

# Environment Protection Licence

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## Licence Details

Number:	21804
Anniversary Date:	26-June

## Licensee

GEORGIOU GROUP PTY LTD

PO BOX 6193

NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059

## Premises

HEXHAM STRAIGHT WIDENING

PACIFIC HIGHWAY (MAITLAND ROAD)

HEXHAM NSW 2322

## Scheduled Activity

Road construction

## Fee Based Activity

Road construction (&gt;=50,000T &amp; road to be constructed &lt;10km)

## Scale

50000-100000 Remaining extraction or processing

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## Information about this licence

### Dictionary

A definition of terms used in the licence can be found in the dictionary at the end of this licence.

### Responsibilities of licensee

Separate to the requirements of this licence, general obligations of licensees are set out in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") and the Regulations made under the Act. These include obligations to:

- ensure persons associated with you comply with this licence, as set out in section 64 of the Act;
- control the pollution of waters and the pollution of air (see for example sections 120 - 132 of the Act);
- report incidents causing or threatening material environmental harm to the environment, as set out in Part 5.7 of the Act.

### Variation of licence conditions

The licence holder can apply to vary the conditions of this licence. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

The EPA may also vary the conditions of the licence at any time by written notice without an application being made.

Where a licence has been granted in relation to development which was assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in accordance with the procedures applying to integrated development, the EPA may not impose conditions which are inconsistent with the development consent conditions until the licence is first reviewed under Part 3.6 of the Act.

### Duration of licence

This licence will remain in force until the licence is surrendered by the licence holder or until it is suspended or revoked by the EPA or the Minister. A licence may only be surrendered with the written approval of the EPA.

### Licence review

The Act requires that the EPA review your licence at least every 5 years after the issue of the licence, as set out in Part 3.6 and Schedule 5 of the Act. You will receive advance notice of the licence review.

### Fees and annual return to be sent to the EPA

For each licence fee period you must pay:

- an administrative fee; and
- a load-based fee (if applicable).



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The EPA publication “A Guide to Licensing” contains information about how to calculate your licence fees. The licence requires that an Annual Return, comprising a Statement of Compliance and a summary of any monitoring required by the licence (including the recording of complaints), be submitted to the EPA. The Annual Return must be submitted within 60 days after the end of each reporting period. See condition R1 regarding the Annual Return reporting requirements.

Usually the licence fee period is the same as the reporting period.

## Transfer of licence

The licence holder can apply to transfer the licence to another person. An application form for this purpose is available from the EPA.

## Public register and access to monitoring data

Part 9.5 of the Act requires the EPA to keep a public register of details and decisions of the EPA in relation to, for example:

- licence applications;
- licence conditions and variations;
- statements of compliance;
- load based licensing information; and
- load reduction agreements.

Under s320 of the Act application can be made to the EPA for access to monitoring data which has been submitted to the EPA by licensees.

## This licence is issued to:

<b>GEORGIU GROUP PTY LTD</b>
<b>PO BOX 6193</b>
<b>NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059</b>

subject to the conditions which follow.

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## 1 Administrative Conditions

### A1 What the licence authorises and regulates

A1.1 This licence authorises the carrying out of the scheduled activities listed below at the premises specified in A2. The activities are listed according to their scheduled activity classification, fee-based activity classification and the scale of the operation.

Unless otherwise further restricted by a condition of this licence, the scale at which the activity is carried out must not exceed the maximum scale specified in this condition.

Scheduled Activity	Fee Based Activity	Scale
Road construction	Road construction ( $\geq 50,000\text{T}$ & road to be constructed $< 10\text{km}$ )	50000 - 100000 Remaining extraction or processing

### A2 Premises or plant to which this licence applies

A2.1 The licence applies to the following premises:

Premises Details
HEXHAM STRAIGHT WIDENING
PACIFIC HIGHWAY (MAITLAND ROAD)
HEXHAM
NSW 2322
PACIFIC HIGHWAY (MAITLAND ROAD) WIDENING BETWEEN SANDGATE AND HEXHAM - AS DETAILED BY CONDITION A2.2: THE MOST RECENT PREMISES MAP(S) HELD ON EPA FILE EF23/4591 AND APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE EPA.

A2.2 In relation to Condition A2.1, the premises are defined by the most recent premises map(s) held on EPA Electronic File EF23/4591 and approved in writing by the EPA.

A2.3 Premises map(s) changes are permitted to be altered through this condition. Any proposed variations to the premises must:

- be submitted to the EPA in electronic format for approval;
- be clearly described on a complete map set containing unique identifiers for revision number, map sheet numbers and issue date;
- be submitted to the EPA no less than 10 business days prior to the date of the scheduled land portion handover, land portion surrenders, land portion additions or any other changes;
- be clearly described in writing submitted at the same time as the complete map set;
- be lawful and permitted under the relevant approval; and
- if changes to the nature of works are proposed, the licensee must demonstrate any additional environmental impacts in relation to any changes have been considered and can be managed in an appropriate manner.

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**A2.4** The most recently approved premises map(s) must be available for public viewing on the licensee's project website or a related website approved in writing by the EPA no more than 5 business days after the approval of the map(s) by the EPA.

The requirements outlined in this condition only come into force when works or activities commence at the licensed premises.

**A2.5** Premise maps are not deemed to be approved by the EPA unless confirmed as such in writing by the EPA.

## **A3 Information supplied to the EPA**

**A3.1** Works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the licence application, except as expressly provided by a condition of this licence.

In this condition the reference to "the licence application" includes a reference to:

- a) the applications for any licences (including former pollution control approvals) which this licence replaces under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 1998; and
- b) the licence information form provided by the licensee to the EPA to assist the EPA in connection with the issuing of this licence.

**A3.2** Unless specifically stated by another condition of this licence, Environmental Management Plans or systems supplied to the EPA by the licensee do not form part of this licence.

**A3.3** Whenever collecting information from any member of the public, including complaints or consent to out of hours work, a licensee must seek consent from the member of the public for the disclosure of their personal information, and collection by the EPA, or any other NSW government agency.

## **A4 Other administrative conditions**

**A4.1** The EPA must be notified in writing, of the intention to commence works or activities authorised by this licence at the premises for the first time, at least 5 business days prior to the proposed commencement of those works or activities.

## **2 Discharges to Air and Water and Applications to Land**

### **P1 Location of monitoring/discharge points and areas**

**P1.1** The following points referred to in the table are identified in this licence for the purposes of the monitoring and/or the setting of limits for discharges of pollutants to water from the point.

