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Transportation Noise Assessment (Lloyd George Acoustics)

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to support the proposed Central Precinct Local Structure Plan. Given the site is bound by a railway reserve to support the future Yanchep Railway and a primary regional reserve to support the future Mitchell Freeway, an assessment of the noise impacts on residential development has been undertaken. The level of detail is similar to that of a local structure plan to provide greater certainty for the proposed use.

The results of the assessment are compared against the *State Planning Policy No. 5.4 Road and Rail Noise* and recommendations are provided on noise mitigation requirements under this policy. Further refinement of this work will be undertaken as part of the sub-division design and therefore, any recommendations for noise mitigation, be it in the form of noise walls or facade protection, are indicative only. The purpose of this work is to demonstrate that transport noise impacts can be managed in accordance with policy should residential development be progressed within this landholding.

For a general locality map, refer to *Figure 1-1* and an indicative subdivision layout for the purpose of the assessment is shown in *Figure 1-2*.

Appendix B contains a description of some of the terminology used throughout this report.

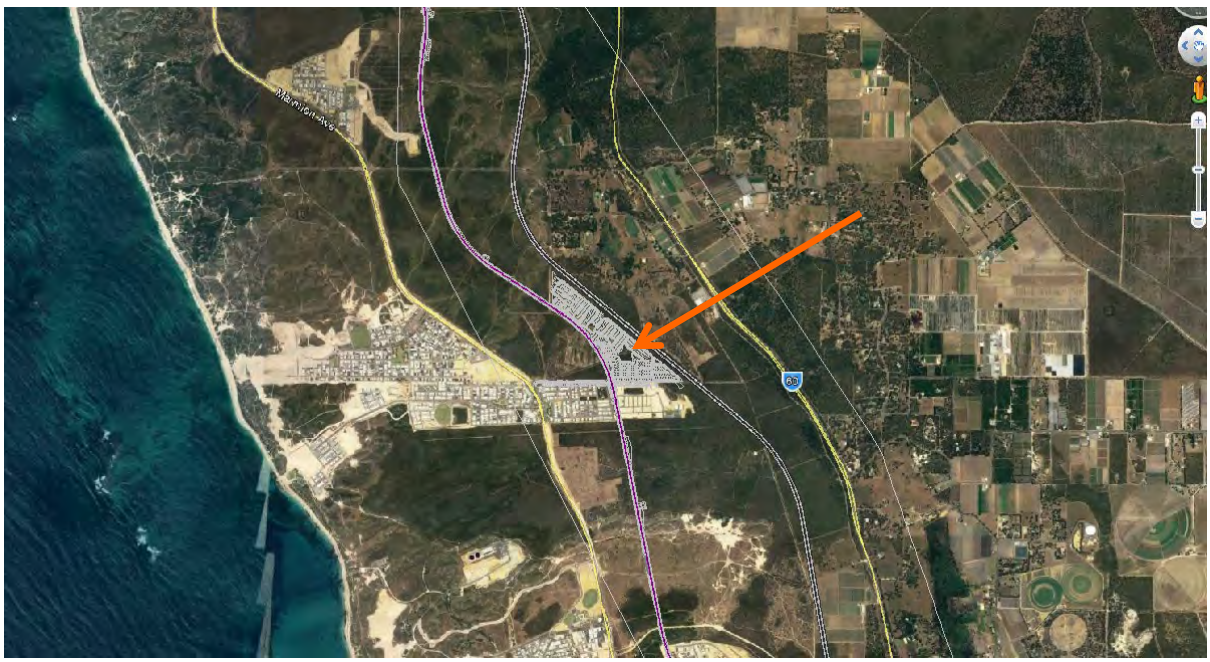


Figure 1-1 Project Locality

Figure 1-2 Subdivision Layout

2 CRITERIA

The criteria relevant to this assessment is provided in *State Planning Policy No. 5.4 Road and Rail Noise* (hereafter referred to as SPP 5.4) produced by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The objectives of SPP 5.4 are to:

- Protect the community from unreasonable levels of transport noise;
- Protect strategic and other significant freight transport corridors from incompatible urban encroachment;
- Ensure transport infrastructure and land-use can mutually exist within urban corridors;
- Ensure that noise impacts are addressed as early as possible in the planning process; and
- Encourage best practice noise mitigation design and construction standards

Table 2-1 sets out noise targets that are to be achieved by proposals under which SPP 5.4 applies. Where the targets are exceeded, an assessment is required to determine the likely level of transport noise and management/mitigation required.

Table 2-1 Noise Targets for Noise-Sensitive Land-Use

Outdoor Noise Target		Indoor Noise Target	
55 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$	50 dB $L_{Aeq(Night)}$	40 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$ (Living and Work Areas)	35 dB $L_{Aeq(Night)}$ (Bedrooms)

Notes:

- Day period is from 6am to 10pm and night period from 10pm to 6am.
- The outdoor noise target is to be measured at 1-metre from the most exposed, habitable[1] facade of the noise sensitive building.
- For all noise-sensitive land-use and/or development, indoor noise targets for other room usages may be reasonable drawn from Table 1 of Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2107:2016 Acoustics – Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors (as amended) for each relevant time period.
- Outdoor targets are to be met at all outdoor areas as far as is reasonable and practicable to do so using the various noise mitigation measures outlined in the Guidelines.

The application of SPP 5.4 is to consider anticipated traffic volumes for the next 20 years from when the noise assessment is undertaken.

In the application of the noise targets, the objective is to achieve:

- indoor noise levels specified in *Table 2-1* in noise-sensitive areas (e.g. bedrooms and living rooms of houses and school classrooms); and
- a reasonable degree of acoustic amenity for outdoor living areas on each residential lot. For non-residential noise-sensitive developments, for example schools and childcare centres, the design of outdoor areas should take into consideration the noise target.

[1] A habitable room is defined in State Planning Policy 3.1 as a room used for normal domestic activities that includes a bedroom, living room, lounge room, music room, sitting room, television room, kitchen, dining room, sewing room, study, playroom, sunroom, gymnasium, fully enclosed swimming pool or patio.

3 METHODOLOGY

As this is a green-field site in that neither the railway nor the freeway have been constructed, measurements of the existing noise levels are not required. Therefore this assessment is based only on computer modelling.

The computer programme *SoundPLAN 8.2* was utilised incorporating the *Calculation of Road Traffic Noise* (CoRTN) algorithms for the road traffic noise and the Nordic Rail Prediction Method (Kilde Rep. 130) algorithm for rail noise. These algorithms have been modified to reflect local conditions and include:

- Vehicles were separated into heavy (Austroads Class 3 upwards) and non-heavy (Austroads Classes 1 & 2) with non-heavy vehicles having a source height of 0.5 metres above road level and heavy vehicles having two sources, at heights of 1.5 metres and 3.6 metres above road level, to represent the engine and exhaust respectively. By splitting the noise source into three, allows for less barrier attenuation for high level sources where barriers are to be considered. Note that corrections are applied to the exhaust of –8.0 dB (based on Transportation Noise Reference Book, Paul Nelson, 1987) and to the engine source of –0.8 dB, so as to provide consistent results with the CoRTN algorithms for the no barrier scenario;
- An adjustment of –1.7 dB has been applied to the predicted levels based on the findings of An Evaluation of the U.K. DoE Traffic Noise Prediction; Australian Road Research Board, Report 122 ARRB – NAASRA Planning Group 1982.
- The Nordic Rail Prediction Method (Kilde Rep. 130) algorithm is for generic train types in Europe and requires modification to align with measured noise levels of passenger trains operating in the Perth region.

