tonal audibility criterion  $\Delta L_{A,k}$ . In general,  $\Delta L_{A,k}$  values greater than -3 should be reported as per the standard.

The origin of the  $\Delta L_{A,k}$  test can be found in the *Objective Method for Assessing the Audibility of Tones in Noise, Joint Nordic Method* developed by DELTA. While not fully explained in the IEC 61400-11 standard, the tonality penalty is determined according to the following formula.<sup>2</sup>

for  $\Delta L_{ta} < 4dB$ : k = 0 dB

for  $4 \le \Delta L_{ta} \le 10 dB$ :  $k = \Delta L_{ta} - 4$ 

for  $\Delta L_{ta} > 10 dB$ : k = 6 dB

Note: k is not restricted to integer values

Examining the Vestas V112 data provided by the manufacturer<sup>3</sup>,  $\Delta L_{A,k}$  is less than 4 dB at all wind speeds and therefore does not attract a penalty under the Joint Nordic Method.

In addition to this test a one-third octave band test was completed using the noise levels as predicted by the SoundPLAN model. Levels were assessed against the description of tonality as defined in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. The policy states that the presence of excessive tonality is defined as when the level of one-third octave band measured in the equivalent noise level  $L_{eq}(10 \text{ minute})$  exceeds the level of the adjacent bands on both sides by:

- $\rightarrow$  5 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is above 400Hz
- → 8 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is 160 to 400Hz inclusive
- → 15 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is below 160Hz

The predicted noise level in one third octave bands did not meet the descriptions as stated above and would therefore be deemed 'non tonal' in the field.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Equation 4 from Objective Method for Assessing the Audibility of Tones in Noise. Joint Nordic Method – Version 2. AV 1952/99 14 April 2000, pg 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Garad Hassan report, GLGH-4286 12 09255 258-A-00001-B dated 20 August 2012

# 7.4 Van den Berg Effect

The phenomena commonly referred to as the 'van den Berg effect' actually includes several effects. They are:

- Increased WTG Sound Power Level due to higher wind shear across the blade of the turbine
- Enhanced propagation of noise due to higher wind shear
- Lower ground level background masking noise for a given operational wind speed due to higher wind shear
- Increased modulation character of the turbine due to higher wind shear

These effects all occur as a result of high wind shear (stable atmosphere) conditions. Atmospheric stability is discussed in the following sections, including a quantification of wind shear on site based on one year's worth of wind monitoring data.

### 7.4.1 Atmospheric stability and wind profile

The wind velocity at a location can be represented by a vertical profile (gradient) that generally is at a minimum at ground level and increases with altitude. The wind velocity profile is primarily determined by physical factors such as surface roughness and topographic (relief) effects, which are reasonably constant over time, however can also be affected by more variable local atmospheric conditions including atmospheric stability and turbulence.

Atmospheric stability is determined by the total heat flux to the ground, primarily being the sum of incoming solar and outgoing thermal radiation and heat exchanged with the air. During clear summer days (incoming radiation dominates) air is heated from below and rises, causing significant thermal mixing, vertical air movements and turbulence. This process limits large variations in the vertical wind velocity profile.

During clear nights when outgoing radiation dominates, air is cooled from below, air density is greatest closer to the ground and minimal thermal mixing occurs. This leads to a stable atmosphere where horizontal layers of air are largely decoupled and allows for a higher wind velocity gradient.

The noise assessment methodology outlined in the SA EPA Guidelines, as in many other similar wind farm noise assessment methodologies, by necessity rely on the independently verified reference sound power data available for specific wind turbines measured at a manufacturer's test site. The measurement procedure has been standardised (IEC 61400-11) to require sound power data to be measured coincidentally with reference wind speed measurements at an altitude of 10 metres.

As discussed in **Section 5.2** the SA EPA Guideline methodology has been adapted to the alternative reference wind speed at a height of 80 metres AGL which is more representative of hub height wind speed. Accordingly the turbine sound power level data has been amended to the appropriate 80 m AGL wind speed. This approach goes some way to alleviating the variability that changing wind profiles has with respect to a 10 metre reference height.

While the proposed layout meets the requirements of the SA EPA Guidelines, some uncertainty remains as to the likely noise conditions that will result under specific atmospheric conditions over time. The SA EPA Guidelines noise limits are generally set within the requirements of the WHO Guidelines that relate to health impacts, and it is highly unlikely that the remaining uncertainty could lead to health impacts. Some additional analysis into the prevalence of stable atmospheres (ie high wind shear) has been undertaken and is discussed in **Section 7.4.3**.

An adaptive management approach (See **Section 7.5**) could be implemented if undue noise impacts are identified during WTG operation that are related to elevated WTG noise levels during stable atmosphere conditions.

### 7.4.2 Temperature Inversions

Temperature inversion is an atmospheric condition in which temperature increases with height above ground. Such conditions may increase noise levels by focussing sound wave propagation paths at a single point. Temperature inversions occurring within the lowest 50m to 100m of atmosphere can affect noise levels measured on the ground. Temperature inversions are most commonly caused by radiative cooling of the ground at night leading to cooling of the air in contact with the ground. Such conditions are especially prevalent on cloudless nights with little wind.

The SA EPA Guidelines do not require or suggest temperature inversions be included during wind farm noise assessments. The NSW INP states that temperature inversions be included in an assessment if they are deemed to be a prevalent feature of the environment, which generally requires they occur for greater than 30% of the total night-time during winter (approximately two nights per week between 6:00 pm and 7:00 am). Currently there is insufficient data available to accurately determine the prevalence of temperature inversions; however, given that temperature inversions require atmospheric conditions to be stable, the analysis into wind shear values for the site (See **Section 7.4.3**) may provide some additional context.

Conventional approaches to assessing noise propagation under temperature inversion conditions require knowledge of the temperature gradient and assume that the noise source is located below the temperature inversion, typically near to the ground. The effect of temperature inversions on noise propagation from highly elevated noise sources, such as WTG's is therefore not typical of other sources.

WTG's for the Rye Park Wind Farm project are located on top of elevated ridges. The hub height (assumed acoustic centre of the WTG) is typically located 150 m to 200 m higher than receiver locations on the surrounding area. It is therefore unlikely that conventional temperature inversion conditions, in the lower 200m of the atmosphere, would significantly affect noise propagation from such an elevated source.

A further consideration must be that temperature inversions require little to no wind in order to minimise atmospheric mixing and hence develop. During calm conditions the WTGs are unlikely to operate, as their cut-in speed is typically 3m/s.

Notwithstanding the above, an adaptive management approach (See **Section 7.5**) could be implemented if undue noise impacts are identified during WTG operation that are related to temperature inversion effects.

#### 7.4.3 Likelihood of Enhanced Noise Generation and Propagation Conditions

The probability of meteorological effects that may exacerbate the impacts of noise is an area of interest amongst the research community. Several hypotheses exist to explain why stable atmospheric conditions may cause such phenomena but as yet there is no standardised way of determining a direct, numerical relationship between meteorological conditions and the resulting effect on WTG noise levels.

The IEC61400 testing method does not include any requirement to report the change in output Sound Power Level under differing wind shear values, nor would such information necessarily relate to a particular wind farm site. The local terrain and topographical features of any project site can vary considerably and have a large influence on near-ground-level air flow and, by extension, the wind shear characteristics of the site.

Nonetheless, a brief evaluation of various wind shear values at the site using a simplified model has been undertaken for Rye Park Wind Farm. This may better direct decisions regarding the potential for increased noise impact under different atmospheric conditions once further research findings improves the general understanding of these phenomena.

The relationship between wind speeds at differing heights above the ground can be approximated to:

 $V_{@h} = V_{@g} \left(\frac{h}{h_g}\right)^{\alpha} where$   $V_h = Velocity at height h$   $V_g = Velocity at ground level$  $\alpha = Wind Shear Exponent$ 

A high value of  $\alpha$  indicates a stable atmosphere, which may increase the prevalence of conditions that increase noise generation and propagation.

The proponent has provided SLR Consulting measurement data from a wind mast on site which was analysed to give the wind shear exponent values at different times of day. The data provided was for a full year in the period April 2009 to April 2010. **Figure 44** below shows the average values provided by the proponent, grouped by month.

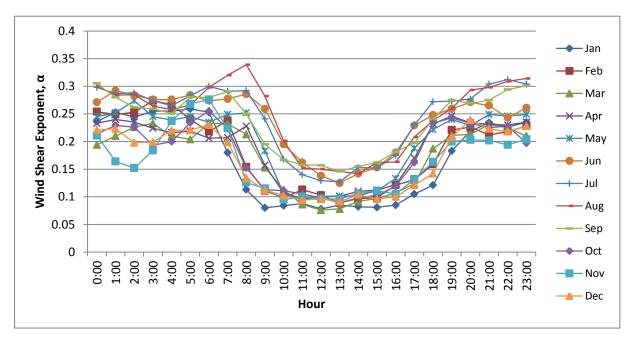


Figure 44 Variability of Wind Shear by Month & Hour (Average)

Several values of wind shear exponent value ( $\alpha$ ) have been proposed as defining a stable atmosphere. A wind shear value of greater than 0.55 has been suggested as a 'highly stable' atmosphere for rural environments;<sup>4</sup> van den Berg<sup>5</sup> suggests that a wind shear exponent of 0.41 is appropriate.

To further examine the prevalence of high wind shear values, detailed analysis of wind shear was conducted, with the percentage likelihood of wind shear exponent for each season and time period (Day/Evening/Night). **Table 17** shows the results for two values of  $\alpha$  presented in research papers discussed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Source: Table 2 from 'Sources of Wind Turbine Noise and Sound Propagation' - Renzo Tonin and Associates - Acoustics Australia Vol. 40 No. 1 pg 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: Table 1 from '*Effects of the wind profile at night on wind turbine sound*' - GP van den Berg - Journal of Sound and Vibration

	α > 0.41			α > 0.55		
Season	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
Summer	2.1%	7.2%	13.9%	0.5%	0.7%	1.9%
Autumn	4.5%	6.1%	10.4%	1.4%	0.6%	2.6%
Winter	9.8%	14.7%	18.9%	2.1%	2.2%	3.8%
Spring	4.9%	7.9%	14.6%	1.4%	0.7%	2.3%

Table 17	Likelihood of High Wind Shear Exponent
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The values presented show that high wind shear does not occur for more than 30% of any time period in any season. The NSW INP deems this as being sufficiently occurring to define it as a prevailing meteorological feature for a site.

While the data shows that stable atmosphere conditions may exist for short periods of time, the results of the analysis undertaken indicate that stable atmospheres do not to occur at this site on a long term basis and are not deemed a feature of the site under NSW INP.

### 7.5 Adaptive Management

If undue WTG noise impacts are identified during operations due to temperature inversion, atmospheric stability or other reasons, then an 'adaptive management' approach could be implemented to mitigate or remove the impact. This process could include;

- $\rightarrow$  Receiving and documenting noise impact complaint through 'hotline' or other means.
- $\rightarrow$  Investigating the nature of the reported impact.
- $\rightarrow$  Identifying exactly what conditions or times lead to undue impacts.
- → Operating WTG's in a reduced 'noise optimised' mode during identified times and conditions (sector management).
- $\rightarrow$  Turning off WTG's that are identified as causing the undue impact.
- $\rightarrow$  Providing acoustic upgrades (glazing, façade, masking noise etc) to affected dwellings.

The type of mitigation required would depend on the conditions which occur when the noise is shown to have an impact as well as site-specific details at the location where the impact is demonstrated. Any noise impact would need to be appropriately investigated by a qualified acoustics consultant to understand which mitigation strategy is most appropriate. Nominating an appropriate management technique is the responsibility of the wind farm operator and would depend on the nature and times of the impact. Specific details of the steps to mitigate potential adverse noise impacts would form a part of a Noise Management Plan for the project which would be completed following approval of the wind farm.

### 7.6 Wind Turbine Vibration

Vibration or more specifically the oscillatory movement of receptor structures could potentially propagate from a source (in this case a wind farm) through either a ground path (ground borne vibration) or an airborne path as sound which could couple with lightweight structures and produce a movement in the structure.

### 7.6.1 Ground borne vibration

Ground borne vibration levels attenuate with distance with varying amounts dependant upon such variables as frequency and geotechnical parameters. There are a few documented research reports with regards to wind farm generated ground vibration.

The Snow Report (*Low Frequency Noise & Vibration Measurements at a Modern Wind Farm*, ETSU W/13/01392/REP, D J Snow, 1997) describes measurements taken at a wind farm consisting of eleven 450 kW WTG's, where noise and vibration measurements were taken at increasingly distant points up to 1 kilometre. Low frequency vibration was determined down to 0.1 Hz with varying wind speeds and on/off operation. The research found that the absolute level of vibration signals measured at any frequency at 100 metres from the nearest WTG were significantly below the most stringent criteria given by BS 6472:1992 *Evaluation of human exposure to vibration in buildings (1Hz to 80Hz)*. Furthermore vibration in the 0.5Hz to 1Hz range remained at similar levels when the wind farm was not operating, suggesting that the vibration measured may have been due to other (ambient) sources.

Detailed *Microseismic and Infrasound Monitoring of Low Frequency Noise and Vibrations from Wind Farms* were undertaken by the Applied and Environmental Geophysics Group of Keele University as part of a comprehensive report giving '*Recommendations on The Siting of Wind Farm in the Vicinity the Eskdalemuir, Scotland*'. The Eskadelmuir Seismic Array (EKA) is in the southern uplands of Scotland and is sited on a very quiet magnetic and seismic environment with twin 9 km long lines of seismometer instrumentation which are sensitive enough to pick up nuclear explosions from up to 15,000 km away. It should be noted that the objective of the study was to measure vibration levels many orders of magnitude lower than project criteria detailed in **Section 2.7** 

The Eskdalemuir report details results taken from St Breock Downs Wind Farm (possibly the same measurements taken in the Snow Report). From the documented seismic vibration measurements taken at 25 metres from a single WTG a peak particle velocity (PPV) of approximately 8x10<sup>-5</sup> mm/s has been calculated. This is approximately 2500 orders of magnitude lower than project criteria. Whilst we note that turbines proposed for Rye Park Wind Farm are larger than those measured above we are confident that ground vibration will be completely imperceptible at surrounding receptors. Furthermore, our own experience and observations at other operating wind farms has not indicated perceptible ground vibration at any distance from turbines.

### 7.6.2 Air borne vibration / Infrasound

A good deal of misunderstanding and attention has been given in recent times to low frequency noise and infrasound generated by wind farms. Infrasound at sufficient levels has the potential to be perceived as vibration or alternatively cause the movement of lightweight structures which then in turn are perceived as vibration. It should be noted that the sometimes audible cyclical modulation of aerodynamic noise, the '*swish swish*' of blades, is often mistakenly identified as low frequency noise, where it actually is the low frequency modulation of audible noise.

The subject of infrasound is most complex, dealing with frequencies that are sub audible, requiring alternative frequency weighting scales, specialist measurement equipment and techniques, and evaluating the variance of hearing sensitivity in a population at low frequency. Furthermore, infrasound levels depend on many variables including turbine type and size, wind conditions (including turbulence), propagation distance, building structure and materials, room sizing and positioning within room.

Comprehensive review, measurement testing and evaluation are offered in numerous technical reports investigating infrasound and low frequency noise from wind farms including;

- A Review of Published Research on Low Frequency Noise and its Effects Report for Defra by Dr Geoff Leventhall assisted by Dr Peter Pelmear and Dr Stephen Benton - 2002 (refer to <u>http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/noise/research/lowfrequency/documents/lowfreqnois</u> <u>e.pdf</u>)
- The Measurement of Low Frequency Noise at Three UK Wind Farms report for DTI by Hayes McKenzie Partnership 2006 (refer to <u>http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file31270.pdf</u>)
- Wind turbines & Infrasound 2006 Report for Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) by Howe Gastmeier Chapnik Limited (HGC Engineering) - 2006 (refer to http://www.canwea.ca/images/uploads/File/CanWEA Infrasound Study Final.pdf)

 Wind Farms Technical Paper – Environmental Noise – report for Clean Energy Council Australia by Sonus Pty Ltd – 2010 (refer to <u>http://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/cec/mediaevents/media-releases/November2010/sonus-report.html</u>)

The consensus drawn by all investigations is that infrasound noise emissions from modern WTG's are significantly below the recognised threshold of perception for acoustic energy within this range.

# 7.7 Substation Transformer Noise Levels

The appropriate noise criteria for Substation Noise are provided in *NSW INP* (See Section 2.2 and 2.4). Noise from the substation will be assessed separately from the wind farm and will be subject to a separate approval.

Australian Standard AS 60076 Part 10 2009: "Power Transformers – Determination of sound levels" indicates that the 200 MVA transformer facility may produce sound power levels up to 98 dBA and a 450 MVA transformer may produce sound power levels up to 103A dB. The dominant frequency of such transformers is 100 Hz.

Noise predictions for transformer substations have been made using CONCAWE algorithms assuming an absolute 'worst case' meteorology enhancement condition of downwind 3 m/s and Pasquill Stability Class F temperature inversion. The results are presented in **Table 18** for the nearest receptor locations, along with the appropriate NSW INP limit (See **Section 7.8** for RBL derivation).

		NSW Industrial N	NSW Industrial Noise Policy Criteria			
Location	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dB(A)	RBL (Night)	Noise Limit (Intrusive Criteria)	Complies?		
R41	30.6	20	35	Yes		
R59	29	31	35	Yes		
R61	27.3	31	35	Yes		
R62	27	31	35	Yes		
R63	26.5	31	35	Yes		
R60	22.5	31	35	Yes		

#### Table 18 Predicted 'worst case' 200 MVA switching substation noise

### 7.8 Transmission Line Noise (Corona Noise)

Corona noise is caused by the partial breakdown of the insulation properties of air surrounding the conducting wires. It generally only occurs in humid conditions, as provided by fog or rain. A minimum line potential of 70 kV or higher is required to generate corona noise depending on the electrical design. Corona noise does not occur on domestic distribution lines.

Corona noise has two major components, a low frequency tone associated with the frequency of the AC supply (100 Hz for 50 Hz source) and broadband noise. The tonal component of the noise is related to the point along the electric waveform at which the air begins to conduct. This varies with each cycle and consequently the frequency of the emitted tone is subject to great fluctuations. Corona noise can be characterised as broadband 'crackling' or 'buzzing' and is generally only a feature during foggy or raining conditions.

