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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Benedict Recycling Pty Ltd to conduct a verification noise survey of operations at Benedict Recycling Smeaton Grange (Benedict Recycling, the site) located at 52 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange NSW. The survey purpose was to quantify the acoustic environment and compare site noise levels against specified limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the morning shoulder and day periods on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at two monitoring locations.

## 1.2 Attended monitoring locations

Site monitoring locations are detailed in Table 1.1 and shown on Figure 1.1. It should be noted that Figure 1.1 shows actual monitoring positions, not necessarily the location of residences.

**Table 1.1** Attended noise monitoring locations

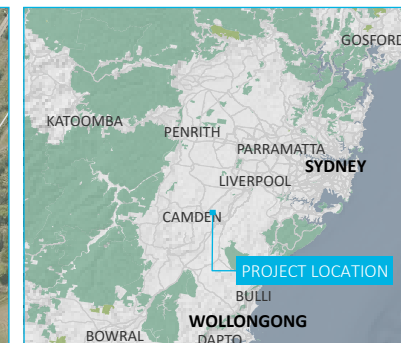
Location descriptor/ID	Description/address	Coordinates (GDA94 MGA Zone 56)	
		Easting	Northing
R9	Chapman Circuit, Currans Hill	293919	6231192
R22 <sup>1</sup>	Turner Road, Gregory Hills	294119	6231518

Notes: 1. It is of note that the residence denoted by R22 (143 & 165 Turner Road, Gregory Hills) has since been demolished. Given this, an alternative noise monitoring location was used to represent the nearest private residence (170 Turner Road, Gregory Hills) to R22.





Source: EMM (2024); ABS (2021); DCSSS (2024); GA (2009); MetroMap (2024)



#### KEY

- ▬ Site boundary
- Assessment location
- Noise monitoring location

#### Existing environment

- Named watercourse
- ▬ Cadastral boundary

#### INSET KEY

- Major road
- NPWS reserve
- State forest

### Noise monitoring locations and site boundary

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Figure 1.1



## 1.3 Terminology and abbreviations

Some definitions of terms and abbreviations which may be used in this report are provided in Table 1.2.

**Table 1.2 Terminology and abbreviations**

Term/descriptor	Definition
dB(A)	Noise level measurement units are decibels (dB). The “A” weighting scale is used to approximate how humans hear noise.
L <sub>Amax</sub>	The maximum root mean squared A-weighted noise level over a time period.
L <sub>A1</sub>	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for one per cent of the time.
L <sub>A1,1minute</sub>	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for one per cent of the specified time period of one minute.
L <sub>A10</sub>	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 10 per cent of the time.
L <sub>Aeq</sub>	The energy average A-weighted noise level.
L <sub>A50</sub>	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time, and is also the median noise level during a measurement period.
L <sub>A90</sub>	The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 90 percent of the time, also referred to as the “background” noise level and commonly used to derive noise limits.
L <sub>Amin</sub>	The minimum A-weighted noise level over a time period.
L <sub>Ceq</sub>	The energy average C-weighted noise energy during a measurement period. The “C” weighting scale is used to take into account low-frequency components of noise within the audibility range of humans.
SPL	Sound pressure level. Fluctuations in pressure are measured as 10 times a logarithmic scale, with the reference pressure being 20 micropascals.
Hertz (Hz)	The frequency of fluctuations in pressure, measured in cycles per second. Most sounds are a combination of many frequencies together.
AWS	Automatic weather station used to collect meteorological data, typically at an altitude of 10 metres
VTG	The vertical temperature gradient in degrees Celsius per 100 metres altitude.
Sigma-theta	The standard deviation of the horizontal wind direction over a period of time.
IA	Inaudible. When site noise is noted as IA then there was no site noise at the monitoring location.
NM	Not Measurable. If site noise is noted as NM, this means some noise was audible but could not be quantified.
Day	Monday – Saturday: 7 am to 6 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 8 am to 6 pm.
Evening	Monday – Saturday: 6 pm to 10 pm, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 6 pm to 10 pm.
Night	Monday – Saturday: 10 pm to 7 am, on Sundays and Public Holidays: 10 pm to 8 am.
Temperature inversion	A meteorological condition where the atmospheric temperature increases with altitude.

Appendix A provides further information that gives an indication as to how an average person perceives changes in noise level, and examples of common noise levels.

## 2 Noise limits

### 2.1 Development consent

Benedict Recycling noise limits are provided in Table 4, Condition B.5 of Schedule 2 Part B of the current development consent SSD 7424 (DC) dated 22 December 2017. Relevant sections of the DC are reproduced in Appendix B.1.

### 2.2 Environment protection licence

Benedict Recycling noise limits are provided in Condition L4.1 of the current EPL 21328 (EPL) dated 3 July 2024. Relevant sections of the EPL are reproduced in Appendix B.2.

### 2.3 Noise management plan

The approved current ONVMP (dated March 2018) adopts two attended noise monitoring locations that are representative of residences outlined in the DC and EPL. Relevant sections of the ONVMP are reproduced in Appendix B.3.

### 2.4 Noise limits

Noise limits based on the NMP and consistent with the DC and EPL are as shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 Noise impact limits, dB**

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Night $L_{Aeq,15minute}$
All residential receivers	40	40	40

### 2.5 Meteorological conditions

The DC (which the NMP also references) states that:

Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.

Meanwhile, the EPL states that:

Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI) (2017).

Given the NPfI is the more recent policy document and supersedes the NSW Industrial Noise Policy, this assessment has measured noise generated by the development in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NPfI.

### 2.6 Additional considerations

Monitoring and reporting have been done in accordance with the NSW EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI) issued in October 2017 and the 'Approved methods for the measurement and analysis of environmental noise in NSW' (Approved Methods) issued in January 2022.