Predictions are made at heights of 1.4 m above ground floor level and 1.0 metre from an assumed building facade resulting in a + 2.5 dB correction due to reflected noise.

Based on the results of noise monitoring and model calibration for the proposed Mitchell Freeway extension to Romeo Road, as well as other noise modelling projects for the Mitchell Freeway, a calibration factor of -3dB has been assumed for the freeway.

Various input data are included in the modelling such as ground topography, road and railway design, traffic volumes and speeds and rail movements and speeds. These model inputs are discussed below.

3.1.1 Ground Topography

Topographical data was provided by Cossill & Webley.

Buildings have also been included as these can provide barrier attenuation when located between a source and receiver, in much the same way as a hill or wall provides noise shielding. All buildings are assumed to have a height of 3.5 metres.

3.1.2 Road Traffic Data

Traffic data includes:

- Road Surface – The future road surface is assumed to be open graded asphalt. The noise relationship between the various road surfaces is provided in *Table 3-1*. As a guide, 14 mm chip seal would be the noisiest surface and open-graded asphalt the quietest.

Table 3-1 Noise Relationship Between Different Road Surfaces

Road Surfaces						
Chip Seal			Asphalt			
14mm	10mm	5mm	Dense Graded	Novachip	Stone Mastic	Open Graded
+3.5 dB	+2.5 dB	+1.5 dB	0.0 dB	-0.2 dB	-1.0 dB	-2.5 dB

- Vehicle Speed – The future posted speed is assumed to be 100km/h.

- The future (2041) traffic volumes were provided by Main Roads (ref: Clare Yu Job#41112/Apr 19) and are assumed to be 41,100 veh/day Northbound and 43,000 veh/day southbound with 10% heavy vehicles. The 18-hour traffic volumes, required for the CoRTN calculations, are assumed to be 94% of the daily volumes.

- The CoRTN algorithms used in the SoundPLAN modelling package were originally developed to calculate the $L_{A10,18hour}$ noise level. The Policy however uses $L_{Aeq\ (Day)}$ and $L_{Aeq\ (Night)}$. The relationship between the parameters varies depending on the composition of traffic on the road (volumes in each period and percentage heavy vehicles). The SoundPLAN model converts these parameters based on the findings from the technical paper Converting the UK Traffic Noise Index $L_{A10,18h}$ to EU Noise Indices for Noise Mapping; TRL Limited. The results are also compared against the measured data for consistency.

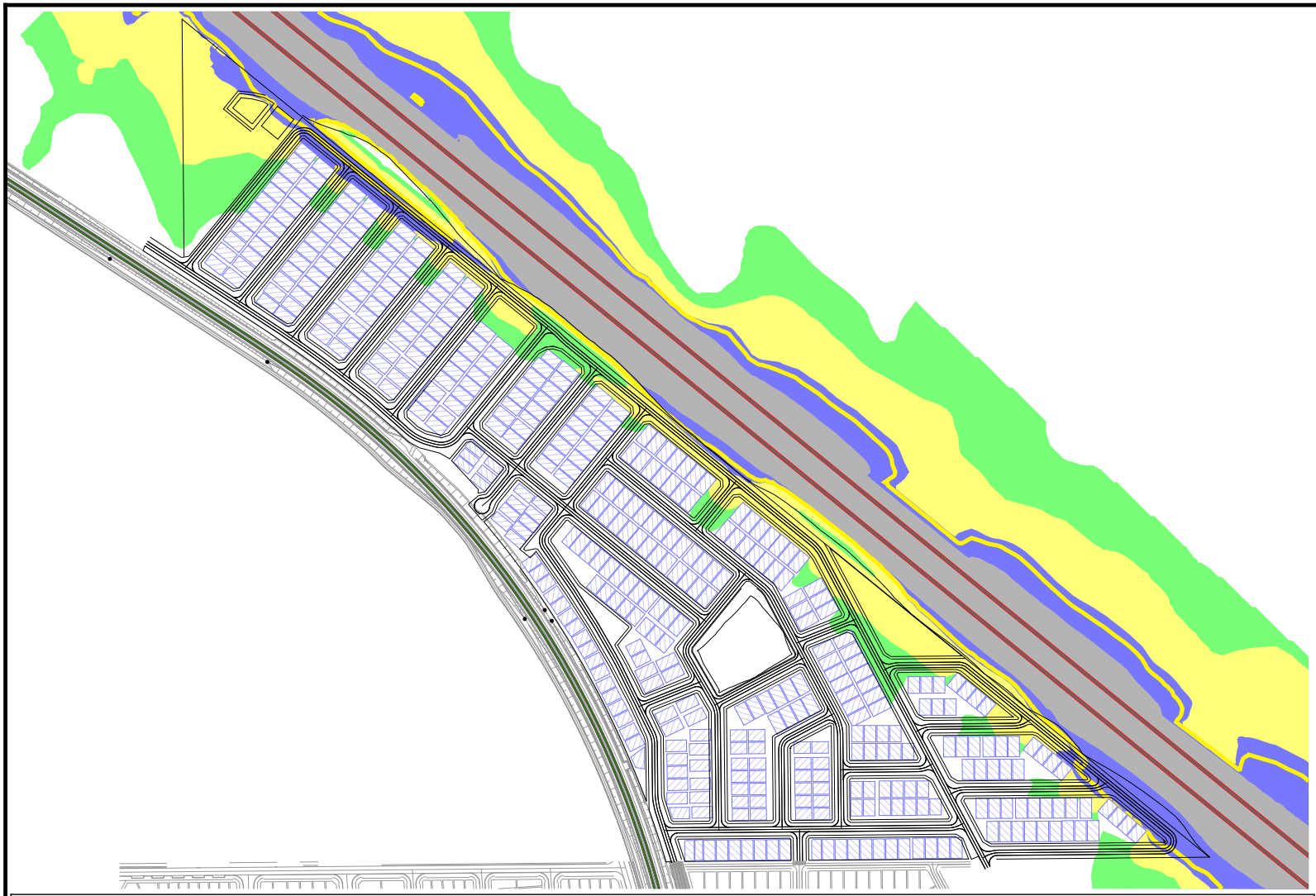
3.1.3 Railway Data

- The railway data was provided by the PTA and assumes 75 train movements in each direction using 6-car sets. Train speed adjacent to the proposed development is assumed to be 130 km/h.