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EPA Identification no.	Type of Monitoring Point	Type of Discharge Point	Location Description
1	Quality Monitoring		The outlet from the Surface Water Collection Sump (monitoring point SW6) located in the Main Compound, which is detailed on Premises Maps saved on licence electronic file: DOC24/112762
2	Quality Monitoring		The effluent side (outlet) the premises water treatment plant located adjacent to Iron Bark Creek, detailed on Premises Maps saved on licence electronic file: DOC24/112762

- P1.2 All licensed monitoring and discharge points referred to in condition P1.1, must be approved by the EPA and identified:
- in the premises map(s) most recently submitted and approved in writing by the EPA under condition A2.2; and
  - in a schedule submitted to the EPA. The schedule, including any proposed updates, must:
    - be submitted to the EPA in electronic format no less than 10 business days prior to any changes;
    - include unique identifiers consistent with the map(s) required by this condition; and
    - include easting and northing coordinates for all licensed monitoring and discharge points.
- P1.3 The premises map(s) and schedule are maintained on electronic file EF23/4591.

## 3 Limit Conditions

### L1 Pollution of waters

- L1.1 Except as may be expressly provided in any other condition of this licence, the licensee must comply with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

### L2 Noise limits

- L2.1 The licensee must minimise noise and vibration impacts at residences and other sensitive land uses. To meet the requirements of this condition the licensee must:
- implement the guidance in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DEC, 2009) and the Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006);
  - implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise noise impacts in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DEC, 2009); and
  - implement vibration mitigation in accordance with the Assessing Vibration: a Technical Guideline (DEC, 2006).
- In this condition, 'reasonable' and 'feasible', in relation to noise management, have the same meaning as defined in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DEC, 2009).
- L2.2 When construction activities include 'High Noise Impact Activities and Works' as defined in the special



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dictionary in this licence, quantitative construction noise assessments must apply a +5dB correction to the measured or predicted level of construction noise at the nearest Noise Sensitive Receiver location before assessment against the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009) noise management levels.

## L3 Blasting

L3.1 All blasting activities are prohibited on the licensed premises.

## L4 Hours of operation

L4.1 Standard construction hours

Unless permitted by another condition of this licence, works and activities must:

- a) only be undertaken between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;
- b) only be undertaken between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm Saturday; and
- c) not be undertaken on Sundays or Public Holidays.

Note: Pursuant to condition E1.1 the licensee has obtained EPA approval via letter dated 6 February 2024 (DOC24/92877) to conduct work outside of "standard construction hours" (between 6pm and 7am on Sunday to Thursday) as the licensee has obtained community agreement. Specifically, a substantial majority of the Noise Sensitive Receivers who were contacted have consented to works outside of standard construction hours. The EPA will reassess this approval based on the performance of the licensee and has required via condition E1.7(b) that each 12 months (starting from the date EPA approved work outside of "standard construction hours") the licensee must re-engage with the community to demonstrate if a substantial majority of the Noise Sensitive Receivers continue to consent to works outside of standard construction hours. This community re-engagement must commence a minimum of 2 months prior to the date that the agreement expires.

L4.2 High Noise Impact Activities and Works

Unless permitted by another condition of this licence, any High Noise Impact Activities and Works that exceed the applicable Noise Management Level (NML) at a Noise Sensitive Receiver must only be undertaken:

- a) between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;
- b) between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm Saturday; and
- c) if high noise impact works are to be conducted continuously and the location of the works means that it is likely to impact the same receivers, then the works must be conducted in continuous blocks of no more than 3 hours, with at least a 1-hour respite between each block of continuous high noise impact work; except as expressly permitted by another condition of this licence.

Note: For the purposes of this condition 'continuous' includes any period where there is a less than 1-hour respite between ceasing and recommencing of any work that is subject to this condition.

L4.3 Exemptions to standard construction hours for low noise impact works

Works and activities may be carried on outside of standard construction hours specified in condition L4.1 if the works and activities do not cause, when assessed at the boundary of the most affected Noise Sensitive

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- a) LAeq(15 minute) noise levels greater than 5dB above the day, evening and night Rating Background Level (RBL) as applicable;
- b) LAmax noise levels greater than 15dB above the night RBL for night works;
- c) the preferred continuous or impulsive vibration values greater than those for human exposure to vibration, set out for residences in Table 2.2 in Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006); and
- d) the preferred intermittent vibration values greater than those for human exposure to vibration, set out for residences in Table 2.4 in Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006).

For the purposes of this condition, the RBLs are those contained in an environmental assessment for the activities subject to this licence prepared under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Alternatively, the licensee may use another RBL determined in accordance with the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017) and provided to the EPA prior to carrying out any works or activities under this condition.

The notification requirements under condition L4.5 do not apply to this condition.

## L4.4 Exemptions to standard construction hours in exceptional circumstances

- a) The licensee may undertake works and activities outside of standard construction hours specified in condition L4.1 for:
  - i. emergency works required to avoid the loss of life or property, or to prevent material harm to the environment; and
  - ii. the delivery of oversized plant, structures or materials determined by the police or other authorised authorities to require special arrangements to transport along public roads.
- b) The licensee must, on becoming aware of the need to undertake emergency works under this condition notify the EPA's Environment Line as soon as practicable and submit a report to the EPA by 4:00 pm on the next business day after the emergency works commenced that describes:
  - i. the cause, time and duration of the emergency;
  - ii. action taken by or on behalf of the licensee in relation to the emergency; and
  - iii. details of any measures taken or proposed to be taken by the licensee to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of the emergency.

For the purposes of this condition, 'material harm to the environment' has the same meaning as in section 147 of the POEO Act.

Emergency works do not require a notification under condition L4.5.

## L4.5 Works outside of standard construction hours - Notification

The licensee must notify potentially affected Noise Sensitive Receivers of works outside of standard construction hours unless notification under this condition is not required as specified in another condition of this licence.

- a) The notification must:
  - i. be given not less than 5 calendar days and not more than 14 calendar days before those works are to be undertaken, unless otherwise agreed with the affected community and notified to the EPA;
  - ii. be undertaken by letterbox drop, email, text message or other targeted and equivalent method; and
  - iii. be detailed on the project website or other relevant website notified to the EPA.
- b) The notification required by this Condition must:
  - i. clearly outline the reason that the work is required to be undertaken outside the hours specified in condition

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L4.1;

- ii. include a diagram that clearly identifies the location of the proposed works in relation to nearby cross streets and local landmarks;
- iii. include details of the date, timing and relevant time restrictions that apply to the proposed works;
- iv. clearly outline in plain English, the location, nature, scope and duration of the proposed works;
- v. detail the expected noise impact of the works on Noise Sensitive Receivers;
- vi. clearly state how complaints may be made and additional information obtained;
- vii. include the number of the telephone complaints line required by condition M5.1, an after hours contact phone number specific to the works undertaken outside the hours specified in condition L4.1, and the project website address; and
- viii. include consideration of culturally and linguistically diverse Noise Sensitive Receivers where required.

**L4.6** The licensee must make all reasonable and feasible efforts to coordinate all works outside of standard construction hours with any neighbouring concurrent construction works that have the potential to impact the same Noise Sensitive Receivers. The licensee must ensure Respite Periods are being achieved as much as is reasonably practicable.

**L4.7** This condition does not apply to low impact noise work permitted by condition L4.3 or emergency works permitted by L4.4 of this licence.