We have previously measured corona noise (reference GEHA Report 045-109/2 dated 9 November 2004) at a site near Officer in outer Melbourne, Victoria. We found it possible to measure corona noise at close distances, at high frequencies only, as other noise sources, namely traffic and birds, caused some interference at times. A 500 kV line was measured during damp foggy conditions.

At a distance of 30m along the ground from the line an Leq noise level of approximately 44 dBA was measured. At a distance of 100m the corona noise was calculated to be approximately 39 dBA.

Assuming a minimum RBL value of 30 dBA, the minimum intrusive criteria as determined by the NSW Industrial Noise Policy (INP) would be 35 dBA. We therefore conservatively estimate that the minimum criteria level of 35 dBA would be complied with at a distance of 240 metres. The developer has advised that the proposed transmission route is further than this distance from any receptor and hence any occasional corona noise will comply with the NSW INP minimum limit at all residential receivers.

# 9 NSW DRAFT WIND FARM GUIDELINES

In December 2011 the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure released the *Draft NSW Planning Guidelines Wind Farms – Appendix B: NSW Wind Farm Noise Guidelines.* 

Whilst the guidelines are yet to be finalised it has been requested by the Director General that during the interim period due consideration should be given to a number of the additional requirements of the proposed draft guideline. These are presented below.

### 9.1 Daytime vs. Night-time Background Noise

The background noise data was reprocessed to define background noise curves for the daytime period (7.00 am to 10.00 pm) and night-time period (10.00 pm to 7.00 am) as defined by the draft guideline. The corresponding  $3^{rd}$  order regression curve and correlation coefficient are presented in **Table 19** below.

Location	Daytime	Daytime R <sup>2</sup>	Night-time	Night-time R <sup>2</sup>
R2	0.004x <sup>3</sup> + 0.0675x <sup>2</sup> - 0.2107x + 28.332	0.3494	-0.0146x <sup>3</sup> + 0.5005x <sup>2</sup> - 3.2897x + 32.238	0.3445
R6	-0.0047x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1943x <sup>2</sup> - 0.8391x + 26.145	0.3306	-0.0145x <sup>3</sup> + 0.4377x <sup>2</sup> - 2.8665x + 30.122	0.3009
R13	-0.0041x <sup>3</sup> + 0.252x <sup>2</sup> - 1.683x + 29.857	0.4428	0.0176x <sup>3</sup> - 0.2545x <sup>2</sup> + 1.994x + 20.174	0.3872
R14	-0.0049x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2106x <sup>2</sup> - 0.7195x + 24.259	0.4113	0.02x <sup>3</sup> - 0.2626x <sup>2</sup> + 1.0216x + 24.109	0.252
R19	0.0066x <sup>3</sup> - 0.0775x <sup>2</sup> + 0.6283x + 29.502	0.2135	0.0022x <sup>3</sup> + 0.0703x <sup>2</sup> - 0.6383x + 29.799	0.3118
R24	-0.0055x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1967x <sup>2</sup> - 0.8652x + 29.768	0.3074	-0.0012x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2153x <sup>2</sup> - 1.8413x + 31.706	0.3458
R25	0.0115x <sup>3</sup> - 0.1688x <sup>2</sup> + 1.3235x + 20.633	0.2758	0.0022x <sup>3</sup> + 0.0046x <sup>2</sup> + 0.1516x + 19.907	0.2382
R30	-0.0013x <sup>3</sup> + 0.0643x <sup>2</sup> + 0.5145x + 24.623	0.2781	8E-05x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1703x <sup>2</sup> - 2.0978x + 31.624	0.2094
R32	0.0066x <sup>3</sup> - 0.0399x <sup>2</sup> + 0.3799x + 29.191	0.2495	-0.0001x <sup>3</sup> + 0.121x <sup>2</sup> - 0.9889x + 31.088	0.3105
R34	-0.0082x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2317x <sup>2</sup> + 0.0968x + 20.66	0.8039	-0.0233x <sup>3</sup> + 0.7447x <sup>2</sup> - 5.1951x + 34.199	0.7439
R36	-0.0016x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1622x <sup>2</sup> - 1.3908x + 26.761	0.3351	-6E-05x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1693x <sup>2</sup> - 2.0032x + 24.906	0.4326
R41	-0.0076x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2461x <sup>2</sup> - 0.6705x + 19.441	0.4736	-0.0324x <sup>3</sup> + 0.894x <sup>2</sup> - 5.6692x + 26.728	0.5152
R44	-0.0104x <sup>3</sup> + 0.3862x <sup>2</sup> - 2.3486x + 28.104	0.5243	-0.0051x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2755x <sup>2</sup> - 2.1163x + 25.414	0.4665
R46	0.0075x <sup>3</sup> - 0.0479x <sup>2</sup> + 0.5806x + 24.267	0.3131	-0.0223x <sup>3</sup> + 0.7267x <sup>2</sup> - 5.1643x + 33.143	0.4345
R49	-0.0018x <sup>3</sup> + 0.0804x <sup>2</sup> + 0.4197x + 23.562	0.4038	-0.0258x <sup>3</sup> + 0.7838x <sup>2</sup> - 5.8263x + 32.991	0.4853
R51	-0.0037x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1526x <sup>2</sup> - 0.5917x + 27.473	0.258	-0.018x <sup>3</sup> + 0.7135x <sup>2</sup> - 5.7973x + 34.583	0.3686
R52	-0.0003x <sup>3</sup> + 0.1141x <sup>2</sup> - 0.6748x + 32.126	0.2632	-0.0062x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2728x <sup>2</sup> - 2.0066x + 26.692	0.2743
R54	-0.0055x <sup>3</sup> + 0.3039x <sup>2</sup> - 2.3277x + 33.946	0.2735	-0.0094x <sup>3</sup> + 0.4771x <sup>2</sup> - 3.5489x + 32.598	0.3768

#### Table 19 Background Noise Regression Curves and Correlation Coefficient

Location	Daytime	Daytime R <sup>2</sup>	Night-time	Night-time R <sup>2</sup>
R56	-0.0085x <sup>3</sup> + 0.2961x <sup>2</sup> - 1.513x + 28.567	0.305	-0.0136x <sup>3</sup> + 0.5228x <sup>2</sup> - 4.3054x + 33.647	0.3299
R60	-0.013x <sup>3</sup> + 0.4374x <sup>2</sup> - 3.0842x + 38.204	0.3369	-0.0316x <sup>3</sup> + 0.8557x <sup>2</sup> - 5.917x + 41.243	0.3271

Daytime regression curves were typically 0.5 to 1dB higher than the regression curve based on the full data set. Night-time regression curves were typically 2 to 4 dB lower than the regression curves based on the full data set. Correlations for daytime regression curves were generally close to correlation for the full data set. Correlations for night-time regression curves were usually higher, although in some cases were significantly lower. This is most likely due to high data scatter at lower wind speeds.

The new background noise curves were used to update the noise limit curves for all receptors and all predicted results were assessed against these criteria. There were no exceedances of the daytime only criteria for any receiver.

Table 20 below shows the exceedances for all project uninvolved locations for the night-time criteria.

Table 20	NSW Draft Wind Farm	Guidelines	Exceedances – Night-time Criteria
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				Excee	dance a	t Wind s	speed (m	/s, 10m	AGL) dE	BA		
Receiver	BG Location	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Max
R47	R49*						0.4					0.4

Note that '\*' denotes a project involved location

The predicted exceedance is below 0.5 dBA. This is a relatively minor exceedance which would be difficult to measure in the field.

### 9.2 Special Audible Characteristics

The Draft NSW Guidelines have been developed with the fundamental characteristics of wind turbine noise taken into consideration including reasonable levels of swish, modulation, discrete tones and low frequency noise.

The Draft NSW Guidelines introduce recommendations for procedures to assess excessive levels of special audible character and these procedures (if adopted) are to be used to evaluate noise character from an operational wind farm. Notwithstanding the above, the proposed procedures have been adapted to evaluate the predicted likelihood of excessive levels of special audible character.

### 9.2.1 Low Frequency Noise

An assessment of the potential for low frequency noise was completed with C-weighted noise levels predicted for the proposed layout.

A criteria of 65 dBC daytime and 60 dBC night-time as proposed by the Draft NSW Guidelines was used to determine if further investigation into low frequency noise was warranted.

The results of the SoundPLAN predicted levels showed that no receiver location exceeded 60 dBC.

### 9.2.2 Tonality

The simplified 1/3 octave band method for assessing tonality as proposed by the Draft NSW Guidelines was completed for the proposed layouts using the same method evaluated in **Section 7.3**.

The tonality tests showed no presence of tonality in the predicted results. A full set of results for this analysis is shown in **Appendix F.** 

### 9.2.3 Amplitude Modulation

Amplitude modulation (AM) refers to the cyclical modulation of audible aerodynamic noise from WTGs. The modulation typically occurs at rate corresponding to blade passing frequency which is approximately once per second (i.e. ~1 Hz). This is not to be confused with infrasound, that is, sound waves at frequencies below the range of human hearing; rather it refers to the fluctuation of noise level in the audible range.

Noise from a wind turbine typically includes an inherent level of amplitude modulation, often referred to as 'swish' and the criteria in the Draft NSW Guidelines have been determined with the inherent characteristics of wind turbine noise – including reasonable levels of amplitude modulation – taken into consideration. The Draft NSW Guidelines propose an excessive level of modulation is taken to be a variation of greater than 4 dBA at the blade passing.

The issue of AM of WTG noise is now the subject of considerable research and investigation and whilst 'normal' amplitude modulation (swish) is generally well characterised and the source mechanism better understood, the hypothesised potential causes of excessive (Other) AM are somewhat more complex and not well understood.

Research into AM undertaken by Salford University in 2007, found that out of the total number of operational wind farms investigated (133) in the UK approximately 20% at some point had registered a noise complaint(s); but AM was considered to be a factor in noise complaints at only 3% of the sites and a possible factor at 6% of the sites. Furthermore, the periods when AM complaints were registered at four wind farms determined that the necessary conditions were relatively infrequent. From this it appears that whatever the actual number of occurrences of potential excessive AM, it only occurs at a minority of wind farm sites for a small amount of the time.

There currently is no means to predict the eventuality, severity or frequency of occurrence of excessive AM and the proposed Draft NSW Guideline methodology is limited to the assessment of operational wind farms. Research evidence would suggest that excessive AM has only been confirmed at a small number of wind farm sites and when it occurs it is relatively infrequent.

Nevertheless, should excessive AM be found to be a problem with the wind farm, it would be possible to limit the impact on the residents through adaptive management techniques (See also **Section 7.5**).

# 10 ASSESSMENT OF CONSTRUCTION NOISE & VIBRATION LEVELS

### **10.1** Project Construction Noise

The appropriate criteria for construction noise are provided in the Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (DECCW, 2009) (See **Sections 2.2** and **2.6**).

Proposed construction activities associated with the wind farm include;

- $\rightarrow$  construction of access roads,
- $\rightarrow$  establishment of turbine tower foundations and electrical substation,
- $\rightarrow$  digging of trenches to accommodate underground power cables,
- $\rightarrow$  erection of turbine towers and assembly of WTG's.

The equipment required to complete the above tasks will typically include;

- → excavator/grader, bulldozer, dump trucks, vibratory roller
- → bucket loader, rock breaker, drill rig, excavator/grader, bulldozer, dump truck, flat bed truck, concrete truck
- $\rightarrow$  cranes, fork lift, and various 4WD and service vehicles.

The anticipated construction period is anticipated to be less than 24 months, with civil works expected to span approximately 12 to 15 months, however, due to the large area of the wind farm site, intensive works will be located within close proximity to individual residential receivers for only very short and intermittent periods of time.

It is anticipated that most construction will occur during standard construction hours and it is therefore considered appropriate that construction noise levels up to 10 dBA above the RBL's would be acceptable. Construction noise levels greater than 10 dBA above RBL could be considered as 'noise affected' as defined by the DECCW guidelines. At levels greater than 75 dBA receptors would be considered 'highly noise affected' by construction noise as defined by the Guidelines.

### 10.2 Ambient Background Noise Levels

Noise monitoring data presented in **Section 6** was used to determine the RBL for each period in general accordance with the DECCW Guidelines. We note that as 10 minute intervals were used in the logging campaign for the Wind Farm Assessment, this interval was used for derivation of background noise. **Table 21** shows the RBL for each monitoring location.

Table 21	Summary of Rating I	Background Levels	s (RBL's) for Monitoring Locations	5
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	RBL (dBA)				
Measurement Location	Day (0700 h – 1800 h)	Evening (1800 h – 2200 h)	Night (2200 h – 0700 h)		
R2	26	33	29		
R6	26	30	28		
R13	26	31	24		
R14	23	26	24		
R19	27	32	28		
R24	27	30	28		
R25	22	22	21		
R30	25	27	23		

	RBL (dBA)			
Measurement Location	Day (0700 h – 1800 h)	Evening (1800 h – 2200 h)	Night (2200 h – 0700 h)	
R32	28	30	30	
R34	24	43	26	
R36	22	18	18	
R41	20	21	18	
R44	27	29	21	
R46	23	26	24	
R49	26	24	18	
R51	26	21	19	
R52	31	24	20	
R54	25	29	24	
R56	24	27	23	
R60	31	33	30	

We note that the NSW INP nominates a minimum RBL of 30 dBA. In locations where the measured RBL is lower than this, the RBL reverts to 30 dBA.

### **10.3 Noise Modelling Parameters**

In order to calculate the noise levels at the various noise sensitive receiver locations from construction equipment associated with the project, a SoundPLAN computer noise model was developed.

The model predicts noise levels by taking into account such factors as the source sound power levels and locations of sources and receivers, distance attenuation, ground absorption, air absorption and shielding attenuation, as well as meteorological conditions, including wind effects. The noise model was configured to use prediction algorithms in accordance with the Conservation of Clean Air and Water Europe (CONCAWE) prediction methodology which allows for conservative 'worst case' meteorological propagation conditions.

Sound power levels used to derive the predicted construction noise were based on typical data sourced from the SLR Consulting noise source database. Computer noise models of typical construction scenarios were developed which included all anticipated mobile equipment for the activity operating simultaneously at full load. **Table 22** shows typical sound power levels of equipment used in wind farm construction.

Equipment	Octave band mid frequency - Leq Sound Power Levels dB							
	63	125	250	500	1 K	2 k	4 K	Total, dBA
Excavator	121	126	111	107	106	101	96	113
Grader	118	124	115	114	115	114	113	120
Rock Breaker	113	115	117	122	121	120	118	126
Crane	108	105	109	107	111	105	97	113

### Table 22 Typical Construction Equipment

To examine the possible worst case construction noise impacts for all nearby receivers, four different construction scenarios were modelled at each turbine location and the highest noise levels for each receiver predicted. These are:

 $\rightarrow$  Construction of Access Roads

- → Establishment of Turbine Foundations
- → Trench Excavation
- $\rightarrow$  WTG Erection and Assembly

### **10.4** Normal Working Hours Operation

**Table 23** shows the predicted construction level for all receivers. The Rating Background Level (RBL) obtained during the background noise monitoring campaign and applicable noise limit for the daytime period is included. Locations where the predicted noise levels are deemed 'noise affected' are highlighted in red.

#### Table 23 Predicted Construction Noise Levels

Location	Construction A	ctivity			RBL	Noise Management Level
	Establishment of Turbine Tower Foundations	Trench Excavation	Construction of Access Roads	WTG Erection & Assembly	Day	Day (RBL+10) OR 40 dBA
R1	52	39	41	39	26	40
R2	59	45	48	45	26	40
R6	49	36	38	36	26	40
R7	49	35	37	35	26	40
R8	47	34	36	34	26	40
R9	47	33	36	33	26	40
R10	45	32	34	32	26	40
R11	50	37	39	37	26	40
R13	55	42	44	42	26	40
R14	56	43	45	43	23	40
R16	57	43	46	43	23	40
R17	45	31	34	31	27	40
R19	47	33	36	33	27	40
R20	44	31	34	31	27	40
R22	43	29	32	29	27	40
R24	43	29	32	29	27	40
R25	49	35	38	35	22	40
R26	44	31	33	31	22	40
R29	46	32	35	32	22	40
R30	57	44	47	44	25	40
R31	48	35	37	35	28	40
R32	55	42	44	42	28	40
R33	49	36	39	36	25	40
R34	56	42	45	42	24	40
R35	55	42	44	42	24	40
R36	52	38	41	38	22	40
R38	49	36	38	36	22	40

Location	Construction Activity					Noise Management Level
	Establishment of Turbine Tower Foundations	Trench Excavation	Construction of Access Roads	WTG Erection & Assembly	Day	Day (RBL+10) OR 40 dBA
R40	35	21	24	21	27	40
R41	59	45	48	45	20	40
R42	45	32	34	32	20	40
R44	45	31	34	31	27	40
R45	46	32	35	32	23	40
R46	53	40	43	40	23	40
R47	50	37	39	37	26	40
R48	48	35	37	35	26	40
R49	49	36	38	36	26	40
R50	46	33	35	33	26	40
R51	48	34	37	34	26	40
R52	45	31	34	31	31	40
R53	46	33	35	33	26	41
R54	47	34	36	34	25	40
R56	49	36	38	36	24	40
R58	37	24	27	24	24	40
R59	44	31	34	31	31	40
R60	46	33	35	33	31	41
R61	44	31	33	31	31	41
R62	45	32	34	32	31	41
R63	45	31	34	31	31	41
R64	43	29	32	29	22	41
R65	45	31	33	31	27	40

The majority of occurrences of locations being 'noise affected' occur when turbine foundation civil works are located nearby and is largely attributed to the operation of a rock breaker. Due to the anticipated short period of localised works this activity would likely be considered acceptable under the Guideline. Operation of the rock-breaker is dependent upon the geotechnical conditions of the foundation site and would be operated intermittently at most. Consideration for mitigation measures such as localised shrouding may be needed if adverse conditions are experienced if and when operating the rock-breaker at the most exposed positions.

No predicted levels exceed 75 dBA and therefore no receptors would be considered as being 'highly noise affected' as defined by the Guideline.

# 10.5 Outside Normal Operating Hours Operation

The only operation that may occur at night is the erection of WTG's, as low wind conditions are preferable while the towers are being erected by large cranes. **Table 27** shows all noise affected receivers for this construction activity for the night period. Note that the minimum RBL under NSW INP is 30 dBA which therefore creates a minimum noise management level of 35 dBA for the night-time period.