4 RESULTS

The results of the assessment for road and rail noise are presented in *Figures 4-1 and 4-2*. Assessments undertaken for other developments in the area have shown that it is the daytime traffic noise that would be dominant in terms of compliance with the Policy, so only these results are shown.

Figure 4-1



Noise levels
$L_{Aeq,Day}$ dB

<= 55	
<= 56	Exposure A
<= 57	
<= 58	
<= 59	Exposure B
<= 60	
<= 61	
<= 62	
<= 63	Exposure C
<= 64	
<= 65	
<= 66	
> 66	Exposure D

SPP 5.4 (Sep 2019)

Signs and symbols
- Building
- Road
- Railway

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Predicted Noise Level Contours from Freeway

$L_{Aeq(Day)}$ Noise Level Contours
Ground Floor Level

SoundPlan v8.2
CoRTN Algorithms

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Length Scale
0 37.5 75 150 225 300 m

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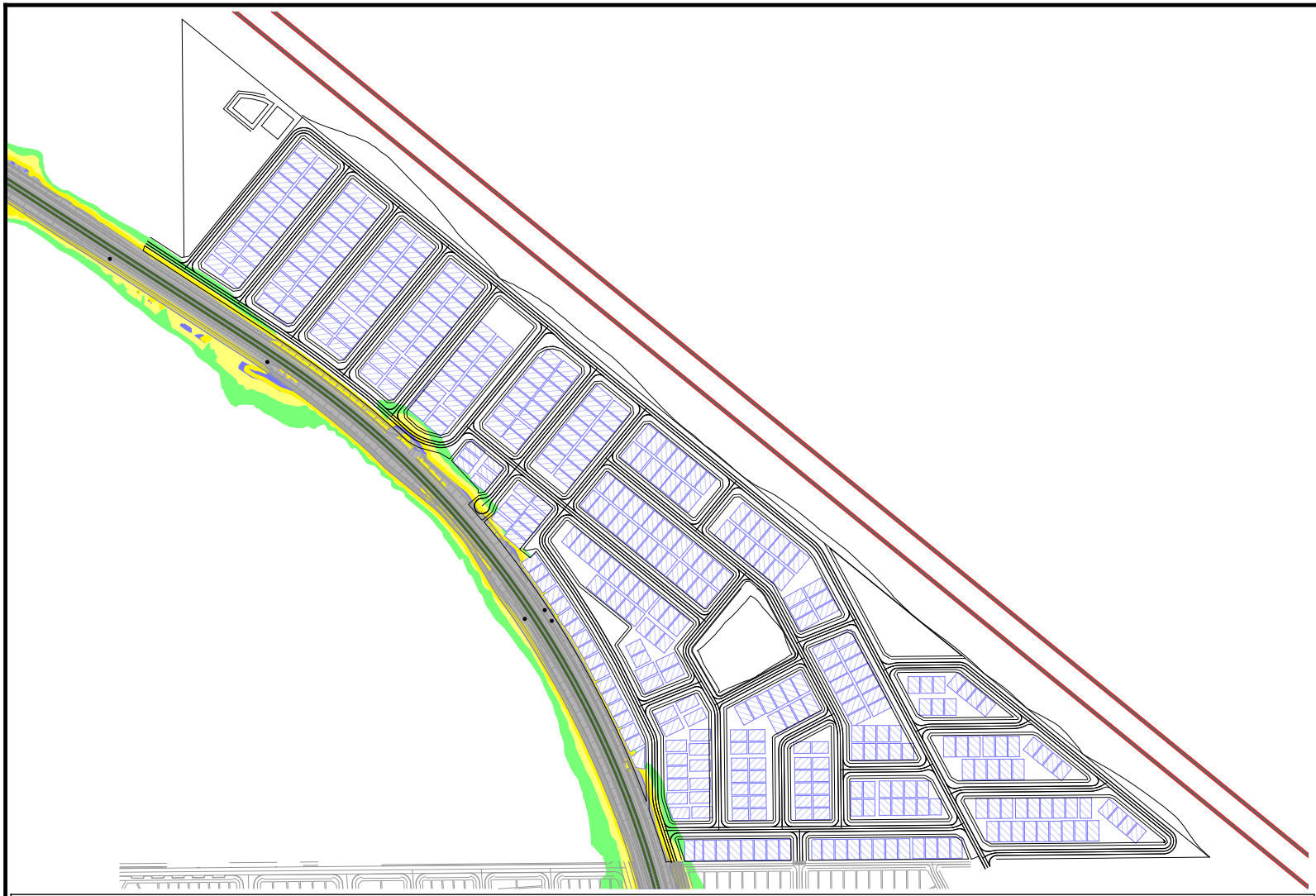
Figure 4-2



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Predicted Noise Level Contours from Railway

$L_{Aeq(Day)}$ Noise Level Contours
Ground Floor Level

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5 ASSESSMENT

The objectives of SPP 5.4 are to achieve:

- indoor noise levels specified in *Table 2-1* in noise-sensitive areas (e.g. bedrooms and living rooms of houses and school classrooms); and
- a reasonable degree of acoustic amenity for outdoor living areas on each residential lot.

Where the outdoor noise targets of *Table 2-1* are achieved, no further controls are necessary.

With reference to the predicted noise levels in *Section 4.2*, it is evident the outdoor noise target will be exceeded and noise mitigation must be considered. It should be noted that these recommendations are indicative only and will be finalised in the subdivision design phase of the project:

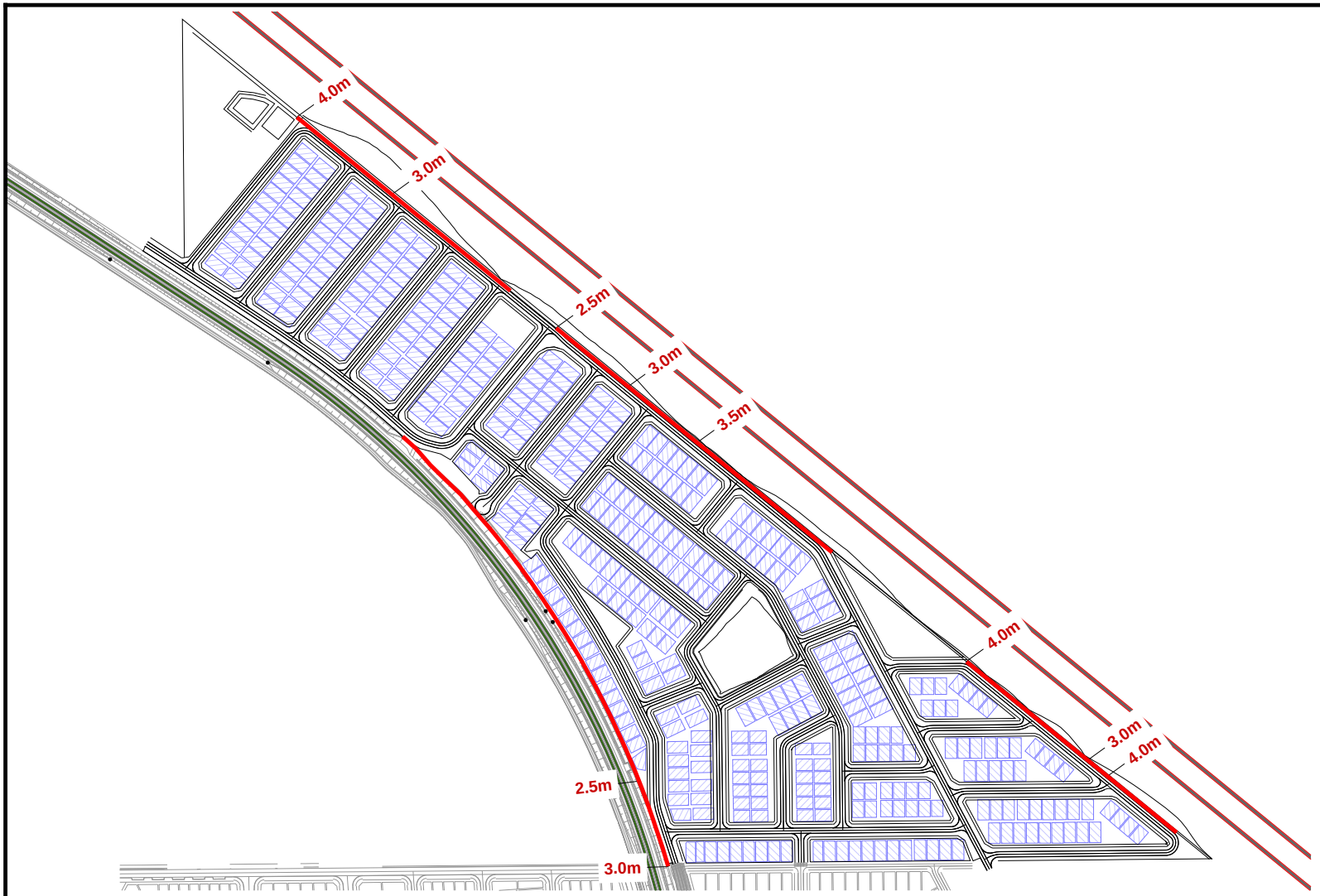
- Construct noise walls as shown in *Figure 5-1*. The noise walls are to be solid, free of gaps and of minimum surface mass 15 kg/m^2.
- Where lots are still above the outdoor noise target (refer *Figure 5-2*), the following Packages (refer *Appendix A*) are required:
    - Package A where noise levels are between 56 dB and 58 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$;
    - Package B where noise levels are between 59 dB and 62 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$;
    - Package C where noise levels are between 63 dB and 66 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$;

      Alternative constructions from the deemed to satisfy packages may be acceptable if supported by a report undertaken by a suitably qualified acoustical consultant (member firm of the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants (AAAC)), once the lots specific building plans are available.
- All affected lots are to have notifications on lot titles as per SPP 5.4 requirements – refer *Appendix A*.
- One outdoor area should be designed to achieve the target area where practicable.

While the subdivision lot layout is indicative only, the facade protection required to ground floor, assuming the proposed noise walls, is detailed on *Figure 5-3*.

In addition, the areas requiring facade protection for two-storey buildings are detailed in *Figure 5-4*.

Figure 5-1



Signs and symbols

House

Wall

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Proposed Noise Wall

N

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0 37.5 75 150 225 300 m

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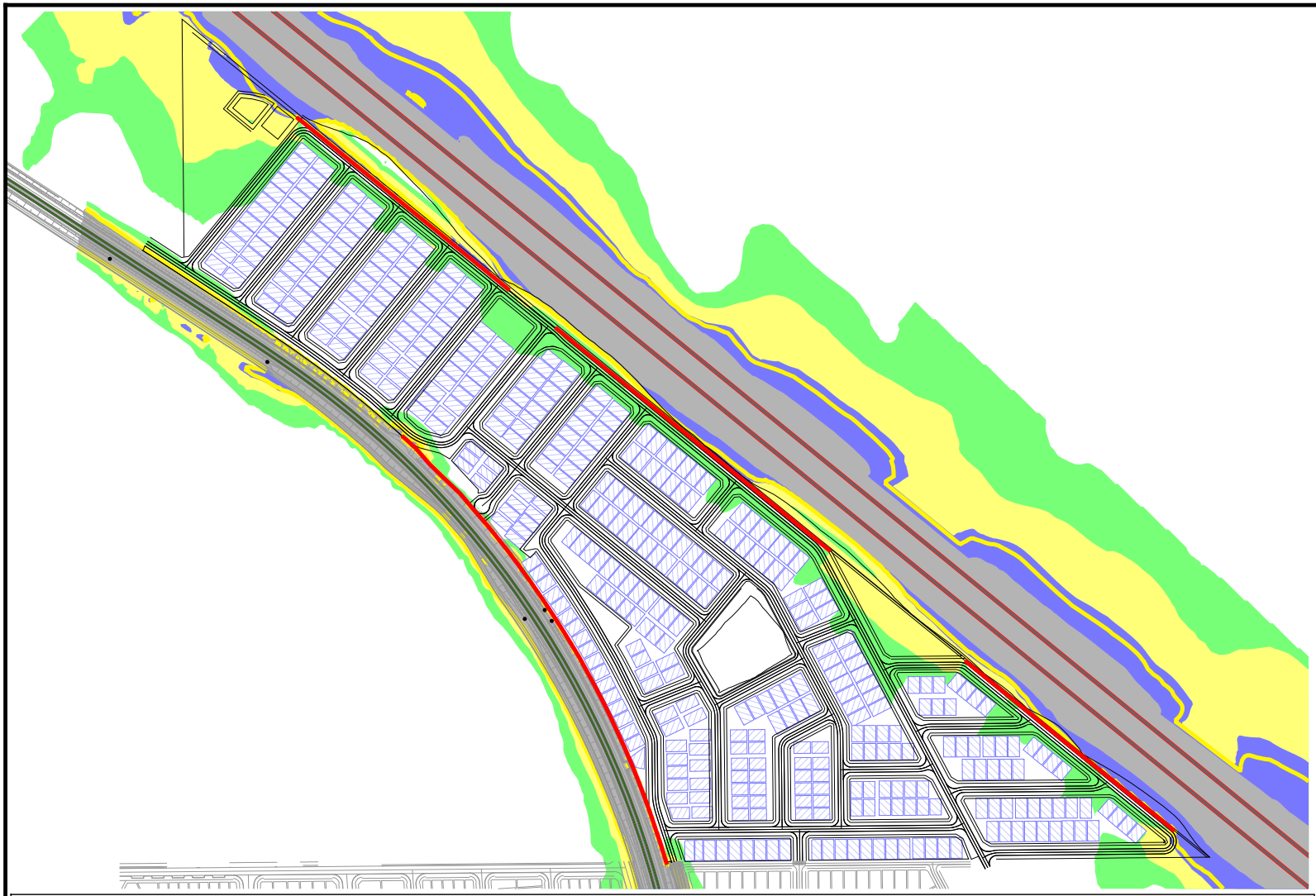
Figure 5-2



