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Karuah East Quarry

# Environmental Monitoring Report

August 2023



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## 1.0 Introduction

This report has been completed to meet the requirements of Section 66(6) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority’s (EPA) Requirements for Publishing Pollution Monitoring Data (EPA, 2013). This report summarises the required monitoring data under Environmental Protection Licence 20611 (the EPL) and Project Approval MP09\_0175 (the Consent) for the Karuah East Quarry (the Quarry) as summarised by **Table 1** and **Table 2** respectively.

**Table 1** Summary of Environment Protection Licence, EPL 20611

<b>EPL Number:</b>	EPL 20611
<b>Licensee’s Name:</b>	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited
<b>Licensee’s Address:</b>	Karuah East Quarry PO Box 3284, Thornton NSW 2322 Blue Rock Close, Karuah NSW 2324
<b>Link to Full Licence on the EPA website:</b>	<a href="#">EPL 20611</a>

**Table 2** Summary of Project Approval, MP09\_0175

<b>Project Approval:</b>	MP09_0175
<b>Applicant:</b>	Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited
<b>Consent Authority:</b>	NSW Planning Assessment Commission
<b>Link to Full Project Approval on the DPE website:</b>	<a href="#">Project Approval MP09_0175</a>

A summary of the environmental monitoring data for August 2023 is covered in this report. Tables throughout this report provide key monitoring information from the EPL and the Consent, including:

- location of monitoring;
- pollutant;
- unit of measurement; and
- monitoring frequency required.

Monitoring locations are illustrated by the site plan provided by **Appendix 1**.

## 2.0 Air Quality Monitoring

Dust emissions generated by the Quarry operation must not cause additional exceedances of ambient air quality criterion outlined in Schedule 3, Condition 13 of the Consent and summarised by **Table 3**, **Table 4** and **Table 5**.

Deposited dust and TSP/PM10 monitoring is undertaken at the locations listed in **Table 6**, in accordance with the Approved Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW (EPA, 2022).

**Table 3 Long-term Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust (MP09-0175).**

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Maximum Increase in Deposited Dust Level <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Total Deposited Dust Level <sup>1</sup>
Deposited Dust	Annual	2 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month	4 g/m <sup>2</sup> /month

<sup>1</sup> Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by AS 3580.10.1-2003.

**Table 4 Long-term Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter (MP09-0175).**

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Total Suspended Particulates	Annual	90 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate Matter < 10 µm (PM10)	Annual	30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 5 Short-term Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter (MP09-0175).**

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Criterion
Particulate Matter < 10 µm (PM10)	24-hour	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 6 Air Quality Monitoring Locations (EPL 20611).**

Site Monitoring Point ID	EPL Monitoring Point ID	Location	Address	Coordinates
DDG 1	4	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	54 Mill Hill Close, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'04"S 151°59'58"E
DDG 2	5	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	64 Mill Hill Close, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'02"S 152°00'09"E
DDG 3	6	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	Lot 251 DP1092111, Karuah NSW 2324	32°37'57"S 151°59'41"E
DDG 4	7	East of Karuah East Quarry	21 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove NSW 2324	32° 37' 30.87"S 152°01'10.18"E
DDG 5	8	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	Lot 21 DP1024341, Karuah NSW 2324	32° 37' 55.33"S 152°00'2.74"E
HVAS	9	South-West of Karuah East Quarry	64 Mill Hill Close, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'03"S 152°00'09"E

## 2.1 Deposited Dust Monitoring

Deposited dust results for the 12-months prior-to and including August 2023 are summarised by **Table 7**.

**Table 7** *Deposited dust monitoring results.*

Reporting Period	Start Date	End Date	Days	DDG 1 EPL ID 4	DDG 2 EPL ID 5	DDG 3 EPL ID 6	DDG 4 EPL ID 7	DDG 5 EPL ID 8
Sep-22	2/09/2022	4/10/2022	32	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.8
Oct-22	4/10/2022	3/11/2022	30	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3
Nov-22	3/11/2022	5/12/2022	32	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.2	2.0
Dec-22	5/12/2022	5/01/2023	31	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.1
Jan-23	5/01/2023	3/02/2023	29	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4
Feb-23	3/02/2023	5/03/2023	31	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.8
Mar-23	5/03/2023	5/04/2023	30	1.1	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apr-23	5/04/2023	4/05/2023	29	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	1.2
May-23	4/05/2023	5/06/2023	32	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Jun-23	6/06/2023	4/07/2023	28	0.6	2.5	1.8	–	–
Jul-23	4/07/2023	3/08/2023	30	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.3
Aug-23	3/08/2023	4/09/2023	32	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
<b>Progressive Annual Average</b>				<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Monitoring results for the August 2023 reporting period at all five DDG monitoring sites are within the long-term annual deposited dust limit of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month.

It should be noted that DDG 4 and DDG 5 samples in the June 2023 reporting period become contaminated with vegetation matter and are therefore discounted from averaging. This failure to monitor event was reported to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE), the NSW EPA and surrounding landholders in accordance with the relevant conditions of the Consent and EPL.