## 2.7 Very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions

In accordance with the Approved Methods, noise monitoring for the site is scheduled to occur during forecasted meteorological conditions where noise limits in Table 2.1 will be applicable. However, in cases where actual meteorological conditions do not align with forecasts and noise limits are subsequently not directly applicable, it is the expectation of regulators that noise impact still be managed.

The NPfI states that:

Noise limits derived for consents and licences will apply under the meteorological conditions used in the environmental assessment process, that is, standard or noise-enhancing meteorological conditions. For 'very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions' ... a limit is set based on the limit derived under standard or noise-enhancing conditions (whichever is adopted in the assessment) plus 5 dB. In this way a development is subject to noise limits under all meteorological conditions.

Therefore, if noise monitoring occurs during meteorological conditions outside of those specified in Section 2.4, site limits are adjusted based on Table 2.1 plus 5 dB.



## 3 Methodology

### 3.1 Overview

Attended environmental noise monitoring was done in general accordance with Australian Standard AS1055:2018 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise' and relevant EPA requirements.

Meteorological data was obtained from the Ashton Coal on-site weather station (AWS) which allowed the correlation of atmospheric parameters with measured noise levels.

### 3.2 Attended noise monitoring

Attended noise monitoring was done during the morning shoulder and day periods at each location. The duration of each measurement was 15 minutes. Atmospheric conditions were measured at each monitoring location.

Measured sound levels from various sources were noted during each measurement, and particular attention was paid to the extent of site contribution (if any) to measured levels. At each monitoring location, the site-only  $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$  and  $L_{Amax}$  were measured directly or determined by other methods detailed in Section 7.1 of the NPfI.

The terms 'Inaudible' (IA) or 'Not Measurable' (NM) may be used in this report. When site noise is noted as IA, it was inaudible at the monitoring location. When site noise is noted as NM, this means it was audible but could not be quantified. All results noted as IA or NM in this report were due to one or more of the following:

- Site noise levels were very low, typically more than 10 dB below the measured background ( $L_{A90}$ ), and unlikely to be noticed.
- Site noise levels were masked by more dominant sources that are characteristic of the environment (such as breeze in foliage or continuous road traffic noise) that cannot be eliminated by monitoring at an alternate or intermediate location.
- It was not feasible or reasonable to employ methods, such as to move closer and back calculate. Cases may include rough terrain preventing closer measurement, addition/removal of significant source to receiver shielding caused by moving closer, and meteorological conditions where back calculation may not be accurate.

If exact noise levels from site could not be established due to masking by other noise sources in a similar frequency range but were determined to be at least 5 dB lower than relevant limits, then a maximum estimate may be provided. This is expressed as a 'less than' quantity, such as <20 dB or <30 dB.

For this assessment, the measured  $L_{Amax}$  has been used as a conservative estimate of  $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$ . The EPA accepts sleep disturbance analysis based on either the  $L_{A1,1\text{minute}}$  or  $L_{Amax}$  metrics, with the  $L_{Amax}$  representing a more conservative assessment of site noise emissions.

### 3.3 Meteorological data

This assessment determined stability categories throughout the attended monitoring period using the 'Pasquill-Gifford stability classification scheme' method from section D1.3.1 of Fact Sheet D of the Noise Policy for Industry (NSW EPA, 2017). Data was sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology's Campbelltown (Mount Annan) AWS (Station ID 068257).

### 3.4 Modifying factors

All measurements were evaluated for potential modifying factors in accordance with the NPfl. If applicable, modifying factor penalties have been reported and added to the measured site only  $L_{Aeq}$  noise levels.

Low-frequency modifying factor penalties have only been applied to site-only  $L_{Aeq}$  if the site was the only contributing low-frequency noise source. Specific methodology for assessment of each modifying factor is outlined in Fact Sheet C of the NPfl.

### 3.5 Instrumentation and personnel

Attended noise monitoring was conducted by Jared Blackburn. Qualifications, experience, and/or demonstration of competence is in accordance with the EPA's Approved methods and supportive documentation is available upon request.

Equipment used to measure environmental noise levels is detailed in Table 3.1. Calibration certificates are provided in Appendix C.

**Table 3.1**      **Attended noise monitoring equipment**

Item	Serial number	Calibration due date	Relevant standard
Brüel & Kjær 2250 sound level meter	3008201	12/7/2025	IEC 61672-1:2013
Svantek SV-36 calibrator	154613	5/6/2025	IEC 60942:2017

## 4 Results

### 4.1 Total measured noise levels and atmospheric conditions

Overall (all sources) noise levels measured at each location during attended measurements are provided in Table 4.1. Discussion as to the sources responsible for measured levels is provided in Section 5 of this report.

**Table 4.1** Total measured noise levels, dB – 19 November 2024<sup>1</sup>

Location	Start date	Time	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A50</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>Amin</sub>
R22	19/11/2024	06:19	63	56	50	47	44	42	41
R9	19/11/2024	06:43	65	57	48	46	43	41	38
R9	19/11/2024	07:00	60	53	49	45	43	40	37
R22	19/11/2024	07:25	58	53	50	49	49	46	44

Notes: 1. Levels in this table are not necessarily the result of activity at the site.

Atmospheric condition data measured by the operator during each measurement using a hand-held weather meter is shown in Table 4.2. The wind speed, direction and temperature were measured at approximately 1.5 metres above ground. Attended noise monitoring is not done during rain, hail, or wind speeds above 5 m/s at microphone height.

**Table 4.2** Atmospheric conditions measured at microphone height – 19 November 2024

Location	Date	Time	Temperature °C	Wind speed m/s	Wind direction ° Magnetic north	Cloud cover 1/8s
R22	19/11/2024	06:19	15	<0.5	-	8
R9	19/11/2024	06:43	15	<0.5	-	8
R9	19/11/2024	07:00	16	<0.5	-	8
R22	19/11/2024	07:25	16	<0.5	-	8

### 4.2 Site only noise levels

#### 4.2.1 Modifying factors

There were no modifying factors, as defined in the NPfI, applicable during the survey.