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> 66	Exposure D

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Signs and symbols
- Building
- Road
- Railway
- Wall
- Emission l

Length Scale
0 37.5 75 150 225 300 m

Proposed Residential Development - Lot 6 Taronga Place, Eglinton - Central Precinct
Predicted Noise Level Contours from Freeway

$L_{Aeq(Day)}$ Noise Level Contours
Ground Floor Level

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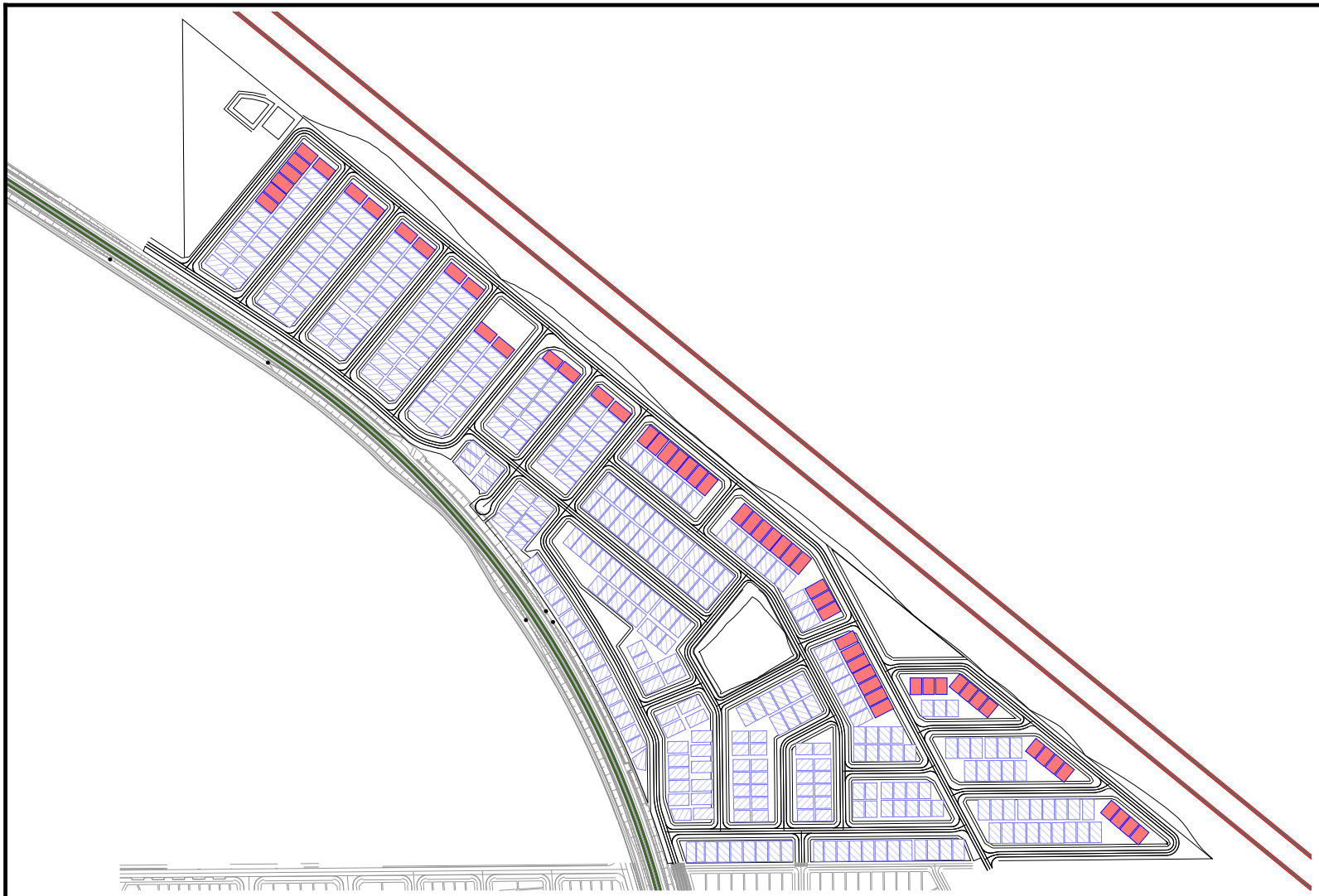
Figure 5-3



Signs and symbols

- Facade Protection Not Req'd
- Package A Facade Protection

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Required Facade Protection

Ground Floor Level

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Length Scale

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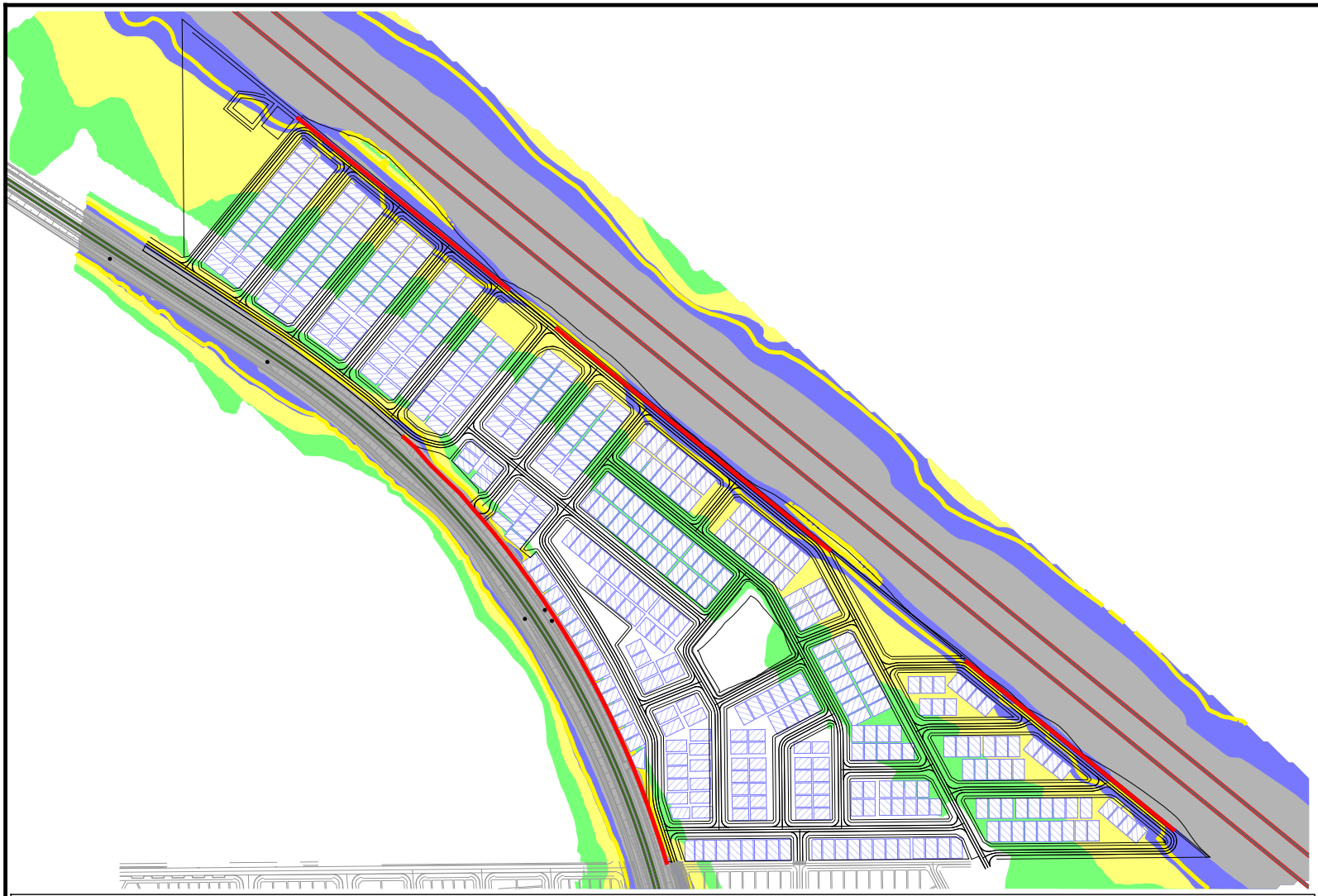
Figure 5-4