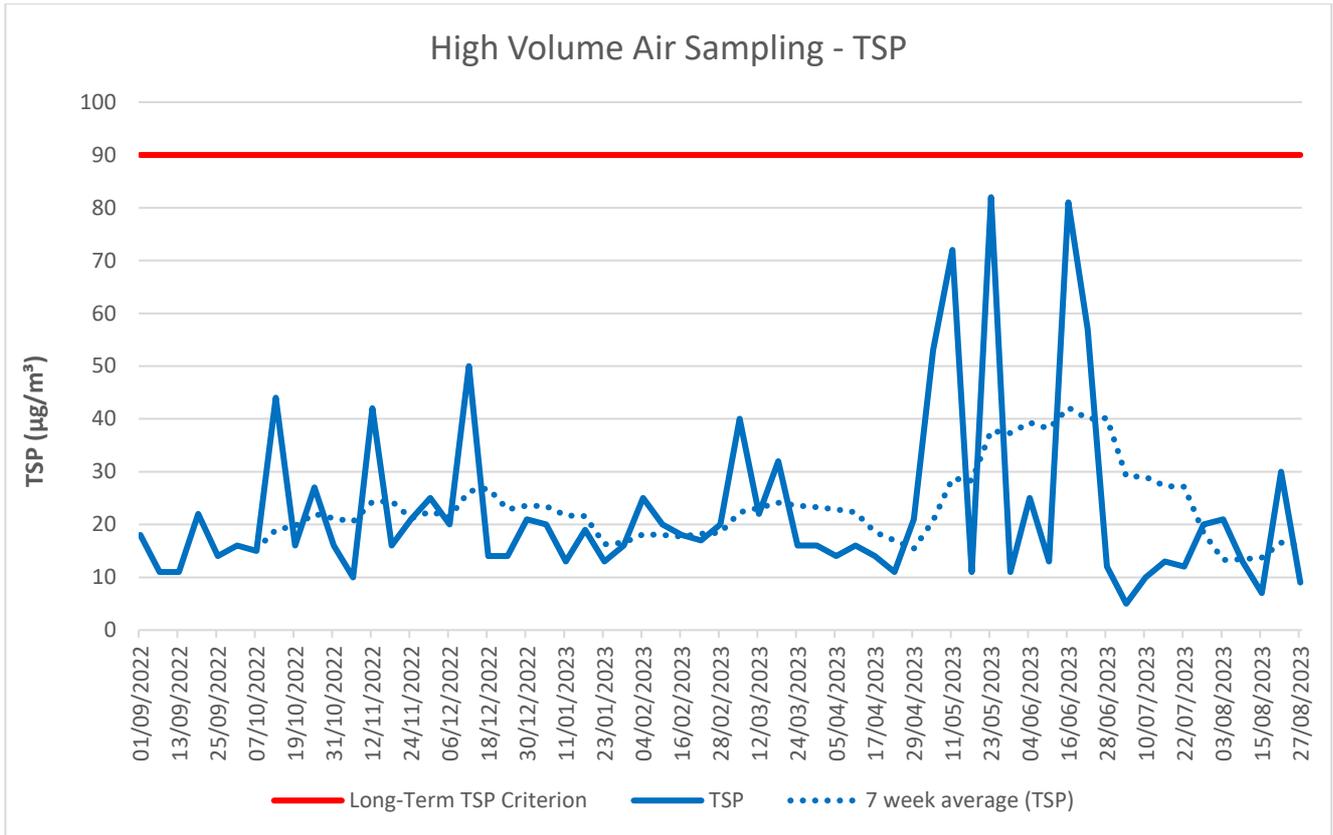
## 2.2 High Volume Air Sampling

TSP and PM10 results for the August 2023 reporting period are summarised by **Table 8** and illustrated respectively by **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**.

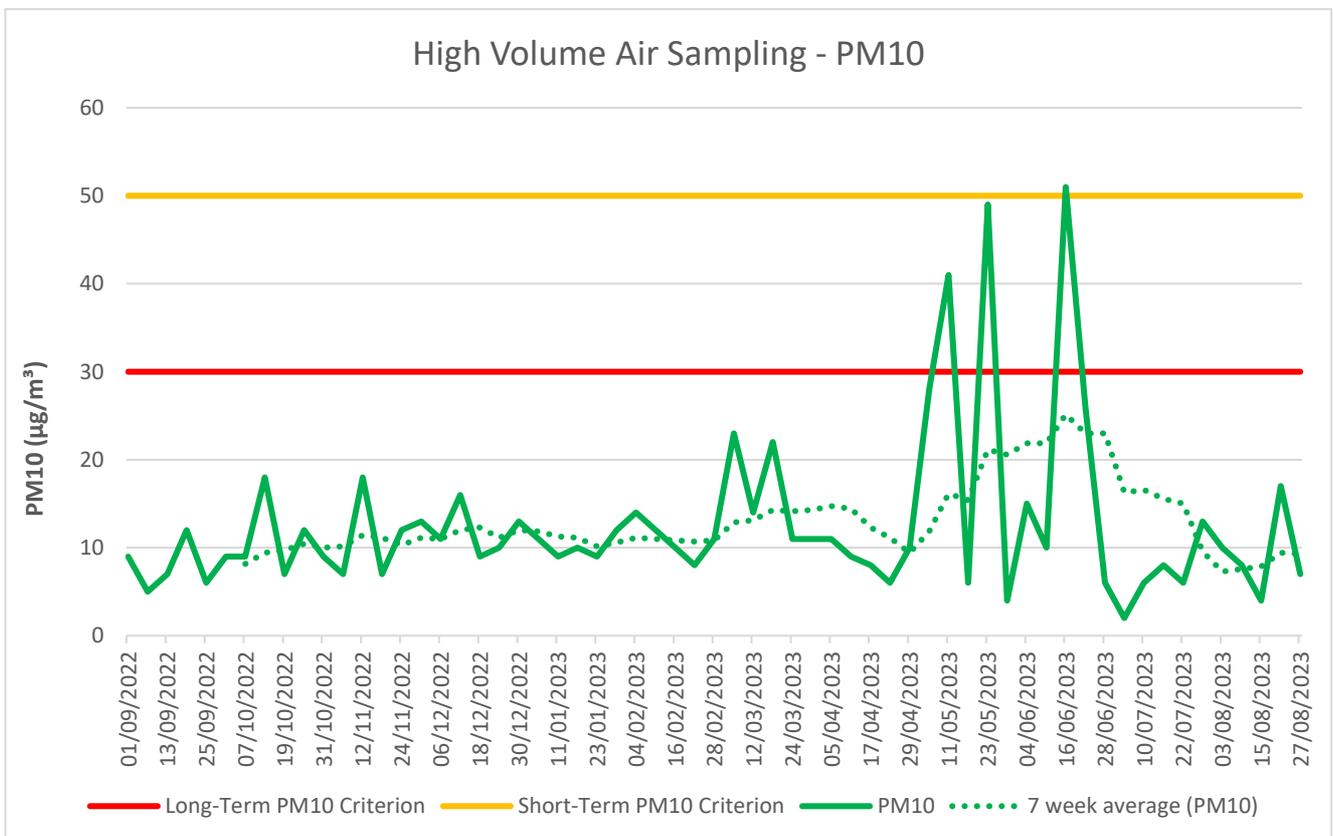
**Table 8** *HVAS TSP and PM10 monitoring results for the August 2023 reporting period.*