**L4.8** Works outside of standard construction hours

Under this condition, works and activities may be undertaken outside of standard construction hours specified in condition L4.1 and L4.2, but only if they are required in relation to one or more of the following:

- a) carrying on those works and activities during standard construction hours would result in a high risk to construction personnel or public safety, based on a risk assessment carried out in accordance with AS/NZS ISO 31000:2018 "Risk Management";
- b) the Relevant Road Network Operator has advised the licensee in writing that carrying out the works and activities during standard construction hours would result in a high risk to road network operational performance;
- c) a relevant utility service operator has advised the licensee in writing that carrying out the works and activities during standard construction hours would result in a high risk to the operation and integrity of the utility network;
- d) the TfNSW Transport Management Centre (or other road authority) have refused to issue a road occupancy licence during standard construction hours.

**L4.9** Works outside of standard construction hours - Regulatory Requirements

In undertaking any works and activities outside of standard construction hours under condition L4.8, the licensee must comply with the following:

- a) Prepare a construction noise and vibration impact assessment in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DEC, 2009) that is to include:
  - i. a description of the proposed works and activities outside of standard construction hours;
  - ii. predictions of LAeq (15 minute) dB noise levels at noise sensitive receivers from these works and activities, where noise levels are predicted to be greater than those permitted under condition L4.3; and
  - iii. a monitoring plan to validate the noise predictions, based on monitoring at the boundary of representative sensitive receivers during noise generating activities that are representative of the works and activities, including during the period/s predicted to have the highest noise level impacts.
- b) Undertake noise monitoring in accordance with the monitoring plan required by condition L4.9(a)(iii).
- c) Only undertake activities between the hours of 6:00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,

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Fridays and 7:00am the following day (unless permitted by another condition of this licence).

d) Activities are not to be undertaken between the hours of 6:00pm on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays and 7:00am the following day (unless permitted by another condition of this licence).

e) Ensure that works and activities do not result in noise levels exceeding those specified in condition L4.3 at the same noise sensitive receivers (unless specified in another condition of this licence) on more than:

- i. 2 consecutive evenings and/or nights at any time; and
- ii. 3 evenings and/or nights per week; and
- iii. 10 evenings and/or nights per month.

f) Undertake any high noise impact works before 12:00 am (midnight) where reasonable and feasible.

g) Where high noise impact activities are undertaken, the respite provisions as per the requirements of condition L4.2(c) do not apply provided that all High Noise Impact Activities and Works are undertaken prior to 12:00 am (midnight).

h) Where high noise impact activities are undertaken after 12:00 am (midnight), the respite provisions in condition L4.2(c) apply.

i) Upon request of an authorised officer, the licensee must provide within 5 business day:

- i. the construction noise and vibration impact assessment required by condition L4.9(a);
  - ii. noise monitoring results required by condition L4.9(b);
  - iii. written evidence demonstrating the works are necessary and permitted under condition L4.8; and/or
  - iv. any other relevant information or records requested by the EPA.
- i) the notification requirements under condition L4.5 apply to this condition.

## L5 Potentially offensive odour

L5.1 No condition in this licence identifies a potentially offensive odour for the purposes of section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Note: Section 129 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, provides that the licensee must not cause or permit the emission of any offensive odour from the premises but provides a defence if the emission is identified in the relevant environment protection licence as a potentially offensive odour and the odour was emitted in accordance with the conditions of a licence directed at minimising odour.

## 4 Operating Conditions

### O1 Activities must be carried out in a competent manner

O1.1 Licensed activities must be carried out in a competent manner.

This includes:

- a) the processing, handling, movement and storage of materials and substances used to carry out the activity; and
- b) the treatment, storage, processing, reprocessing, transport and disposal of waste generated by the activity.

### O2 Maintenance of plant and equipment

O2.1 All plant and equipment installed at the premises or used in connection with the licensed activity:

- a) must be maintained in a proper and efficient condition; and
- b) must be operated in a proper and efficient manner.

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- O2.2 All erosion and sediment control measures installed on the premises are considered as 'plant and equipment' for the purpose of complying with condition O2.1 of this licence.

## O3 Dust

- O3.1 All activities occurring at the premises must be carried out in a manner that will minimise the generation and prevent the emission of air pollution from the premises as much as is reasonably practicable.
- O3.2 The premises must be maintained in a condition which minimises the generation and prevents the emission of air pollution from the premises as much as is reasonably practicable.
- O3.3 The licensee must implement all reasonable and feasible measures to demonstrate compliance with condition O3.1 and O3.2.
- O3.4 Trucks entering and leaving the premises that are carrying loads of dust generating materials must have their loads covered at all times, except during loading and unloading.

## O4 Processes and management

- O4.1 The licensee must implement all feasible and reasonable erosion and sediment controls as may be necessary throughout the life of works and activities to minimise sediment leaving the premises.
- O4.2 The licensee must ensure erosion and sediment controls are designed, constructed, operated and maintained consistent with the principle and practices of industry best practice, including:
- Managing Urban Stormwater – Soils and Construction, Volume 2D, Main Road Construction (DECC, 2008), to be read and used in conjunction with Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction, Volume 1, 4th Edition (Landcom, 2004);
  - Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (IECA 2008); and
  - other industry best practice documents if it can demonstrate the guidance will provide improved or equivalent outcomes for the environment and meet the requirements of condition L1.1 of this licence.
- O4.3 The licensee must ensure that the erosion and sediment controls on the Premises are designed, constructed and operated to a standard that is either:
- "enhanced erosion controls" as described in Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction, Volume 1, 4th Edition (Landcom, 2004); or
  - erosion control and site rehabilitation standards appropriately increased to a higher standard as required by Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (IECA 2008); or
  - other industry best practices, documented which demonstrates improved or equivalent outcomes for the environment.
- O4.4 The licensee must:
- ensure the design storage capacity of any sediment basin installed on the premises is reinstated within the design management period following the cessation of a rainfall event that causes runoff to occur on or from the premises; and
  - keep records of the available water and sediment storage capacities in each sediment basin and provide to an authorised officer upon request.

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## O4.5 The licensee must ensure:

- a) all vehicular access points to the premises are designed, constructed, maintained and stabilised to minimise vehicles tracking materials onto public roads and roads outside the premises as much as is reasonable and feasible;
- b) vehicle, motorised plant and equipment movements onto or off the premises minimise the deposition of any material onto the surface of roads outside of the premises;
- c) mud, splatter, dust and other material likely to fall from or be cast off the wheels, underside or body of any vehicle, trailer, motorised plant and equipment leaving the premises, is removed to the greatest extent practicable before it leaves the premises; and
- d) road surfaces subject to any tracking of material by vehicles leaving the premises must be cleaned as required to ensure compliance with a) and b) of this condition and condition L1.1 of this licence.

## O4.6 The licensee must ensure that all treatment of acid sulfate soils is undertaken in a manner that:

- a) Achieves permanent neutralisation of the material,
- b) Prevents pollution of waters; and
- c) Prevents contamination of land.

