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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Sydney Metro City & Southwest – Chatswood to Sydenham Project is a new 30km metro line extending metro rail from the end of Sydney Metro Northwest at Chatswood under Sydney Harbour, through new CBD stations and southwest to Bankstown. It is due to open in 2024 with the capacity to run a metro train every two minutes each way through the centre of Sydney. The Central Station Main Works Project (CSMW) forms part of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest – Chatswood to Sydenham Project. The works are undertaken by Laing O’Rourke.

The CSMW include the installation of new platforms that will be constructed using sophisticated excavation techniques to create a cavern with an island platform, beneath Central Station’s existing heavy-rail platforms 13, 14 and 15. The works include new infrastructure and the adjustments to existing infrastructure at Central Station to construct, operate and maintain the Metro Station Works. The key feature of the Central Station works include:

- a new north-south concourse for Central Station which will link the new metro station with the existing northern entrance and north concourse, a new east concourse, and the existing southern baggage tunnel; and
- adjustments to the existing Grand Concourse, Olympic Tunnel, Northern Concourse and northern entrance to Central Station.

The Central Walk works include the provision of infrastructure to provide improved connectivity and other operational enhancements throughout Central Station. The key features of the Central Walk works include:

- a new eastern entrance for Central Station on Chalmers St;
- a new east concourse for Central Station beneath existing platforms 16 to 23, which will link the new eastern entrance, the new north south concourse, existing platforms 16 to 23 and the existing Eastern Suburbs Railway (ESR) concourse; and
- provisions to enable the future construction (by others) of an extension of the Central Walk through a new west concourse and a new western entrance for Central Station.

1.2 Planning Requirements

In accordance with Minister’s Condition of Approval (CoA) - C9, the Construction Monitoring Program was developed in consultation with the City of Sydney Council and the Environmental Protection Authority during the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) consultation and approval phase. Each construction monitoring program has been incorporated into the relevant CEMP sub-plan. The results of the Construction Monitoring Program will be submitted to the Secretary and relevant regulatory agencies for information. This Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Report covers the monitoring period from February 2023 to the completion of audible out of hours works in September 2023. Works on the bike path in November were inaudible. The applicable CoA are shown in Table 1-1 and the applicable Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) Conditions are shown in Table 1-2 below.

Table 1-1: SSI 7400 Conditions relating to the Construction Monitoring Program

Condition	Requirement	Reference
C9	<p>The following Construction Monitoring Programs must be prepared in consultation with the relevant government agencies identified for each Construction Monitoring Program to compare actual performance of construction of the CSSI against predicted performance.</p> <p>Required Construction Monitoring Programs Relevant government agencies to be consulted for each Construction Monitoring Program</p> <p>Noise and Vibration - EPA and Relevant Council(s)</p> <p>Blasting - EPA and Relevant Council(s)</p> <p>Water Quality - EPA and Relevant Council(s)</p> <p>Groundwater - DPI Water/NRAR</p>	<p>Noise and Vibration – refer to the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan</p> <p>Blasting – Not applicable</p> <p>Water Quality – refer to the Construction Soil and Water Management Plan</p> <p>Groundwater - refer to the Construction Groundwater Management Plan</p>
C16	<p>The results of the Construction Monitoring Programs must be submitted to the Secretary for information, and relevant regulatory agencies, for information in the form of a Construction Monitoring Report at the frequency identified in the relevant Construction Monitoring Program</p>	<p>The Construction Groundwater and Water Quality Monitoring Report will be submitted separately.</p> <p>The results of the Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Program are discussed in Section 3.</p> <p>In accordance with CoA C16, this report will be submitted to the following agencies for information:</p> <p>Department of Planning Industry and Environment</p> <p>NSW Environment Protection Authority</p> <p>City of Sydney Council</p> <p>The Independent Environmental Representative will review the reports prior to submission.</p>

Table 1-2: EPL 21148 Monitoring and reporting requirements

Condition	Requirement	Reference
M7.1	<p>Any noise monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2659.1 – 1998:</p> <p>Guide to the use of sound measuring equipment – portable sound level meters, or any revisions of that standard which may be made by Standards Australia, and the compliance monitoring guidance provided in the NSW Industrial Noise Policy.</p>	<p>Refer to the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan.</p> <p>Refer to S 2 for methodology and Appendix A of this report for Noise monitoring result summary.</p>
M7.2	<p>Any vibration monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with the technical guidance provided in the Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guideline (DECC, 2006). All vibration monitoring results may be assessed and reported against the acceptable values of human exposure to vibration set out in Tables 2.2 and 2.4 of the guideline.</p>	<p>Refer to the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan.</p> <p>Refer to S 2 for methodology and Appendix B of this report for Vibration monitoring result summary.</p>

1.3 Submission Requirements

In accordance with condition C16, this report will be submitted to the following agencies for information:

- Department of Planning and Environment
- NSW Environment Protection Authority
- City of Sydney Council

The Independent Environmental Representative and Acoustic Advisor will be provided with the report for information prior to submission.

1.4 Criteria

Standard Construction Hours

7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday

8:00am to 6:00pm Saturday (as of 30/06/2022)

1.5 Noise

The LAeq15min is the conventional unit of measure for construction noise impact. It is the continuous average energy over a 15-minute period, measured in decibels (dB). The LAeq15min can be either airborne or ground borne.

In accordance with the EPA's Interim Construction Noise Guideline (ICNG) and the Project's Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statement (CNVIS), the Highly Noise Affected Management Level (HNML) of 75 dBA will apply to residential (dwelling) receptors.

Table 1-3: Internal Noise Criteria

Area	Receptor type	Condition of Approval (CoA)	Time Period	Criteria
Identified Precincts in the CNVIS	All	E37/38	0700-2000	Leq, 15 minute 60 dBA internal, If more than 50% of time (6.5 hours total) Leq, 15 minute 55 dBA internal, more than 25% of time (3.25 hours total)

CoA E37 - The Proponent must identify all receivers likely to experience internal noise levels greater than Leq(15 minute) 60 dB(A) inclusive of a 5 dB penalty, if rock breaking or any other annoying activity likely to result in regenerated (ground-borne) noise or a perceptible level of vibration is planned (including works associated with utility adjustments), between 7am – 8pm at Central.