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<= 65	
<= 66	
> 66	Exposure D

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Signs and symbols
- Building
- Road
- Railway
- Wall
- Emission l

Proposed Residential Development - Lot 6 Taronga Place, Eglinton - Central Precinct
Predicted Noise Level Contours from Freeway

$L_{Aeq(Day)}$ Noise Level Contours
Upper Floor Level

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6 CONCLUSION

Although this project is only at Structure Plan phase and therefore lot layouts and levels are likely to change, this assessment has shown that assuming no noise control measures, there are a number of lots predicted to receive a future transportation noise level that will be above the *State Planning Policy No. 5.4 Road and Rail Noise* criteria. Therefore under the requirements of the Policy, noise mitigation measures would be required as detailed in *Section 5* of this assessment.

- Implement noise mitigation as shown in *Section 5*. Noise walls are to be solid, free of gaps and of a material having a minimum surface mass of 15kg/m^2;
- All affected lots are to have notifications on lot titles as per the Policy requirements – refer *Appendix A*.
- All affected lots are to provide one outdoor entertaining area where noise levels are below the target where practicable.

Appendix A

Quiet House Packages

The packages and information provided on the following pages are taken from *Road and Rail Noise Guidelines* (September 2019).

Where outdoor and indoor noise levels received by a noise-sensitive land-use and/or development exceed the policy's noise target, implementation of quiet house requirements is an acceptable solution.

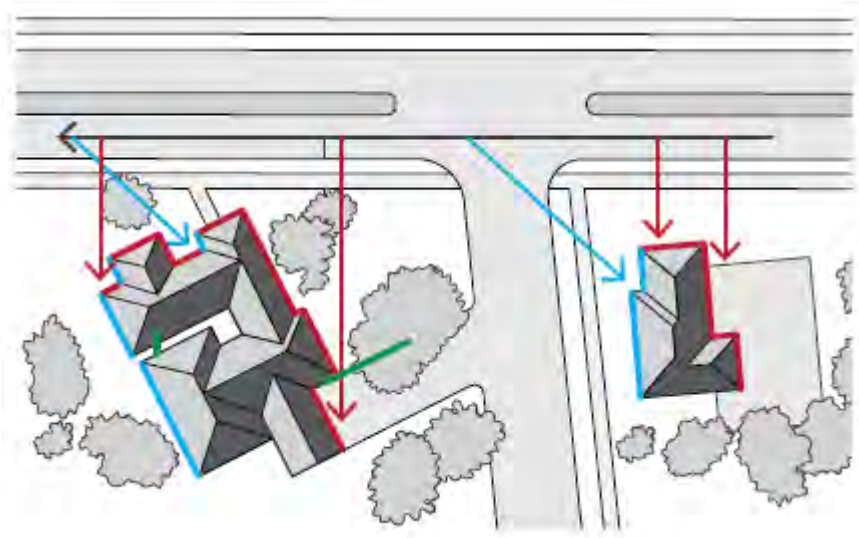
The quiet house packages are not the only solution to achieving acceptable internal transport noise levels. A suitably qualified acoustical engineer or consultant may also determine more tailored acoustic design requirements for buildings in a transport noise corridor by carrying out acoustic design in accordance with relevant industry standards. This includes the need to meet the relevant design targets specified in AS/NZS 2107:2016 for road traffic noise.

With regards to the packages, the following definitions are provided:

- **Facing** the transport corridor (red): Any part of a building façade is 'facing' the transport corridor if any straight line drawn perpendicular (at a 90 degree angle) to its nearest road lane or railway line intersects that part of the façade without obstruction (ignoring any fence).

- **Side-on** to transport corridor (blue): Any part of a building façade that is not 'facing' is 'side-on' to the transport corridor if any straight line, at any angle, can be drawn from it to intersect the nearest road lane or railway line without obstruction (ignoring any fence).

- **Opposite** to transport corridor (green): Neither 'side on' nor 'facing', as defined above.



Quiet House Package A

56-58 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$ & 51-53 dB $L_{Aeq(Night)}$

Element	Orientation	Room	
		Bedroom	Indoor Living and Work Areas
External Windows	Facing	• Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$): o Sliding or double hung with minimum 10mm single or 6mm-12mm-10mm double insulated glazing; o Sealed awning or casement windows with minimum 6mm glass. • Up to 60% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$): o Sealed awning or casement windows with minimum 6mm glass.	• Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 25$): o Sliding or double hung with minimum 6mm single or 6mm-12mm-6mm double insulated glazing; • Up to 60% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$); • Up to 80% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$).
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
	Opposite	No specific requirements	
External Doors	Facing	• Fully glazed hinged door with certified $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$ rated door and frame including seals and 6mm glass.	• Doors to achieve $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 25$: o 35mm Solid timber core hinged door and frame system certified to R_w 28 including seals; o Glazed sliding door with 10mm glass and weather seals.
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less.	
	Opposite	No specific requirements	
External Walls	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 45$: o Two leaves of 90mm thick clay brick masonry with minimum 20mm cavity; or o Single leaf of 150mm brick masonry with 13mm cement render on each face; or o One row of 92mm studs at 600mm centres with: ▪ Resilient steel channels fixed to the outside of the studs; and ▪ 9.5mm hardboard or fibre cement sheeting or 11mm fibre cement weatherboards fixed to the outside; ▪ 75mm thick mineral wool insulation with a density of at least 11kgkg/m^3; and ▪ 2 x 16mm fire-rated plasterboard to inside.	
Roofs and Ceilings	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 35$: o Concrete or terracotta tile or metal sheet roof with sarking and at least 10mm plasterboard.	
Outdoor Living Areas		At least one outdoor living area located on the opposite side of the building from the transport corridor and/or at least one ground level outdoor living area screened using a solid continuous fence or other structure of minimum 2 metres height above ground level.	