## O4.7 The licensee:

- a) Must ensure all waters discharged via irrigation or used for dust suppression are applied in a manner that complies with section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (1997); and
- b) Must ensure waters are not applied to land within 50m of a natural waterbody unless it complies with the default guidelines values (DGV) of the ANZG (2018) or the updated guideline in place at such time, for slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems (95% species protection level and 99% for pollutants which bioaccumulate); and
- c) Must ensure that all water applied to land meets the short-term trigger values (STV) for irrigation where prescribed by the ANZECC and ARMCANZ (2000) Water Quality Guidelines for Irrigation Volume 3, when all water quality results for that application area are averaged over the life of the project; and
- d) Must ensure reused waters for irrigation or dust suppression meet field testing criteria for pH (5.0-8.5); and
- e) Reused waters for irrigation of vegetated areas must meet field testing criteria for EC (<6,500µS/cm or 6.5 dS/cm) as prescribed in the 'Environmental Guidelines – Use of Effluent by Irrigation' (NSW Department of Environment and Conservation, December 2004); and
- f) Must ensure that irrigation of water to any irrigation area or used for dust suppression is carried out in such a manner that:
  - i) Vegetation is not damaged; and
  - ii) Soil erosion does not occur; and
  - iii) Water does not pond or pool or cause waterlogging of soils; and
  - iv) Does not cause surface run-off from any area to which it has been applied.

Note: The licensee has proposed to conduct a risk assessment to determine if irrigating waters up to 25 metres from the Hunter River wetlands and Ironbark Creek, that do not comply with the default guidelines values of the ANZG (2018) for slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems (95% species protection level and 99% for pollutants which bioaccumulate), might be appropriate. Upon submission of a suitably prepared risk assessment, the EPA will consider varying Condition O4.7 b), which may include the methods proposed by the risk assessment to mitigate against pollution of waters.

## O4.8 The licensee must implement the water quality monitoring program (WQMP), which has been developed as required by Pollution Reduction Study 1 WQMP and filed as EPA document DOC23/1103076; and

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- a) The program must be applied to all premises waters intended for irrigation or utilised for dust suppression; and
- b) The licensee must submit a monthly report (the Monthly Water Report) to the EPA, within 14 days from the end of each month (to [info@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@epa.nsw.gov.au)), that includes reporting detailed by section 3.10.2 of the WQMP and the following:
  - i) The approximate quantity of water discharged from Point 1 and Point 2: via irrigation; for dust suppression; to waters; or via lawful disposal, for the month in question; and
  - ii) Details the locations where the waters were applied or discharged on each date; and
  - iii) Provides tabulated data of all sampling that corresponds to the water that was discharged, irrigated or used for dust suppression on each date at each site; and
  - iv) Tabulated data from sampling results must be presented against: the toxicant default guideline values (DGV) of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines (2018) (ANZG) or the updated guideline in place at such time, for slightly to moderately disturbed ecosystems (95% species protection level and 99% for pollutants which bioaccumulate; and the short-term trigger values (STV) for irrigation where prescribed by the ANZECC and ARMCANZ (2000) Water Quality Guidelines for Irrigation Volume 3; and
  - v) Detailing if water quality monitoring indicates averaged results (averaged over all results for each analyte to the date of most recent sample taken) exceed the short-term trigger values (STV) for irrigation where prescribed by the ANZECC and ARMCANZ (2000) Water Quality Guidelines for Irrigation Volume 3.

Note: Discharge reporting requirements detailed by condition O4.8 are in addition to any immediate reporting required for any discharge causing or threatening material harm to the environment.

## O5 Waste management

- O5.1 The CWMP must be implemented for the duration of licensed activities, and a copy of the current CWMP, historic versions of the CWMP and all records required by condition O5.2 must be kept on the premises for the duration of the licence and provided to an EPA officer upon request.
- O5.2 The licensee must conduct compliance checks pursuant to the compliance check frequencies provided in the CWMP. The compliance checks must be conducted while licenced waste activities are being undertaken to ensure that all waste is being managed, transported, reused, recycled or disposed in a lawful manner. The compliance checks must take the form of one or more of the following:
  - a) desktop investigations, such as:
    - i. contacting reuse, recycling or disposal facilities directly;
    - ii. reviewing waste disposal dockets and waste transport tracking documentation and requirements;
    - iii. reviewing waste characterisation and classification information;
    - iv. reviewing exemption requirements against particular loads of waste;
    - v. reviewing environment protection licences, authorisations or approvals of facilities that receive waste generated by the project); or
  - b) site inspections to non-licenced reuse, recycling or disposal locations; or
  - c) any other method agreed in writing by the EPA.
 All compliance checks conducted under this condition must be recorded and provided to an authorised officer upon request.
- O5.3 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the licensed premises to be received at the licensed premises, except:
  - a) virgin excavated natural material;
  - b) as expressly permitted by a condition of this licence; or

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c) a resource recovery order and/or resource recovery exemption under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014.

O5.4 The licensee must prepare and provide to the EPA a Construction Waste Management Plan (CWMP) for each stage of the project or where due to project variables the CWMP requires updating. The CWMP must be provided prior to the commencement of each stage of the project and include (at a minimum):

- a) the waste types and likely or estimated quantities for each waste type to be generated on the premises;
- b) details of the proposed sampling, testing and other methods to be used to characterise and classify waste to be generated on the premises for waste management and transport purposes;
- c) anticipated or known waste classification and characterisation of waste in accordance with the Waste Classification Guidelines Part 1: Classifying waste (EPA, 2014);
- d) details of how and where the waste is anticipated to be reused, recycled, stored or disposed of;
- e) the proposed location(s) for all waste anticipated to be stored at the premises;
- f) the proposed methods and frequencies for conducting compliance checks under condition O5.4; and
- g) the licensee must consider the guidance in Construction and demolition waste: a management toolkit (EPA, 2019) when preparing and implementing the CWMP.

O5.5 The licensee must keep detailed records of waste generated, received or removed from the premises that includes (at a minimum):

- a) details of all waste transporters and the addresses and facility/business names of destination location(s) for all waste generated and transported off the premises for any purpose (including recycling, reuse, processing, treatment and disposal);
- b) documented evidence (such as a licence) from each place of disposal that they can lawfully receive and manage (store, process, reuse, dispose) the types of waste proposed to be transported there;
- c) the location(s) for all waste stored at the premises;
- d) details of all waste received on the premises or transported off the premises that is subject to a Resource Recovery Order and/or Exemption under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014, and demonstration that the waste meets the requirements of the Order and/or Exemption;
- e) legible copies of all documents/records evidencing that all waste transported from the premises was taken to and received at a facility/premises that lawfully accept and process the waste as intended;
- f) keep legible copies of any waste tracking documentation required for the offsite transport of the waste to demonstrate the waste was tracked in accordance with NSW legislation;
- g) comparisons showing the proposed waste quantities and waste types documented in the CWMP against the actual waste quantities and waste types; and
- h) comparisons showing intended reuse, recycling or disposal locations documented in the CWMP against actual reuse, recycling and disposal locations.