CoA E38 - The Proponent must consult with all receivers identified in accordance with Condition E37 with the objective of determining appropriate hours of respite so that construction noise (including ground-borne noise), does not exceed internal noise levels of:

- Leq(15 minute) 60 dB(A) inclusive of a 5 dB penalty if rock breaking or any other annoying activity likely to result in ground-borne noise or a perceptible level of vibration is planned between 7am – 8pm for more than 50 percent of the time; and*

(b) *Leq(15 minute) 55 dB(A) inclusive of a 5 dB penalty if rock breaking or any other annoying activity likely to result in ground-borne noise or a perceptible level of vibration is planned between 7am – 8pm for more than 25 percent of the time; unless an agreement is reached with those receivers. This condition does not apply to noise associated with the cutting surface of a TBM as it passes under receivers.*

Note: This condition requires that noise levels be less than Leq(15 minute) 60 dB(A) for at least 6.5 hours between 7am and 8pm, of which at least 3.25 hours must be below Leq(15 minute) 55 dB(A). Noise equal to or above Leq(15 minutes) 60 dB(A) is allowed for the remaining 6.5 hours between 7am and 8pm.

1.6 Vibration Criteria

Peak particle velocity (PPV) mm/s is the conventional unit of measure for construction vibration impacts for structural and cosmetic damage and can be applied to determine human comfort.

1.7 Vibration impacts for structural and cosmetic damage

The Sydney Metro Construction Noise and Vibration Strategy (CNVS) provides a conservative vibration damage screening level per receiver type given below:

- Reinforced or framed structures: 25.0 mm/s
- Unreinforced or light framed structures: 7.5 mm/s

This screening criteria relates Building Damage Vibration Management Levels (BS 7385) provided below.

Table 1-4: Building Damage Vibration Management Levels (BS 7385)

Line	Type of Building	PPV (mm/s) in the Frequency Range of Predominant Pulse	
		4 Hz to 15 Hz	15 Hz & Above
L1	Reinforced or framed structures Industrial and heavy commercial buildings	50mm/s at 4 Hz and above	
L2	Unreinforced or light framed structures Residential or light commercial type buildings	15mm/s at 4 Hz increasing to 20mm/s at 15 Hz	20mm/s at 15 Hz increasing to 50mm/s at 40 Hz and above

Source: BS 7385, CNVS

The building damage management level (BS 7385) has been presented in graph form to help with interpretation. The higher the frequency (x axis), the less stringent the criteria for velocity becomes (y-axis) up to 50mm/s. In the example below, all data points fall below both the Line 1 (L1) (less stringent) and the Line 2 (L2) (more stringent) criteria. An exceedance would be observed if data point were to be observed above the L1 or L2 lines on the graph below.

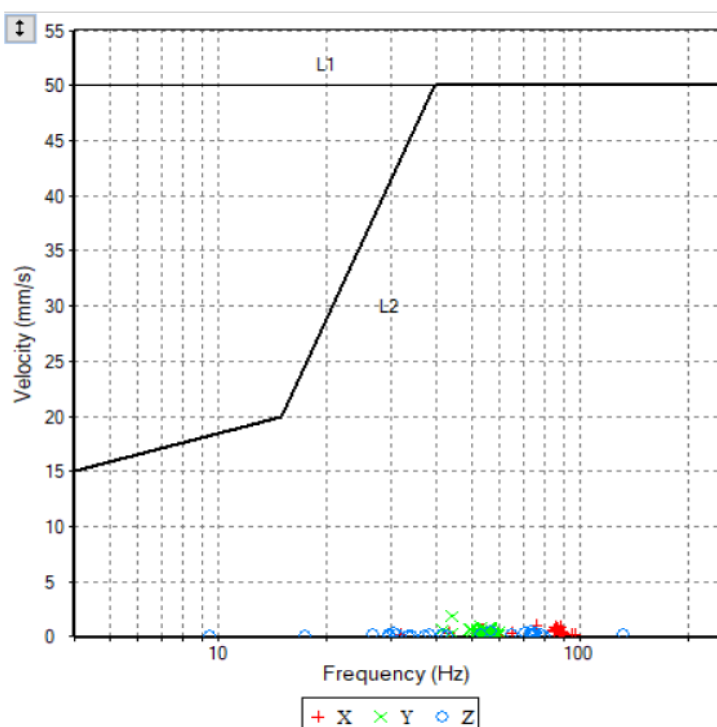


Figure 1: Example of criteria graphed. Note: All structures in the zone of potential construction impact of the Bounce Hotel demolition works are framed or reinforced, hence L1 criteria applies (50mm/s for all frequencies).

1.8 Human Comfort Criteria

The NSW Vibration Guideline provides guidance for assessing human exposure to vibration. The publication is based on British Standard BS 6472:1992.

Table 1-5: Building Damage Vibration Management Levels (BS 7385)

Place	Time	Preferred PPV (mm/s)	Max PPV (mm/s)
Continuous Vibration			
Residences	Day	0.28	0.56
	Night	0.2	0.4
Offices	Day or night	0.56	1.1
Workshops	Day or night	1.1	2.2

Place	Time	Preferred PPV (mm/s)	Max PPV (mm/s)
Impulsive Vibration			
Residences	Day	8.6	17.0
	Night	2.8	5.6
Offices	Day or night	18.0	36.0
Workshops	Day or night	18.0	36.0

Values given for the most critical frequency range >8Hz assuming sinusoidal motion. Source - Table C1.1 – *The Assessing Vibration: A technical guideline*, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation

Vibration and its associated effects are usually classified as continuous, impulsive or intermittent as follows:

- Continuous vibration continues uninterrupted for a defined period (usually throughout daytime and/or night-time).
- Impulsive vibration is a rapid build up to a peak followed by a damped decay that may or may not involve several cycles of vibration (depending on frequency and damping). It can also consist of a sudden application of several cycles at approximately the same amplitude, providing that the duration is short, typically less than 2 seconds.
- Intermittent vibration can be defined as interrupted periods of continuous (e.g. a drill) or repeated periods of impulsive vibration (e.g. a pile driver), or continuous vibration that varies significantly in magnitude. It may originate from impulse sources (e.g. pile drivers and forging presses) or repetitive sources (e.g. pavement breakers), or sources which operate intermittently, but which would produce continuous vibration if operated continuously (for example, intermittent machinery, railway trains and traffic passing by). *Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline*, DEC NSW, February 2006. (Applicable for Vibration Dose Value (VDV)).