Run Date	Total Suspended Particulates, TSP (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Particulate Matter < 10 µm, PM10 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
3/08/2023	21	10
9/08/2023	13	8
15/08/2023	7	4
21/08/2023	30	17
27/08/2023	9	7
<b>Progressive Annual Average</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>12.6</b>

Monitoring results for the five HVAS run days within the August 2023 reporting period were compliant with the long-term limits for TSP and PM10 and short-term limits for PM10.



**Figure 1** Long-term TSP monitoring trends.



**Figure 2** Long-term PM10 monitoring trends.

### 3.0 Blast Monitoring

Blast monitoring is undertaken for all blasts at the Quarry at the nearest residential location (EPL Monitoring Point 11) to ensure that air blast overpressure and ground vibration remain within the compliance limits, as summarised by **Table 9**.

There was one blast within the August 2023 reporting period, as summarised by **Table 10**, and were observed to be within compliance limits.

**Table 9 Blasting Airblast Overpressure and Ground Vibration Criteria (MP09-0175 & EPL 20611).**

Location	Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Ground Vibration (mm/s)	Allowable Exceedance
Private Residence B	120	10	0%
EPL Monitoring Point ID 11	115	5	5% over 12-month reporting period.

**Table 10 Blasting Monitoring Results.**

Date	Time	Location	Airblast Overpressure (dB(L))	Ground Vibration (mm/s)
Monday, 14/08/2023	1:38 pm	RL 105/135	n/t	n/t

\*Not triggered = n/t

Ground Vibration < 0.5 mm/s

Overpressure < 108 dB(L)

### 4.0 Noise Monitoring

Noise monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the EPL and DPE-approved Noise Management Plan, which requires attended noise monitoring to be conducted on a quarterly basis.

During the August 2023 reporting period, attended noise monitoring was completed on Thursday 10 August (day and evening monitoring periods) and Friday 11 August 2023 (morning shoulder monitoring period). The results of the monitoring surveys are outlined by Noise Monitoring Report provided by **Appendix 2**.

Noise levels from the site complied with relevant limits at all monitoring locations during the Q3 2023 survey.

## 5.0 Surface Water Monitoring

Water monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the EPL and DPE approved Water Management Plan, which includes monthly surveillance sampling and daily sampling during discharge events.

Monthly surveillance monitoring was undertaken on 3 August 2023 with the results summarised by **Table 11**.

**Table 11** Surface Water Monitoring Results.

Parameter	Units	EPL Discharge Limits	Dam 1	Dam 2	Dam 3	SW 2	SW 3
Oil and Grease	mg/L	5 and/or non-visible	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
pH	pH	6.5 – 8.5	7.52	7.12	7.54	7.16	6.73
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	40	218	6	20	70	129
Parameter	Units	ANZECC Guidelines <sup>1</sup>	Dam 1	Dam 2	Dam 3	SW 2	SW 3
Conductivity	µS/cm	125 – 2200	507	1348	454	299	243
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	--	640	812	395	372	696
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	0.025	0.29	0.01	0.04	0.15	0.34
Ammonia	mg/L	0.2	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	0.03
Nitrogen (Nitrate)	mg/L	0.350	4.68	0.21	0.01	0.02	<0.01
Total Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/L	--	40	501	79	37	20
Arsenic	mg/L	0.024	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.002
Cadmium	mg/L	0.0002	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Calcium	mg/L	--	6	176	20	5	3
Chromium	mg/L	0.001	0.014	<0.001	0.001	0.005	0.011
Copper	mg/L	0.0014	0.018	<0.001	0.002	0.006	0.013
Lead	mg/L	0.0034	0.009	<0.001	<0.001	0.004	0.009
Magnesium	mg/L	--	6	15	7	6	3
Manganese	mg/L	1.9	0.471	0.152	0.021	0.252	0.33
Nickel	mg/L	0.011	0.012	<0.001	0.001	0.004	0.009
Potassium	mg/L	--	1	2	<1	2	1
Sodium	mg/L	--	73	49	57	43	36
Vanadium	mg/L	--	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	0.04
Zinc	mg/L	0.0312	0.096	<0.005	<0.005	0.033	0.082

<sup>1</sup> Key default trigger values presented in ANZECC 2000 for slightly disturbed upland rivers in NSW. Heavy metals based on hard water (120-179 mg CaCO<sub>3</sub>/L).

Daily discharge monitoring was conducted when discharging surface water from the Quarry via the licenced discharge points in accordance with Condition L2 and M2 of the EPL, as summarised by **Table 12**

**Table 12 Discharge Water Monitoring Results.**

Date	pH	Total Suspended Solids, TSS (mg/L)	Oil and Grease	Discharge Type
<b>LDP 1 – Dam 1</b>				
-	-	-	-	-
<b>LDP 2 – Dam 2</b>				
Tuesday, 22 August 2023	7.3	< 5	Non-Visible	Controlled
<b>LDP 3 – Dam 3</b>				
Tuesday, 8 August 2023	7.9	32	Non-Visible	Controlled
Wednesday, 9 August 2023	7.7	35	Non-Visible	Controlled
Tuesday, 22 August 2023	7.4	28	Non-Visible	Controlled
Wednesday, 23 August 2023	7.6	27	Non-Visible	Controlled
Thursday, 24 August 2023	7.8	17	Non-Visible	Controlled

## 6.0 Weather Station Monitoring

The Quarry operates and maintains a permanent meteorological monitoring station to record weather parameters including temperature, wind speed and direction, solar radiation and rainfall. **Figure 3** below outlines the weather records for the August 2023 reporting period.