Quiet House Package B

59-62 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$ & 54-57 dB $L_{Aeq(Night)}$

Element	Orientation	Room	
		Bedroom	Indoor Living and Work Areas
External Windows	Facing	• Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 6mm glass or 6mm-12mm-6mm double insulated glazing. • Up to 60% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 34$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 10mm glass or 6mm-12mm-10mm double insulated glazing.	• Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$): o Sliding or double hung with 6mm-12mm-10mm double insulated glazing; o Sealed awning or casement windows with minimum 6mm glass. • Up to 60% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$); • Up to 80% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 34$).
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
	Opposite	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 6 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
External Doors	Facing	• Fully glazed hinged door with certified $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$ rated door and frame including seals and 10mm glass.	• Doors to achieve $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$: o 40mm Solid timber core hinged door and frame system certified to R_w 32 including seals; o Fully glazed hinged door with certified $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 28$ rated door and frame including seals and 6mm glass.
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
	Opposite	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 6 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
External Walls	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 50$: o Two leaves of 90mm thick clay brick masonry with minimum 50mm cavity between leaves and 25mm glasswool or polyester (24kg/m^3). Resilient ties used where required to connect leaves. o Two leaves of 110mm clay brick masonry with minimum 50mm cavity between leaves and 25mm glasswool or polyester insulation (24kg/m^3). o Single leaf of 220mm brick masonry with 13mm cement render on each face. o 150mm thick unlined concrete panel or 200mm thick concrete panel with one layer of 13mm plasterboard or 13mm cement render on each face. o Single leaf of 90mm clay brick masonry with: ▪ A row of 70mm x 35mm timber studs or 64mm steel studs at 600mm centres; ▪ A cavity of 25mm between leaves; ▪ 50mm glasswool or polyester insulation (11kg/m^3) between studs; and ▪ One layer of 10mm plasterboard fixed to the inside face.	
Roofs and Ceilings	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 35$: o Concrete or terracotta tile or metal sheet roof with sarking and at least 10mm plasterboard ceiling with R3.0+ fibrous insulation.	
Outdoor Living Areas		At least one outdoor living area located on the opposite side of the building from the transport corridor and/or at least one ground level outdoor living area screened using a solid continuous fence or other structure of minimum 2.4 metres height above ground level.	

Quiet House Package C

63-66 dB $L_{Aeq(Day)}$ & 58-61 dB $L_{Aeq(Night)}$

Element	Orientation	Room	
		Bedroom	Indoor Living and Work Areas
External Windows	Facing	• Up to 20% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 6mm glass or 6mm-12mm-6mm double insulated glazing. • Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 34$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 10mm glass or 6mm-12mm-10mm double insulated glazing.	• Up to 40% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 6mm glass or 6mm-12mm-6mm double insulated glazing. • Up to 60% floor area ($R_w + C_{tr} \geq 34$): o Fixed sash, awning or casement with minimum 10mm glass or 6mm-12mm-10mm double insulated glazing.
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
	Opposite	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 6 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
External Doors	Facing	• Not recommended.	• Doors to achieve $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 30$: o Fully glazed hinged door with certified $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 31$ rated door and frame including seals and 10mm glass; o 40mm Solid timber core side hinged door, frame and seal system certified to R_w 32 including seals. Any glass inserts to be minimum 6mm.
	Side On	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 3 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
	Opposite	As above, except $R_w + C_{tr}$ values may be 6 dB less or max % area increased by 20%.	
External Walls	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 50$: o Two leaves of 90mm thick clay brick masonry with minimum 50mm cavity between leaves and 25mm glasswool or polyester insulation (24kg/m^3). Resilient ties used where required to connect leaves. o Two leaves of 110mm clay brick masonry with minimum 50mm cavity between leaves and 25mm glasswool or polyester insulation (24kg/m^3). o Single leaf of 220mm brick masonry with 13mm cement render on each face. o 150mm thick unlined concrete panel or 200mm thick concrete panel with one layer of 13mm plasterboard or 13mm cement render on each face. o Single leaf of 90mm clay brick masonry with: ▪ A row of 70mm x 35mm timber studs or 64mm steel studs at 600mm centres; ▪ A cavity of 25mm between leaves; ▪ 50mm glasswool or polyester insulation (11kg/m^3) between studs; and ▪ One layer of 10mm plasterboard fixed to the inside face.	
Roofs and Ceilings	All	• $R_w + C_{tr} \geq 40$: o Concrete or terracotta tile roof with sarking, or metal sheet roof with foil backed R2.0+ fibrous insulation between steel sheeting and roof battens; o R3.0+ insulation batts above ceiling; o 2 x 10mm plasterboard ceiling or 1 x 13mm sound-rated plasterboard affixed using steel furring channel to ceiling rafters.	
Outdoor Living Areas		At least one outdoor living area located on the opposite side of the building from the transport corridor and/or at least one ground level outdoor living area screened using a solid continuous fence or other structure of minimum 2.4 metres height above ground level.	

Mechanical Ventilation requirements

In implementing the acceptable treatment packages, the following mechanical ventilation / air-conditioning considerations are required:

- Acoustically rated openings and ductwork to provide a minimum sound reduction performance of R_w 40 dB into sensitive spaces;
- Evaporative systems require attenuated ceiling air vents to allow closed windows;
- Refrigerant based systems need to be designed to achieve National Construction Code fresh air ventilation requirements;
- Openings such as eaves, vents and air inlets must be acoustically treated, closed or relocated to building sides facing away from the corridor where practicable.

Notification

Notifications on title advise prospective purchasers of the potential for noise impacts from major transport corridors and help with managing expectations.

The Notification is to state as follows:

This lot is in the vicinity of a transport corridor and is affected, or may in the future be affected, by road and rail transport noise. Road and rail transport noise levels may rise or fall over time depending on the type and volume of traffic.

Appendix B

Terminology

The following is an explanation of the terminology used throughout this report.

Decibel (dB)
The decibel is the unit that describes the sound pressure and sound power levels of a noise source. It is a logarithmic scale referenced to the threshold of hearing.

A-Weighting
An A-weighted noise level has been filtered in such a way as to represent the way in which the human ear perceives sound. This weighting reflects the fact that the human ear is not as sensitive to lower frequencies as it is to higher frequencies. An A-weighted sound level is described as L_A dB.

L_1
An L_1 level is the noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the measurement period and is considered to represent the average of the maximum noise levels measured.

L_{10}
An L_{10} level is the noise level which is exceeded for 10 per cent of the measurement period and is considered to represent the "*intrusive*" noise level.