Location	<b>Construction Activity</b>	RBL	Limit
	WTG Erection & Assembly	Night	Night (RBL+ 5) OR 35 dBA
R1	39	29	35
R2	45	29	35
R6	36	28	35
R7	35	28	35
R11	37	24	35
R13	42	24	35
R14	43	24	35
R16	43	24	35
R25	35	21	35
R26	31	21	35
R29	32	21	35
R30	44	23	35
R32	42	30	35
R33	36	23	35
R34	42	26	35
R35	42	26	35
R36	38	18	35
R38	36	18	35
R41	45	18	35
R42	32	18	35
R44	31	21	35
R45	32	24	35
R46	40	24	35
R47	37	18	35
R48	35	18	35
R49	36	18	35
R50	33	19	35
R51	34	19	35
R52	31	20	35
R53	33	19	35
R54	34	24	35
R56	36	23	35
R64	29	18	35
R65	31	21	35

## Table 24 Night Construction Noise Levels – Noise Affected Receivers

A total of 19 locations are deemed 'noise affected' by the Guideline for night-time construction. Tower erection near these locations should occur during the daytime, if possible. Construction works may also be carried out outside of standard construction hours where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of life or property, or prevent environmental harm. No predicted levels exceed 75 dBA and therefore no receptors would be considered as being 'highly noise affected'.

## **10.6 Concrete Batching Plants**

A number of portable concrete batching plants with a combined Sound Power Level of 115 dBA will be required to supply concrete onsite. The proposed locations of these batching plants are listed in **Table 25**. They are often located within or near to the construction compounds where equipment is stored for the duration of the construction phase of the project.

#### Table 25 Concrete Batch Plant Locations

Name	Easting	Northing	Nearest Receivers
CBP1	683952	6150712	R59, R60, R61
CBP2	678143	6183725	R13, R14

Using the existing SoundPLAN noise model, predicted noise levels for the proposed batch plant site at the nearest affected properties were calculated under worst case conditions. Results for those locations that exceed the night criteria are shown in **Table 26** together with the RBL and noise management level (NML), for the day and night periods. Additionally, three locations are deemed 'noise affected' for the daytime period; these are shown in bold.

Location	Predicted Noise Level, dBA	RBL – Day, dBA	NML - Day RBL + 5 OR 35 dBA	RBL – Night, dBA	NML - Night RBL + 5 OR 35 dBA
R2	35.6	26	40	29	35
R13	36.9	26	40	24	35
R14	49	23	40	24	35
R16	37.6	23	40	24	35
R41	46.2	20	40	18	35
R59	41.9	31	41	30	35
R61	35.1	31	41	30	35
R62	39.4	31	41	30	35
R63	38.7	31	41	30	35

#### Table 26 Concrete Batch Plant Noise Level Prediction

All other locations are predicted to be below the night-time NML. Some mitigation may be possible for sources within the concrete batch plants, particularly if they are near other project equipment infrastructure which may provide some localised shielding. This should be addressed in any further management plans for construction noise for the project, as described in **Section 10.7**.

## **10.7** Mitigation for Construction Noise

The Interim Construction Noise Guidelines recommend that where residences are deemed 'noise affected', that work practices and mitigation measures deemed feasible and reasonable should be applied. Possible mitigation measures may include:

- Scheduling construction works for less critical times of day
- Using alternative, quieter equipment
- Noise controls including temporary walls/earth berms and exhaust silencers
- Keeping the community informed about upcoming works in the area
- Detailed tracking regarding complaints about construction noise, including how each complaint was addressed.

A detailed construction noise management plan will be developed closer to the construction of the wind farm to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to reduce noise from construction sources including batching plants, and that appropriate community engagement occurs with respect to construction noise.

## **10.8** Construction Vibration Assessment

The activities and equipment with the potential to generate the highest levels of ground vibration are the operation of the vibratory roller during construction of access roads and the operation of the rock breaker during establishment of turbine tower foundations. Typical vibration levels from these sources are presented in **Table 27**.

 Table 27
 Typical Vibration Emission Levels from Construction Plant

Activity	PPV Vibration Level (mm/s) at Distance					
	10m	20m	30m	100m		
4-Tonne Vibratory Roller	2.0 - 2.4	0.4 - 1.2	0.2 - 0.8	< 0.2		
Hydraulic Hammer (30t)	3	1.5	1.0	<0.5		

It is evident that given the large distances between receptors and structures where construction works are likely to be undertaken (greater than 500 m, refer to **Appendix C**), the building damage and human comfort vibration criteria will easily be met during construction.

## 10.9 Blasting

### 10.9.1 Blasting Assessment

Blasting may be required in some areas to clear large rock outcrops to prepare turbine foundations.

The proposed wind farm site is a green field site where no previous blasting or blast monitoring has been conducted and therefore no specific site laws exist. We have therefore adopted a site law derived from measurement data at a different site to give an indicative result.

The 5% site laws for ground vibration and airblast are:

**Ground Vibration**  $PVS(5\%) = 16202(SD_1)^{-2.03}$ 

Airblast SPL(5%) = 189.3 - 31.8 log (SD<sub>2</sub>)

where PVS (5%) and SPL (5%) are the levels of ground vibration (Peak Vector Sum - mm/s) and airblast (dB Linear) respectively, above which 5% of the total population (of data points) will lie, assuming that the population has the same statistical distribution as the underlying measured sample.

 $SD_1$  and  $SD_2$  are the ground vibration and airblast scaled distances, where:

$$SD_1 = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\sqrt{\text{MIC}}} = \left(m.kg^{-0.5}\right) \text{ and } SD_2 = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\sqrt[3]{\text{MIC}}} = \left(m.kg^{-0.33}\right)$$

Based on the blast emissions site laws, calculations were also conducted to indicate the allowable MIC's for compliance with the general EPA Human Comfort criteria of 115 dB Linear (airblast) and 5 mm/s (ground vibration).

The closest anticipated distance between blasting and residences would be approximately 615 metres (R2). At this distance, based on a site constant  $K_a$  of 20, the predicted maximum MIC of up to 43 kg is likely to produce an airblast overpressure below the acceptable level of 115 dB Linear. An MIC of 43 kg is expected to result in a vibration level (Peak Vector Sum) of 0.011 mm/s, well within the recommended maximum level of 5 mm/s in the ANZECC Guidelines.

It is evident that the anticipated blasting is likely to meet all human comfort limits and building damage assessment criteria are easily met. All other sources of vibration would be less than above.

## 10.10 Traffic Noise

Traffic generated by the project during its construction phase has been evaluated in *Rye Park Wind Farm Traffic and Transport Report* prepared by Epuron Pty Ltd, dated 31 July 2012. The report states that a maximum of approximately 300 trips per day could be expected from the project.

There are no traffic flow records available for Rye Park.

The projected increase in road traffic noise levels on all local roads is expected to be greater than 2 dBA during peak construction periods, however, road traffic noise levels are anticipated to meet the *Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN)* and subsequent *Road Noise Policy (RNP)* target for a local road of daytime LAeq(1 hour) = 55 dBA at a typical setback distance of 50m. We note that being a rural farming community that most receptors are at much greater setback distances from their road frontage and therefore will easily meet the ECRTN requirement.

### 10.10.1 Night-time deliveries

There could potentially be deliveries of equipment scheduled for out of hours, necessitated by traffic congestion considerations and safe passage of heavy vehicle convoys or especially long loads. Night-time traffic has the potential to cause sleep disturbance to residential receivers along the route.

Preliminary calculations indicate that maximum noise levels at a residence approximately 50 metres from the road as a result of a heavy vehicle pass-by would be in the range 45-55 dBA. Assuming a 10dBA transmission loss through an open window this would result in 35 to 45 dBA inside.

The NSW RNP states that:

• Maximum internal noise levels below 50-55 dBA are unlikely to awaken people from sleep

and

• One or two noise events per night, with maximum internal levels of 65-70 dBA are not likely to affect health and wellbeing significantly.

In order to further minimise potential noise impacts associated with night-time deliveries some potential measures to be considered are:

- $\rightarrow$  Prior notification of affected public where night-time convoys are scheduled
- $\rightarrow$  Restricted use of exhaust/engine brakes in built up areas

# 11 CONCLUSION

Noise from the proposed Rye Park Wind Farm using a mitigated layout of 126 Vestas V112 WTGs, with 12 running in Sound Management Mode (as detailed in **Appendix E**) has been predicted. The predicted noise levels were assessed against the relevant criteria prescribed by the SA EPA Guideline and World Health Organisation (WHO) goals where appropriate. An evaluation of night-time baseline data was also included.

The predicted noise levels of the mitigated layout were determined to meet the relevant criteria at all receptor locations.

The project is yet to select and finalise the WTG make and model. Upon finalising the WTG selection a revised noise prediction and assessment will be completed to confirm compliance.

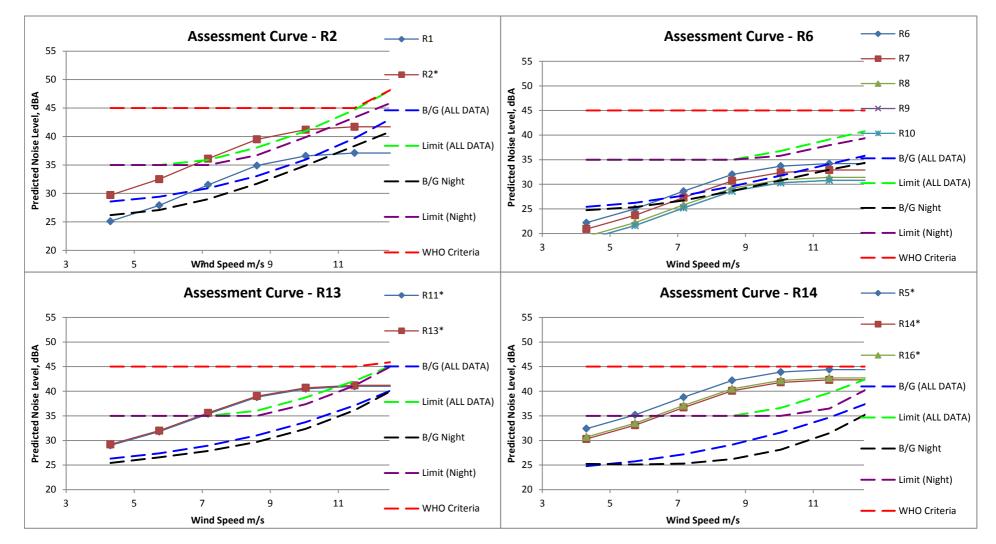
WTG vibration levels have been evaluated and based upon overseas research available were found to be acceptable.

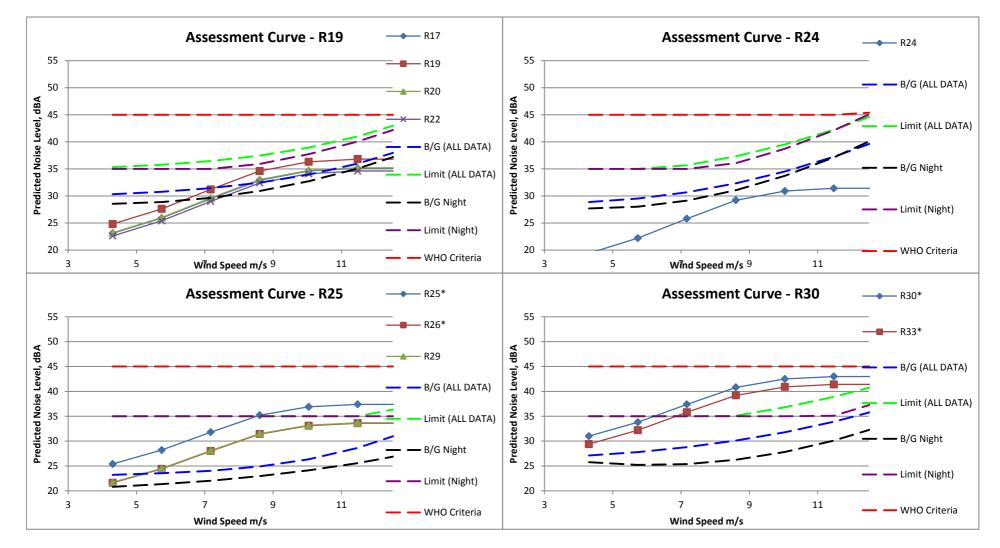
Construction noise has been predicted to all receivers; a number of these are deemed 'noise affected' under the NSW Construction Noise Guidelines. In order to ensure all appropriate measures are being taken to manage construction noise, a more detailed construction management plan should be developed by the proponent. This document will provide detailed guidance on various noise mitigation strategies for the construction stage.

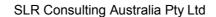
Vibration impacts from construction have been assessed and the 'worst case' scenarios modelled were found to be acceptable.

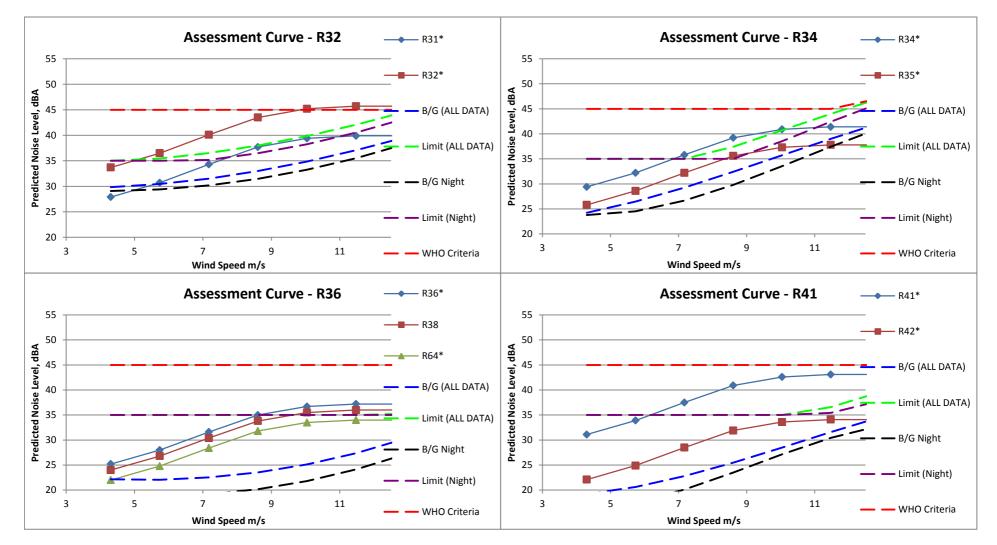
Blasting impact has been assessed and found to be acceptable. With a maximum instantaneous charge (MIC) of up to 43 kg, the airblast overpressure is anticipated to be below the acceptable level of 115 dB Linear for all existing residences. Similarly, vibration levels are anticipated to be well below the acceptable criteria.

Construction traffic noise impact has been assessed and the 'worst case' maximum construction traffic scenario would comply to the NSW RNP requirements, due to the typically large setback of dwellings from the road network. Night-time deliveries are unlikely to cause sleep disturbance based on predicted maximum noise levels.

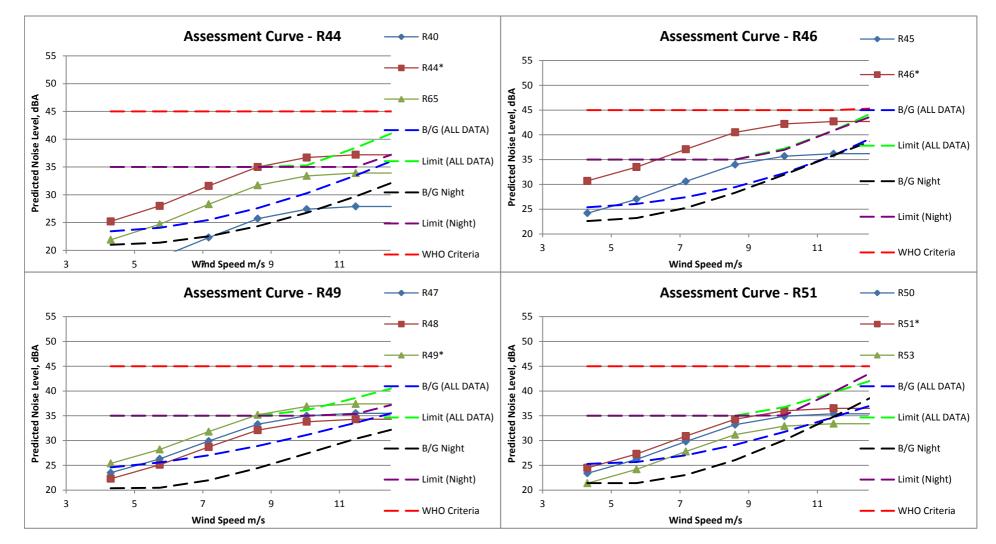


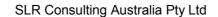


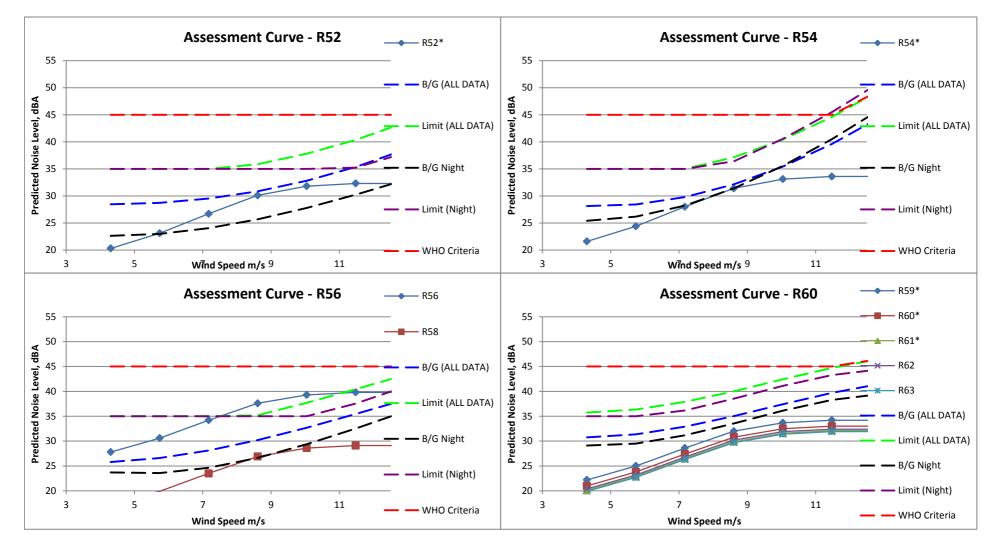


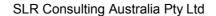


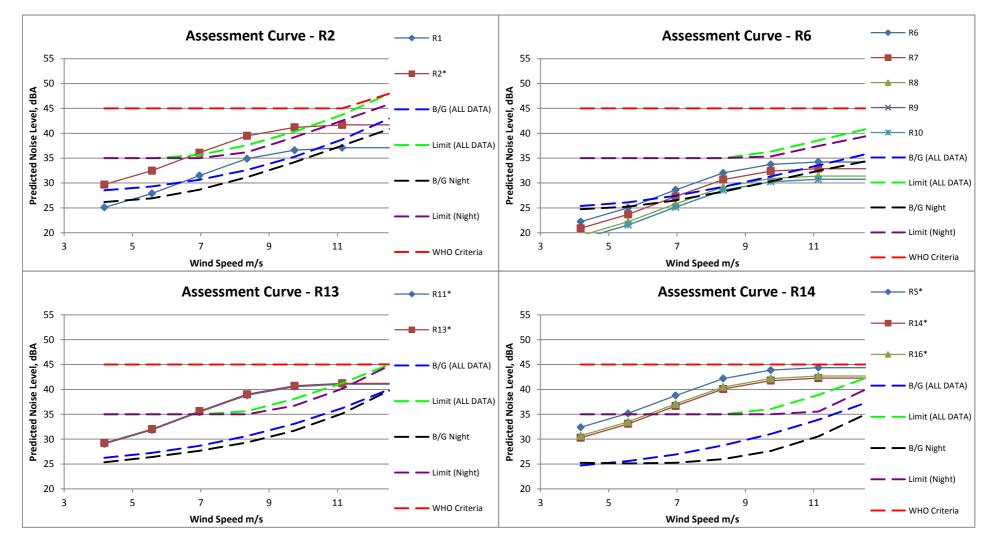
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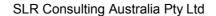