Vibration from the works can be subjectively considered as continuous or intermittent.

Conservatively and based on site observations and on what the receivers may experience, the vibration has been classified as continuous. As identified in Table 1.6 above, continuous vibration is measured in PPV. PPV is the preferred parameter for measuring vibration impacts as it can be obtained in real time, whereas VDV is more of a retrospective measure based on time exposure over a prolonged period of operation (i.e. 8hrs or 16hrs).

1.9 Perception relating to human comfort

An individual's perception of motion or response to vibration depends very strongly on previous experience and expectations, and on other associations with the perceived source of the vibration. An indication of the human tactile perception of vibration of random motion is given in the table below.

Table 1-6: The human perception of vibration based on vibration level

Approximate Vibration Level	Degree of Perception
0.10 mm/s	Not Felt
0.20 mm/s	Threshold of Perception
0.35 mm/s	Barely Noticeable
1.0 mm/s	Noticeable
2.2 mm/s	Easily Noticeable
6.0 mm/s	Strongly Noticeable

Source: German Standard DIN 4150: Part 2-1975 – Note: These approximate vibration levels (in floors of buildings) are for vibration having a frequency content in the range of 8 Hz to 80 Hz.

The table above suggests that most people will be just able to feel continuous floor vibration at levels of about 0.20 mm/s, and that the motion becomes “noticeable” at a level of approximately 1.0 mm/s. The threshold for visible movement of susceptible building contents (e.g. plants, hanging pictures, blinds, etc) is approximately 0.5 mm/s and the audible rattling of loose objects (e.g. crockery) generally occurs at levels of about 0.9 mm/s.

These levels are considerably lower than the BS 7385 criterion of 15mm/s and well below the cited 12.5 mm/s level corresponding to a near-zero probability of damage (refer Sydney Metro CNVS section 5.4.3).

In any premises, day-to-day activities (e.g. footfalls, doors closing, etc) will cause levels of vibration in floors and walls that exceed 1 mm/s (sometimes by quite considerable margins), and therefore visible movement and rattling are often observed. In most instances, however, such movement is considered normal and vibration levels of even much greater magnitude do not result in damage to the objects or building contents.

Because people can “feel” very low levels of vibration (even though they may not be disturbed by the motion), it is common to associate building damage with perceptible vibration, particularly when the source of vibration is outside the building and out of the occupants’ control. This largely subjective response is particularly accentuated when perceptible vibration is accompanied by high noise levels, or if there are other adverse effects associated with the source of vibration (e.g. inconvenience, dust, etc).

The *Assessing Vibration: A technical guideline*, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation provides guidance for assessing human exposure to vibration. The publication is based on British Standard BS 6472:1992.

2. Methodology

The Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Program is designed to compare actual performance of construction of the CSSI against predicted performance and to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures applied during construction of the CSMW Project. The program has been executed in accordance with Section 10 of the Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan (CNVMP) and recording requirements as specified in Section 10.2. The Construction Monitoring Program commenced 3 August 2018 and will continue for the duration of the project.

2.1 Sensitive Receivers

The CSMW Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statement (CNVIS) assessed 50 sensitive receivers potentially affected by construction noise. The receiver locations are seen in the figure below.