L_{90}
An L_{90} level is the noise level which is exceeded for 90 per cent of the measurement period and is considered to represent the "*background*" noise level.

L_{eq}
The L_{eq} level represents the average noise energy during a measurement period.

$L_{A10,18hour}$
The $L_{A10,18\,hour}$ level is the arithmetic average of the hourly L_{A10} levels between 6.00 am and midnight. The *CoRTN* algorithms were developed to calculate this parameter.

$L_{Aeq,24hour}$
The $L_{Aeq,24\,hour}$ level is the logarithmic average of the hourly L_{Aeq} levels for a full day (from midnight to midnight).

$L_{Aeq,8hour}$ / $L_{Aeq\ (Night)}$
The $L_{Aeq\ (Night)}$ level is the logarithmic average of the hourly L_{Aeq} levels from 10.00 pm to 6.00 am on the same day.

$L_{Aeq,16hour}$ / $L_{Aeq\ (Day)}$
The $L_{Aeq\ (Day)}$ level is the logarithmic average of the hourly L_{Aeq} levels from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on the same day. This value is typically 1-3 dB less than the $L_{A10,18hour}$.

Noise-sensitive land use and/or development
Land-uses or development occupied or designed for occupation or use for residential purposes (including dwellings, residential buildings or short-stay accommodation), caravan park, camping ground, educational establishment, child care premises, hospital, nursing home, corrective institution or place of worship.

About the Term 'Reasonable'

An assessment of reasonableness should demonstrate that efforts have been made to resolve conflicts without comprising on the need to protect noise-sensitive land-use activities. For example, have reasonable efforts been made to design, relocate or vegetate a proposed noise barrier to address community concerns about the noise barrier height? Whether a noise mitigation measure is reasonable might include consideration of:

- The noise reduction benefit provided;
- The number of people protected;
- The relative cost vs benefit of mitigation;
- Road conditions (speed and road surface) significantly differ from noise forecast table assumptions;
- Existing and future noise levels, including changes in noise levels;
- Aesthetic amenity and visual impacts;
- Compatibility with other planning policies;
- Differences between metropolitan and regional situations and whether noise modelling requirements reflect the true nature of transport movements;
- Ability and cost for mobilisation and retrieval of noise monitoring equipment in regional areas;
- Differences between Greenfield and infill development;
- Differences between freight routes and public transport routes and urban corridors;
- The impact on the operational capacity of freight routes;
- The benefits arising from the proposed development;
- Existing or planned strategies to mitigate the noise at source.

About the Term 'Practicable'

'Practicable' considerations for the purposes of the policy normally relate to the engineering aspects of the noise mitigation measures under evaluation. It is defined as "reasonably practicable having regard to, among other things, local conditions and circumstances (including costs) and to the current state of technical knowledge" (*Environmental Protection Act 1986*). These may include:

- Limitations of the different mitigation measures to reduce transport noise;
- Competing planning policies and strategies;
- Safety issues (such as impact on crash zones or restrictions on road vision);
- Topography and site constraints (such as space limitations);
- Engineering and drainage requirements;
- Access requirements (for driveways, pedestrian access and the like);
- Maintenance requirements;
- Bushfire resistance or BAL ratings;
- Suitability of the building for acoustic treatments.

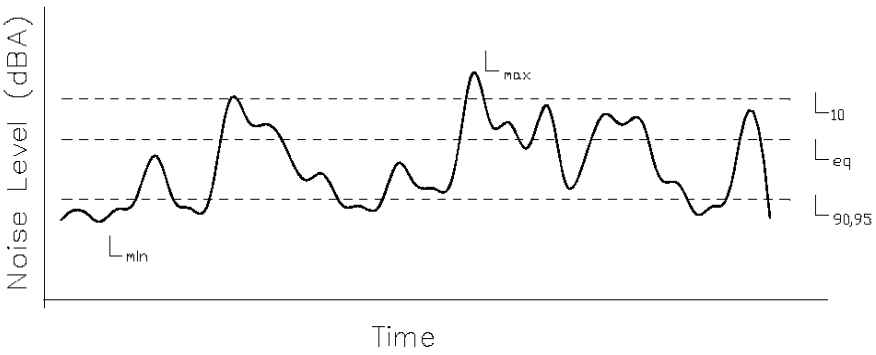
R_w

This is the weighted sound reduction index and is similar to the previously used STC (Sound Transmission Class) value. It is a single number rating determined by moving a grading curve in integral steps against the laboratory measured transmission loss until the sum of the deficiencies at each one-third-octave band, between 100 Hz and 3.15 kHz, does not exceed 32 dB. The higher the R_w value, the better the acoustic performance.

C_{tr}

This is a spectrum adaptation term for airborne noise and provides a correction to the R_w value to suit source sounds with significant low frequency content such as road traffic or home theatre systems. A wall that provides a relatively high level of low frequency attenuation (i.e. masonry) may have a value in the order of –4 dB, whilst a wall with relatively poor attenuation at low frequencies (i.e. stud wall) may have a value in the order of -14 dB.

Chart of Noise Level Descriptors



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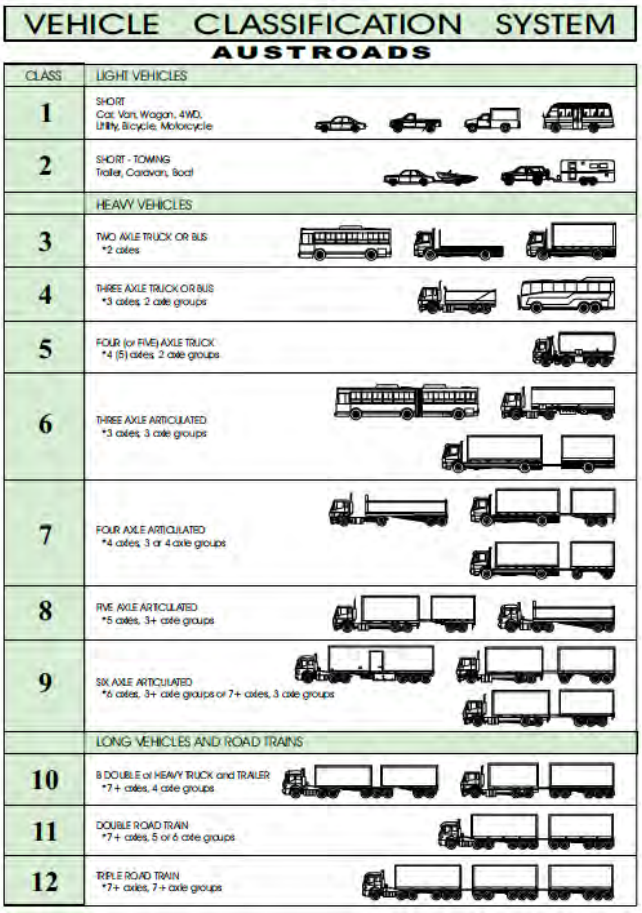

Typical Noise Levels