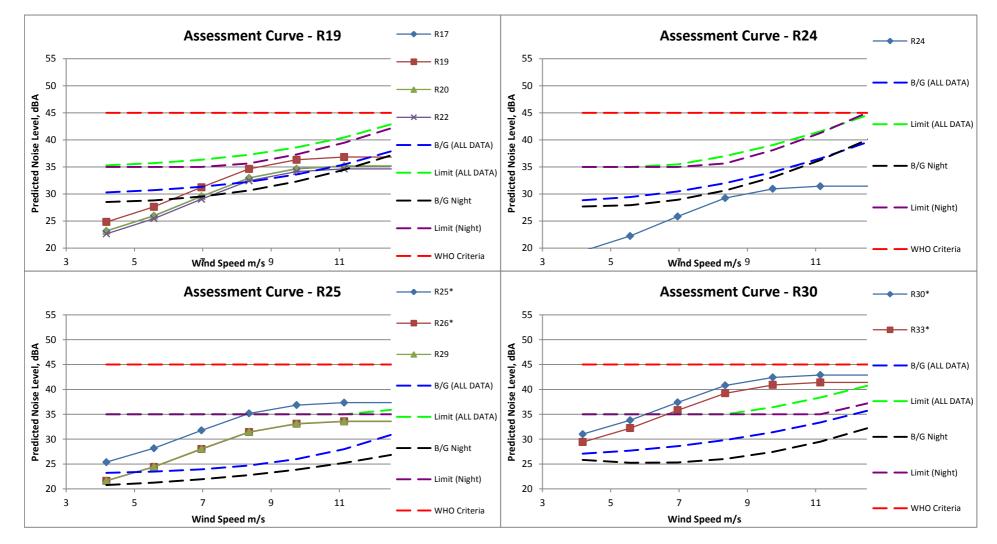




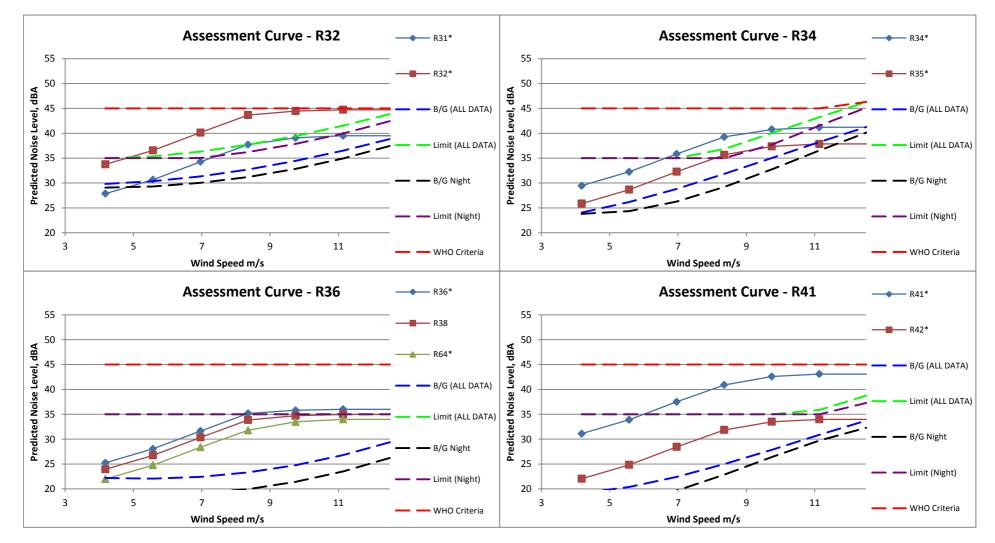




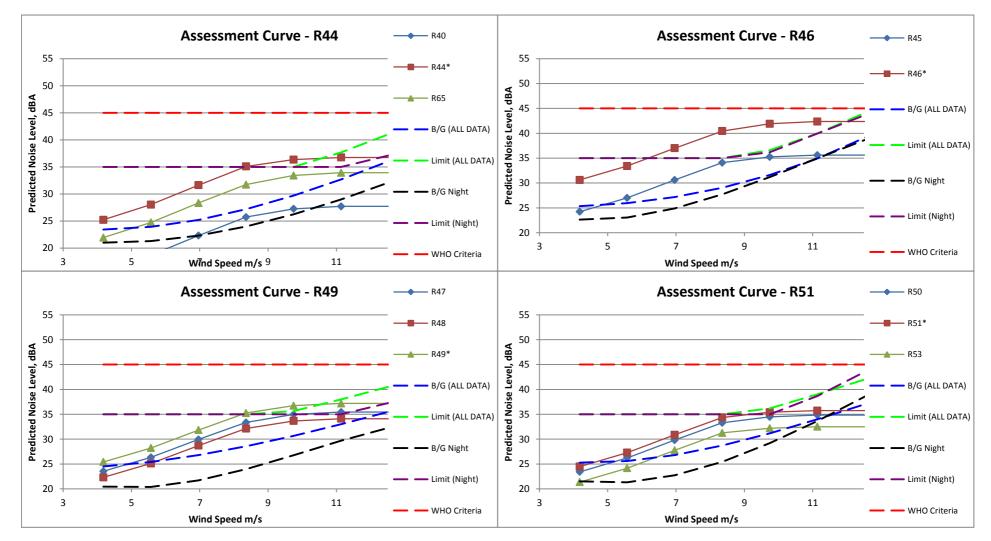




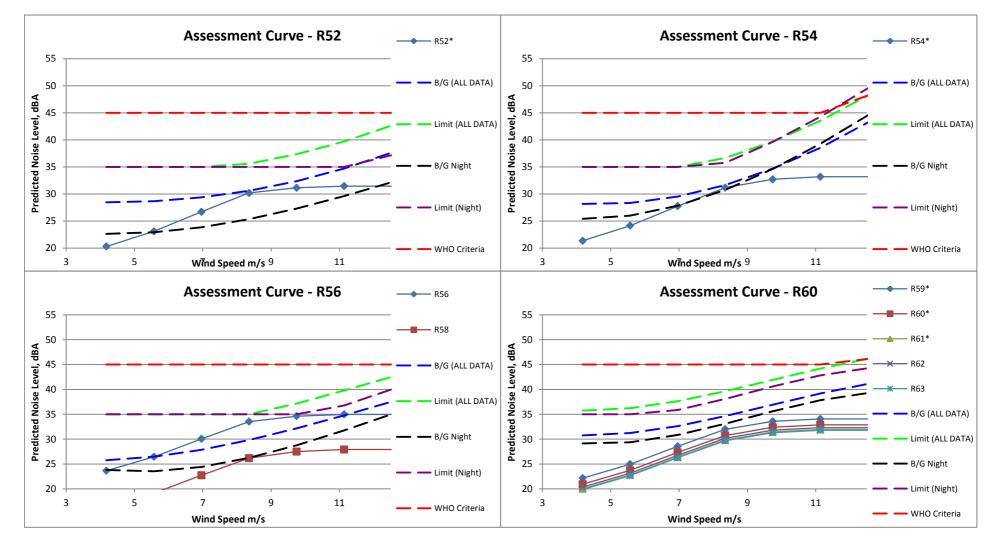




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SA EPA Criteria		35	35	36	38	41	45	49	55	62	69
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0146x^3 + 0.5005x^2 - 3.2897x + 32.238	26	27	29	32	35	38	42	45	48	49
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	37	40	43	47	50	53	54
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	49	55	62	69
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R1		25.1	27.9	31.5	34.9	36.6	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1
R2*		29.7	32.5	36.1	39.5	41.2	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.7
Background Loc	ation = R6	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0091x^3 + 0.3063x^2 - 1.804x + 28.225	25	26	28	30	32	34	36	39	40	42
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	39	41	44	45	47
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0145x^3 + 0.4377x^2 - 2.8665x + 30.122	25	25	27	29	31	33	35	36	37	37
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	36	38	40	41	42	42
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R6	22.2	22.2	25.0	28.6	32.0	33.7	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
R7	20.9	20.9	23.7	27.3	30.7	32.4	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
R8	19.4	19.4	22.2	25.8	29.2	30.9	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
R9	18.8	18.8	21.6	25.2	28.6	30.3	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8
R10	18.8	18.8	21.6	25.2	28.6	30.3	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8

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B/G Regression Line	0.0038x^3 + 0.0503x^2 - 0.0495x + 25.298	26	27	29	31	34	37	41	46	52	59
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	36	39	42	46	51	57	64
NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0176x^3 - 0.2545x^2 + 1.994x + 20.174	25	27	28	30	32	36	41	48	57	69
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	41	46	53	62	74
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	46	51	57	64
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R11*		29.0	31.8	35.4	38.8	40.5	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
D ( 0 t		29.2	32.0	35.6	39.0	40.7	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2
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Background Loc B/G Regression Line		25	26	27	29	32	35	38	43	48	53
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Background Loca	tion = R19	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0063x^3 - 0.0518x^2 + 0.3486x + 29.281	30	31	31	32	34	36	39	42	47	52
SA EPA Criteria		35	36	36	37	39	41	44	47	52	57
Regression Line	0.0022x^3 + 0.0703x^2 - 0.6383x + 29.799	29	29	30	31	33	35	38	42	46	51
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	36	38	40	43	47	51	56
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	52	57
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R17		23.1	25.9	29.5	32.9	34.6	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1
R19		24.8	27.6	31.2	34.6	36.3	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8
R20		23.2	26.0	29.6	33.0	34.7	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2
R22		22.6	25.4	29.0	32.4	34.1	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6
Background Loca	tion = R24	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0006x^3 + 0.1121x^2 - 0.721x + 29.856	29	30	31	32	35	37	41	44	49	54
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	36	37	40	42	46	49	54	59
Regression Line	-0.0012x^3 + 0.2153x^2 - 1.8413x + 31.706	28	28	29	31	34	37	41	46	52	58
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	36	39	42	46	51	57	63
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	46	49	54	59
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R24		19.4	22.2	25.8	29.2	30.9	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4

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Background Loca	ation = R25	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0114x^3 - 0.1507x^2 + 0.8519x + 21.455	23	24	24	25	26	29	32	36	42	50
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	37	41	47	55
Regression Line	0.0022x^3 + 0.0046x^2 + 0.1516x + 19.907	21	21	22	23	24	26	27	30	32	35
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	37	40
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	55
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R25*		25.4	28.2	31.8	35.2	36.9	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
		21.6	24.4	28.0	31.4	33.1	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6
R26*		21.0	21.1								
R26* R29		21.0	24.5	28.1	31.5	33.2	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7
R29	ation = R30	21.7	24.5	28.1			_				
R29 <b>Background Loca</b> B/G Regression Line	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x				31.5 6 m/s 30	33.2 7 m/s 32	33.7 8 m/s 34	33.7 9 m/s 36	33.7 10 m/s 40	33.7 11 m/s 43	
R29 <b>Background Loca</b> B/G Regression Line	0.0021x^3 +	21.7 3 m/s	24.5 4 m/s	28.1 5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
R29 Background Loca B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x + 26.561 8E-05x^3 + 0.1703x^2 -	21.7 3 m/s 27	24.5 4 m/s 28	28.1 5 m/s 29	6 m/s 30	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 34	9 m/s 36	10 m/s 40	11 m/s 43	12 m/s 47
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R29 Background Loca B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x + 26.561 8E-05x^3 + 0.1703x^2 -	21.7 3 m/s 27 35 26	24.5 4 m/s 28 35 25	28.1 <u>5 m/s</u> 29 35 25	6 m/s 30 35 26	7 m/s 32 37 28	8 m/s 34 39 30	9 m/s 36 41 33	10 m/s 40 45 37	11 m/s 43 48 41	12 m/s 47 52 46
R29 Background Loca B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x + 26.561 8E-05x^3 + 0.1703x^2 -	21.7 3 m/s 27 35 26 35	24.5 4 m/s 28 35 25 35	28.1 5 m/s 29 35 25 35	6 m/s 30 35 26 35	7 m/s 32 37 28 35	8 m/s 34 39 30 35	9 m/s 36 41 33 38	10 m/s 40 45 37 42	11 m/s 43 48 41 46	12 m/s 47 52 46 51
R29 Background Loca B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x + 26.561 8E-05x^3 + 0.1703x^2 -	21.7 3 m/s 27 35 26 35 45	24.5 <u>4 m/s</u> 28 35 25 35 45	28.1 <u>5 m/s</u> 29 35 25 35 45	6 m/s 30 35 26 35 45	7 m/s 32 37 28 35 45	8 m/s 34 39 30 35 45	9 m/s 36 41 33 38 45	10 m/s 40 45 37 42 45	11 m/s 43 48 41 46 48	12 m/s 47 52 46 51 52

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Background Location = R32         3 m/s         4 m/s         5 m/s         6 m/s         7 m/s         8 m/s         9 m/s         10 m/s         11 m/s         12 m/s           B/G Regression Line $0.002 x^3 + 0$ $0.485 x^2 - 0.028 x^2 + 31.129$ 30         32         33         35         37         40         42         45         49           B/G Regression Line $0.045 x^2 - 0.028 x^3 + 0.145 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^2 + 31.129$ 35         37         38         40         42         45         47         50         54           NIGH TBG Regression Line $-0.001 x^3 + 0.080 x^3 + 0.001 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.121 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.121 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.121 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.121 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.121 x^2 - 0.988 9 x^3 + 0.000 x^3 + 0.0000 x^3 + 0.0000 x^3 + 0$												
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Number of the formation       -0.0001x/3 + 0.121x/2 · 0.9889x + 31.088       29       29       30       31       33       36       38       42       45       49         EPA Night Criteria       35       35       35       36       38       41       43       47       50       54         VHO Criteria       45       45       45       45       45       45       45       45       47       50       54         Who Speed Hub Height)       4.3       5.7       7.2       8.6       10.0       11.5       12.9       14.3       15.8       17.2         831*       83.7       36.5       40.1       43.5       45.2       45.7 <td< td=""><td></td><td>0.1453x^2 -</td><td>30</td><td>30</td><td>32</td><td>33</td><td>35</td><td>37</td><td>40</td><td>42</td><td>45</td><td>49</td></td<>		0.1453x^2 -	30	30	32	33	35	37	40	42	45	49
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R32*       33.7       36.5       40.1       43.5       45.2       45.7	R31*		27.9	30.7	34.3	37.7	39.4	39.9	39.9	39.9	39.9	39.9
Background Location = R34       3 m/s       4 m/s       5 m/s       6 m/s       7 m/s       8 m/s       9 m/s       10 m/s       11 m/s       12 m/s         B/G Regression Line $^{-0.0104x^{3} + 0.3096x^{2} - 0.3096x^{2} - 0.7489x + 22.545$ 24       26       29       32       36       39       42       45       47       48         SA EPA Criteria       35       35       35       37       41       44       47       50       52       53         NIGHT BG Regression Line $^{-0.0233x^{3} + 0.7447x^{2} - 5.1951x + 34.199$ 24       25       27       30       34       37       41       44       46       47       50       52       53         NIGHT BG Regression Line $^{-0.0233x^{3} + 0.7447x^{2} - 5.1951x + 34.199$ 25       35       35       35       39       42       46       49       51       52         WHO Criteria       45       45       45       45       45       45       45       50       52       53         WHO Speed (Hub Height)       4.3       5.7       7.2       8.6       10.0       11.5       12.9       14.3       15.8       17.2         R34*       29.4       32.2												
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Wind Speed (Hub Height)       4.3       5.7       7.2       8.6       10.0       11.5       12.9       14.3       15.8       17.2         R34*       29.4       32.2       35.8       39.2       40.9       41.4       4	R32* Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 + 0.7447x^2 -	3 m/s 24 35	4 m/s 26 35	5 m/s 29 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 36 41	8 m/s 39 44	9 m/s 42 47	10 m/s 45 50	11 m/s 47 52	12 m/s 48 53
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Background Loc	ation = $R36$	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0018x^3 + 0.0976x^2 - 1.1709x + 25.238	22	22	23	24	25	27	30	34	38	43
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	39	43	48
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-6E-05x^3 + 0.1693x^2 - 2.0032x + 24.906	19	19	19	20	22	24	27	31	35	40
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	36	40	45
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	48
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R36*		25.2	28.0	31.6	35.0	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2
		24.0	26.8	30.4	33.8	35.5	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
R.38											
R38 R64*		22.0	24.8	28.4	31.8	33.5	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
		3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
R64*	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x										
<i>R64*</i> <b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression	-0.0129x^3 +	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
<i>R64*</i> <b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x	3 m/s 19	4 m/s 21	5 m/s 23	6 m/s 25	7 m/s 29	8 m/s 32	9 m/s 35	10 m/s 37	11 m/s 39	12 m/s 40
R64* Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x + 21.869 -0.0324x^3 + 0.894x^2 - 5.6692x	3 m/s 19 35	4 m/s 21 35	5 m/s 23 35	6 m/s 25 35	7 m/s 29 35	8 m/s 32 37	9 m/s 35 40	10 m/s 37 42	11 m/s 39 44	12 m/s 40 45
R64* Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x + 21.869 -0.0324x^3 + 0.894x^2 - 5.6692x	3 m/s 19 35 16	4 m/s 21 35 18	5 m/s 23 35 20	6 m/s 25 35 24	7 m/s 29 35 27	8 m/s 32 37 30	9 m/s 35 40 33	10 m/s 37 42 34	11 m/s 39 44 33	12 m/s 40 45 29
R64* BACKground Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x + 21.869 -0.0324x^3 + 0.894x^2 - 5.6692x	3 m/s 19 35 16 35	4 m/s 21 35 18 35	5 m/s 23 35 20 35	6 m/s 25 35 24 35	7 m/s 29 35 27 35	8 m/s 32 37 30 35	9 m/s 35 40 33 38	10 m/s 37 42 34 39	11 m/s 39 44 33 38	12 m/s 40 45 29 35
R64* Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x + 21.869 -0.0324x^3 + 0.894x^2 - 5.6692x	3 m/s 19 35 16 35 45	4 m/s 21 35 18 35 45	5 m/s 23 35 20 35 45	6 m/s 25 35 24 35 45	7 m/s 29 35 27 35 45	8 m/s 32 37 30 35 45	9 m/s 35 40 33 38 45	10 m/s 37 42 34 39 45	11 m/s 39 44 33 38 45	12 m/s 40 45 29 35 45