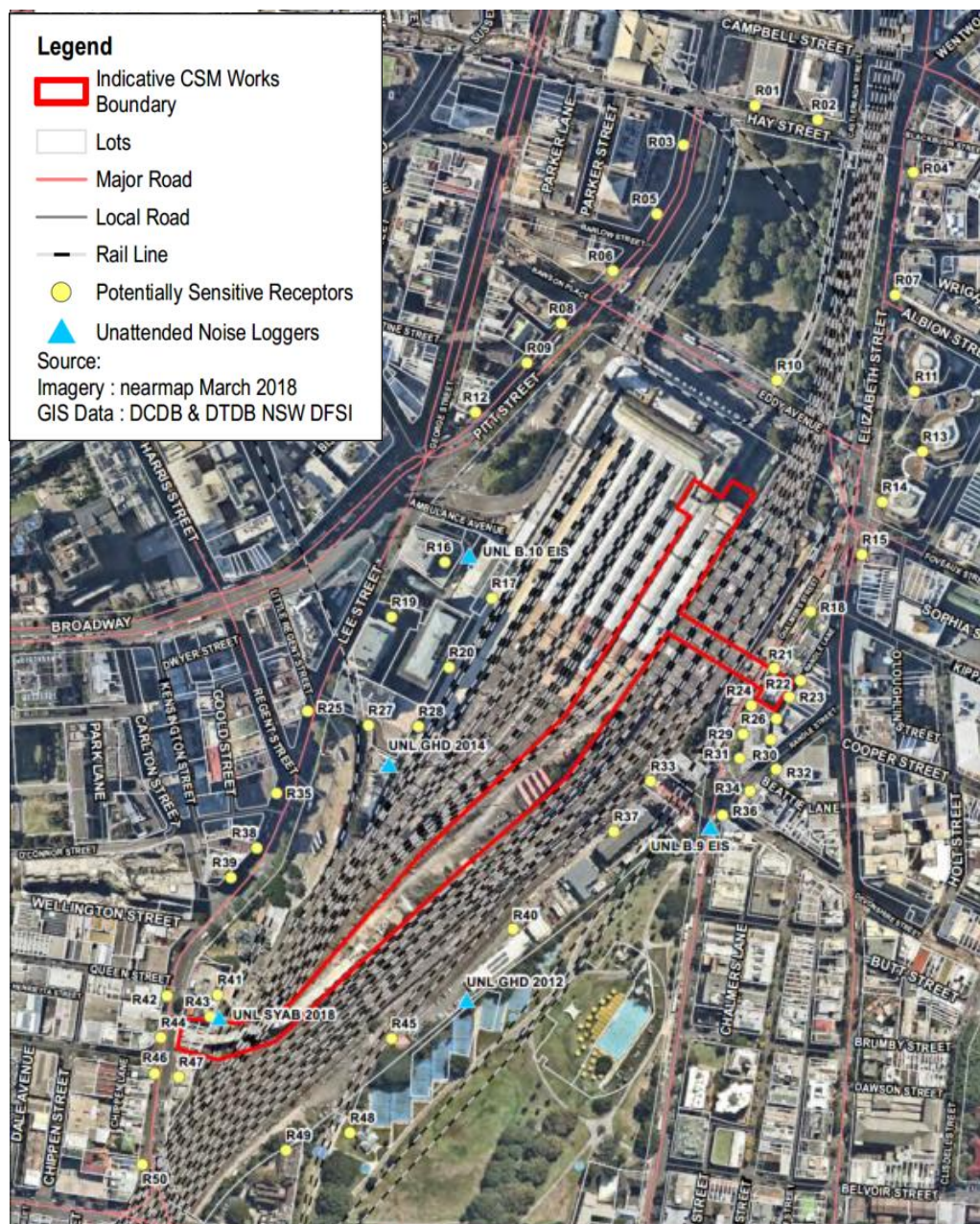


Figure 2-1: Location of Sensitive Receivers

In accordance with CoA E33, ongoing consultation with sensitive receivers is undertaken as the project progresses based on the scenarios identified in the Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Statement (CNVIS). The scenarios are reviewed and refined with the input of construction detail to determine the potential impact and appropriate mitigation. All consultation with potentially affected receivers is undertaken prior to the start of the relevant portion of works. Additional mitigation measures are then tailored based on the consultation feedback.

2.2 Key Noise Monitoring Locations

Based on planned construction work, the area's most regularly impacted by construction noise and vibration during the reporting period are shown in Table 2-1 below:

Table 2-1: Estimated RBLs for Residential Receivers and NMLs for Non-Residential Receiver

Sensitive Receiver Category	Estimated RBLs (dBA)		
	Daytime	Evening	Night-Time
Residential			
30 Chalmers St (R24)	56	53	45
38 Chalmers St (R29)	56	53	45
1 Randle St (R22)	56	53	45
54 Regent St (R43)	50	50	44
Non- Residential	Daytime	Evening	Night-Time
Dental Hospital _ A (north) - 2 Chalmers St (R18) *	55	55	55

* Internal noise levels

2.3 Monitoring Methodology

In accordance with CoA C11 unattended real-time noise and vibration monitoring will be the focus of monitoring however attended noise and vibration monitoring is undertaken where specific circumstances warrant. Real-time noise loggers were installed at:

- the rear of 20-28 Chalmers St on 26 June 2022 (the closest to traffic movements on Randle Lane) and decommissioned 31 March 2023.
- on the hoarding at the 20-28 Chalmers Street on 11 January 2019 (being the closest to the proximity of the Eastern Entrance works and Central Walk works) and decommissioned 24 May 2022.

A real-time vibration logger was installed at:

- Sydney Dental Hospital southern stairwell at the façade of 20-28 Chalmers St on 20 January 2022, decommissioned 4 May 2022. This was recommissioned in the basement staircase on 13 July 2022 and decommissioned on 2 November 2022.

The noise and vibration impact due to construction has progressively tapered off as the site activities transition from demolition, excavation to building and fit out. Through extensive assessment and in consultation with the Acoustic Advisor, it was determined that some of the continuous monitoring was no longer warranted as described above. Attended monitoring will continue as required.

As per CoA C11 real time monitoring data was made available to the LOR construction team, Sydney Metro, the Environmental Representative (ER), the Acoustic Advisor (AA), the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) via the project website <https://centralstationmetro.com/documents/>.

Impacts from vibration are considered both in terms of effects on building occupants (human comfort) and the effects on the building structure (structural / cosmetic damage). Of these considerations, the human comfort limits are the most stringent. Therefore, for occupied buildings, if compliance with human comfort limits is achieved, it will follow that compliance will be achieved with the building damage objectives. In accordance with CoA E28 and the requirements of the CNVIS, the vibration limits have been set in accordance with the British Standard BS 7385-2:1993. Where it has been identified that specific construction activities are likely to exceed the relevant

noise or vibration goals (as is the case for select project works), noise or vibration monitoring is conducted at a nominated representative location (typically the nearest receptor where more than one receptor has been identified). Monitoring is also conducted in the event of a complaint being received or during OOHV where the Additional Mitigation Measures Matrix (AMMM) has identified monitoring as a requirement. In addition to monitoring required by the CoA and CNVMP, monitoring is conducted throughout Central Railway Station to assess the impact of construction activities on commuters and station staff with the results reported through a separate stakeholder management process. In the event of an exceedance of a predicted noise level, an investigation is undertaken followed by corrective actions as specified in the CNVIS and CNVMP if the exceedance was determined to be related to the project.

The results of the monitoring are communicated to relevant personnel when the noise or vibration goal is being approached so that work methodology or equipment being used can be altered, and/or additional management measures may be implemented where reasonable and feasible.

Table 2-2: Monitoring Equipment

Unit	Serial	Calibration Type	Frequency	Last calibration
SiteHive Hexanode (noise logger)				
Chalmers St	41	Factory	Biennial	22/11/2022
SvanteK 977 (noise logger)				
SvanteK 977 (handheld noise logger)	36834	Factory	Biennial	24/06/2022
SvanteK SV33 (calibration unit)	43175	Factory	Biennial	24/06/2022
Randle Lane	59643	Factory	Biennial	24/06/2022



Figure 2-2: Attended noise logger setup on Chalmers St



Figure 2-3: Real time noise logger setup at 20-28 Chalmers St (Randle Lane side)



Figure 2-4: Real time noise logger Chalmers St used at different locations during the reporting period.