**Note:** the requirements of this condition may be addressed in another plan or document provided to the EPA and referenced in the CWMP to satisfy the requirements of this condition.

## 5 Monitoring and Recording Conditions

### M1 Monitoring records

M1.1 The results of any monitoring required to be conducted by this licence or a load calculation protocol must be recorded and retained as set out in this condition.



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M1.2 All records required to be kept by this licence must be:

- in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
- kept for at least 4 years after the monitoring or event to which they relate took place; and
- produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

M1.3 The following records must be kept in respect of any samples required to be collected for the purposes of this licence:

- the date(s) on which the sample was taken;
- the time(s) at which the sample was collected;
- the point at which the sample was taken; and
- the name of the person who collected the sample.

## M2 Requirement to monitor concentration of pollutants discharged

M2.1 For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1. The licensee must use the sampling method, units of measure, and sample at the frequency, specified opposite in the other columns:

M2.2 Water and/ or Land Monitoring Requirements

### POINT 1,2

Pollutant	Units of measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Aluminium	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Ammonia	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Arsenic	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Cadmium	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Chromium	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Copper	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Electrical conductivity	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Probe
Lead	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Nitrate + nitrite (oxidised nitrogen)	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Nitrogen (total)	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Oil and Grease	Visible	Special Frequency 1	Visual Inspection
pH	pH	Special Frequency 1	Probe
TRH	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Turbidity	nephelometric turbidity units	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample
Zinc	micrograms per litre	Special Frequency 1	Grab sample

M2.3 For the purposes of Condition M2.2 and the Table thereto, 'Special Frequency 1' means:

- Daily for any discharge to "waters"\* from Point 1 or Point 2; and
- Monthly for Point 1 and Point 2.

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\* "Waters" has the same meaning as defined in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

## **M3 Testing methods - concentration limits**

M3.1 Subject to any express provision to the contrary in this licence, monitoring for the concentration of a pollutant discharged to waters or applied to a utilisation area must be done in accordance with the Approved Methods Publication unless another method has been approved by the EPA in writing before any tests are conducted.

## **M4 Environmental monitoring**

M4.1 All noise and vibration monitoring for the purposes of determining compliance with the conditions of this licence must be undertaken by a Competent Person as defined in the special dictionary of this licence.

M4.2 All noise monitoring for the purposes of determining compliance with the conditions of this licence must consider and be generally undertaken in accordance with;

- (a) Australian Standard AS 1055: 2018 Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise; and
- (b) the compliance monitoring guidance provided in the chapter 7 'Monitoring Performance' of the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017).

M4.3 All vibration monitoring must be:

- a) undertaken in accordance with the technical guidance provided in the Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006); and
- b) assessed and reported against the acceptable and maximum values of human exposure to vibration set out in Tables 2.2 and 2.4 of this guideline.

## **M5 Weather monitoring**

M5.1 The licensee must monitor and record temperature, wind direction, wind velocity and rainfall at either the project weather station, or through analysis of equivalent weather information obtained from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. Monitoring must:

- a) be representative of the premises;
- b) commence prior to any works that may cause sediment to leave the premises; and
- c) continue to be operated until soil disturbance activities cease at the premises and the site has been stabilised.

## **M6 Recording of pollution complaints**

M6.1 The licensee must keep a legible record of all complaints made to the licensee or any employee or agent of

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the licensee in relation to pollution arising from any activity to which this licence applies.

M6.2 The record must include details of the following:

- a) the date and time of the complaint;
- b) the method by which the complaint was made;
- c) any personal details of the complainant which were provided by the complainant or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
- d) the nature of the complaint;
- e) the action taken by the licensee in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; and
- f) if no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.

M6.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

M6.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

## M7 Telephone complaints line

M7.1 The licensee must operate during its operating hours a telephone complaints line for the purpose of receiving any complaints from members of the public in relation to activities conducted at the premises or by the vehicle or mobile plant, unless otherwise specified in the licence.

M7.2 The licensee must notify the public of the complaints line telephone number and the fact that it is a complaints line so that the impacted community knows how to make a complaint.

M7.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 26 June 2023 the date of the issue of this licence.

M7.4 The licensee must ensure that the community complaints line and community notification required by conditions M5.1, M5.2 and M5.5 is undertaken at least 14 calendar days prior to commencement of licensed activities.

M7.5 For the purposes of condition M5.1, the telephone complaints line may be operated by a third-party provider. The licensee must have staff available to respond to complaints during hours when works are occurring.

M7.6 Unless otherwise undertaken by the project proponent, the licensee must undertake the following community notification activities:

- a) include on the project website or other relevant website information on:
  - i. the nature, location and estimated construction time of the works;
  - ii. what works are expected to exceed Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009) noise management levels and the noise control measures to be implemented;
  - iii. how members of the public can make a complaint on the telephone complaints line and online;
  - iv. the after hours contact telephone number for any out of hours works permitted by this licence; and
  - v. how the complaints will be processed;
- b) public notices in local newspapers, including community language newspapers including the information required by part a) of this condition;
- c) clear signage at the boundary of each worksite that contains both the telephone complaints line number and the project website details;
- d) ongoing additional community notification must be undertaken if:

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- i. new sensitive receivers are affected by noise, vibration or other construction impacts; or
- ii. the details notified to the community in accordance with this condition materially change.

## M7.7 Noise and Vibration Complaints

- a) the licensee must commence investigation of noise and vibration complaints:
  - i. within two hours of the complaint being made; or
  - ii. in accordance with any documented complaint management agreement between the licensee and the complainant.
- b) the licensee must offer to the complainant to undertake attended noise or vibration monitoring at their premises if:
  - i. any investigation referred to in this condition identifies works or activities being undertaken on the licensed premises as the likely source of the complaint; and
  - ii. the licensee is not in possession of noise monitoring data representative of the complainants location and of the subject works and activities being undertaken on the licensed premises.
- c) if the occupant of the dwelling or management personnel of a Noise Sensitive Receiver (other than a dwelling) accepts the offer of attended noise or vibration monitoring the licensee must undertake that attended monitoring:
  - i. as soon as practicable; or
  - ii. at a time agreed with the complainant.
- d) The licensee must, in respect of each complaint made, advise each complainant of the results of its investigation of their complaint and any proposed remedial action within a reasonable period of time.

## 6 Reporting Conditions

### R1 Annual return documents

- R1.1 The licensee must complete and supply to the EPA an Annual Return in the approved form comprising:
1. a Statement of Compliance,
  2. a Monitoring and Complaints Summary,
  3. a Statement of Compliance - Licence Conditions,
  4. a Statement of Compliance - Load based Fee,
  5. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Prepare Pollution Incident Response Management Plan,
  6. a Statement of Compliance - Requirement to Publish Pollution Monitoring Data; and
  7. a Statement of Compliance - Environmental Management Systems and Practices.