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Background Loc	ation = R44	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0064x^3 + 0.3077x^2 - 2.1782x + 27.62	23	24	25	28	30	33	37	41	45	49
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	38	42	46	50	54
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0051x^3 + 0.2755x^2 - 2.1163x + 25.414	21	21	23	24	27	30	33	37	41	45
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	42	46	50
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	46	50	54
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R40		15.9	18.7	22.3	25.7	27.4	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9
		25.2	28.0	31.6	35.0	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2
R44 "											
R44* R65		21.9	24.7	28.3	31.7	33.4	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9
		3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
R65	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 -						_				
<i>R65</i> <b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression	0.0034x^3 +	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
<i>R65</i> <b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6 -0.0223x^3 + 0.7267x^2 -	3 m/s 25	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 27	6 m/s 29	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 36	9 m/s 40	10 m/s 46	11 m/s 52	12 m/s 60
R65 <b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6 -0.0223x^3 +	3 m/s 25 35	4 m/s 26 35	5 m/s 27 35	6 m/s 29 35	7 m/s 32 37	8 m/s 36 41	9 m/s 40 45	10 m/s 46 51	11 m/s 52 57	12 m/s 60 65
R65 Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6 -0.0223x^3 + 0.7267x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 23	4 m/s 26 35 23	5 m/s 27 35 25	6 m/s 29 35 28	7 m/s 32 37 32	8 m/s 36 41 36	9 m/s 40 45 40	10 m/s 46 51 43	11 m/s 52 57 45	12 m/s 60 65 46
R65 Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6 -0.0223x^3 + 0.7267x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 23 35	4 m/s 26 35 23 35	5 m/s 27 35 25 35	6 m/s 29 35 28 35	7 m/s 32 37 32 37	8 m/s 36 41 36 41	9 m/s 40 45 40 45	10 m/s 46 51 43 48	11 m/s 52 57 45 50	12 m/s 60 65 46 51
R65 Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6 -0.0223x^3 + 0.7267x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 23 35 45	4 m/s 26 35 23 35 45	5 m/s 27 35 25 35 45	6 m/s 29 35 28 35 45	7 m/s 32 37 32 37 32 37 45	8 m/s 36 41 36 41 45	9 m/s 40 45 40 45 45 45	10 m/s 46 51 43 48 51	11 m/s 52 57 45 50 57	12 m/s 60 65 46 51 65

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Background Loc	ation = R49	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0042x^3 + 0.1889x^2 - 0.8856x + 25.226	25	26	27	29	31	34	36	39	42	45
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	36	39	41	44	47	50
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0258x^3 + 0.7838x^2 - 5.8263x + 32.991	20	20	22	24	27	30	33	35	35	33
EPA Night Criteria	0.02007 02.001	35	35	35	35	35	35	38	40	40	38
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	50
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R47		23.5	26.3	29.9	33.3	35.0	35.5	35.5	35.5	35.5	35.5
R48		22.3	25.1	28.7	32.1	33.8	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3
		25.4	28.2	31.8	35.2	36.9	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
R49*		20.4	20.2								
Background Loc B/G Regression	-0.0112x^3 +	3 m/s 25	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 27	6 m/s 29	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 35	9 m/s 38	10 m/s 41	11 m/s 44	12 m/s 46
Background Loc		3 m/s	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 27	6 m/s 29	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 35	9 m/s 38	41	44	
Background Loc B/G Regression	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 -	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s			
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 -	3 m/s 25	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 27	6 m/s 29	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 35	9 m/s 38	41	44	46
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 +	3 m/s 25 35	4 m/s 26 35	5 m/s 27 35	6 m/s 29 35	7 m/s 32 37	8 m/s 35 40	9 m/s 38 43	41 46	44 49	46 51
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 21	4 m/s 26 35 21	5 m/s 27 35 23	6 m/s 29 35 26	7 m/s 32 37 30	8 m/s 35 40 35	9 m/s 38 43 40	41 46 45	44 49 50	46 51 54
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 21 35	4 m/s 26 35 21 35	5 m/s 27 35 23 35	6 m/s 29 35 26 35	7 m/s 32 37 30 35	8 m/s 35 40 35 40	9 m/s 38 43 40 45	41 46 45 50	44 49 50 55	46 51 54 59
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Criteria Wind Speed (Hub Height)	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 21 35 45	4 m/s 26 35 21 35 45	5 m/s 27 35 23 35 45	6 m/s 29 35 26 35 45	7 m/s 32 37 30 35 45	8 m/s 35 40 35 40 45	9 m/s 38 43 40 45 45	41 46 45 50 46	44 49 50 55 49	46 51 54 59 51
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643 -0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 -	3 m/s 25 35 21 35 45 4.3	4 m/s 26 35 21 35 45 5.7	5 m/s 27 35 23 35 45 7.2	6 m/s 29 35 26 35 45 8.6	7 m/s 32 37 30 35 45 10.0	8 m/s 35 40 35 40 45 11.5	9 m/s 38 43 40 45 45 45 12.9	41 46 45 50 46 14.3	44 49 50 55 49 15.8	46 51 54 59 51 17.2

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Background Loc	ation = R52	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0016x^3 + 0.1009x^2 - 0.9471x + 30.519	28	29	30	31	33	35	39	42	47	52
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	36	38	40	44	47	52	57
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0062x^3 + 0.2728x^2 - 2.0066x + 26.692	23	23	24	26	28	30	33	36	39	41
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	41	44	46
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	52	57
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
			23.1	26.7	30.1	31.8	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3
R52*	otion DE4	20.3									
Background Loc	-0.0033x^3 +	20.3 3 m/s 28	4 m/s 28	5 m/s 30	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 35	8 m/s 40	9 m/s 45	10 m/s	11 m/s 57	12 m/s 64
Background Loc		3 m/s 28	4 m/s 28	5 m/s 30	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 35	8 m/s 40	9 m/s 45	10 m/s 50	11 m/s 57	12 m/s 64
Background Loc B/G Regression Line	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 -	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Background Loc	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 -	3 m/s 28	4 m/s 28	5 m/s 30	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 35	8 m/s 40	9 m/s 45	10 m/s 50	11 m/s 57	12 m/s 64
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28 35	4 m/s 28 35	5 m/s 30 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 35 40	8 m/s 40 45	9 m/s 45 50	10 m/s 50 55	11 m/s 57 62	12 m/s 64 69
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28 35 25	4 m/s 28 35 26	5 m/s 30 35 28	6 m/s 32 37 31	7 m/s 35 40 36	8 m/s 40 45 40	9 m/s 45 50 46	10 m/s 50 55 52	11 m/s 57 62 58	12 m/s 64 69 65
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28 35 25 35	4 m/s 28 35 26 35	5 m/s 30 35 28 35	6 m/s 32 37 31 36	7 m/s 35 40 36 41	8 m/s 40 45 40 45	9 m/s 45 50 46 51	10 m/s 50 55 52 57	11 m/s 57 62 58 63	12 m/s 64 69 65 70

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Background Loc		3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0086x^3 + 0.321x^2 - 2.0034x + 29.155	26	27	28	30	33	35	38	41	44	46
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	38	40	43	46	49	51
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0136x^3 + 0.5228x^2 - 4.3054x + 33.647	24	24	25	27	29	33	36	39	42	45
EPA Night Criteria	1.000 IX 1 00.0 II	35	35	35	35	35	38	41	44	47	50
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	46	49	51
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R56		27.8	30.6	34.2	37.6	39.3	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.8
R58		17.1	19.9	23.5	26.9	28.6	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1
Background Loc	ation = R60	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0195x^3 + 0.5635x^2 - 3.7504x + 38.008	31	31	33	35	37	40	42	43	43	41
SA EPA Criteria		36	36	38	40	42	45	47	48	48	46
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0316x^3 + 0.8557x^2 - 5.917x + 41.243	29	29	31	34	36	38	39	39	37	32
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	36	39	41	43	44	44	42	37
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	47	48	48	46
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R59*		22.2	25.0	28.6	32.0	33.7	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
R60*		21.0	23.8	27.4	30.8	32.5	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0
R61*		20.1	22.9	26.5	29.9	31.6	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1
R62		20.4	23.2	26.8	30.2	31.9	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4	32.4
R63		19.9	22.7	26.3	29.7	31.4	31.9	31.9	31.9	31.9	31.9

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Background Locat	ion = R2	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0039x^3 + 0.0826x^2 - 0.533x + 29.031	29	29	31	33	36	40	44	50	57	64
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	36	38	41	45	49	55	62	69
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0146x^3 + 0.5005x^2 - 3.2897x + 32.238	26	27	29	32	35	38	42	45	48	49
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	37	40	43	47	50	53	54
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	49	55	62	69
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R1		25.1	27.9	31.5	34.9	36.6	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1	37.1
R2*		29.7	32.5	36.1	39.5	41.2	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.7
Background Locat	ion = R6	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0091x^3 + 0.3063x^2 - 1.804x + 28.225	25	26	28	30	32	34	36	39	40	42
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	39	41	44	45	47
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0145x^3 + 0.4377x^2 - 2.8665x + 30.122	25	25	27	29	31	33	35	36	37	37
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	36	38	40	41	42	42
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R6	22.2	22.2	25.0	28.6	32.0	33.7	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
R7	20.9	20.9	23.7	27.3	30.7	32.4	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
R8	19.4	19.4	22.2	25.8	29.2	30.9	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
R9	18.8	18.7	21.5	25.1	28.5	30.2	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
R10	18.8	18.8	21.6	25.2	28.6	30.3	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8

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Background Loc	ation = R13	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0038x^3 + 0.0503x^2 - 0.0495x + 25.298	26	27	29	31	34	37	41	46	52	59
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	36	39	42	46	51	57	64
NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0176x^3 - 0.2545x^2 + 1.994x + 20.174	25	27	28	30	32	36	41	48	57	69
EPA Night Criteria	-	35	35	35	35	37	41	46	53	62	74
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	46	51	57	64
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R11*		29.0	31.8	35.4	38.8	40.5	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
R13*		29.2	32.0	35.6	39.0	40.7	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2
Background Loc B/G Regression	ation = R14	3 m/s 25	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 27	6 m/s 29	7 m/s 32	8 m/s 35	9 m/s 38	10 m/s 43	11 m/s 48	12 m/s 53
Background Loc	ation = R14	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0772x^2 - 0.2551x + 24.263	25	25	25	25	07	40	40	49	50	50
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	40	43	48	53	58
NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.02x^3 - 0.2626x^2 + 1.0216x + 24.109	25	25	25	26	28	31	37	44	53	66
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	36	42	49	58	71
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	48	53	58
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R5*		32.4	35.2	38.8	42.2	43.9	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4
R14*		30.3	33.1	36.7	40.1	41.8	42.3	42.3	42.3	42.3	42.3

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Background Loc		3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0063x^3 - 0.0518x^2 + 0.3486x + 29.281	30	31	31	32	34	36	39	42	47	52
SA EPA Criteria		35	36	36	37	39	41	44	47	52	57
NIGHT BG Regression Line	0.0022x^3 + 0.0703x^2 - 0.6383x + 29.799	29	29	30	31	33	35	38	42	46	51
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	36	38	40	43	47	51	56
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	52	57
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R17		23.1	25.9	29.5	32.9	34.6	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1	35.1
R19		24.8	27.6	31.2	34.6	36.3	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8	36.8
R20		23.2	26.0	29.6	33.0	34.7	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2	35.2
R22		22.6	25.4	29.0	32.4	34.1	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6	34.6
Background Loc	ation = R24	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0006x^3 + 0.1121x^2 - 0.721x + 29.856	29	30	31	32	35	37	41	44	49	54
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	36	37	40	42	46	49	54	59
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0012x^3 + 0.2153x^2 - 1.8413x + 31.706	28	28	29	31	34	37	41	46	52	58
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	36	39	42	46	51	57	63
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	46	49	54	59
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R24		19.4	22.2	25.8	29.2	30.9	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4

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Background Loca		3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0114x^3 - 0.1507x^2 + 0.8519x + 21.455	23	24	24	25	26	29	32	36	42	50
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	37	41	47	55
Regression Line	0.0022x^3 + 0.0046x^2 + 0.1516x + 19.907	21	21	22	23	24	26	27	30	32	35
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	37	40
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	55
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R25*		25.4	28.2	31.8	35.2	36.9	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
R26*		21.6	24.4	28.0	31.4	33.1	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6
R29		21.7	24.5	28.1	31.5	33.1	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.6
Background Loca	tion = R30	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
Line	0.0021x^3 + 0.0379x^2 - 0.071x + 26.561	27	28	29	30	32	34	36	40	43	47
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	39	41	45	48	52
Regression Line	8E-05x^3 + 0.1703x^2 - 2.0978x + 31.624	26	25	25	26	28	30	33	37	41	46
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	42	46	51
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	48	52
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R30*		31.0	33.8	37.4	40.8	42.4	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
R33*		29.4	32.2	35.8	39.2	40.9	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4

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Background Loc	nation - D22	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
•	$-0.002x^3 +$	3 11/5	30	32	33	35	37	40	42	45	49
B/G Regression .ine	-0.002x*3 + 0.1453x*2 - 0.8862x + 31.129	30	30	32	33	55	57	40	42	45	49
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	37	38	40	42	45	47	50	54
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0001x^3 + 0.121x^2 - 0.9889x + 31.088	29	29	30	31	33	36	38	42	45	49
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	36	38	41	43	47	50	54
NHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	50	54
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R31*		27.9	30.7	34.3	37.7	39.1	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.5
R32*	potion = P24	33.7	36.5	40.1	43.7	44.5	44.7	44.7	44.7 10 m/s	44.7 	44.7
	potion = P24							_			
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression	-0.0104x^3 +	33.7 3 m/s 24	36.5 4 m/s 26	40.1 5 m/s 29	43.7 6 m/s 32	44.5 7 m/s 36	44.7 8 m/s 39	44.7 9 m/s 42	44.7 10 m/s 45	44.7 11 m/s 47	44.7 12 m/s 48
Background Loc 3/G Regression _ine		3 m/s 24	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 29	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 36	8 m/s 39	9 m/s 42	10 m/s 45	11 m/s 47	12 m/s 48
Background Loc 3/G Regression _ine	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545	3 m/s 24 35	4 m/s 26 35	5 m/s 29 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 36 41	8 m/s 39 44	9 m/s 42 47	10 m/s 45 50	11 m/s 47 52	12 m/s 48 53
Background Loc 3/G Regression ∟ine SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 + 0.7447x^2 -	3 m/s 24	4 m/s 26	5 m/s 29	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 36	8 m/s 39	9 m/s 42	10 m/s 45	11 m/s 47	12 m/s 48
Background Loc 3/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 +	3 m/s 24 35	4 m/s 26 35	5 m/s 29 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 36 41	8 m/s 39 44	9 m/s 42 47	10 m/s 45 50	11 m/s 47 52	12 m/s 48 53
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 + 0.7447x^2 -	3 m/s 24 35 24	4 m/s 26 35 25	5 m/s 29 35 27	6 m/s 32 37 30	7 m/s 36 41 34	8 m/s 39 44 37	9 m/s 42 47 41	10 m/s 45 50 44	11 m/s 47 52 46	12 m/s 48 53 47
Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 + 0.7447x^2 -	3 m/s 24 35 24 35	4 m/s 26 35 25 35	5 m/s 29 35 27 35	6 m/s 32 37 30 35	7 m/s 36 41 34 39	8 m/s 39 44 37 42	9 m/s 42 47 41 46	10 m/s 45 50 44 49	11 m/s 47 52 46 51	12 m/s 48 53 47 52
R32* Background Loc B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Criteria WHO Speed (Hub Height) R34*	-0.0104x^3 + 0.3096x^2 - 0.7489x + 22.545 -0.0233x^3 + 0.7447x^2 -	3 m/s 24 35 24 35 45	4 m/s 26 35 25 35 45	5 m/s 29 35 27 35 45	6 m/s 32 37 30 35 45	7 m/s 36 41 34 39 45	8 m/s 39 44 37 42 45	9 m/s 42 47 41 46 47	10 m/s 45 50 44 49 50	11 m/s 47 52 46 51 52	12 m/s 48 53 47 52 53