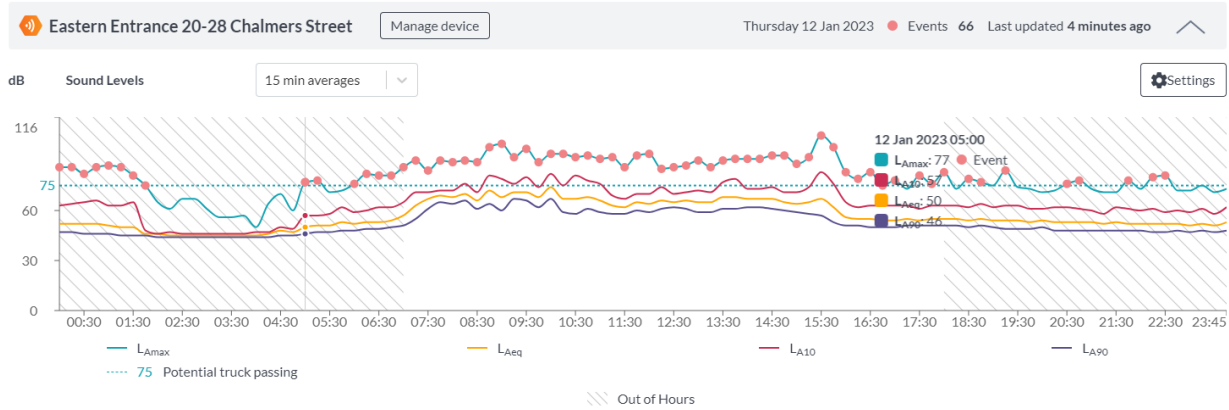


Figure 2-5: Example of real time noise monitoring data

2.4 Noise Monitoring Frequency

Activities were assessed in the CNVIS under the following scenarios. During detailed planning of the activities to be conducted around rail possessions some of the activities were conducted concurrently. The potential noise impacts were reassessed on a monthly basis. Where the works are subject to an EPL, the Out of Hours Work Protocol as per CoA E47 is not applicable. To demonstrate due diligence and establish appropriate additional mitigation measures, the CSM Out of Hours works are assessed and documented on a monthly basis.

Table 2-3: Monitoring requirements for construction scenarios.

ID	Description	Frequency (as per AMMM)
SCN 01	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 6 – Installing Services/Wiring	During OOH works
SCN 02	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 7 – Installing Services / Hoarding / Offices	Daytime standard construction hours
		During OOH works
SCN 03	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 7, 9 & 11 - Combine Services Route / Demolition of Sydney Yard Buildings / Salvage Canopy/ Remove Track / Remove Waste	During OOH work
SCN 04	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 8 & 10 - OHW on Platform 11/12 / Replace Track Country End 12/13 / Installing CSR	During OOH works
SCN 05	Stage 12 - Piling Works / Removing Track	During OOH works
SCN 06	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 13	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 07	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 14, 16, 18 & 20	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 08	Platforms & Sydney Yard: Stage 15,17 & 19	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 09	Metro Box: Piling for the box perimeter and the plunge columns	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 10	Metro Box: FRP Capping Beam	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 11	Metro Box: Excavation to underside of Intercity Slab	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 12	Metro Box: FRP Platform and Intercity slab	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 13	Metro Box: Excavation to underside of Metro Concourse	During OOH works
SCN 14	Metro Box: Ongoing Logistical support of Box Construction	During OOH works
SCN 15	Central Walk: Site investigation Works (Tracks 16-23)	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 16A	Central Walk: Construction of Olympic Stairs (Temp) - Platform 20/21 and 22/23	During OOH works
SCN 16B		
SCN 16C		
SCN 16D		

ID	Description	Frequency (as per AMMM)
SCN 17	Central Walk: Construction of the new Standby Guards Rooms / demolition of existing standby guards' rooms	Daytime standard construction hours
		During OOH works
SCN 18	Central Walk: Construction of Platform Canopy Support System to Platforms 16 to 23 and Excavation of Launch Chambers	During OOH works
SCN 19	Central Walk: Platform works including works below the top slab	During OOH works
SCN 20	Central Walk: Platform Remodelling works including platform canopy modifications	During OOH works
SCN 21	ESR: Construction of Shaft to ESR Ghost Platform	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 22	ESR: Surface Works and Underground works	During OOH works
SCN 23	East Entrance: Demolition of the Bounce Hotel	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 24	East Entrance: Piling for East Entrance	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 25	East Entrance: Excavation of East Entrance	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 26	East Entrance: Excavation of Adit to ESR Concourse including Canopy Tube installation	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 27	East Entrance: FRP works to East Entrance	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 28	East Entrance: East Entrance Works and Underground Works	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 29	Grand Concourse: Piling in Grand Concourse	During OOH works
SCN 30	Grand Concourse: FRP Pile caps	Daytime standard construction hours
		During OOH works
SCN 31	Grand Concourse: Removal of Existing Canopies	During OOH work
SCN 32	Grand Concourse: Installation of precast / in situ columns and arches	Daytime standard construction hours
		During OOH works
SCN 33	Grand Concourse: Installation of Roof Structure	Daytime standard construction hours/ During OOH work
SCN 34	Northern Concourse & North Entry: Demolition Southern Half	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 35	Northern Concourse & North Entry: FRP of Structure (Floor, retaining wall, Columns)	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 36	Northern Concourse & North Entry: Demolition Northern Half	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 37	Northern Concourse & North Entry: FRP of Structure (Floor, retaining wall, Columns)	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 38	Northern Concourse & North Entry: Installation of remaining precast columns and Arches	Daytime standard construction hours
SCN 39	Sydney Yard Access Bridge: Heavy Vehicle Traffic on the SYAB	Daytime standard construction hours
		During OOH works

The activities in the OOH were assessed against the scenarios in the CNVIS as show in Table 2-3 above through the OOH assessment process.

2.5 Out of Hours Works Summary

Generally, OOHW at Central Station are scheduled either when trains stop running or electrical isolation has been provided. OOHW are required to provide safe access for personnel and plant to the rail corridor to complete the required works. Additional Mitigation and Management Measures (AMMM) are adopted as required. OOHW are governed by the CoA and reflected in the EPL as required by Part 3.1 Section 45 (i). An EPL (EPL 21148) was issued for the Project on 28 November 2018. The LOR Environmental Manager provides internal approval for any Out of Hours Work (OOHW) conducted under the project EPL.