At the end of each reporting period, the EPA will provide to the licensee notification that the Annual Return is due.

- R1.2 An Annual Return must be prepared in respect of each reporting period, except as provided below.

- R1.3 Where this licence is transferred from the licensee to a new licensee:

- a) the transferring licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on the date the application for the transfer of the licence to the new licensee is granted; and

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b) the new licensee must prepare an Annual Return for the period commencing on the date the application for the transfer of the licence is granted and ending on the last day of the reporting period.

R1.4 Where this licence is surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the EPA or Minister, the licensee must prepare an Annual Return in respect of the period commencing on the first day of the reporting period and ending on:

- a) in relation to the surrender of a licence - the date when notice in writing of approval of the surrender is given; or
- b) in relation to the revocation of the licence - the date from which notice revoking the licence operates.

R1.5 The Annual Return for the reporting period must be supplied to the EPA via eConnect *EPA* or by registered post not later than 60 days after the end of each reporting period or in the case of a transferring licence not later than 60 days after the date the transfer was granted (the 'due date').

R1.6 The licensee must retain a copy of the Annual Return supplied to the EPA for a period of at least 4 years after the Annual Return was due to be supplied to the EPA.

R1.7 Within the Annual Return, the Statements of Compliance must be certified and the Monitoring and Complaints Summary must be signed by:

- a) the licence holder; or
- b) by a person approved in writing by the EPA to sign on behalf of the licence holder.

Note: The term "reporting period" is defined in the dictionary at the end of this licence. Do not complete the Annual Return until after the end of the reporting period.

Note: An application to transfer a licence must be made in the approved form for this purpose.

## R2 Notification of environmental harm

R2.1 Notifications must be made by telephoning the Environment Line service on 131 555.

R2.2 The licensee must provide written details of the notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which they became aware of the incident.

Note: The licensee or its employees must notify all relevant authorities of incidents causing or threatening material harm to the environment immediately after the person becomes aware of the incident in accordance with the requirements of Part 5.7 of the Act.

## R3 Written report

R3.1 Where an authorised officer of the EPA suspects on reasonable grounds that:

- a) where this licence applies to premises, an event has occurred at the premises; or
  - b) where this licence applies to vehicles or mobile plant, an event has occurred in connection with the carrying out of the activities authorised by this licence,
- and the event has caused, is causing or is likely to cause material harm to the environment (whether the harm occurs on or off premises to which the licence applies), the authorised officer may request a written report of the event.

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- R3.2 The licensee must make all reasonable inquiries in relation to the event and supply the report to the EPA within such time as may be specified in the request.
- R3.3 The request may require a report which includes any or all of the following information:
- the cause, time and duration of the event;
  - the type, volume and concentration of every pollutant discharged as a result of the event;
  - the name, address and business hours telephone number of employees or agents of the licensee, or a specified class of them, who witnessed the event;
  - the name, address and business hours telephone number of every other person (of whom the licensee is aware) who witnessed the event, unless the licensee has been unable to obtain that information after making reasonable effort;
  - action taken by the licensee in relation to the event, including any follow-up contact with any complainants;
  - details of any measure taken or proposed to be taken to prevent or mitigate against a recurrence of such an event; and
  - any other relevant matters.
- R3.4 The EPA may make a written request for further details in relation to any of the above matters if it is not satisfied with the report provided by the licensee. The licensee must provide such further details to the EPA within the time specified in the request.

## R4 Other reporting conditions

- R4.1 In the event of any exceedance of the Best Achievable Noise Performance Objectives identified in the project specific Construction Noise and Vibration Plan and/or Impact Statement ("the plans") prepared for the activities, the licensee must:
- investigate the cause of the exceedance and identify whether all feasible and reasonable noise and vibration mitigation measures identified in the plans have been effectively deployed;
  - identify any noise and vibration measures recommended in the plans that were not effectively deployed;
  - assess appropriate remedial actions to seek to achieve the best achievable noise performance objectives;
  - submit a Follow-Up Investigation Report to the EPA within 5 business days (unless agreed in writing by the EPA) of any noise or vibration monitoring having been undertaken that detected the exceedance; and
  - include the following information in the Follow-Up Investigation Report:
    - confirmation of whether noise monitoring has been undertaken in accordance with AS1055:2018 and the compliance monitoring guidance provided in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009);
    - confirmation of whether vibration monitoring has been undertaken in accordance with the guidance provided in Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline (DEC, 2006);
    - details of the prevailing meteorological conditions during the period when the monitoring was undertaken;
    - a map of each noise and vibration monitoring location in relation to the noise source, including relevant distances;
    - numerical and graphical representation of the noise and vibration monitoring results;
    - an analysis of the noise and vibration monitoring results;
    - details of any remedial action taken in relation to the matter; and
    - in cases not the subject of remedial action, detailed justification of the decision not to undertake remedial action.
- R4.2 Daily Complaints Reports
- The licensee must submit by 4:00 pm each business day a report to the EPA that provides details of all

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complaints relating to activities regulated by this licence received on the telephone complaints line required by Condition M5.1 or through any other means.

b) The report must be:

- i. provided in a format approved in writing by the EPA;
- ii. submitted to the email address nominated by the EPA; and
- iii. include the complaints received in the previous 24 hours to 12pm;

c) The licensee is not required to submit a report:

- i. for any reporting period during which no complaints have been received;
- ii. that would otherwise be required to be submitted on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. It must instead be submitted not later than 4:00pm on the next business day.

R4.3 The licensee must record all inspections of erosion and sediment control measures installed on the premises, including observations and works undertaken to repair and maintain these measures, and provide these records to an authorised officer upon request.

## 7 General Conditions

### G1 Copy of licence kept at the premises or plant

G1.1 A copy of this licence must be kept at the premises to which the licence applies.

Note: The requirements outlined in this condition only come into force when works and activities commence at the licensed premises.

G1.2 The licence must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see it.

G1.3 The licence must be available for inspection by any employee or agent of the licensee working at the premises.

### G2 Contact number for incidents and responsible employees

G2.1 The licensee must provide the EPA with, and maintain, up to date contact details to enable the EPA:

- a) To contact either the licensee or a representative of the licensee who can respond at all times to incidents relating to the premises, and
- b) To contact the licensee's senior employees or agents authorised at all times to;
  - i. speak on behalf of the licensee, and
  - ii. provide any information or document required under licence.

G2.2 The contact details required by condition G2.1 above must include:

- a) the full name and title of the authorised representatives and the scope of their respective authorisations; and
- b) the direct telephone number, mobile number, email address and postal address for contacting each authorised representative.

### G3 Other general conditions

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## G3.1 Environmental Induction

- a) The licensee must ensure all personnel and contractors involved in undertaking any activity subject to this licence that has the potential to impact Noise Sensitive Receivers have received environmental induction training relevant to their role prior to undertaking that activity; and
- b) The induction training must:
  - i. clearly identify the location of all noise sensitive receivers likely to be affected by noise or vibration generated during the course of the work undertaken by those personnel; and
  - ii. highlight the licence requirements to minimise noise and vibration impacts on Noise Sensitive Receivers.