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Background Loc	cation = R36	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0018x^3 + 0.0976x^2 - 1.1709x + 25.238	22	22	23	24	25	27	30	34	38	43
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	39	43	48
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-6E-05x^3 + 0.1693x^2 - 2.0032x + 24.906	19	19	19	20	22	24	27	31	35	40
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	35	36	40	45
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	48
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R36*		25.2	28.0	31.6	35.2	35.8	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
R38		23.9	26.7	30.3	33.9	34.7	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
R64*		22.0	24.8	28.4	31.8	33.5	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Background Loc	cation = R41	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0129x^3 + 0.408x^2 - 2.1358x + 21.869	19	21	23	25	29	32	35	37	39	40
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	37	40	42	44	45
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0324x^3 + 0.894x^2 - 5.6692x + 26.728	16	18	20	24	27	30	33	34	33	29
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	39	38	35
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
Wind Speed		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
(Hub Height)											
		31.1	33.9	37.5	40.9	42.6	43.1	43.1	43.1	43.1	43.1

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Background Loc	cation = R44	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0064x^3 + 0.3077x^2 - 2.1782x + 27.62	23	24	25	28	30	33	37	41	45	49
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	38	42	46	50	54
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0051x^3 + 0.2755x^2 - 2.1163x + 25.414	21	21	23	24	27	30	33	37	41	45
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	42	46	50
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	46	50	54
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R40		15.9	18.7	22.3	25.7	27.3	27.7	27.7	27.7	27.7	27.7
R44*		25.2	28.0	31.6	35.1	36.4	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
R65		21.9	24.7	28.3	31.7	33.4	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.9
Background Loc	cation = R46	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0034x^3 + 0.0984x^2 - 0.7685x + 26.6	25	26	27	29	32	36	40	46	52	60
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	41	45	51	57	65
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0223x^3 + 0.7267x^2 - 5.1643x + 33.143	23	23	25	28	32	36	40	43	45	46
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	41	45	48	50	51
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	51	57	65
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R45		24.2	27.0	30.6	34.1	35.2	35.6	35.6	35.6	35.6	35.6
R46*		30.6	33.4	37.0	40.4	41.9	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4	42.4

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Background Loc	ation = R49	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0042x^3 + 0.1889x^2 - 0.8856x + 25.226	25	26	27	29	31	34	36	39	42	45
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	36	39	41	44	47	50
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0258x^3 + 0.7838x^2 - 5.8263x + 32.991	20	20	22	24	27	30	33	35	35	33
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	40	40	38
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	50
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R47		23.5	26.3	29.9	33.4	35.0	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4
R48		22.3	25.1	28.7	32.1	33.7	34.1	34.1	34.1	34.1	34.1
R49*		25.4	28.2	31.8	35.2	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2	37.2
Background Loc	ation = R51	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0112x^3 + 0.4204x^2 - 3.0804x + 31.643	25	26	27	29	32	35	38	41	44	46
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	37	40	43	46	49	51
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.018x^3 + 0.7135x^2 - 5.7973x + 34.583	21	21	23	26	30	35	40	45	50	54
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	40	45	50	55	59
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	46	49	51
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R50		23.4	26.2	29.8	33.3	34.5	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9
R51*		24.5	27.3	30.9	34.4	35.4	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7	35.7

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Background Loc	cation = R52	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	0.0016x^3 + 0.1009x^2 - 0.9471x + 30.519	28	29	30	31	33	35	39	42	47	52
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	36	38	40	44	47	52	57
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0062x^3 + 0.2728x^2 - 2.0066x + 26.692	23	23	24	26	28	30	33	36	39	41
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	35	38	41	44	46
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	47	52	57
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R52*		20.3	23.1	26.7	30.2	31.1	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5
	nation - PE4										
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression	-0.0033x^3 +	20.3 3 m/s 28	23.1 4 m/s 28	26.7 5 m/s 30	30.2 6 m/s 32	31.1 7 m/s 35	31.5 8 m/s 40	31.5 9 m/s 45	31.5 10 m/s 50	31.5 11 m/s 57	31.5 12 m/s 64
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line		3 m/s 28	4 m/s 28	5 m/s 30	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 35	8 m/s 40	9 m/s 45	10 m/s 50	11 m/s 57	12 m/s 64
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152	3 m/s 28 35	4 m/s 28 35	5 m/s 30 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 35 40	8 m/s 40 45	9 m/s 45 50	10 m/s 50 55	11 m/s 57 62	12 m/s 64 69
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28	4 m/s 28	5 m/s 30	6 m/s 32	7 m/s 35	8 m/s 40	9 m/s 45	10 m/s 50	11 m/s 57	12 m/s 64
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 +	3 m/s 28 35	4 m/s 28 35	5 m/s 30 35	6 m/s 32 37	7 m/s 35 40	8 m/s 40 45	9 m/s 45 50	10 m/s 50 55	11 m/s 57 62	12 m/s 64 69
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28 35 25	4 m/s 28 35 26	5 m/s 30 35 28	6 m/s 32 37 31	7 m/s 35 40 36	8 m/s 40 45 40	9 m/s 45 50 46	10 m/s 50 55 52	11 m/s 57 62 58	12 m/s 64 69 65
<b>Background Loc</b> B/G Regression Line SA EPA Criteria NIGHT BG Regression Line EPA Night Criteria	-0.0033x^3 + 0.3137x^2 - 2.6897x + 34.152 -0.0094x^3 + 0.4771x^2 -	3 m/s 28 35 25 35	4 m/s 28 35 26 35	5 m/s 30 35 28 35	6 m/s 32 37 31 36	7 m/s 35 40 36 41	8 m/s 40 45 40 45	9 m/s 45 50 46 51	10 m/s 50 55 52 57	11 m/s 57 62 58 63	12 m/s 64 69 65 70

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Background Loc	ation = R56	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0086x^3 + 0.321x^2 - 2.0034x + 29.155	26	27	28	30	33	35	38	41	44	46
SA EPA Criteria		35	35	35	35	38	40	43	46	49	51
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0136x^3 + 0.5228x^2 - 4.3054x + 33.647	24	24	25	27	29	33	36	39	42	45
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	35	35	35	38	41	44	47	50
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	45	46	49	51
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R56		23.7	26.5	30.1	33.5	34.6	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
R58		16.3	19.1	22.7	26.2	27.5	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9
Background Loc	ation = R60	3 m/s	4 m/s	5 m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s	8 m/s	9 m/s	10 m/s	11 m/s	12 m/s
B/G Regression Line	-0.0195x^3 + 0.5635x^2 - 3.7504x + 38.008	31	31	33	35	37	40	42	43	43	41
SA EPA Criteria		36	36	38	40	42	45	47	48	48	46
NIGHT BG Regression Line	-0.0316x^3 + 0.8557x^2 - 5.917x + 41.243	29	29	31	34	36	38	39	39	37	32
EPA Night Criteria		35	35	36	39	41	43	44	44	42	37
WHO Criteria		45	45	45	45	45	45	47	48	48	46
Wind Speed (Hub Height)		4.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	14.3	15.8	17.2
R59*		22.2	25.0	28.6	32.0	33.6	34.1	34.1	34.1	34.1	34.1
R60*		20.9	23.7	27.3	30.7	32.4	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.9
R61*		20.0	22.8	26.4	29.8	31.5	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
R62		20.4	23.2	26.8	30.2	31.8	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3	32.3
R63		19.9	22.7	26.3	29.7	31.3	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8

### WIND TURBINE GENERATOR (WTG)

### SOUND POWER LEVEL SPECIFICATION

### AS PER IEC-61400-11:2002 (WIND TURBINE GENERATOR SYSTEMS – PART 11: ACOUSTIC NOISE MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES)

The following are the official test reports from Vestas for the model V112 Wind Turbine Generator. This data forms the basis of the noise predictions for Rye Park Wind Farm. The data is considered commercial in confidence and may not be reproduced without the permission of the manufacturer.

### 12.1.3 Noise Curve, Noise Mode 0

Sound Power Level at Hub Height, Noise Mode 0									
Conditions for Sound Power Level:	Measurement standard IEC 61400-11 ed. 2 2002 Wind shear: 0.16 Maximum turbulence at 10 metre height: 16% Inflow angle (vertical): 0 ±2° Air density: 1.225 kg/m <sup>3</sup>								
Hub Height	84 m	94 m	119 m						
LwA @ 3 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	94.5	94.5	94.7						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	4.2	4.3	4.5						
LwA @ 4 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	97.3	97.5	98.1						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	5.6	5.7	5.9						
LwA @ 5 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	100.9	101.2	101.9						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	7.0	7.2	7.4						
LwA @ 6 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.3	104.6	105.1						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	8.4	8.6	8.9						
LwA @ 7 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.0	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	9.8	10.0	10.4						
LwA @ 8 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	11.2	11.4	11.9						
LwA @ 9 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	12.7	12.9	13.4						
LwA @ 10 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	14.1	14.3	14.9						
LwA @ 11 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	15.5	15.7	16.3						
LwA @ 12 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	16.9	17.2	17.8						
LwA @ 13 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	106.5	106.5	106.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	18.3	18.6	19.3						

Table 12-3: Noise curve, noise mode 0



### 12.3.3 Noise Curve, Noise Mode 2

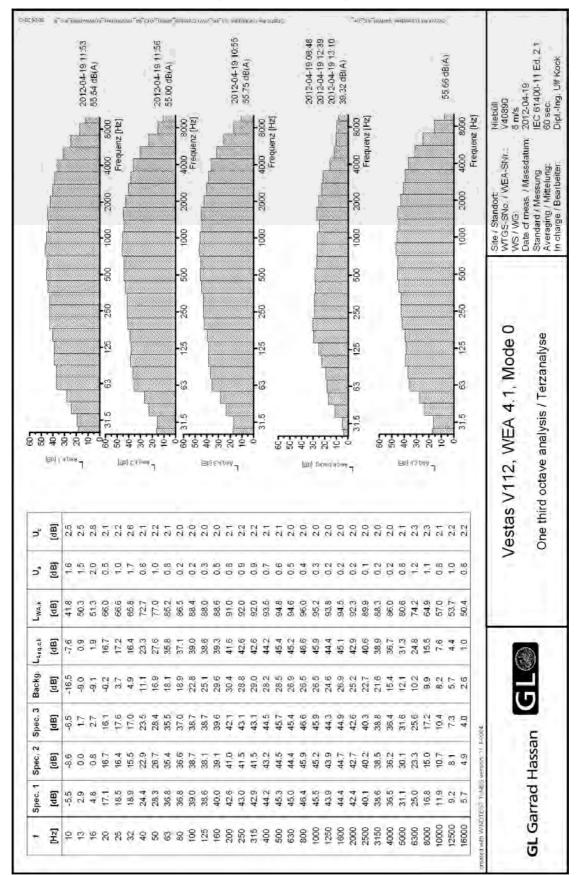
Sound Power Level at Hub Height, Noise Mode 2									
Conditions for Sound Power Level:	Wind shear: 0.16 Maximum turbulence at 10 metre height: 16% Inflow angle (vertical): 0 ±2° Air density: 1.225 kg/m <sup>3</sup>								
Hub Height	84 m	94 m	119 m						
LwA @ 3 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	94.5	94.5	94.7						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	4.2	4.3	4.5						
LwA @ 4 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	97.3	97.5	98.1						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	5.6	5.7	5.9						
LwA @ 5 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	100.9	101.2	101.9						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	7.0	7.2	7.4						
LwA @ 6 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	8.4	8.6	8.9						
LwA @ 7 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	9.8	10.0	10.4						
LwA @ 8 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	11.2	11.4	11.9						
LwA @ 9 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	12.7	12.9	13.4						
LwA @ 10 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	14.1	14.3	14.9						
LwA @ 11 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	15.5	15.7	16.3						
LwA @ 12 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	16.9	17.2	17.8						
LwA @ 13 m/s (10 m above ground) [dBA]	104.5	104.5	104.5						
Wind speed at hub height [m/s]	18.3	18.6	19.3						

Table 12-9: Noise curve, noise mode 2.



Results of acoustic noise measurements according to IEC 61400-11 on a Vestas V112 near Niebüll/Germany

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Annex 4.3: A-weighted sound pressure 1/3-octave spectrum at 8 m/s

Results of acoustic noise measurements according to IEC 61400-11 on a Vestas V112 - 3.0 MW (mode 0) near Lem / Denmark

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### 5 Summary

As ordered by Vestas Wind Systems A/S, 8940 Randers, Denmark, GL Garrad Hassan Deutschland GmbH took measurements of the acoustic noise emissions on the WTGS Vestas V112 - 3.0 MW with a hub height of 94 m.

All measurements and analysis of the sound power level and tonality described in this report were made on the basis of the international standard [IEC 61400-11 Ed. 2.1]. The analysis of the sound power level was carried out using the standardised wind speed which was calculated from the calculated power curve provided by the customer (see annex).

The data of the WTGS Vestas V112 - 3.0 MW (mode 0) have been evaluated by using a fourth order regression because this is the best fitting approximation over all relevant points.

The results of this measurement are given in table 4.

wind speed in 10 m height [m/s]	6	7	8	9	10
electrical power output calculated from the power curve [kW]	1676	2548	3032	3074	3075
measured pitch angle [degrees]	-2,1	-3,4	0	5	8
measured rotor speed [min <sup>-1</sup> ]	12,3	12,7	12,9	12,9	12,9
sound power level [dB]	103,6	104,7	103,3	101,3	103,0*
combined uncertainty in the sound power level, U <sub>c</sub> [dB]	1,1	1,2	1,8	2,3	1,9
tonality, ⊿L <sub>k</sub> [dB]	-5,31	-5,05	-15,28	-13,9	-11,21
tonal audibility, ∆L <sub>a,k</sub> [dB]	-1,97	-3,04	-13,27	-11,88	-9,19
frequency of the most prevalent tone [Hz]	1690	126	126	126	126

 Table 4:
 Summary of results

\* The sound power level has to be calculated by used of the 4<sup>th</sup> order regression. This leads to an unexpected high value for the sound power level. (see annex 2.1)

It is assured that this report has been drawn up impartially and with best knowledge and conscience.

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd

hlight close	er than	Receiver		R2*	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11*	R24	R13*	R14*	R16*	R17	R19	R20	R22	R25*	R26*	R29	R30*
km's owo	)	-	677513.8 6187097		681483.8 6184020		682339.5 6183864	682517 6183838	682842.1	679649.7 6183618	674876.9 6183534	678848.4 6183498	677806.9 6183115	677297 6181991	676127.1	676412.1 6181665	676129.7			676523 6178178	676434.2 6177903	6824
km's away		Turbine distance	1.1	6185733 0.6	1.4	6183967 1.5			6183767 1.9		2.2	1.1	0103115	0.7	1.9							
Cour		iv are less than 6			40	39	34	34	33		2.2	43	43	44	43							
RYP 1	676563.7	,	1.1	1.7	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.9	4.3	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.5	8.2	8.4	8.6	11
RYP 2	676472.4		1.4	1.7	5.5	5.9	6.3	6.5	6.8	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.4	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.2	7.9	8.0	8.3	10
RYP_3	676314	4 6185896	1.7	1.8	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.9	4.0	2.8	3.5	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.9	7.6	7.7	8.0	10
RYP_4	676329.7		2.0	1.8	5.4	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.7	3.8	2.4	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	7.2	7.3	7.6	10
RYP_5	677768.3	3 6185211	1.9	0.6	3.9	4.3	4.8	4.9	5.3	2.5	3.3	2.0	2.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	6.9	7.1	7.4	9
RYP_6	676386	6 6185127	2.3	1.8	5.2	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.6	3.6	2.2	3.0	2.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.1	6.8	7.0	7.2	1
RYP_7	677495.4	4 6184969	2.1	1.0	4.1	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.5	2.5	3.0	2.0	1.9	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.2	6.7	6.9	7.1	ç
RYP_9	677400.6	6 6184643	2.5	1.3	4.1	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.5	2.5	2.8	1.8	1.6	2.7	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.8	6.3	6.5	6.8	ç
RYP_11	677311	1 6184316	2.8	1.6	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.6	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.3	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.5	6.0	6.2	6.5	8
RYP_12	677295.7	7 6183710	3.4	2.2	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.5	2.4	2.4	1.6	0.8	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.9	5.4	5.6	5.9	8
RYP_15	679837.5	5 6182935	4.8	3.3	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.1	0.7	5.0	1.1	2.0	2.7	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.2	5.4	5.8	6.1	6
RYP_16	677935.8		4.8	3.4	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.8	5.1	2.1	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.7	1.9	1.7	2.0	2.3	4.1	4.4	4.7	6
RYP_17	681366		5.9	4.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.0	6.6	2.7	3.6	4.1	5.3	5.0	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	6.8	Ę
RYP_18	678373.6		4.7	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.7	1.7	3.7	1.2	0.9	1.2	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.7	4.3	4.7	4.9	(
RYP_19	679786.8		5.2	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.3	1.2	5.0	1.4	2.1	2.5	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.9	5.4	5.7	4
RYP_20	681023	3 6182340	5.9	4.5	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.9	6.3	2.5	3.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.6	6.1	6.4	ļ
RYP_21	678367		5.1	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.8	2.0	3.8	1.5	1.2	1.1	2.3	2.0	2.3	2.5	4.0	4.3	4.6	
RYP_22	679549		5.5	4.0	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.7	1.6	4.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.431	3.154	3.4	3.6	4.4	4.9	5.1	
RYP_23 RYP_24	680763.1 678328.1	1 6182056 1 6181719	6.0 5.4	4.5	2.1 3.9	2.2 4.2	2.4 4.5	2.5 4.7	2.7 5.0	1.9 2.3	<u>6.1</u> 3.9	2.4	<u>3.1</u> 1.5	3.5 1.1	4.647	4.369	4.7	4.8 2.3	5.2 3.6	<u>5.7</u> 4.0	6.0 4.3	
RTP_24 RYP_25	679389.7		5.8	4.0	3.9	3.5	4.5 3.7	3.9	4.1	2.3	4.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	
RYP_26	678532.8		5.8	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.1	2.0	4.9	2.0	1.9	1.4	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.4	3.8	4.7	
RYP_27	679405.2	2 6181226	6.2	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	2.3	5.1	2.3	2.5	2.2	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.7	4.2	4.1	
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RYP_31	680348.3	3 6180539	7.1	5.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.2	6.2	3.3	3.6	3.4	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.5	4.7	4
RYP_32	678568.2	2 6180422	6.8	5.3	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.4	3.4	4.8	3.1	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.3	(
RYP_33	680288.7	7 6180212	7.4	5.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	3.5	6.4	3.6	3.8	3.5	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.5	:
RYP_34	678881	1 6180044	7.2	5.7	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.4	3.7	5.3	3.5	3.3	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.3	
RYP_35	679583	3 6180016	7.4	5.9	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.0	3.6	5.9	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.8	4
RYP_36	680191.1	1 6179884	7.7	6.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	3.8	6.4	3.9	4.0	3.6	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.3	3.5	4.0	4.2	
RYP_37	679001	1 6179677	7.6	6.1	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.0	5.6	3.8	3.6	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.2	2.4	2.9	3.1	
RYP_38	679651		7.7	6.3	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	3.9	6.1	3.9	3.9	3.3	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8	2.9	3.5	3.7	
RYP_39	680117.2		8.1	6.6	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.2	6.7	4.3	4.4	3.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.2	3.8	4.0	
RYP_40	679031		7.9	6.5	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	4.3	5.9	4.2	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.4	2.2	2.8	3.0	4
RYP_41	679998.1	1 6179121	8.4	6.9	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	4.5	6.8	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.3	3.0	3.6	3.8	
RYP_42	680994.7	7 6179014	8.8	7.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	4.8	7.6	5.0	5.2	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.5	5.3	4.0	4.5	4.7	
RYP_43	679098.8	8 6178990	8.3	6.8	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	4.7	6.2	4.5	4.3	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.6	2.1	2.7	2.9	:
RYP_44	678959.9		8.5	7.1	5.9 6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	5.0 5.2	6.3	4.8	4.6	3.7 3.6	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	1.9 1.4	2.5	2.6	
RYP_45 RYP_46	678480.1 678311.7	1 6178580 7 6178262	<u>8.6</u> 8.9	7.2	6.6	6.4 6.7	6.5 6.9	6.6 7.0	6.8 7.1	5.2	6.1 6.3	4.9 5.3	4.6	3.6	<u>3.9</u> 4.1	3.7 3.9	3.8	3.4 3.6	1.4	2.0	2.2	
RYP_47	678217.5		9.2	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.1	5.8	6.5	5.6	5.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.0	1.2	1.8	1.9	2
RYP_48	681380.3	3 6177803	10.1	8.6	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	8.7	6.2	6.4	5.8	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.2	4.3	4.9	4.9	-
RYP_49	681954.9	9 6177677	10.1	8.9	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.4	9.2	6.6	6.8	6.3	7.1	6.8	7.0	6.8	4.9	5.5	5.5	(
RYP_50	681372.6	6 6177455	10.4	8.9	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	8.9	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.4	4.4	4.9	5.0	1
RYP_51	681385.8	8 6177112	10.7	9.2	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	9.1	6.9	7.0	6.4	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.6	4.5	5.0	5.0	
RYP_52	681577.2		11.2	9.7	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	9.6	7.4	7.5	6.9	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.0	4.8	5.3	5.3	
RYP_53	681202.5	5 6176809	10.9	9.4	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.0	9.2	7.1	7.2	6.5	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.6	4.4	4.9	4.9	
RYP_56	681466.7	7 6176284	11.5	10.0	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	9.8	7.7	7.7	7.1	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.2	4.8	5.3	5.3	
RYP_57	681049		11.2	9.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.3	9.4	7.3	7.4	6.7	7.2	7.0	7.1	6.7	4.4	4.8	4.8	1
RYP_58	682453	3 6176166	12.0	10.5	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6	8.0	10.6	8.2	8.4	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.0	5.8	6.3	6.3	1