### Monthly Weather Summary



Site: Karuah Quarry  
 Month: August 2023

Date	Day	Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation		Rain <sup>2</sup> mm
		Max <sup>1</sup> °C	Min <sup>2</sup> °C	Ave <sup>1</sup> °C	Max <sup>1</sup> °C	Min <sup>2</sup> °C	Ave <sup>1</sup> °C	Max Gust <sup>1</sup> km/h	Ave Speed <sup>1</sup> km/h	Dir Ave <sup>1</sup> deg	Max <sup>1</sup> W/m <sup>2</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup> W/m <sup>2</sup>	
1	Tue	23.0	3.7	12.2	22.1	4.6	13.2	17.3	3.3	214	505.0	126.3	0.0
2	Wed	21.9	6.0	11.3	19.6	6.2	11.7	12.1	3.0	230	509.1	126.6	0.0
3	Thu	20.2	8.1	12.7	18.7	9.0	13.6	12.8	3.2	182	560.0	94.0	0.0
4	Fri	21.9	5.8	13.2	21.3	7.3	14.0	11.7	3.1	137	539.2	128.3	0.0
5	Sat	23.6	7.9	14.2	22.8	8.7	14.9	11.7	2.8	171	531.7	125.6	0.0
6	Sun	22.5	9.8	14.6	21.4	11.0	15.2	19.1	3.1	205	639.9	88.3	24.8
7	Mon	18.6	11.5	13.4	17.4	11.6	13.5	12.3	2.9	198	641.7	54.6	5.0
8	Tue	16.3	6.1	10.3	15.8	6.5	10.6	10.1	2.4	239	475.8	58.4	2.0
9	Wed	18.6	5.9	10.9	17.6	6.6	11.4	13.1	2.7	225	697.5	103.7	0.2
10	Thu	20.4	6.1	12.2	19.2	7.2	13.1	13.0	3.1	183	570.8	134.0	0.0
11	Fri	23.9	3.6	12.8	23.2	4.8	14.5	21.4	3.7	215	607.4	130.0	0.0
12	Sat	20.2	3.8	10.3	17.9	5.1	11.0	13.8	2.7	165	539.1	138.4	0.0
13	Sun	22.8	7.7	13.3	22.1	8.7	14.0	19.5	3.9	217	550.8	138.0	0.0
14	Mon	20.9	9.9	13.1	18.8	10.2	13.1	8.4	2.3	211	700.0	83.7	2.2
15	Tue	20.1	9.9	13.0	18.6	10.6	13.3	12.0	3.9	272	739.9	75.9	7.6
16	Wed	17.6	5.9	11.3	16.2	6.1	11.4	19.2	3.8	218	754.1	84.6	2.2
17	Thu	19.6	4.1	10.8	17.5	4.8	11.4	14.9	2.7	180	744.9	128.1	0.0
18	Fri	22.6	10.4	14.7	21.0	10.8	14.8	10.1	3.2	184	669.9	131.5	8.4
19	Sat	18.9	8.0	13.2	17.9	8.9	13.4	31.1	12.7	285	673.3	140.9	0.0
20	Sun	18.4	5.9	12.4	17.8	8.0	13.3	24.7	6.8	288	560.0	148.0	0.0
21	Mon	22.1	6.8	13.2	20.3	7.9	13.7	16.3	3.2	179	573.3	151.3	0.0
22	Tue	22.5	6.4	12.8	20.3	7.6	13.3	15.6	2.8	185	657.5	151.4	0.0
23	Wed	25.1	9.7	15.9	24.0	10.8	17.1	12.7	3.5	178	645.8	134.5	0.0
24	Thu	21.2	9.4	14.3	18.9	9.8	14.0	18.9	4.0	227	654.1	145.0	2.6
25	Fri	20.2	5.2	11.1	18.3	6.2	11.5	16.6	3.0	191	601.6	151.7	0.0
26	Sat	22.6	4.9	12.1	20.6	5.6	12.6	14.6	3.0	203	605.8	159.3	0.0
27	Sun	20.9	5.6	11.7	18.9	6.2	12.2	17.2	3.0	163	719.2	137.4	0.0
28	Mon	21.1	5.7	12.4	19.3	6.2	13.0	17.8	3.7	173	709.9	143.3	0.0
29	Tue	22.5	6.1	12.9	20.5	6.7	13.3	19.5	3.2	178	742.5	156.6	0.0
30	Wed	23.0	8.7	14.5	21.2	9.8	15.0	15.0	3.5	161	625.0	165.9	0.0
31	Thu	27.3	8.6	16.6	25.7	9.4	16.6	16.2	4.1	200	626.7	157.2	3.4
<b>Ave or Total</b>		<b>21.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>	<b>624.9</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>58.4</b>
<b>High</b>		<b>27.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>		<b>754.1</b>	<b>165.9</b>	<b>24.8</b>
<b>Low</b>		<b>16.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>		<b>475.8</b>	<b>54.6</b>	
												<b>No. rain days &gt;1mm:</b>	<b>9</b>

Notes: 1. Values are for the 24 hour period from 9am to 9am next day.

2. Values are for the 24 hours to 9am.

**Figure 3 Weather Records Summary – August 2023.**

## 7.0 Production Data

Monthly monitoring of sales and truck movements are summarised by **Table 13**.

**Table 13** *Quarry Production Data.*

Month	Truck Movements	Quarry Product Sales (t)
Jan-23	2,090	78,075
Feb-23	3,702	63,813
Mar-23	3,392	55,950
Apr-23	1,942	61,862
May-23	2,867	95,428
Jun-23	2,752	87,714
Jul-23	2,534	56,165
Aug-23	2,677	97,787

## 8.0 Reporting

### 8.1 Reportable Environmental Incidents

During the August 2023 reporting period, no reportable environmental incidents occurred at the Quarry.