## 4.2.2 Monitoring results

Table 4.3 provides site noise levels in the absence of other sources, where possible, and includes weather data from the site AWS. Limits are applicable if weather conditions were within specified parameters during each measurement.

**Table 4.3**      **Site noise levels and limits – 19 November 2024**

Location	Start Date	Time	Wind		Stability Class	Very enhancing? <sup>1</sup>	Limit, dB	Site level, dB <sup>2</sup>	Exceedance, dB
			Speed m/s	Direction° <sup>3</sup>			L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>
R22	19/11/2024	06:19	3.1	140	E	Yes	45 <sup>5</sup>	IA	Nil
R9	19/11/2024	06:43	2.1	161	E	No	40	38	Nil
R9	19/11/2024	07:00	2.1	164	D	No	40	38	Nil
R22	19/11/2024	07:25	2.6	91	D	No	40	37	Nil

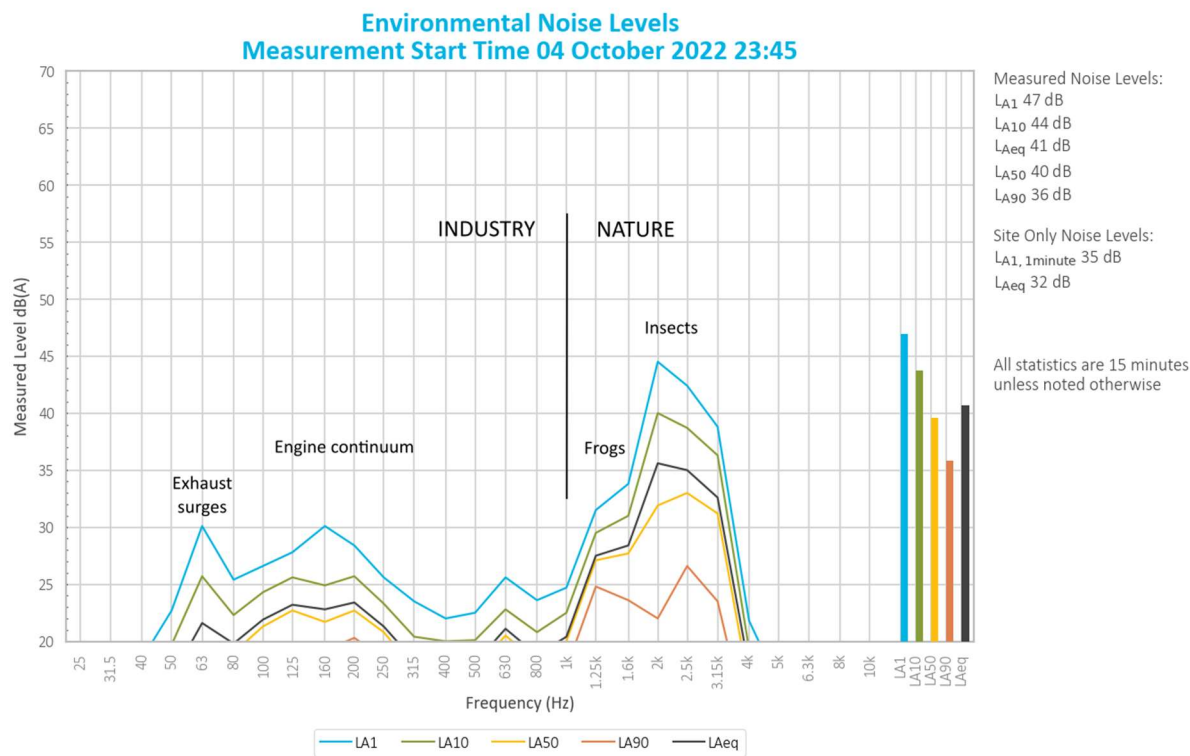
- Notes:
1. Noise emission limits are applicable if weather conditions were within parameters specified in Section 2.5.
  2. Site-only L<sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>, includes modifying factor penalties if applicable.
  3. Degrees magnetic north, “-” indicates calm conditions.
  4. IA in the site level column means that the site was deemed inaudible at that location.
  5. Adjusted limits (+5 dB) due to ‘very noise-enhancing’ meteorological conditions in accordance with the EPL.

# 5 Discussion

## 5.1 Noted noise sources

During attended monitoring, the time variations (temporal characteristics) of noise sources are considered in each measurement via statistical descriptors. From these observations, summaries have been derived for the location and provided in this chapter. Statistical 1/3 octave-band analysis of environmental noise was undertaken, and the following figures display frequency ranges of various noise sources at each location for  $L_{A1}$ ,  $L_{A10}$ ,  $L_{Aeq}$ ,  $L_{A50}$ , and  $L_{A90}$  descriptors. These figures also provide, graphically, statistical information for these noise levels.