During this reporting period between February 2023 and November 2023 the following works was undertaken during the rail possessions:

- WE29: Platform rellevelling works, tiling on Platform 18/19 (339m²). Painting platform 18/19 balustrades, re-leveling works, strip and paint enclosure. Platform 14 canopy works
- WE34: Tiling on Platform 20/21 (170m²). Strip and paint enclosure, install access hatch on Platform 20/21
- WE39: Flashing works on Platform 8 with EWP Hi-Rail
- WE42: Relevelling Works: tiling on Platform 20/21 (150m²)
- WE44: Platforms 18/19 Relevelling Works: Platform 18/19 tile sealing
- WE45: Platforms 16/17 Works: air conditioning replacement in Guard room, Guard room recladding, drainage connection, painting on Platform 16/17, removal of redundant cables, Hazmat works on stair enclosure, and removal of Concrete ULX
- WE 50: Platform 12/13&14 canopy works. Platform 8 Flashing works
- WE52: Tiling on Platform 22/23 (175m²). Re-leveling works on Platform 22/23. Waterproofing on Platform 22/23. Works on Platform 23 Wall, Condenser Pad
- WE03: Removal of temporary offices on platform 0/1
- WE09: On Platforms 16-17, tiling works
- WE10: On Platforms 18-19, tiling works and air conditioning replacement
- WE12: On Platforms 22-23, tiling works
- WE22: On Platforms 20-21, rectification works to the drainage line.

In addition: for the reinstatement of the bike path and footpath on Chalmers Street works occurred on Wednesday 22 November from 5pm to 10pm, Thursday 23 November 6pm to 6am, and Friday 10 November 2023.

3. Monitoring Results

3.1 Noise

Construction noise levels for some CSM work activities are predicted in the CNVIS to exceed the external noise management level at times, particularly during works outside of standard hours. Attended and unattended real time noise monitoring was undertaken during the reporting period as required for OOHW, particularly during possessions where noise modelling predicted exceedance of noise management levels.

As identified by modelling in the CNVIS, the majority of noise impacts have occurred at the closest sensitive receivers predominantly on Chalmers Street. Standard mitigation measures were implemented as per Section 8 of the CNVMP and Section 8 of the CNVIS. Additional mitigation and management measures were implemented as per the OOHW approvals.

The real time noise data was reviewed at the time of potential high noise impact works by site supervisors. The playback function allowed for differentiation of construction noise from ambient noise levels. Notable high ambient noise levels were recorded during attended noise monitoring sessions and from playback recordings downloaded from the real time loggers at Chalmers Street, and Randle Lane. Common extraneous noise sources include:

- Other construction works on Chalmers and Elizabeth Streets, particularly maintenance works
- Residences or pedestrians near the measurement position
- Wind-blown vegetation and insects
- Road traffic on public roads, particularly applicable at 54 Regent Street
- A street sweeper going past on Chalmers St
- Light rail on Chalmers St
- Noise from fauna; specifically, cockatoos and seagulls – the latter of which are often active throughout the night.

Noise monitoring results are detailed in Appendix A. Monthly noise data tables have been prepared for each sensitive receiver. The objective of the data tables is to validate the predictions for the specific activities as documented in the CNVIS. To obtain a greater understanding of the noise environment the 'adjusted' ($10 \times \log$ of the attribute) and 'non-adjusted' values are analysed. This is explained further below, and a quick reference table is provided in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: $10 \times \log$ (attribute) quick reference table

Attribute: % Contribution of magnitude	$10 \times \log(\text{attribute})$ Reduction in dB	Attribute: Event duration (x mins per 15min measure)	$10 \times \log(\text{attribute})$ Reduction in dB
5	-13	1	-12
10	-10	2	-9
15	-8	3	-7
20	-7	4	-6
25	-6	5	-5
30	-5	6	-4
35	-5	7	-3
40	-4	8	-3
45	-3	9	-2
50	-3	10	-2
55	-3	11	-1
60	-2	12	-1
65	-2	13	-1
70	-2	14	0
75 to 85	-1	15	0
90 to 100	0		

Note 1: The Decibel (dB) is a relative unit of measurement corresponding to one tenth of a bel. It is expressed on a logarithmic scale, hence the ratio between decibels also needs to be quantified logarithmically.

Note 2: The % Contribution of magnitude is a relatively subjective measure. To keep the methodology repeatable as is required by scientific method, only 5%, 50% and 100% contributions are used in the assessment.

Example: A noise file was reviewed that captured saw cutting. The unadjusted $L_{Aeq15min}$ was 64dB. When in operation the contribution of the saw was 50% to the noise environment due to the distance and use of noise attenuating screens. The other 50% was construction noise confirmed not to be associated with CSM. The saw cutting lasted for 6 minutes over the 15-minute period.

$$64dB + [10 \cdot \log(0.5)] + [10 \cdot \log(6/15)] = 57dB.$$

Therefore the 'unadjusted $L_{Aeq15min}$ ' is 64dB and the 'adjusted $L_{Aeq15min}$ ' is 57dB.

In this example regardless of the 7dB difference, the mitigation for the impact remains the same.

A precautionary approach is used as follows:

- The 'unadjusted $L_{Aeq15min}$ ' measure is used to determine potential noise impact in real time to adjust works in real time accordingly. The next $L_{Aeq15min}$ period can be improved from the last.
- The 'adjusted $L_{Aeq15min}$ ' measure is used as an indicative noise level. It is a tool used to better understand the noise impact contribution of the project on the surrounding noise environment. The adjusted measure was particularly useful when separating CSM works from rail operational noise, and other construction work in the local area not associated with the project.
- It is difficult to assign a percentage of magnitude, so typically 5% is assigned for no magnitude, 50% if other works or noises are still contributing, or 100% if no other works or impacts can be heard at the time of use of that equipment.
- Not all files are 'adjusted' as the corrections are not always applicable due to the dominant nature of the activity, or the works are considered inaudible.
- The $L_{Aeq15min}$ of highest noise period is selected for assessment.
- The data table is prepared to ensure results can be verified.