### 8.2 Reportable Non-Compliances

During the August 2023 reporting period, no reportable non-compliances were identified at the Quarry.

### 8.3 Community Complaints

During the August 2023 reporting period, one community complaint was received by the Quarry.

- On 14 August 2023 a complaint was received from a resident on Halloran Road, North Arm Cove regarding blasting overpressure and ground vibration. The resident was advised the blast monitoring parameters were within compliance limits.

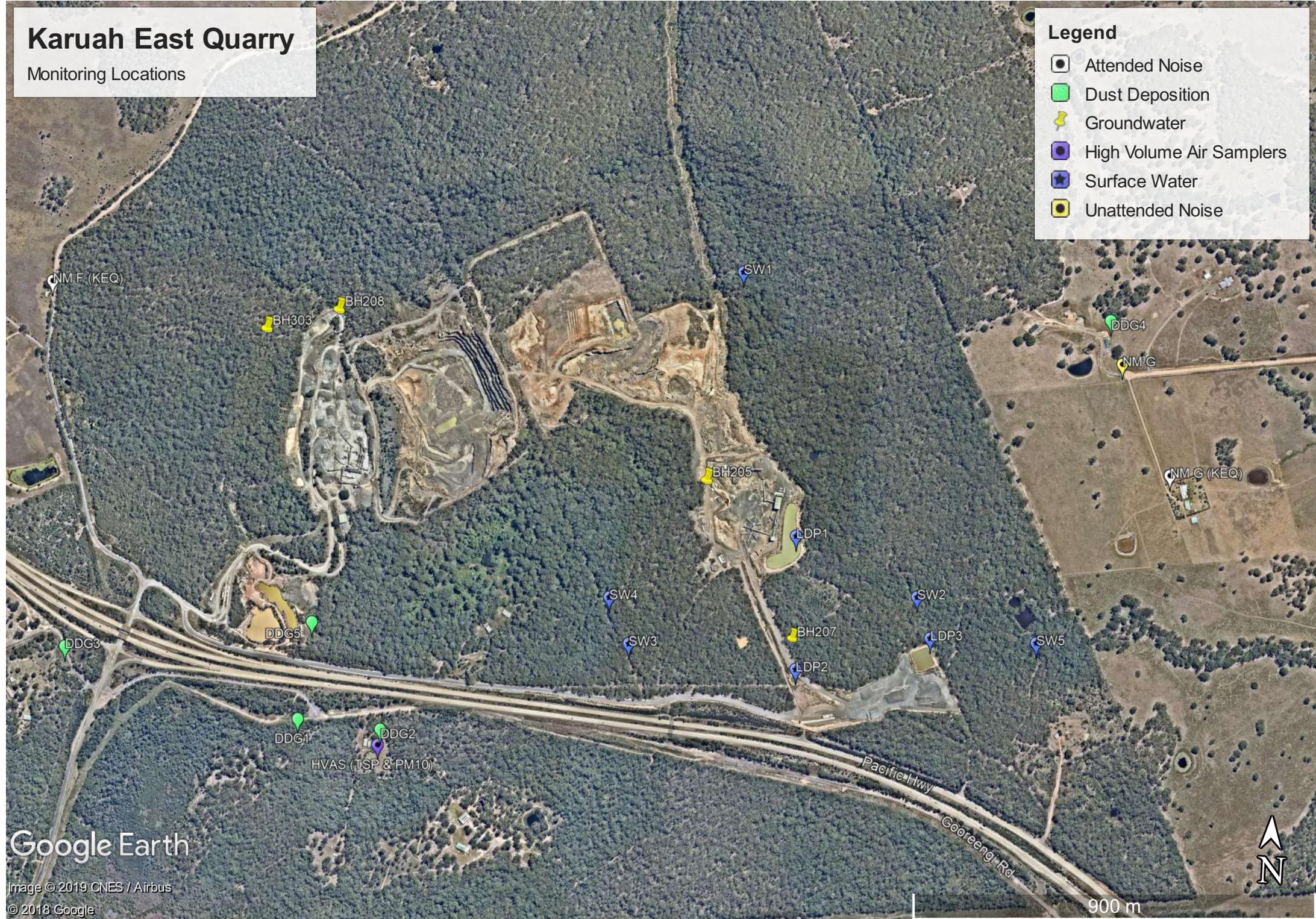
## Appendix 1 – EPL 20611 Monitoring Locations

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Monitoring Locations

## Legend

- Attended Noise
- Dust Deposition
- Groundwater
- High Volume Air Samplers
- Surface Water
- Unattended Noise



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## Appendix 2 – Q3 2023 Noise Monitoring Report

# **Karuah East Quarry**

## **Quarterly Attended Noise Monitoring - Q3 2023**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited to conduct a quarterly noise survey of operations at Karuah East Quarry (KEQ, the site) located at Blue Rock Close, Karuah 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 morning shoulder, day and evening periods on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August 2023 at five 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 (MGA56)	
		Easting	Northing
A	Private residence - 74 Mill Hill Close, Karuah	406623	6388704
B	Private residence - 64 Mill Hill Close, Karuah	406405	6388859
F	Private residence - 1714 The Branch Lane, Karuah	405639	6389782
G	Private residence - 2 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove	405629	6389766
H	Private residence - 21 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove	407795	6389868

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- KEY**
- Site boundary
  - A Attended noise monitoring location
  - Approved disturbance area
  - Major road
  - Minor road
  - Vehicular track
  - Watercourse/drainage line
  - Cadastral boundary
  - Waterbody
  - NPWS reserve
  - State forest

Attended noise monitoring locations

Karuah East Quarry  
Quarterly attended noise monitoring  
Figure 1.1

Source: EMM (2022); ADW Johnson (2020); DFSI (2017); ICSM (2012); GA (2011); ASGC (2006)



### 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.
$L_{Amax}$	The maximum root mean squared A-weighted noise level over a time period.
$L_{A1}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the time.
$L_{A1,1minute}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 1 per cent of the specified time period of 1 minute.
$L_{A10}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 10 per cent of the time.
$L_{Aeq}$	The energy average A-weighted noise level.
$L_{A50}$	The A-weighted noise level which is exceeded for 50 per cent of the time, also the median noise level during a measurement period.
$L_{A90}$	The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 90 per cent of the time, also referred to as the “background” noise level and commonly used to derive noise limits.
$L_{Amin}$	The minimum A-weighted noise level over a time period.
$L_{Ceq}$	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 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.
Morning Shoulder	Monday – Saturday: 5 am to 7 am.