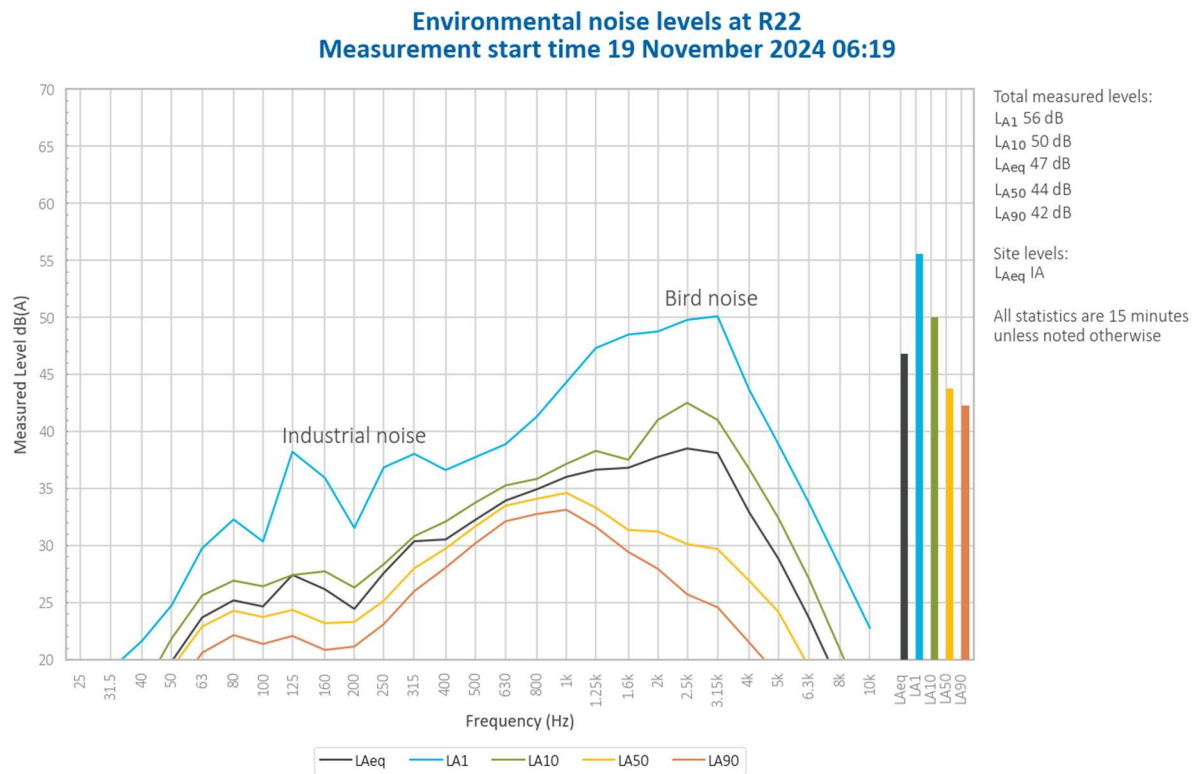
An example is provided as Figure 5.1, where frogs and insects are seen to be generating noise at frequencies above 1000 Hz, while industrial noise is observed at frequencies less than 1000 Hz.



**Figure 5.1** Example graph



5.2 R22 – Turner Road, Gregory Hills (Morning Shoulder)



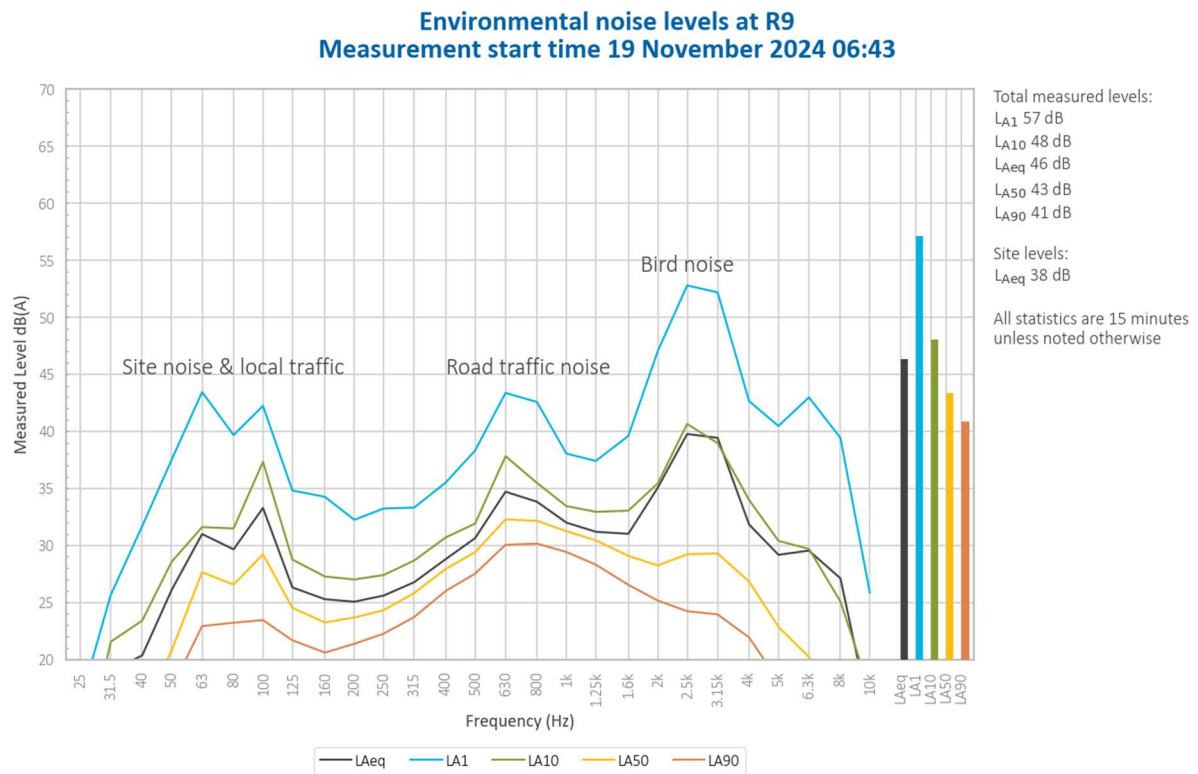
**Figure 5.2 Environmental noise levels – R22, Turner Road, Gregory Hills (Morning Shoulder)**

Benedict Smeaton Grange was inaudible throughout the measurement.

Industrial noise, bird noise and road traffic noise were the main contributors to measured levels.

Noise from local traffic was also noted.