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Nois	se Impact A	Assessment																						
Highligh	nt closer	than	Receiver	R31*	R32*	R33*	R34* I	R35*	R36*	R38	R40	R41*	R42*	R44*	R45	R46*	R47	R48	R49*	R50	R51*	R52*	R53	R54*
	6		Easting	679303.8	680415.5	683439.9	681817.3	684553.7	679988.2	679623	678605.1	681802	683370.3	679986	682847.2	681834.8	680155	679833.9	680667	680700.9	680970.2	684135	680877	683514.5
km's	s away		Northing	6177019	6176683	6175148	6174338	6174195	6173811	6173620	6171136	6168516	6168206	6166322	6165279	6164679	6162689	6162662	6162540	6161784	6161588	6161246	6160875	6155819
	Ċ	losest T	urbine distance	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	2 5.9	7.7	8.0	10.1	10.9	11.5	13.7	13.7	13.7	14.5	14.7	15.0	15.4	20.4
c			are less than 6	42	38	19	20	10					0			0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
RYF		676564	6186549	9.9	10.6	13.3	13.3	14.7	13.2	13.3	15.5	18.8	19.6	20.5	22.2	22.5	24.1	24.1	24.4	25.1	25.3	26.4	26.0	31.5
	_			-			13.0		12.9		15.2		19.3	20.3	21.9	22.3	23.8	23.8	24.4	24.8	25.0	26.1	25.7	31.2
RYF	_	676472	6186222	9.6	10.3	13.1		14.5		13.0		18.5												
RYF	_	676314	6185896	9.4	10.1	12.9	12.8	14.3	12.6	12.7	14.9	18.2	19.0	19.9	21.6	21.9	23.5	23.5	23.8	24.5	24.8	25.9	25.4	30.9
RYF	_	676330	6185493	9.0	9.7	12.6	12.4	14.0	12.2	12.3	14.5	17.8	18.7	19.5	21.2	21.5	23.1	23.1	23.4	24.1	24.4	25.5	25.0	30.5
RYF		677768	6185211	8.3	8.9	11.6	11.6	12.9	11.6	11.7	14.1	17.2	17.9	19.0	20.6	20.9	22.6	22.6	22.9	23.6	23.8	24.8	24.5	29.9
RYF	P_6	676386	6185127	8.6	9.4	12.2	12.1	13.6	11.9	12.0	14.2	17.5	18.3	19.1	20.9	21.2	22.8	22.7	23.0	23.7	24.0	25.1	24.7	30.2
RYF	P_7	677495	6184969	8.2	8.8	11.5	11.5	12.9	11.4	11.5	13.9	17.0	17.8	18.8	20.4	20.7	22.4	22.4	22.7	23.4	23.6	24.6	24.3	29.8
RYF	P_9	677401	6184643	7.9	8.5	11.3	11.2	12.7	11.1	11.2	13.6	16.7	17.5	18.5	20.1	20.5	22.1	22.1	22.3	23.1	23.3	24.3	24.0	29.5
RYF	P_11	677311	6184316	7.6	8.2	11.0	10.9	12.4	10.8	10.9	13.2	16.4	17.2	18.2	19.8	20.2	21.8	21.8	22.0	22.8	23.0	24.1	23.7	29.2
RYF	P_12	677296	6183710	7.0	7.7	10.5	10.4	12.0	10.3	10.4	12.6	15.8	16.7	17.6	19.2	19.6	21.2	21.2	21.4	22.2	22.4	23.5	23.1	28.6
	P_15	679837	6182935	5.9	6.3	8.6	8.8	9.9	9.1	9.3	11.9	14.6	15.1	16.6	17.9	18.4	20.2	20.3	20.4	21.2	21.4	22.1	22.1	27.4
	P_16	677936	6182341	5.5	6.2	9.1	8.9	10.5	8.8	8.9	11.2	14.4	15.1	16.1	17.8	18.1	19.8	19.8	20.0	20.7	21.0	22.0	21.7	27.1
	P_17	681366	6182613	6.0	6.0	7.7	8.3	9.0	8.9	9.2	11.8	14.1	14.5	16.3	17.4	17.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.8	21.0	21.5	21.7	26.9
		678374	6182450	5.5	6.1	8.9	8.8	10.3	8.8	8.9	11.3	14.3	15.1	16.2	17.7	18.1	19.8	19.8	20.0	20.8	21.0	22.0	21.7	27.1
	P_18	678374	6182450	5.5	5.8	8.9	8.8		8.8		11.3	14.3	15.1	16.2	17.7	18.1	19.8	19.8	20.0	20.8	21.0	22.0	21.7	26.9
	P_19					-	-	9.5		8.8														
	P_20	681023	6182340	5.6	5.7	7.6	8.0	8.9	8.6	8.8	11.5	13.8	14.3	16.1	17.2	17.7	19.7	19.7	19.8	20.6	20.8	21.3	21.5	26.6
	P_21	678367	6182056	5.1	5.8	8.6	8.5	10.0	8.4	8.5	10.9	14.0	14.7	15.8	17.4	17.7	19.4	19.4	19.7	20.4	20.6	21.6	21.3	26.7
	P_22	679549	6181988	5.0	5.4	7.9	8.0	9.3	8.2	8.4	10.9	13.7	14.3	15.7	17.0	17.5	19.3	19.3	19.5	20.2	20.4	21.2	21.2	26.5
	P_23	680763	6182056	5.2	5.4	7.4	7.8	8.7	8.3	8.5	11.1	13.6	14.1	15.8	16.9	17.4	19.4	19.4	19.5	20.3	20.5	21.1	21.2	26.4
	P_24	678328	6181719	4.8	5.5	8.3	8.2	9.8	8.1	8.2	10.6	13.7	14.4	15.5	17.0	17.4	19.1	19.1	19.3	20.1	20.3	21.3	21.0	26.4
RYF	P_25	679390	6181590	4.6	5.0	7.6	7.6	9.0	7.8	8.0	10.5	13.3	14.0	15.3	16.7	17.1	18.9	18.9	19.1	19.8	20.1	20.9	20.8	26.1
RYF	P_26	678533	6181400	4.4	5.1	7.9	7.8	9.4	7.7	7.9	10.3	13.3	14.1	15.1	16.7	17.0	18.8	18.8	19.0	19.7	20.0	20.9	20.7	26.1
RYF	P_27	679405	6181226	4.2	4.7	7.3	7.3	8.7	7.4	7.6	10.1	12.9	13.6	14.9	16.3	16.7	18.6	18.6	18.7	19.5	19.7	20.5	20.4	25.7
RYF	P_28	678462	6181063	4.1	4.8	7.7	7.5	9.2	7.4	7.5	9.9	13.0	13.8	14.8	16.4	16.7	18.5	18.5	18.7	19.4	19.6	20.6	20.3	25.7
	P_29	678286	6180743	3.9	4.6	7.6	7.3	9.1	7.1	7.2	9.6	12.7	13.5	14.5	16.1	16.5	18.2	18.1	18.4	19.1	19.3	20.4	20.0	25.5
	P_30	678947	6180723	3.7	4.3	7.2	7.0	8.6	7.0	7.1	9.6	12.5	13.3	14.4	15.9	16.3	18.1	18.1	18.3	19.0	19.2	20.2	19.9	25.3
	P_31	680348	6180539	3.7	3.9	6.2	6.4	7.6	6.7	7.0	9.6	12.1	12.7	14.2	15.5	15.9	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.8	19.0	19.7	19.7	24.9
	P_32	678568	6180422	3.5	4.2	7.2	6.9	8.6	6.8	6.9	9.3	12.1	13.1	14.2	15.7	16.1	17.8	17.8	18.0	18.8	19.0	20.0	19.7	25.1
		680289	6180212	3.3	3.5	6.0	6.1	7.4	6.4	6.6	9.3	12.3	12.4	14.2	15.2	15.6	17.8	17.6	17.7	18.4	18.6	19.4	19.7	23.1
	P_33						-		-		-	-								-		-		
	P_34	678881	6180044	3.1	3.7	6.7	6.4	8.1	6.3	6.5	8.9	11.9	12.7	13.8	15.3	15.6	17.4	17.4	17.6	18.4	18.6	19.5	19.3	24.7
	P_35	679583	6180016	3.0	3.4	6.2	6.1	7.7	6.2	6.4	8.9	11.7	12.4	13.7	15.1	15.5	17.3	17.4	17.5	18.3	18.5	19.3	19.2	24.5
	P_36	680191	6179884	3.0	3.2	5.7	5.8	7.2	6.1	6.3	8.9	11.5	12.1	13.6	14.8	15.3	17.2	17.2	17.4	18.1	18.3	19.1	19.0	24.3
	P_37	679001	6179677	2.7	3.3	6.3	6.0	7.8	5.9	6.1	8.6	11.5	12.3	13.4	14.9	15.3	17.0	17.0	17.2	18.0	18.2	19.1	18.9	24.3
	P_38	679651	6179673	2.7	3.1	5.9	5.8	7.4	5.9	6.1	8.6	11.4	12.1	13.4	14.7	15.2	17.0	17.0	17.2	17.9	18.1	19.0	18.8	24.2
RYF	P_39	680117	6179419	2.5	2.8	5.4	5.4	6.9	5.6	5.8	8.4	11.0	11.7	13.1	14.4	14.8	16.7	16.8	16.9	17.6	17.9	18.6	18.6	23.8
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RYF	P_41	679998	6179121	2.2	2.5	5.3	5.1	6.7	5.3	5.5	8.1	10.8	11.4	12.8	14.1	14.6	16.4	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.6	18.3	18.3	23.6
RYF	P_42	680995	6179014	2.6	2.4	4.6	4.7	6.0	5.3	5.6	8.2	10.5	11.1	12.7	13.9	14.4	16.3	16.4	16.5	17.2	17.4	18.0	18.1	23.3
RYF	P_43	679099	6178990	2.0	2.7	5.8	5.4	7.3	5.3	5.4	7.9	10.8	11.6	12.7	14.2	14.6	16.3	16.3	16.5	17.3	17.5	18.4	18.2	23.6
	P_44	678960	6178675	1.7	2.5	5.7	5.2	7.2	5.0	5.1	7.5	10.5	11.4	12.4	13.9	14.3	16.0	16.0	16.2	17.0	17.2	18.2	17.9	23.3
		678480	6178580	1.8	2.7	6.0	5.4	7.5	5.0	5.1	7.4	10.6	11.5	12.3	14.0	14.3	16.0	16.0	16.2	16.9	17.2	18.2	17.9	23.3
	P_46	678312	6178262	1.6	2.6	6.0	5.3	7.4	4.8	4.8	7.1	10.4	11.3	12.1	13.8	14.0	15.7	15.7	15.9	16.7	16.9	18.0	17.6	23.0
	_40 P_47	678218	6177947	1.4	2.5	5.9	5.1	7.4	4.5	4.5	6.8	10.4	11.0	11.8	13.5	13.8	15.4	15.4	15.6	16.4	16.6	17.7	17.3	22.8
	P_48	681380	6177803	2.2	1.5	3.4	3.5	4.8	4.2	4.5	7.2	9.3	9.8	11.6	12.6	13.1	15.2	15.2	15.3	16.0	16.2	16.8	16.9	22.1
	P_49	681955	6177677	2.7	1.8	2.9	3.3	4.3	4.3	4.7	7.3	9.2	9.6	11.5	12.4	13.0	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.9	16.1	16.6	16.8	21.9
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	P_51	681386	6177112	2.1	1.1	2.8	2.8	4.3	3.6	3.9	6.6	8.6	9.1	10.9	11.9	12.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	15.3	15.5	16.1	16.2	21.4
	P_52	681577	6176633	2.3	1.2	2.4	2.3	3.8	3.2	3.6	6.2	8.1	8.6	10.4	11.4	12.0	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.9	15.1	15.6	15.8	20.9
RYF	P_53	681202	6176809	1.9	0.8	2.8	2.5	4.2	3.2	3.6	6.2	8.3	8.9	10.6	11.6	12.1	14.2	14.2	14.3	15.0	15.2	15.8	15.9	21.1
RYF	P_56	681467	6176284	2.3	1.1	2.3	2.0	3.7	2.9	3.2	5.9	7.8	8.3	10.1	11.1	11.6	13.7	13.7	13.8	14.5	14.7	15.3	15.4	20.6
RYF	P_57	681049	6176486	1.8	0.7	2.7	2.3	4.2	2.9	3.2	5.9	8.0	8.6	10.2	11.4	11.8	13.8	13.9	14.0	14.7	14.9	15.5	15.6	20.8
	P_58	682453	6176166	3.3	2.1	1.4	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.8	6.3	7.7	8.0	10.1	10.9	11.5	13.7	13.8	13.7	14.5	14.7	15.0	15.4	20.4
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	6		-		686871.8			684488.7	683916.1		676089	676668.2
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RYP_	_	676563.7	6186549	34.9	36.4	37.8	37.8	38.0	38.2	38.3	6.1	6.9
RYP_		676472.4	6186222	34.6	36.1	37.5	37.5	37.7	37.9	38.0	5.8	6.6
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RYP_		676329.7	6185493	33.9	35.5	36.8	36.8	37.1	37.2	37.3	5.0	5.9
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RYP_ RYP_		678373.6 679786.8	6182450 6182460	30.4	32.0 31.7	33.4	33.4	33.7	33.8 33.6	33.9	4.2	4.2
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RYP_	_34	678881	6180044	28.0	29.5	30.9	31.0	31.2	31.4	31.5	2.8	2.2
RYP_		679583	6180016	27.8	29.3	30.8	30.8	31.1	31.2	31.3	3.5	2.9
RYP_	_36	680191.1	6179884	27.5	29.0	30.6	30.6	30.9	31.0	31.1	4.1	3.5
RYP_	_37	679001	6179677	27.6	29.1	30.6	30.6	30.8	31.0	31.1	3.0	2.3
RYP_		679651	6179673	27.4	29.0	30.4	30.5	30.7	30.9	31.0	3.6	3.0
RYP_		680117.2	6179419	27.1	28.6	30.1	30.2	30.4	30.6	30.7	4.2	3.5
RYP_		679031	6179317	27.2	28.8	30.2	30.2	30.5	30.6	30.7	3.2	2.4
RYP_		679998.1	6179121	26.8	28.4	29.8	29.9	30.1	30.3	30.4	4.1	3.4
RYP_		680994.7	6179014	26.5	28.0	29.6	29.7	29.9	30.1	30.2	5.1	4.4
RYP_		679098.8	6178990	26.9	28.5	29.9	29.9	30.1	30.3	30.4	3.3	2.5
RYP_		678959.9	6178675	26.6	28.2	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.0	30.1	3.4	2.5
RYP_		678480.1	6178580	26.7	28.2	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.0	30.1	3.0	2.1
RYP_		678311.7	6178262	26.4	28.0	29.3	29.3	29.6	29.7	29.8	3.1	2.1
RYP_		678217.5	6177947	26.2	27.7	29.0	29.0	29.3	29.4	29.5	3.3	2.3
RYP_		681380.3	6177803	25.2	26.8	28.3	28.4	28.6	28.8	28.9	5.9	5.1
RYP_		681954.9	6177677	25.0	26.5	28.2	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.8	6.5	5.6
RYP_		681372.6	6177455	24.9	26.4	28.0	28.1	28.3	28.5	28.6	6.1	5.2
RYP_		681385.8	6177112	24.5	26.1	27.7	27.7	27.9	28.1	28.2	6.3	5.4
RYP_		681577.2	6176633	24.0	25.6	27.2	27.2	27.5	27.6	27.7	6.7	5.8
RYP_ RYP_		681202.5	6176809 6176284	24.3 23.7	25.8 25.3	27.4 26.8	27.4 26.9	27.7 27.1	27.8 27.3	27.9 27.4	6.3 6.8	5.3 5.9
		681466.7										
RYP_		681049 682453	6176486 6176166	24.0 23.4	25.5 24.9	27.1	27.1 26.7	27.4 26.9	27.5 27.1	27.6 27.2	6.4 7.7	5.4 6.7
RYP_		002403	01/0100	23.4	24.9	26.6	20.7	20.9	21.1	21.2	1.1	0.7

### NOISE FUNDAMENTALS

#### Noise

Hearing is a fundamental human sense and is used constantly for communication and awareness of the environment.