Appendix A provides further information that indicates how an average person perceives changes in noise levels and examples of common noise levels.

## 2 Noise limits

### 2.1 Project approval

Karuah East Quarry noise limits are detailed in Condition 3 of Project Approval (PA) 09\_0175. Relevant sections of PA 09\_0175 are reproduced in Appendix B.1.

### 2.2 Environment protection licence

Karuah East Quarry noise limits are detailed in Condition L4.1 of Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 20611. Relevant sections of EPL 20611 are reproduced in Appendix B.2.

### 2.3 Noise management plan

The approved Noise Management Plan (NMP) adopts five attended noise monitoring locations that are representative of residences outlined in PA 09\_0175 and EPL 20611. Relevant sections of the NMP are reproduced in Appendix B.3.

### 2.4 Noise limits

Noise impact limits based on PA 09\_0175 and EPL 20611 are as shown in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1** Noise impact limits, dB

Location	Day $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Evening $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Morning Shoulder $L_{Aeq,15minute}$	Morning Shoulder $L_{A1,1minute}$
A	42	40	35	52
B	40	40	35	52
F	40	35	35	52
G	43	39	35	52
H	44	46	35	52

Notes: 1. Morning shoulder period is from 5:00 am to 7:00 am Monday to Saturday as defined in Condition L4.2 of EPL 20611.

### 2.5 Meteorological conditions

PA 09\_0175 specifies that noise generated by the project is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements, and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions), of the NSW EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry' (NPfI) issued in October 2017. Similarly, the requirements of Condition L4.3 of EPL 20611 state that noise limits do not apply under the following meteorological conditions:

- wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 m above ground level;
- stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
- stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

## 2.6 Additional requirements

Monitoring and reporting have been done in accordance with the NPfl and the NSW EPA '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 NPfl 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 monthly noise monitoring occurs during meteorological conditions outside of those specified in Section 2.5, site limits will be 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 'Acoustics, Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise' and relevant EPA requirements.

Meteorological data was obtained from the KEQ on-site meteorological station which allowed correlation of atmospheric parameters with measured noise levels.

### 3.2 Attended noise monitoring

During this survey, attended noise monitoring was conducted during the morning shoulder, day and evening 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 the site's contribution (if any) to measured levels. At each monitoring location, the site-only  $L_{Aeq,15minute}$  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  $L_{A1,1minute}$ . The EPA accepts sleep disturbance analysis based on either the  $L_{A1,1minute}$  or  $L_{Amax}$  metrics, with the  $L_{Amax}$  representing a more conservative assessment of site noise emissions.

### 3.3 Meteorological data

Meteorological data for the monitoring period was sourced from the Karuah East Quarry on-site meteorological station (the site AWS) to determine the applicability of criteria in accordance with the EPL and PA.

### 3.4 Modifying factors

All measurements were evaluated for potential modifying factors in accordance with the NPfI. Assessment of modifying factors is undertaken if the site was audible and directly quantifiable. If applicable, modifying factor penalties have been reported and added to measured site-only  $L_{Aeq}$  noise levels.

Low-frequency modifying factor penalties have only been applied to site-only  $L_{Aeq}$  levels 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 NPfI.

### 3.5 Site operations

As required by Condition R4.3(a) of the EPL, the operations occurring at the time of monitoring are summarised per period below:

- Day
  - Routine quarry operations in the quarry pit
  - Routine plant processing operations
  - Routine material transport from the quarry pit to the processing plant and product stockpile areas
  - Routine product loading and dispatch to road trucks
- Evening
  - Routine material transport from the processing plant to product stockpile areas
  - Routine maintenance activities of plant and equipment
- Morning shoulder
  - Routine maintenance activities of plant and equipment
  - Routine product loading and dispatch to road trucks

### 3.6 Instrumentation

The 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	2759405	2/2/2024	IEC 61672-1:2002
Svantek SV-36 calibrator	79952	29/9/2024	IEC 60942

## 4 Results

### 4.1 Total measured noise levels and atmospheric conditions

Overall noise levels measured at each location during attended measurements are provided in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1** Total measured noise levels – Q3 2023<sup>1</sup>

Location	Start date and time	L <sub>Amax</sub> dB	L <sub>A1</sub> dB	L <sub>A10</sub> dB	L <sub>Aeq</sub> dB	L <sub>A50</sub> dB	L <sub>A90</sub> dB	L <sub>Amin</sub> dB
A	10/08/2023 16:11	108	85	57	77	54	51	46
B	10/08/2023 16:28	76	74	69	66	65	60	54
F	10/08/2023 16:46	93	65	51	60	48	46	42
G	10/08/2023 17:09	63	50	38	41	35	33	31
H	10/08/2023 17:28	64	47	40	38	33	31	28
H	10/08/2023 18:00	78	49	37	46	34	33	31
G	10/08/2023 18:17	53	47	40	39	37	36	32
F	10/08/2023 18:40	83	59	55	55	52	49	44
B	10/08/2023 18:59	76	74	68	65	63	57	51
A	10/08/2023 19:16	68	61	57	55	53	50	46
A	11/08/2023 5:00	77	75	69	65	59	54	48
B	11/08/2023 5:17	79	75	68	65	60	55	48
F	11/08/2023 5:35	81	64	58	57	54	51	45
G	11/08/2023 5:59	68	58	46	46	43	40	37
H	11/08/2023 6:16	65	60	47	47	43	41	38

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 Measured atmospheric conditions – Q3 2023**