5.3 R9 – Chapman Circuit, Currans Hill (Morning Shoulder)



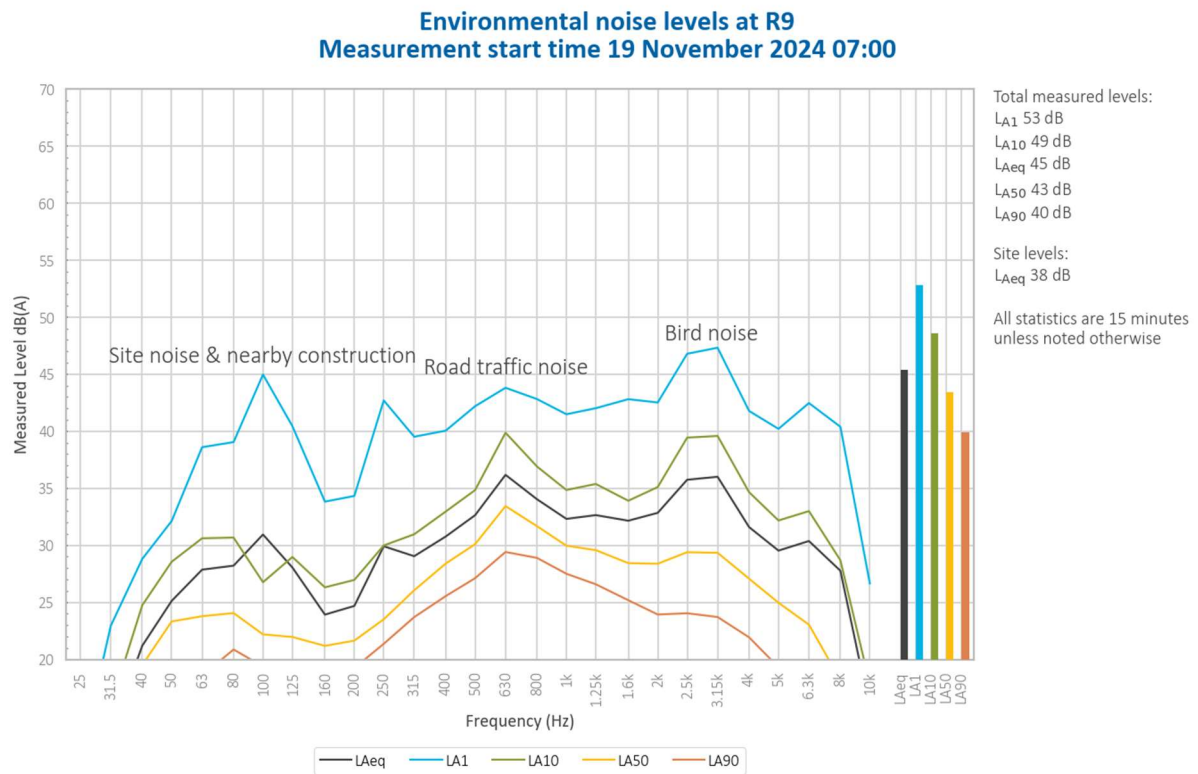
**Figure 5.3 Environmental noise levels – R9, Chapman Circuit, Currans Hill (Morning Shoulder)**

Benedict Smeaton Grange was occasionally audible throughout the measurement, including vehicle movements and site noise. This generated a site  $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$  of 38 dB.

Bird noise and road traffic noise were the main contributors to measured levels.

Noise from local traffic was also noted.

5.4 R9 – Chapman Circuit, Currans Hill (Day)

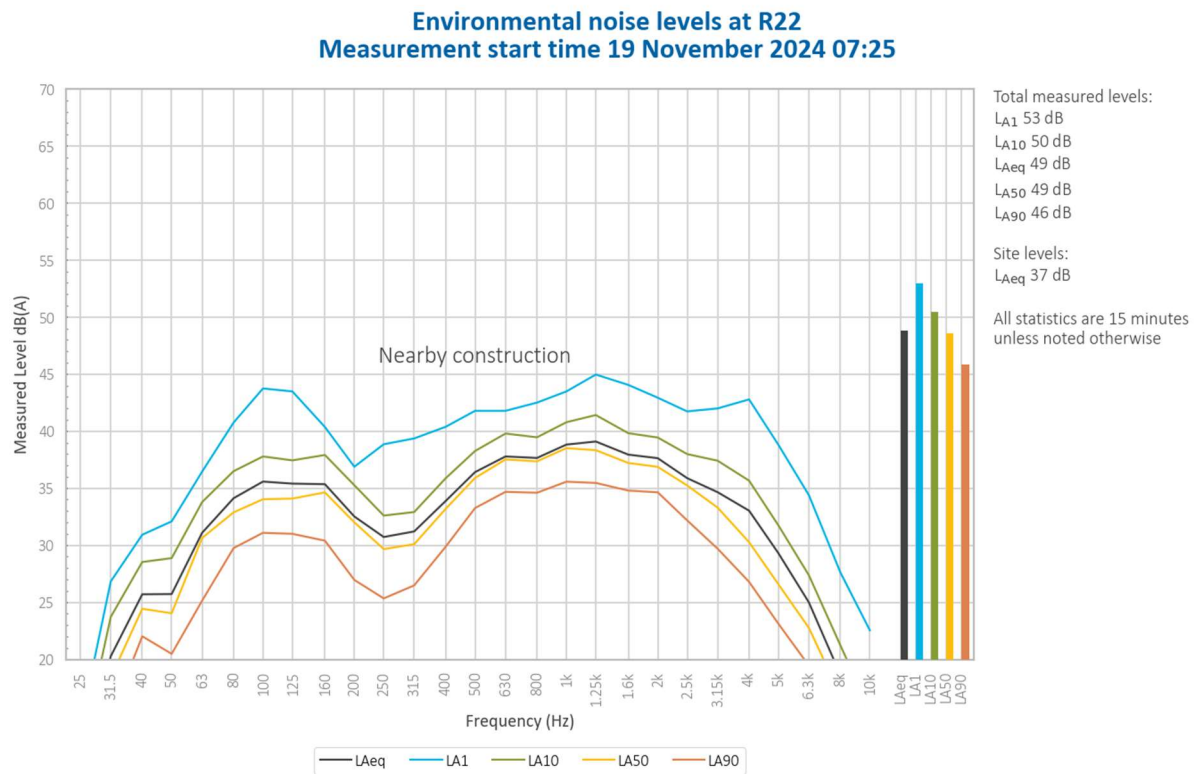


**Figure 5.4 Environmental noise levels - R9, Chapman Circuit, Currans Hill (Day)**

Benedict Smeaton Grange was occasionally audible throughout the measurement, including vehicle movements and site noise. This generated a site  $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$  of 38 dB.