Noise is generally described as being 'unwanted' or 'unfavourable' sound and, to some extent, is an individual or subjective response as what may be sound to one person, may be regarded as noise by another.

The measurement and assessment of sound has been developed steadily over the last century, taking into account human response measures such as hearing damage and other potential health affects such as stress. Complex sound measurement and analytical devices have also been developed.

#### A-weighting and 'dBA'

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 (typically 500 Hz to 4,000 Hz) and less sensitive at lower and higher frequencies. The level of a sound in dBA is a considered 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 (e.g. the loudness of human speech and a distant motorbike may be perceived differently, although they can be of the same dBA level).

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.

Table 1 below presents examples of typical noise levels.

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

Table 1 Typical Noise Levels

### Noise Fundamentals

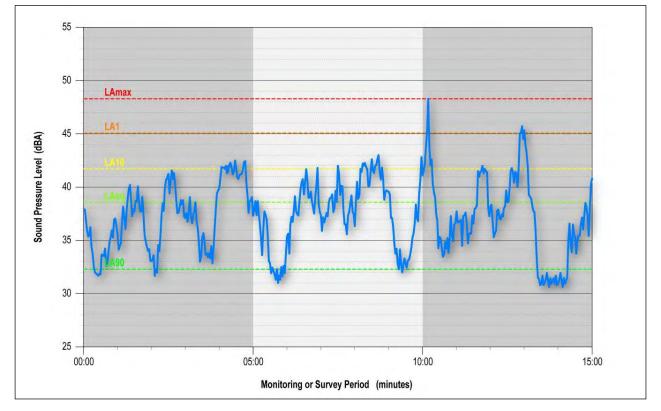
#### **Statistical Noise Level Descriptors**

As environmental noise usually varies in level over time, it is common to present the results of environmental noise testing in the form of statistical descriptors.

An explanation of noise level descriptors typically used for assessing the noise environment are illustrated in **Figure 1** and described below.

The maximum A-weighted noise level associated with a noise measurement LAmax interval. The noise level exceeded for 1% of a given measurement period. This parameter LA1 is often used to represent the typical maximum noise level in a given interval. LA10 The A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded 10% of a given measurement interval and is utilised normally to characterise average maximum noise levels. The A-weighted equivalent continuous sound level. It is defined as the steady LAeq sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as a given timevarying sound over the same measurement interval. Can be loosely thought of as the 'average'. LA90 The A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded 90% of a given measurement interval and is representative of the average minimum sound level. Often used to describe the 'background' level.

Figure 1 Graphical Display of Typical Noise Descriptors



### Noise Fundamentals

### Character

The A-weighted noise level alone is a simplistic parameter and may not be sufficient in providing a thorough assessment of noise. The subjective character of a sound is also a significant parameter that needs to be considered.

Some basic characteristics of sound which can make a sound more or less intrusive include:

- The frequency content of a sound i.e. low frequency sound such as exhaust noise or high frequency sound such as birds or insects,
- the 'tonality' of a sound i.e. sound contains one or more prominent tones such as a horn or a whistle,
- the 'impulsiveness' of a sound i.e. hammering, dog barking or a intermittently operating power saw.

The above parameters can usually be indicatively subjectively assessed, but more thorough assessment can be made with advanced sound measuring devices (i.e. narrow band or one-third octave analysis). Many noise policies provide an assessment method which applies penalties to sounds that exhibit particular characteristics such as the above.

#### Frequency Analysis

Frequency analysis is the process used to examine the tones (or frequency components) which make up the overall noise or vibration signal. This analysis was traditionally carried out using analogue electronic filters, but is now normally carried out using Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) analysers.

The units for frequency are Hertz (Hz), which represent the number of cycles per second.

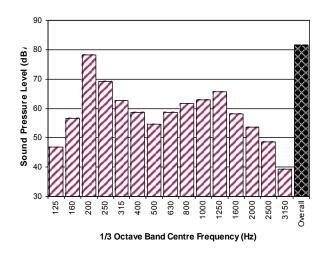
Frequency analysis can be in:

- Octave bands (where the centre frequency and width of each band is double the previous band)
- 1/3 octave bands (3 bands in each octave band)
- Narrow band (where the spectrum is divided into 400 or more bands of equal width)

**Figure 2** shows a 1/3 octave band frequency analysis where the noise is dominated by the 200 Hz band. Note that the indicated level of each individual band is less than the overall level, which is the logarithmic sum of the bands.

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#### Figure 2 Representative 1/3 Octave Band Analysis

#### Vibration

Vibration may be defined as cyclic or transient motion. This motion can be measured in terms of its displacement, velocity or acceleration. Most assessments of human response to vibration or the risk of damage to buildings use measurements of vibration velocity. These may be expressed in terms of "peak" velocity or "rms" velocity.

The former is the maximum instantaneous velocity, without any averaging, and is sometimes referred to as "peak particle velocity", or PPV. The latter incorporates "root mean squared" averaging over some defined time period.

Vibration measurements may be carried out in a single axis or alternatively as triaxial measurements. Where triaxial measurements are used, the axes are commonly designated vertical, longitudinal (aligned toward the source) and transverse.

The common units for velocity are millimetres per second (mm/s). As with noise, decibel units can also be used, in which case the reference level should always be stated. A vibration level V, expressed in mm/s can be converted to decibels by the formula 20 log (V/V<sub>o</sub>), where V<sub>o</sub> is the reference level (1E-6 mm/s). Care is required in this regard, as other reference levels are used by some organizations.

### Human Perception of Vibration

People are able to "feel" vibration at levels lower than those required to cause even superficial damage to the most susceptible classes of building (even though they may not be disturbed by the motion). An individual's perception of motion or response to vibration depends very strongly on previous experience and expectations, and on other connotations associated with the perceived source of the vibration. For example, the vibration that a person responds to as "normal" in a car, bus or train is considerably higher than what is perceived as "normal" in a shop, office or dwelling.

#### Over-Pressure

The term "over-pressure" is used to describe the air pressure pulse emitted during blasting or similar events. The peak level of an event is normally measured using a microphone in the same manner as linear noise (ie unweighted), at frequencies both in and below the audible range.

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Wind Turbine Coordinates and Description

Name	Easting	Northing	Mitigated Layout: Sound Management Mode	Name	Easting	Northing	Mitigated Layout: Sound Management Mode
RYP_1	676563	6186549		RYP_72	681953	6172668	
RYP_2	676472	6186222		RYP_73	681140	6172249	SMM
RYP_3	676314	6185896			681365	6171943	
RYP_4	676329	6185493		RYP_75	681395	6171612	
RYP_5	677768	6185211		RYP_76	680459	6171477	
RYP_6	676386	6185127		RYP_77	681472	6171274	
RYP_7	677495	6184969		RYP_78	680811	6171208	
RYP_9	677400	6184643		RYP_79	680690	6170761	
RYP_11	677311	6184316		RYP_80	682009	6170363	
RYP_12	677295	6183710		RYP_81	682061	6170029	
RYP_15	679837	6182935		RYP_82	682005	6169687	
RYP_16	677935	6182341		RYP_83	681798	6169342	
RYP_17	681366	6182613		RYP_84	681410	6167593	
RYP_18	678373	6182450		RYP_85	681736	6167307	
RYP_19	679786	6182460		RYP_86	681630	6166732	
	681023	6182340		 RYP_87	681472	6166439	
	678367	6182056		 RYP_88	681476	6166038	SMM
	679549	6181988		 RYP_89	681369	6165705	SMM
	680763	6182056		 RYP_90	681271	6165375	
RYP_24	678328	6181719		 RYP_92	681120	6164499	
RYP_25	679389	6181590		RYP_93	680884	6164219	
RYP_26	678532	6181400		RYP_94	680712	6163861	
RYP_27	679405	6181226		RYP_95	681651	6163700	
RYP_28	678461	6181063		RYP_97	682412	6162894	
RYP_29	678285	6180743		RYP_98	682312	6162559	
RYP_30	678946	6180723		RYP_99	682370	6162222	
RYP_31	680348	6180539		RYP_100	682348	6161883	SMM
RYP_32	678568	6180422		RYP_101	682364	6161545	SMM
RYP_33	680288	6180212		RYP_102	686212	6156702	
RYP_34	678881	6180044		RYP_103	686012	6156388	
RYP_35	679583	6180016		RYP_104	686076	6156057	
RYP_36	680191	6179884		RYP_106	685011	6155209	
RYP_37	679001	6179677		RYP_107	685075	6154899	
RYP_38	679651	6179673		RYP_109	685446	6154514	SMM
 RYP_39	680117	6179419		 RYP_110	684865	6154477	
RYP_40	679031	6179317		RYP_119	683637	6152682	
 RYP_41	679998	6179121		 RYP_120	684988	6152786	
	680994	6179014		 RYP_121	684859	6152485	
	679098	6178990		 RYP_122	683572	6152342	
 RYP_44	678959	6178675		 RYP_123	682721	6152320	

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Name	Easting	Northing	Mitigated Layout: Sound Management Mode	Name	Easting	Northing	Mitigated Layout: Sound Management Mode
RYP_45	678480	6178580		RYP_125	684291	6151984	
RYP_46	678311	6178262		RYP_126	682625	6151799	
RYP_47	678217	6177947		RYP_127	684339	6151640	
RYP_48	681380	6177803		RYP_128	683192	6151380	
RYP_49	681954	6177677		RYP_129	684434	6151261	
RYP_50	681372	6177455		RYP_130	683128	6151059	
RYP_51	681385	6177112		RYP_131	683010	6150732	
RYP_52	681577	6176633		RYP_96	682225	6163319	
RYP_53	681202	6176809		RYP_132	678712	6182642	
RYP_56	681466	6176284		RYP_133	678008	6181394	
RYP_57	681049	6176486	SMM	RYP_134	677899	6181074	
RYP_58	682453	6176166		RYP_135	679233	6180352	
RYP_61	680896	6176158	SMM	RYP_136	680736	6181711	
RYP_62	680706	6175844		RYP_137	680639	6181386.1	
RYP_63	682350	6175648		RYP_138	680609	6181041.6	
RYP_64	682964	6175563		RYP_139	680928	6177667.1	
RYP_65	684812	6175373		RYP_140	680771	6177336.7	SMM
RYP_66	682356	6175315		RYP_141	680422	6175567.3	SMM
RYP_67	680275	6175262	SMM	RYP_145	686041	6154259.9	
RYP_68	684506	6175044		RYP_142	684451	6152328.8	
RYP_69	682310	6174976		RYP_143	681450	6167984.1	
RYP_70	680093	6174954	SMM	RYP_144	678428	6177667.6	
RYP_71	682030	6173110		RYP_124	685096	6152166.5	

### Appendix F

### Low Frequency Noise and Tonality Analysis

### Low Frequency Noise

Low frequency noise has been evaluated by determining the C-weighted noise for each receptor. The overall results in dBC for each receptor are shown in the table below.

Receiver	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBC	Receiver	Predicted Noise Level, Leq dBC
R1	42.8	R36*	42.4
R2*	46.2	R38	42.0
R6	40.6	R40	35.4
R7	39.0	R41*	47.6
R8	37.9	R42*	40.2
R9	37.5	R44*	42.8
R10	38.2	R45	41.9
R11*	46.2	R46*	47.0
R24	46.2	R47	41.2
R13*	47.1	R48	40.5
R14*	47.8	R49*	42.9
R16*	42.0	R50	41.1
R17	43.2	R51*	41.7
R19	42.0	R52*	38.1
R20	41.4	R53	39.2
R22	38.5	R54*	39.5
R25*	43.2	R56	40.9
R26*	40.5	R58	35.3
R29	40.7	R59*	40.3
R30*	47.8	R60*	38.5
R31*	45.0	R61*	38.4
R32*	49.5	R62	39.2
R33*	46.1	R63	38.8
R34*	46.7	R64*	41.1
R35*	42.6	R65	40.3

None of the receivers exceed the night-time criteria of 60 dBC which is the trigger level for further low frequency noise investigation in the NSW Draft Wind Farm Guidelines.

Tonality is assessed using the one-third octave field testing methodology. The table below shows the level of each one third octave band relative to its sidebands. Noise is said to be tonal when the one third octave band level exceeds the level of the adjacent sidebands on both sides by:

- 5 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is above 400Hz
- 8 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is 160 to 400Hz inclusive
- 15 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is below 160Hz

The results presented in the tables below in each column are for either side-band, respectively.

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												Freq	uency	(Hz)									
Receiver	31	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k	2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k
R1	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,6	-6,8	-8,10	-10,16	-16,25	-25,-40	40,0
R2*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,4	-4,6	-6,7	-7,10	-10,17	-17,24	-24,-35
R6	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,9	-9,13	-13,20	-20,30	-30,-58	58,0
R7	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,9	-9,13	-13,20	-20,-30	30,0	0,0
R8	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,14	-14,21	-21,-35	35,0	0,0
R9	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,14	-14,23	-23,-38	38,0	0,0
R10	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,8	-8,11	-11,16	-16,25	-25,-46	46,0	0,0
R11*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,6	-6,7	-7,11	-11,18	-18,26	-26,-43
R24	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-4	4,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,7	-7,9	-9,14	-14,21	-21,31	-31,-57
R13*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,6	-6,8	-8,12	-12,20	-20,29	-29,-47
R14*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,7	-7,8	-8,12	-12,19	-19,27	-27,-46
R16*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,3	-3,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,26	-26,-42	42,0	0,0
R17	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,14	-14,22	-22,-32	32,0	0,0
R19	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,25	-25,-41	41,0	0,0
R20	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,25	-25,-42	42,0	0,0
R22	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,9	-9,13	-13,19	-19,29	-29,-56	56,0	0,0
R25*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,6	-6,8	-8,11	-11,17	-17,27	-27,-44	44,0
R26*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,15	-15,24	-24,-38	38,0	0,0
R29	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,15	-15,24	-24,-41	41,0	0,0
R30*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,7	-7,8	-8,12	-12,19	-19,27	-27,-44
R31*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,6	-6,9	-9,11	-11,16	-16,25	-25,-40	40,0
R32*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,6	-6,8	-8,12	-12,19	-19,26	-26,-40
R33*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,4	-4,6	-6,7	-7,10	-10,17	-17,24	-24,-37
R34*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,7	-7,8	-8,13	-13,20	-20,29	-29,-52

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												Frec	luency	(Hz)									
Receiver	31	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k	2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k
R35*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-4	4,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,6	-6,8	-8,13	-13,20	-20,30	-30,-55
R36*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,2	-2,6	-6,8	-8,11	-11,16	-16,26	-26,-45	45,0
R38	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,13	-13,20	-20,30	-30,-60	60,0
R40	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-2	2,-1	1,-2	2,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,25	-25,-50	50,0	0,0
R41*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-4	4,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,4	-4,6	-6,7	-7,11	-11,17	-17,25	-25,-37
R42*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,16	-16,25	-25,-41	41,0	0,0
R44*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,2	-2,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,10	-10,13	-13,21	-21,32	-32,-59	59,0
R45	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,14	-14,22	-22,-31	31,0	0,0
R46*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,-1	1,-2	2,1	-1,2	-2,1	-1,5	-5,6	-6,8	-8,12	-12,19	-19,27	-27,-46
R47	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,9	-9,12	-12,18	-18,28	-28,-52	52,0
R48	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,13	-13,20	-20,-31	31,0	0,0
R49*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,9	-9,13	-13,19	-19,29	-29,-53	53,0
R50	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,15	-15,23	-23,-34	34,0	0,0
R51*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,9	-9,13	-13,20	-20,30	-30,-56	56,0
R52*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,16	-16,25	-25,-43	43,0	0,0
R53	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,14	-14,23	-23,-37	37,0	0,0
R54*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,7	-7,10	-10,14	-14,22	-22,-35	35,0	0,0
R56	17,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,2	-2,7	-7,9	-9,13	-13,20	-20,30	-30,-56	56,0
R58	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,9	-9,12	-12,16	-16,25	-25,-49	49,0	0,0
R59*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,15	-15,22	-22,-36	36,0	0,0
R60*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-3	3,-3	3,-5	5,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-3	3,0	0,-2	2,1	-1,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,11	-11,15	-15,23	-23,-37	37,0	0,0
R61*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,12	-12,17	-17,26	-26,-46	46,0	0,0
R62	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,25	-25,-45	45,0	0,0
R63	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,9	-9,12	-12,17	-17,26	-26,-48	48,0	0,0
R64*	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-1	1,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,4	-4,4	-4,9	-9,12	-12,17	-17,26	-26,-47	47,0	0,0
R65	16,-9	9,-12	12,-5	5,-5	5,-2	2,-3	3,-4	4,-3	3,-2	2,-3	3,-2	2,0	0,-1	1,2	-2,3	-3,3	-3,8	-8,12	-12,16	-16,26	-26,-43	43,0	0,0