Location	Start date and time	Temperature °C	Wind speed m/s	Wind direction °Magnetic north <sup>1</sup>	Cloud cover 1/8s
A	10/08/2023 16:11	22.5	<0.5	-	1
B	10/08/2023 16:28	22.8	<0.5	-	1
F	10/08/2023 16:46	21.6	0.9	0	1
G	10/08/2023 17:09	20.1	<0.5	-	2
H	10/08/2023 17:28	19.5	<0.5	-	2
H	10/08/2023 18:00	18.6	<0.5	-	2
G	10/08/2023 18:17	18.1	<0.5	-	2
F	10/08/2023 18:40	17.7	<0.5	-	2
B	10/08/2023 18:59	17.5	<0.5	-	2
A	10/08/2023 19:16	17.1	<0.5	-	2
A	11/08/2023 5:00	12.5	<0.5	-	0
B	11/08/2023 5:17	12.8	<0.5	-	0
F	11/08/2023 5:35	13.2	<0.5	-	0
G	11/08/2023 5:59	13.3	<0.5	-	0
H	11/08/2023 6:16	13.4	<0.5	-	0

Notes: 1. "-" indicates calm conditions at the monitoring location.

## 4.2 Site only noise levels

### 4.2.1 Modifying factors

No modifying factors were applicable during the survey, as defined in the NPfl.

## 4.2.2 Monitoring results

Table 4.3 provides site noise levels in the absence of other sources, where possible, and includes weather data obtained 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 – Q3 2023**

Location	Start Date and Time (Period)	Wind		Stability Class	Very enhancing? <sup>1</sup>	Limit, dB		Site level, dB <sup>2</sup>		Exceedance, dB	
		Speed m/s	Direction <sup>4</sup>			L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>
A	10/08/2023 16:11 (D)	1.4	313	A	N	42	N/A	NM	N/A	No	N/A
B	10/08/2023 16:28 (D)	1.2	273	A	N	40	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
F	10/08/2023 16:46 (D)	1.0	223	A	N	40	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
G	10/08/2023 17:09 (D)	0.3	189	A	N	43	N/A	<35	N/A	No	N/A
H	10/08/2023 17:28 (D)	0.4	163	A	N	44	N/A	26	N/A	No	N/A
H	10/08/2023 18:00 (E)	0.5	96	F	N	46	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
G	10/08/2023 18:17 (E)	0.4	124	F	N	39	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
F	10/08/2023 18:40 (E)	0.4	89	F	N	35	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
B	10/08/2023 18:59 (E)	0.3	145	F	N	40	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A
A	10/08/2023 19:16 (E)	0.3	111	F	N	40	N/A	IA	N/A	No	N/A

**Table 4.3 Site noise levels and limits – Q3 2023**

Location	Start Date and Time (Period)	Wind		Stability Class	Very enhancing? <sup>1</sup>	Limit, dB		Site level, dB <sup>2</sup>		Exceedance, dB	
		Speed m/s	Direction <sup>4</sup>			L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,15minute</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>
A	11/08/2023 5:00 (MS)	0.3	189	F	N	35	52	IA	IA	No	No
B	11/08/2023 5:17 (MS)	0.2	89	F	N	35	52	IA	IA	No	No
F	11/08/2023 5:35 (MS)	0.1	84	F	N	35	52	IA	IA	No	No
G	11/08/2023 5:59 (MS)	0.1	152	F	N	35	52	IA	IA	No	No
H	11/08/2023 6:16 (MS)	0.2	150	F	N	35	52	IA	IA	No	No

- Notes:
1. Noise limits are adjusted by +5 dB during ‘very noise-enhancing meteorological conditions’ in accordance with the NPfl.
  2. Site-only L<sub>Aeq,15minute</sub> includes modifying factor penalties if applicable.
  3. Degrees magnetic north, “-” indicates calm conditions.
  4. MS = Morning Shoulder period; D = Day period; E = Evening period.

## 5 Mitigation and management

### 5.1 Proposed management actions

EPL Condition R4.3(c) requires details of any management actions taken within the monitoring period to address any exceedances of the limits. As there were no exceedances, no management actions were required.

## 6 Summary

EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM) was engaged by Karuah East Quarry Pty Limited to conduct a quarterly noise survey of operations at the site. The survey purpose was to quantify the acoustic environment and compare site noise levels against specified PA and EPL noise limits.

Attended environmental noise monitoring described in this report was done during the morning shoulder, day and evening periods on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 August 2023 at five monitoring locations.

Noise levels from the site complied with relevant limits at all monitoring locations during the Q3 2023 survey.