Bird noise, road traffic noise and nearby construction were the main contributors to measured levels.

5.5 R22 – Turner Road, Gregory Hills (Day)



**Figure 5.5 Environmental noise levels – R22, Turner Road, Gregory Hills (Day)**

Benedict Smeaton Grange was occasionally audible throughout the measurement, including impact noise from site. This generated a site  $L_{Aeq,15\text{minute}}$  of 37 dB.

Nearby construction was the main contributor to measured levels.

Aircraft noise was also noted.

## 6 Summary

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Benedict Recycling Pty Ltd to conduct a verification noise survey of operations at Benedict Recycling. The survey purpose was to quantify the acoustic environment and compare site noise levels against specified noise limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the morning shoulder and day periods on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at two monitoring locations as per the approved NMP.

Noise from the site complied with relevant limits at all monitoring locations during this verification survey.



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# Appendix A

Noise perception and examples

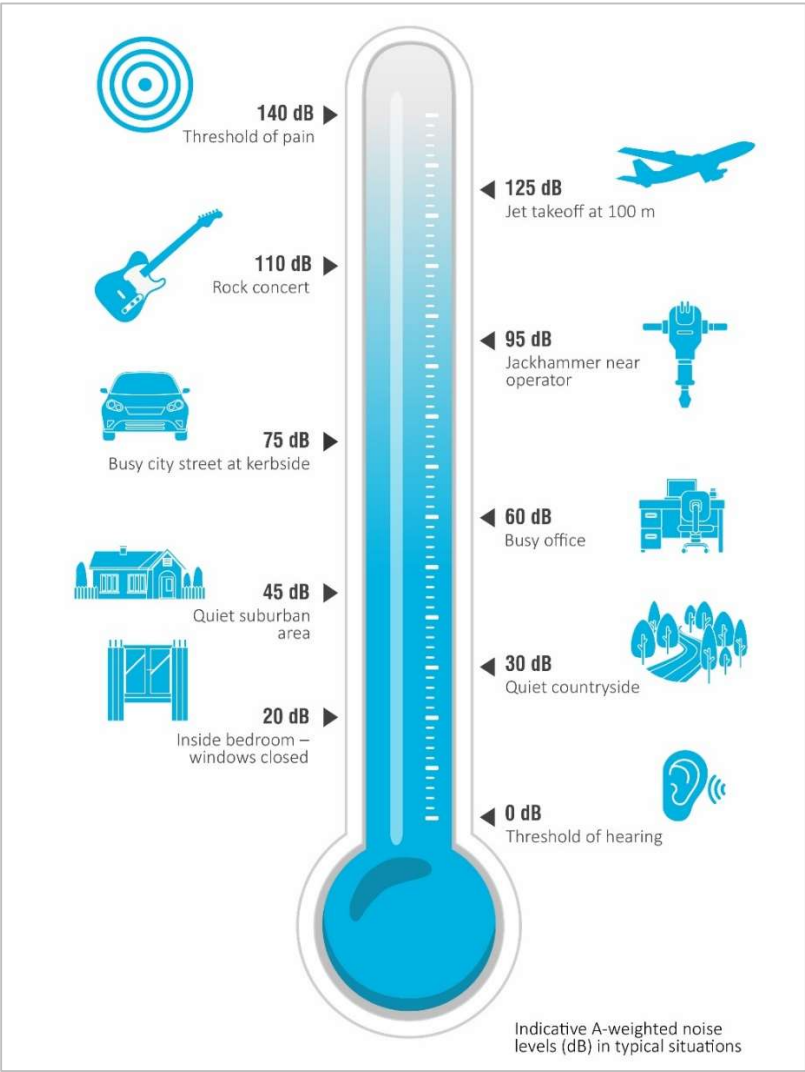
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## A.1 Noise levels

Table A.1 gives an indication as to how an average person perceives changes in noise level. Examples of common noise levels are provided in Figure A.1.

**Table A.1** Perceived change in noise

Change in sound pressure level (dB)	Perceived change in noise
up to 2	Not perceptible
3	Just perceptible
5	Noticeable difference
10	Twice (or half) as loud
15	Large change
20	Four times (or a quarter) as loud



**Figure A.1** Common noise levels

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# Appendix B

Regulator documents

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B.1      Development consent

**PART B: ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**NOISE**

**Hours of Work**

B1. The Applicant must comply with the hours of work detailed in Table 3 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Secretary.

**Table 3: Hours of Work**

Activity	Day	Time
Accept waste deliveries and dispatch	Monday – Friday	6 am to 10 pm
	Saturday	6 am to 5 pm
	Sunday	8 am to 4 pm
Waste processing	Monday – Friday	7 am to 6 pm
	Saturday	7 am to 4 pm

- B2. Works outside of the hours identified in Condition B1 may be undertaken in the following circumstances:
- (a) for the delivery of materials required outside these hours by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or
  - (b) where it is required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property and/or to prevent environmental harm.

**Construction Noise Management Plan**

B3. Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) for the development to manage high noise generating works to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The CNVMP shall form part of the CEMP required by Condition C1 and must:

- (a) be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced noise expert;
- (b) be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of construction the Development;
- (c) describe the management and mitigation measures and procedures for achieving the noise management levels in the EPA's *Interim Construction Noise Guideline* (Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2009);
- (d) identify high emission generating construction activities, including proposed times when these works will be carried out (including respite periods if required) and mitigation measures to minimise adverse impacts from these activities;
- (e) include strategies that have been developed with the community for managing high noise generating works;
- (f) describe the community consultation undertaken to develop the strategies in (e) above; and
- (g) include a complaints management system that would be implemented for the duration of the Development.