The real time data is reviewed by the night supervisors by smart phone at the time of a noisy activity with the potential to impact the community. This allows for a review of the $L_{Aeq15min}$ period against predictions. If required, the work methodology is adjusted where feasible. During scheduled rail possessions, options such as amending construction practices and schedules to reduce noise impacts by carrying out the works during less noise sensitive times is not feasible due to a large majority of complex works occurring in limited track and platform possession windows. Additional respite offers have been in the form of customised noise attenuating ear plugs and extensive communications.

Generally, exceedances of predicted noise levels were typically attributed to extraneous noise rather than construction activities (comparing adjusted to non-adjusted). Zero non-conformances were raised during the reporting period for general construction activities.

3.1.1 [Possession based noise monitoring](#)

During this reporting period between February 2023 and November 2023 the possessions likely to be associated with the greatest impact were associated with platform resurfacing/relevelling and drainage works within the Suburban platforms (refer Scenario 18 and 22 in the CNVIS). Platform relevelling works improve drainage, accessibility of the platforms by commuters moving between the platforms and trains, as well as improve the overall aesthetic of the platform surfaces. Relevelling works typically comprise the removal of the upper layer of the platform surface (concrete, screed and tile) and coping edge, followed by the placement of a newly graded surface comprising concrete, screed and new tiles, as well as drainage channels and pits. The scope of works occurred in several stages across this reporting period, and required wall saws, road saws and excavators with hammer attachments to remove the entire platform surface.

To achieve this, the following was conducted prior to each noisy possession:

- Proactively engage with residents in advance / during cumulative noisy activities to address any specific requirements of sensitive receivers.
- Help residents to understand the reasoning why the work is undertaken out of hours. (due to strict staged program)
- Help residents understand the future benefits (end state) of Central Walk construction.
- Number of residential places/businesses spoken to:
 - Quarterly letter goes to +19,000 letterboxes
 - Bi-monthly letter goes to +3,500 letterboxes
 - Each specific notification has been distributed to about 150 letterboxes adjacent to the site (businesses & residents),
 - Weekly email reminder to a distribution list of 3,750 email addresses.

The possession monitoring results demonstrate that there were no exceedances of predictions associated with CSM works at sensitive receivers.

4. Complaints

There were four noise and vibration complaints received during the reporting period as detailed below:

- 230213 – Avoidable – Noise complaint from 54 Regent Street. The source was found to be a two-way radio volume setting of the security personnel at the SYAB boom gate due to safety precautions related to night shift. The security personnel have been briefed regarding OOH behaviour and surrounding residents. Also, the security company manager confirmed that communication procedures during Mon to Fri – 7PM to 7AM and Sat & Sun – 24 hrs will be amended to reduce the noise impact on the neighbours via using headsets. The CSM Community Relations Manager apologised for the disturbance, informed the complainant about the corrective actions in response to the issue experienced on Saturday morning. Complainant thanked CSM Community Relations Manager for the prompt response and actions.
- 230316 – Avoidable – Complaint regarding the site access point at 60 Regent Street regarding noise, light, smell and call centre phone call wait times (weeknight). Community Relations Manager visited the area with Environment Manager, Project Manager and Logistics Manager. Explained to complainant that the port-a-loo and shed were moved temporarily for landscaping works. Made immediate changes - moved port-a-loo (though

no odour present) back to its original position, i.e. out of the sight of complainant's window, instructed security to not use the outside light and reiterated about using headsets for radio conversations between 7pm-7am. Responded to complainant with details of all actions taken and planned as well as apologised for unusually long Sydney Metro call centre wait time. Provided information that she could share with other residents and offered to meet on site or talk on the phone (not taken up).

- 230523 – Unavoidable – Complaint received following planned OOHW on Chalmers Street to move waterfilled barriers while Light Rail is not operating. Noise logger data was assessed as well as discussion with night shift manager and we understand there were some other works from Light Rail (paving) and Sydney Trains on the same night, including sweeper cleaning on the platforms, creating a cumulative noise impact.
- 230624 – Unavoidable – Complaint received about noise from possession works on Platform 22-23. The resident (38 Chalmers Street) had been offered respite in the form of a white noise machine but was overseas at the time of the offer. All works were undertaken within predicted noise levels.

The table 4-1 summarised actions undertaken following complaints over the past reporting periods, as well as proactive actions undertaken to minimise the number of complaints. Actions listed are in addition to the monthly & quarterly notifications and email update to the overall project database.

Table 4-1: Sensitive receiver monitoring

Sensitive receivers	Monitoring undertaken	Description of action
Sydney Trains / NSW TL	As required	Ad hoc discussions with key representatives and staff. Ad hoc noise monitoring on the suburban and intercity as required by construction activities.
GF01, 30 Chalmers St Vacant	Yes – ongoing	Vacant
GF02, 30 Chalmers St (Gou Sushi)	Yes – ongoing	Ad hoc catch up with business owner, as required by construction activity.
30 Chalmers St (Building owner/Strata company)	As required	Sharing noise and vibration monitoring report with the building owner/strata manager during peak work periods.
GF, 38 Chalmers St Vacant	As required	Vacant
2 Chalmers St (Dental Hospital)	Yes – ongoing	Regular engagement with Hospital's representative if upcoming high noise/vibration impact is scheduled.
GF, 1-5 Randle St (University Preparation College)	Yes – ongoing	Ad hoc discussions with key representatives and staff.
Lee Street buildings	As required	Tailored email summary about work activities on Platform 1 and in the Lee Street driveway.
30 Chalmers St + 38 Chalmers T + 1-5 Randle St (106 units)	Yes – real time only, attended monitoring offered as well if required	Specific notification and tailored email to provide update related to status of Randle Lane and OOHW at Central Station with the potential to generate high noise/vibration impact.
52 & 54 Regent Street	As required	Installation of specific real time noise monitoring at the start of the project and noise assessment of truck movements.