## 8 Special Conditions

### E1 Community Agreements

#### E1.1 Work outside standard construction hours - community consultation and agreement

The licensee may work outside standard construction hours (as defined in L4.1) in circumstances other than those permitted under conditions L4.3, L4.4, or any other condition of this licence if the Licensee:

- a) undertakes community consultation and agreement as described in E1.2;
- b) submits to the EPA a written request to work outside the standard construction hours attaching information set out in E1.3; and
- c) obtains approval by the EPA to work outside standard construction hours. The EPA may, in exercising its discretion to approve the works outside standard construction hours, review whether the licensee has obtained community agreement. Specifically, whether a substantial majority of the individual Noise Sensitive Receivers who together comprise the Community Affected Catchments and were contacted has consented to the planned works out of standard hours.

Note: Pursuant to condition E1.1 the licensee has obtained EPA approval via letter dated 6 February 2024 (DOC24/92877) to conduct work outside of "standard construction hours" (between 6pm and 7am on Sunday to Thursday) as the licensee has obtained community agreement. Specifically, a substantial majority of the Noise Sensitive Receivers who were contacted have consented to works outside of standard construction hours. The EPA will reassess this approval based on the performance of the licensee and has required via condition E1.7(b) that each 12 months (starting from the date the EPA approved work outside of "standard construction hours") the licensee must re-engage with the community to demonstrate if a substantial majority of the Noise Sensitive Receivers continue to consent to works outside of standard construction hours. This community re-engagement must commence a minimum of 2 months prior to the date that the agreement expires.

#### E1.2 Requirements for community consultation and agreement

Any community consultation and agreement undertaken with respect to the proposed out of hours works (OOHW) must:

- a) be prepared and implemented in accordance with the Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (DEC 2009), the Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017) and AS2436-2010: Guide to noise and vibration control on construction, demolition and maintenance sites;
- b) include consultation of all noise sensitive receivers within the Community Affected Catchments. This includes Noise Sensitive Receivers that have declined to participate in previous agreements unless a community member has explicitly requested not to be involved in any future consultation about future OOHW;
- c) ensure that the noise sensitive receivers understand the nature of the works and any predicted impacts,



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including that consideration is made of additional requirements relevant to the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse Noise Sensitive Receivers, and include details for interpreting services for languages other than English where required.

d) include in the community consultations with Noise Sensitive Receivers the following information:

- i. the actual works proposed;
- ii. any expected impacts in clear, plain English based on noise modelling;
- iii. the expected duration of the works;
- iv. any expected benefits for receivers;
- v. any other known concurrent OOHW that will be occurring; and
- vi. any other OOHW that will be occurring on the nights preceding and following the proposed works or, if the proposed work precedes or follows a weekend period, any other OOHW that will be occurring on the weekend.

e) request consent from the Noise Sensitive Receiver for their responses to be provided to the EPA;

f) ensure that a record is kept when a licensee is unable to contact a noise sensitive receiver after three attempts, including leaving "sorry I missed you" cards explaining the reason for the visit and requesting a return phone call; and

g) demonstrate, where the OOHW is predicted to go on longer than 28 calendar days, that the licensee has consulted the community in relation to re-engagement periods for the purpose of determining agreement from the community is maintained and continuing.

Detailed records are to be maintained by the licensee of all community consultations, including attempts to contact Noise Sensitive Receivers, and must be maintained for the duration of the licence.

Any Noise Sensitive Receiver who requests a copy of the record of conversations must be supplied with one.

**E1.3** The licensee must report to the EPA the community consultation and agreement process that was undertaken with the Community Affected Catchments.

This report to the EPA must be:

- a) prepared in writing;
- b) detail the steps taken to fulfil the requirements of condition E1.2;
- c) demonstrate that the Noise Sensitive Receivers understood the nature of the works and any predicted impacts, including that consideration was made of additional requirements relevant to the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse Noise Sensitive Receivers;
- d) provide the script used during the community consultation with Noise Sensitive Receivers;
- e) report community response and consent rates (including where no contact could be made) against the total community affected catchments, and must be broken down into response and consent rates based on sub-catchments that are delineated by affectation levels;
- f) include a noise validation monitoring plan as required by E1.4; and
- g) be submitted to the EPA at least 15 business days prior to any works that are the subject of the agreement being undertaken unless prior arrangements have been made with the EPA.

A copy of the report must be:

- a) kept by the licensee for the duration of this licence including on the premises, and made available to an EPA authorised officer on request; and
- b) be made available on the licensee's project website or another website approved in writing by the EPA for the duration of the OOHWs permitted under condition E1.1. (Personal details of Noise Sensitive Receivers must be omitted).

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## E1.4 Noise Validation Monitoring

A noise validation monitoring plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval as part of the community agreement documentation prior to any OOHW occurring.

## E1.5 Validation monitoring must be undertaken for any OOHW that are the approved under condition E1.1 and must:

- a) be undertaken in accordance with the monitoring plan prepared under condition E1.4;
- b) be performed by a Competent Person;
- c) be performed on at least the first 2 occasions (day, evening, nights) where OOHW will be undertaken and are likely to impact Noise Sensitive Receivers;
- d) be performed on any other occasion (day, evening, night) where the nature of the works is likely to cause greater noise impacts than the first 2 occasions;
- e) be representative of the impacts in terms of monitoring locations, time and duration of measurements; and
- f) be recorded and provided to an EPA officer upon request.

## E1.6 If validation monitoring undertaken under Condition E1.5 shows that noise levels are higher than those predicted by any noise modelling undertaken as part of the community agreement, work practices must be modified immediately so that measured noise levels do not exceed predicted levels.

Where it has been determined that works cannot be modified to achieve the predicted noise levels:

- a) the licensee must report immediately to the EPA; and
- b) after considering the circumstances EPA may withdraw its permission under E1.1.

- E1.7
- a) For any approval of OOHW under E1.1 predicted to take longer than 28 calendar days to remain valid, the licensee must be able to demonstrate agreement from the community is maintained and continuing.
    - b) To demonstrate agreement from the community is maintained and continuing the licensee must:
      - i) each 12 months (starting 6 February 2024) re-engage the community to determine if a substantial majority of Noise Sensitive Receivers continue to consent to the OOHW. This community re-engagement must commence a minimum of 2 months prior to the end of the current agreement to conduct works out of "standard construction hours";
      - ii. provide the EPA with a report within 7 calendar days of the end of each re-engagement period that includes: a summary of the community response; ongoing consent rates of the Noise Sensitive Receivers; and a summary of all noise complaints since construction began that details the address from which the complaint relates to, the date, time and nature of complaint; and
    - c) Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate a substantial majority of agreement from Community Affected Catchment is maintained and continuing:
      - i. the licensee must report immediately to the EPA; and
      - ii. after considering the circumstances EPA may withdraw its permission under E1.1.