- B4. The Applicant must:
- (a) not commence construction until the CNVMP required by Condition B3 is approved by the Planning Secretary; and
  - (b) The Applicant must ensure the CNVMP (as required and approved by the Planning Secretary from time to time) is implemented during construction of the Development.

**Operational Noise Criteria**

B5. The Applicant must ensure that noise generated by operation of the Development does not exceed the noise criteria in Table 4.

**Table 4: Noise Criteria dB(A)**

Location	Day LAeq(15 minute)	Evening LAeq(15 minute)	Night LAeq(15 minute)
All residential receivers	40	40	40

*Note: Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. Refer to the plan in Appendix C for the location of residential receivers.*

**Acoustic Fencing**

B6. The Applicant must construct the fencing shown in Appendix A prior to the commencement of construction of any part of the Development.





Key issue	Management measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– dust generating activities will be generally undertaken within the main shed; and</li> <li>– no composting will be undertaken on the site.</li> </ul>
Greenhouse gases	<p>Management measures that will be implemented during construction and operations to minimise greenhouse gas emissions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on-site equipment will be regularly maintained and serviced to maximise fuel efficiency;</li> <li>• vehicle kilometres travelled on site will be minimised; and</li> <li>• energy efficiency will be progressively reviewed and implemented throughout the life of the facility.</li> </ul>
Noise	<p>Management measures that will be implemented during operation to minimise noise impacts will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• choosing quieter plant and equipment, including installing best-practice noise suppression equipment, based on the optimal power and size to most efficiently perform the required tasks;</li> <li>• plant with high noise emissions will generally be located inside the shed;</li> <li>• plant and equipment will be regularly maintained and serviced;</li> </ul> <p>low-frequency reversing alarms (“growlers”) will be used rather than the standard high frequency beepers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a site layout has been adopted that minimises the need for mobile plant to reverse;</li> <li>• plant and equipment will be switched off when not in use;</li> <li>• any vehicle queuing will be on site rather than on public roads;</li> <li>• material drop heights will be minimised and dragging materials along the ground will be minimised;</li> <li>• site contact details will be provided on a board at the front of the site;</li> <li>• any noise-related complaints will be handled promptly; and</li> <li>• a complaints register will be maintained.</li> </ul> <p>Benedict Recycling will commission noise verification monitoring at the closest residences to the south-east (R9) and to the north-east (R22) (or at equivalent locations) within 3, 6 and 12 months of the start of operations.</p>
Transport	<p>Signs will be erected at the facility requesting customers access the facility via Camden Valley Way via Anderson Road.</p> <p>Signs will be erected at the facility regarding drivers’ legal obligation to ensure that waste is covered during transport.</p> <p>Vehicles dispatching products or residue will be covered prior to leaving the site.</p>
Visual	<p>Management measures that will be implemented during construction and operations to minimise visual impacts will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this site will be colourbond fenced on the boundaries; and</li> <li>• the visual appearance of the site entrance on Anderson Road will be landscaped and kept tidy.</li> </ul>

B.2 Environmental protection licence



# Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 21328

		time		
NA	Cured concrete waste from a batch plant	As defined in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, as in force from time to time	Resource recovery Waste storage	
NA	Synthetic fibre waste (from materials such as fibreglass, polyesters and other plastics) being waste that is packaged securely to prevent dust emissions, but excluding asbestos waste	As defined in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, as in force from time to time	Resource recovery Waste storage	
NA	Wood waste	As defined in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, as in force from time to time	Resource recovery Waste storage	
NA	Soils	General Solid Waste, as defined in Schedule 1 of the POEO Act, in force from time to time	Resource recovery Waste storage	Complies with CT1 maximum contaminant values shown in Table 1 of the NSW EPA Waste Classification.

- L3.2 The authorised amount of waste permitted on the premises cannot exceed 3,000 tonnes at any one time.
- L3.3 The maximum amount of waste permitted to be received at the premises is 140,000 tonnes in any 12 month period
- L3.4 The licensee must ensure compliance with all specific and general resource recovery orders and exemptions applicable to the waste types received, stored and processed at the premises.
- L3.5 VENM certificates must be retained at the premises and must be provided to any officer from the EPA that requests to inspect them, aside from VENM received from a licensed quarry.

## L4 Noise limits

- L4.1 Noise from the premises must not exceed the noise criteria in the table below.

Location	Day LAeq(15minutes)	Evening LAeq(15minutes)	Night LAeq(15minutes)
All residential receivers	40	40	40

Note: Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the Noise Policy for Industry (2017).



### 3 Noise criteria

Noise criteria for the facility are stipulated in Table 4 of development consent Condition B5. The noise criteria are specified for the day, evening and night periods and apply at all residential receivers which have the potential to be impacted by operational noise from the facility (refer to Figure 2.2 for the nearest residential receivers). The noise criteria for the facility are reproduced in Table 3.1.

**Table 3.1 Noise criteria**

Residential receiver	Assessment period	Noise level $L_{Aeq,15min}$ , dB
All	Day <sup>1</sup>	40
	Evening <sup>2</sup>	40
	Night <sup>3</sup>	40

Notes: 1. Day period is between 7 am-6 pm Monday to Saturday and 8 am-6 pm Sundays and Public Holidays.  
2. Evening period is the period between 6 pm-10 pm.  
3. Night period is the remaining period.

Table note of Table 4 of the development consent states:

Noise generated by the Development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. Refer to the plan in Appendix C for the location of residential receivers.

All compliance monitoring will adhere to the requirements of the EPA's policies and guidelines.



Further, the INP Application Notes state that Section 4 of the INP has been withdrawn and the modifying factor adjustments outlined in Fact Sheet C of the NPfl are to be used when assessing potential annoying characteristics of a noise source. Fact sheet C of the NPfl (EPA 2017) provides guidelines for applying corrections to account for annoying noise characteristics such as tonal noise and low frequency noise.