5. Conclusion

The requirements for noise and vibration monitoring are detailed in the CNVIS and CNVMP. Real time monitoring has occurred at the closest sensitive receiver locations during this reporting period. These receivers are considered representative of the area and were used to validate the modelled construction noise. Monitoring records have validated modelled noise and are generally consistent with the predicted impact of construction activities on noise sensitive receivers. As discussed in Section 4, there were four complaints related to noise and vibration that were received during the reporting period.

As determined in the planning phase, the potential for physical at source mitigation was limited for platform releveling works on the suburban platforms. Over the reporting period, there were a few minor exceedances of individual $L_{Aeq15min}$ periods, which did not change the application of the AMM's given the thorough notification and community engagement strategy emplaced by the Community and Stakeholder Management Team at CSM. The communications element (governed partly by the Communications Strategy and partly by the AMM's) was the key mitigation in meeting the best achievable performance objectives of the CNVIS and community expectation. No non-conformance was raised during the reporting period.

Appendix A – Noise Monitoring Summary

Date	Time	LOR Works (potentially noisy as per diary entry)	Continuous Real Time or Attended (C or A)	CNVIS SCN	Sensitive Receiver	Observed LAeq15min (dB)	NML for sensitive receiver (dB) (NML=RBL+5dB)	Period Day / Evening / Night	LAeq15min Exceedance of NML (dB)	RBL for Sensitive Receiver	Predicted Exceedance as per OOH for particular activity (RBL)	Comments
03-06/02/2023	Throughout WE32	On platforms 16 to 21 tiling and painting. The tiling will involve noisy activities such as saw cutting, grinding, and rock breaking.	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 57	50	Day/night	7	45	63	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
10-13/03/2023	Throughout WE33	On Platforms 12-14, performing canopy works.	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 72	50	Day /night	22	45	65	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE33, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
17/03/2022	14:15:00	EE: General station fit out works.	C	25	Chalmers St	Maximum of 85.9	61	Day	24.9	56	27	Exceedances. Works near logger. Works conducted during the standard construction hours (Sat from 8am to 6pm). Station fit out activities using hand and power tools resulted in noisy periods. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. Localised noise blankets and screens, respite periods, prioritising noisiest works before 6pm. No non conformance
18-20 February	Throughout WE34	WE34: Tiling on Platform 20/21 (170m2). Strip and paint enclosure, install access hatch on Platform 20/21	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 63	50	Day / Night	13	45	27	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE34, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
30/03/2022	14:15:00	EE: General station fit out works.	C	25	Chalmers St	64.8	61	Day	3.8	56	27	No exceedance of prediction. Works conducted during the standard construction hours (Sat from 8am to 6pm). Station fit out activities using hand and power tools resulted in noisy periods. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. Localised noise blankets and screens, respite periods, prioritising noisiest works before 6pm.
10-13/03/2023	Throughout WE37	Within the Eastern Suburbs Railway (ESR) Concourse, installing handrails, ceiling panels, wall cladding and tiling	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 62.4	50	Day / night	12.4	45	65	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE34, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
7-10/04/2023	Throughout WE41	Within the Eastern Suburbs Railway (ESR) Concourse, installing handrails, ceiling panels, wall cladding and tiling	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 70.2	50	Day / night	20.2	45	65	Exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE41, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place. No non conformance
14-17/04/2023	Throughout WE42	WE42: Relevelling Works: tiling on Platform 20/21 (150m2)	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 63	50	Day / night	13	45	27	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE42, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
28/04 to 01/05/2023	Throughout WE44	Within the Eastern Suburbs Railway (ESR) Concourse, installing handrails, ceiling panels, wall cladding and tiling	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 63	50	Day / night	13	45	27	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE44, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
6-8/05/2023	Throughout WE45	WE45: Platforms 16/17 Works: air conditioning replacement in Guard room, Guard room recladding, drainage connection, painting on Platform 16/17, removal of redundant cables, Hazmat works on stair enclosure, and removal of Concrete ULX	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 65.7	50	Day / night	15.7	45	63	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. During WE45, street noise, people and rail movements audible throughout recording. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
18 – 19/06/2023	Throughout WE52	WE52: Tiling on Platform 22/23 (175m2). Re-leveling works on Platform 22/23. Waterproofing on Platform 22/23. Works on Platform 23 Wall, Condenser Pad	C	20	Chalmers St	Maximum of 70	50	Day / night	20	45	70	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place. Real time continuous noise logger representing Chalmers sensitive receivers was unplugged on the Saturday afternoon at 5.45pm. NCR completed.
14-17/07/2023	Throughout WE03	WE03: Removal of temporary offices on platform 0/1	C	03	34 Regent St	Maximum of 56.6	49	Day / night	11	44	60	No exceedance of prediction. Sydney Trains tamping and regulating on tracks 2 to 4. LAeq15min for background train noise regularly above NML Observed LAeq adjusted to account for rail noise. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs in place.
15-18/09/23	Throughout WE12	WE12: tiling works involving saw cutting, grinding, and rock breaking on Platforms 22-23	C	20	Chalmers Street	Maximum of 69.1	50	Day / night	19.1	45	75	No exceedance of prediction. LAeq15min for background noise regularly above NML during the month. All at source noise mitigation and required additional mitigation measures were in place. All AMMs including RO in place.

APPROVAL

CITY & SOUTHWEST ACOUSTICS ADVISOR

Review of	Central Station Main Works Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Program Report (CSMW)	Document reference:	Central Station Main Works Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Program Report February 2023 – November 2023 Prepared by LOR.
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As approved Alternate Acoustics Advisor for the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project, I have reviewed and provided comment on the Quarterly Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring Program Report (CNVMPR) for the Central Station Main Works, as required under A27 (d) of the project approval conditions (SSI 15-7400).

I reviewed and commented on previous revision 0 of the CNVMPR February 2023 to November 2023. This revision 1 includes minor amendments that required updating or were of an administrative or minor nature and are consistent with the terms of approval and the document approved by the Secretary.

I am satisfied that such amendments are necessary, approve revision 1 of the CNVMPR (dated 20 December 2023), and consider that the document is appropriate for submission to the Secretary for information.



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