## E2 Special Dictionary

### E2.1 Special Dictionary

Term	Meaning
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Best Achievable Noise Performance Objectives	The construction noise level predicted at a receiver location after all feasible and reasonable noise mitigation measures have been incorporated into the prediction model and considered in deriving the predicted noise level
Community Affected Catchment	means the combined group of all noise sensitive receivers who are either: a) predicted by the licensee to be impacted by noise levels exceeding those specified in Condition L5.3a) and L5.3b); or b) predicted by the licensee to be impacted by noise levels above a highly noise affected level of 75dB(A).
Competent Person - for the purpose of noise monitoring, must satisfy one or more of the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have qualifications and/or experience sufficient to fulfil the requirements of 'member' grade of the Australian Acoustical Society</li> <li>• Undertake duties of an acoustic consultant on behalf of a firm that is a member of the Association of Australasian Acoustical Consultants</li> <li>• Have a recognised tertiary qualification in a discipline pertinent to acoustics</li> <li>• Be able to demonstrate competence through professional experience and/or technical expertise to the satisfaction of the EPA</li> </ul>
Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment is a document or suite of documents that:	Describe the construction activities proposed; identifies the potential impacts of those activities on the community; the measures that will be used to reduce impacts on the affected community; how the community will be informed and engaged; and, how noise impacts will be monitored and enforced. They are often referred to as Noise and Vibration Management Plans, Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statements, Construction Method Statements, Work Method Statements and the like.
High Noise Impact Activities and Works means construction works which exceed the applicable NML at sensitive receiver locations and are:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified as particularly annoying in section 4.5 of the ICNG; and/or,</li> <li>• Works identified as 'Highly Noise Intensive Works' in a planning approval for the activities in this licence; and/or</li> <li>• Any other activity identified by the EPA, and advised to the licensee, following an assessment of the character of the noise emitted by the activity based on the Noise Policy for Industry, Fact Sheet C considerations (EPA, 2017).</li> </ul>
Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (ICNG)	Interim Construction Noise Guidelines (DECC, July 2009)
In Writing	documents are to be submitted electronically unless otherwise requested by EPA. Documents required to be kept on the premises may be soft copy or hard copy.
Noise Management Level (NML)	has the same meaning as "Airborne Noise Management Levels" in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC 2009)

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Noise sensitive receiver	Land uses that are sensitive to noise, including residences and other sensitive land uses detailed in Table 3 of the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC 2009)
Operating Hours	means hours during which any construction-related works or activities are being undertaken, including outside of standard construction hours
Out of Hours Works (OOHWs)	means hours outside standard construction hours as set out in L5.1.
Rating Background Level (RBL)	the same meaning as in the Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC 2009)
Residence	A lawful and permanent structure erected in a land-use zone that permits residential use (or for which existing use rights under the EP&A Act apply) where a person/s permanently reside and is not, nor associated with, a commercial undertaking such as caretakers quarters, hotel, motel, transient holiday accommodation or caravan park.
Resource Recovery Order and/or Exemption	As described under Part 9, Clause 93 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014
Respite Period	Respite periods can be any combination of days or hours where out-of-hours work would not be more than 5 dB(A) above the rating background noise level at any residence.
Relevant Road Network Operator	means the local, state or Commonwealth government department responsible for the operational performance of the relevant road/s where activities are occurring.

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## Dictionary

### General Dictionary

<b>3DGM [in relation to a concentration limit]</b>	Means the three day geometric mean, which is calculated by multiplying the results of the analysis of three samples collected on consecutive days and then taking the cubed root of that amount. Where one or more of the samples is zero or below the detection limit for the analysis, then 1 or the detection limit respectively should be used in place of those samples
<b>Act</b>	Means the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>activity</b>	Means a scheduled or non-scheduled activity within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>actual load</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>AM</b>	Together with a number, means an ambient air monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>AMG</b>	Australian Map Grid
<b>anniversary date</b>	The anniversary date is the anniversary each year of the date of issue of the licence. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
<b>annual return</b>	Is defined in R1.1
<b>Approved Methods Publication</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>assessable pollutants</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>BOD</b>	Means biochemical oxygen demand
<b>CEM</b>	Together with a number, means a continuous emission monitoring method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .
<b>COD</b>	Means chemical oxygen demand
<b>composite sample</b>	Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by the EPA, a sample consisting of 24 individual samples collected at hourly intervals and each having an equivalent volume.
<b>cond.</b>	Means conductivity
<b>environment</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>environment protection legislation</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991
<b>EPA</b>	Means Environment Protection Authority of New South Wales.
<b>fee-based activity classification</b>	Means the numbered short descriptions in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.
<b>general solid waste (non-putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

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<b>flow weighted composite sample</b>	Means a sample whose composites are sized in proportion to the flow at each composites time of collection.
<b>general solid waste (putrescible)</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>grab sample</b>	Means a single sample taken at a point at a single time
<b>hazardous waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>licensee</b>	Means the licence holder described at the front of this licence
<b>load calculation protocol</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
<b>local authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>material harm</b>	Has the same meaning as in section 147 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>MBAS</b>	Means methylene blue active substances
<b>Minister</b>	Means the Minister administering the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>mobile plant</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>motor vehicle</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>O&amp;G</b>	Means oil and grease
<b>percentile [in relation to a concentration limit of a sample]</b>	Means that percentage [eg.50%] of the number of samples taken that must meet the concentration limit specified in the licence for that pollutant over a specified period of time. In this licence, the specified period of time is the Reporting Period unless otherwise stated in this licence.
<b>plant</b>	Includes all plant within the meaning of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 as well as motor vehicles.
<b>pollution of waters [or water pollution]</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>premises</b>	Means the premises described in condition A2.1
<b>public authority</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>regional office</b>	Means the relevant EPA office referred to in the Contacting the EPA document accompanying this licence
<b>reporting period</b>	For the purposes of this licence, the reporting period means the period of 12 months after the issue of the licence, and each subsequent period of 12 months. In the case of a licence continued in force by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the date of issue of the licence is the first anniversary of the date of issue or last renewal of the licence following the commencement of the Act.
<b>restricted solid waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>scheduled activity</b>	Means an activity listed in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>special waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>TM</b>	Together with a number, means a test method of that number prescribed by the <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales</i> .

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<b>TSP</b>	Means total suspended particles
<b>TSS</b>	Means total suspended solids
<b>Type 1 substance</b>	Means the elements antimony, arsenic, cadmium, lead or mercury or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>Type 2 substance</b>	Means the elements beryllium, chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel, selenium, tin or vanadium or any compound containing one or more of those elements
<b>utilisation area</b>	Means any area shown as a utilisation area on a map submitted with the application for this licence
<b>waste</b>	Has the same meaning as in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
<b>waste type</b>	Means liquid, restricted solid waste, general solid waste (putrescible), general solid waste (non-putrescible), special waste or hazardous waste
<b>Wellhead</b>	Has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 to the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021.

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## End Notes

2 Licence varied by notice 1636358 issued on 21-Feb-2024