The INP and Fact Sheet C of the NPfl were adopted for the purpose of the ONVMP.

All acoustic instrumentation used for monitoring under the noise monitoring program will have current NATA or manufacturer calibration certificates as per the relevant Australian standards.

### 5.3 Noise monitoring program

The attended noise monitoring will be completed on a quarterly basis (as a minimum) to verify that noise emissions from the facility satisfy the relevant noise criteria at representative residential receivers. The attended noise monitoring program will be used to:

- estimate the site noise contribution from the measured noise levels;
- determine the individual noise sources contributing to the ambient noise environment wherever possible;
- determine whether a correction for annoying noise characteristics should be applied to the site noise level before comparison with the relevant noise criteria in accordance with the NPfl; and
- gain an understanding of the effects of meteorological conditions on the propagation of noise from site to surrounding residential receivers.

The development consent does not specify the assessment period in which the monitoring need to be completed. The attended noise monitoring which must include, as a minimum, one 15-minute measurement at each of the representative receivers will be completed during the morning shoulder (6 am-7 am) and day (7 am-6 pm) periods, to verify noise from the facility during the most critical morning shoulder period (deliveries and dispatch only) and typical daytime operations.

For each 15-minute attended noise monitoring measurement, the following information will be recorded:

- name of monitoring personnel;
- monitoring location;
- date(s) and time(s) at which the monitoring measurement started ended at each location;
- height of the microphone above the ground and, if relevant, distances to building facades or property boundaries (if monitoring cannot be completed within the property boundary);
- quantitative meteorological data such as wind speed (including the height above ground at which the measurement was taken), wind direction, temperature and humidity;
- qualitative meteorological information such as cloud cover, fog or rainfall;
- instrument type and in-field calibration details before and after the monitoring period;
- the  $L_{Aeq,15min}$  noise level for the 15-minute period;

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# Appendix C

Calibration certificates

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE NO: **C50057**

EQUIPMENT TESTED : Acoustic Calibrator

**Manufacturer:** Svantek

**Type No:** SV36

**Serial No:** 154613

**Class:** 1

**Owner:** EMM Consulting

Level 4, 20 Chandos Street

St Leonards NSW 2065

**Tests Performed:** Measured Output Pressure level, Frequency & Distortion

**Comments:** See Details and Class Tolerance overleaf.

## CONDITION OF TEST:

**Ambient Pressure** 1004 hPa  $\pm 1$  hPa

**Temperature** 23  $^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Relative Humidity** 44 %  $\pm 5\%$

**Date of Receipt :** 05/06/2024

**Date of Calibration :** 05/06/2024

**Date of Issue :** 05/06/2024

**Acu-Vib Test** AVP02 (Calibrators)

**Procedure:** Test Method: AS IEC 60942 - 2017

**CHECKED BY:** .....

**AUTHORISED  
SIGNATURE:** .....

*Hein Soe*

Accredited for compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 - Calibration

Results of the tests, calibration and/or measurements included in this document are traceable to SI units through reference equipment that has been calibrated by the Australian National Measurement Institute or other NATA accredited laboratories demonstrating traceability.

This report applies only to the item identified in the report and may not be reproduced in part.

The uncertainties quoted are calculated in accordance with the methods of the ISO Guide to the Uncertainty of Measurement and quoted at a coverage factor of 2 with a confidence interval of approximately 95%.

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**Sound Level Meter**  
**IEC 61672-3:2013**  
**Calibration Certificate**  
**Calibration Number C23471**

<b>Client Details</b>		EMM Consulting Ground Floor Suite 01, 20 Chandos Street
<b>Equipment Tested/ Model Number :</b>		Type 2250
<b>Instrument Serial Number :</b>		3008201
<b>Microphone Serial Number :</b>		2888134
<b>Pre-amplifier Serial Number :</b>		16037
<b>Firmware Version :</b>		N/A
<b>Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions</b>		<b>Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions</b>
<b>Ambient Temperature :</b> 23.1 °C		<b>Ambient Temperature :</b> 24.3 °C
<b>Relative Humidity :</b> 44 %		<b>Relative Humidity :</b> 44.1 %
<b>Barometric Pressure :</b> 101.6 kPa		<b>Barometric Pressure :</b> 101.3 kPa
<b>Calibration Technician :</b> Max Moore		<b>Secondary Check:</b> Rhys Gravelle
<b>Calibration Date :</b> 12 Jul 2023		<b>Report Issue Date :</b> 17 Jul 2023
<b>Approved Signatory :</b> 		Ken Williams

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	Pass	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	N/A
13: Electrical Sig. tests of frequency weightings	Pass	18: Toneburst response	Pass
14: Frequency and time weightings at 1 kHz	Pass	19: C Weighted Peak Sound Level	Pass
15: Long Term Stability	Pass	20: Overload Indication	Pass
16: Level linearity on the reference level range	Pass	21: High Level Stability	Pass

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 1 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2013, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

As public evidence was available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for approving the results of pattern evaluation test performed in accordance with IEC 61672-2:2013, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements in IEC 61672-1:2013, the sound level meter submitted for testing conforms to the class 1 requirements of IEC 61672-1:2013.

		<b>Uncertainties of Measurement -</b>	
		<b>Environmental Conditions</b>	
Acoustic Tests		<i>Temperature</i>	$\pm 0.1$ °C
125Hz	$\pm 0.13$ dB	<i>Relative Humidity</i>	$\pm 1.9$ %
1kHz	$\pm 0.13$ dB	<i>Barometric Pressure</i>	$\pm 0.014$ kPa
8kHz	$\pm 0.14$ dB		
Electrical Tests	$\pm 0.13$ dB		

*All uncertainties are derived at the 95% confidence level with a coverage factor of 2.*



This calibration certificate is to be read in conjunction with the calibration test report.

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