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# Appendix A

## Noise perception and examples

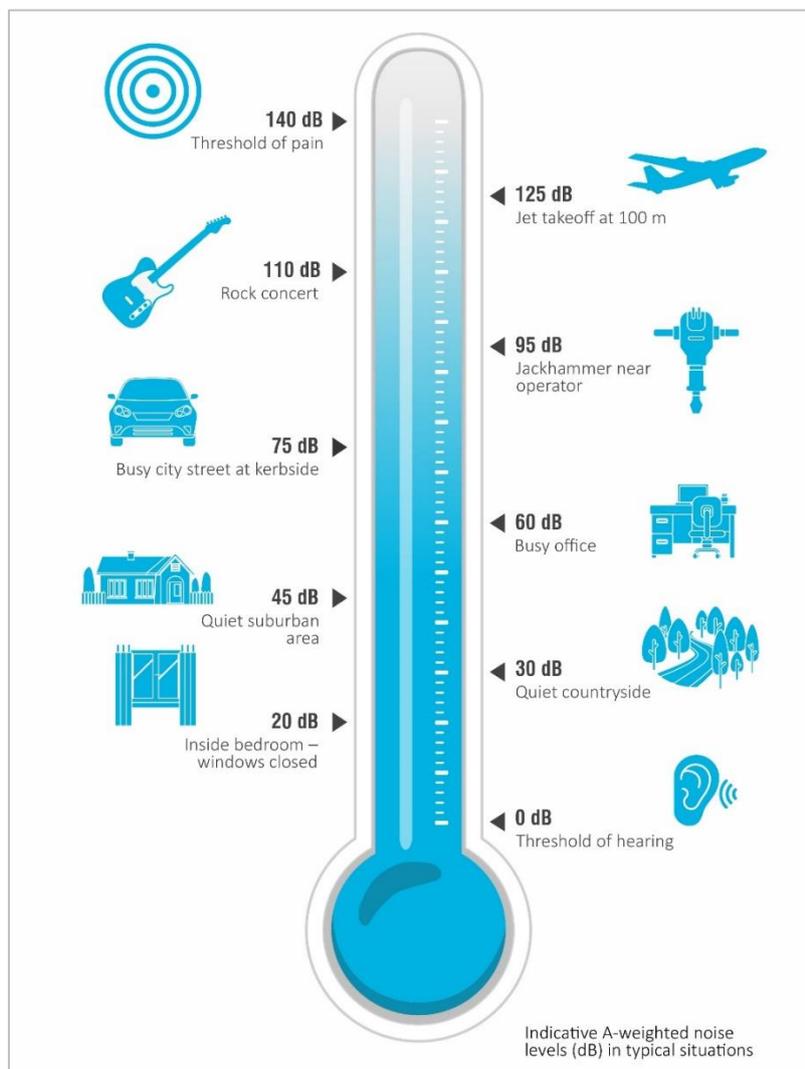
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## A.1 Noise levels

Table A.1 indicates 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 Project approval

**SCHEDULE 3  
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS**

**IDENTIFICATION OF APPROVED LIMITS OF EXTRACTION**

1. The Applicant shall, prior to carrying out quarrying operations on the site:
  - (a) engage a registered surveyor to mark out the boundaries of the approved limits of extraction within the Extraction Area; and
  - (b) submit a survey plan of the extraction boundaries, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.
2. The Applicant must ensure that the extraction boundaries are clearly marked at all times while quarrying operations are being carried out, in a manner that allows the limits of extraction to be clearly identified.

**NOISE**

**Operational Noise Criteria**

3. Except for the carrying out of construction works, the Applicant must ensure that the operational noise generated by the development does not exceed the criteria in Table 2 at any residence<sup>a</sup> on privately-owned land.

*Table 2: Operational noise criteria dB*

<b>Noise Assessment Location<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Morning Shoulder <i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)</i></b>	<b>Morning Shoulder <i>L<sub>Amax</sub></i></b>	<b>Day <i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)</i></b>	<b>Evening <i>L<sub>Aeq</sub> (15 min)</i></b>
A	35	52	42	40
B	35	52	40	40
G	35	52	43	39
H	35	52	44	46
I	35	52	40	37
All other residences	35	52	40	35

<sup>a</sup> Noise Assessment Locations referred to in Table 2 are shown in Appendix 2.

Noise generated by the development must be monitored and measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and modifications (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NPfI.

- 3A. The noise criteria in Table 2 do not apply if the Applicant has an agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land to exceed the noise criteria, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

**Road Traffic Noise Criteria**

4. The Applicant must take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the traffic noise generated by the development does not cause additional exceedances of the criteria in Table 3 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Table 3: Road traffic noise criteria

<b>Road</b>	<b>Criteria (Day<sup>a</sup>)</b>
Pacific Highway	60 dB(A) L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 hour)
Local roads	55 dB(A) L <sub>Aeq</sub> (1 hour)

<sup>a</sup> Day is the period from 7 am to 10 pm every day in accordance with the EPA's NSW Road Noise Policy (2011).

5. Deleted

### Noise Operating Conditions

6. The Applicant must:
- take all reasonable steps to minimise noise from construction and operational activities, including low frequency noise and other audible characteristics, associated with the development;
  - implement reasonable and feasible noise attenuation measures on all plant and equipment that will operate in noise sensitive areas;
  - operate a comprehensive noise management system commensurate with the risk of impact;
  - take all reasonable steps to minimise the noise impacts of the development during noise-enhancing meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see NPfI);
  - carry out quarterly attended noise monitoring (unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary) to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent; and
  - regularly assess the noise monitoring data and modify or stop operations on the site to ensure compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent.

### Noise Management Plan

7. The Applicant must prepare a Noise Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must:
- be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person/s whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;
  - be prepared in consultation with the EPA;
  - describe the measures to be implemented to ensure:
    - compliance with the noise criteria and operating conditions in this consent;
    - best practice management is being employed;
    - noise impacts of the development are minimised during noise-enhancing meteorological conditions when the noise criteria in this consent do not apply (see NPfI);
  - describe the noise management system in detail; and
  - include a monitoring program that:
    - is capable of evaluating the performance of the development;
    - monitors noise at the nearest and/or most affected residences;
    - adequately supports the noise management system;
    - includes a protocol for distinguishing noise emissions of the development from any neighbouring developments; and
    - includes a protocol for identifying any noise-related exceedance, incident or non-compliance and for notifying the Department and relevant stakeholders of any such event.

7A. The Applicant must implement the plan as approved by the Planning Secretary.

### BLASTING

#### Blasting Criteria

8. The Applicant must ensure that blasting on the site does not cause exceedances of the criteria in Table 5.

## B.2 Environmental protection licence

# Environment Protection Licence

Licence - 20611

## L3 Waste

- L3.1 The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by the licence.

## L4 Noise limits

- L4.1 Noise generated at the premises must not exceed the noise limits in the table below. The locations referred to in the table below are indicated in Table 2: Operational Noise Criteria, and Figure 1 of the document titled Project Approval 09\_0175 Modification 9 (MOD 9) Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - which has been filed on EPA file Doc22/715570-1.

Noise Assessment Location	Morning Shoulder LAeq(15 min)	Morning shoulder LAmax	Day LAeq (15 min)	Evening LAeq (15 min)
A (74 Mill Hill Close, Karuah, Lot 100 DP 1028885)	35	52	42	40
B (64 Mill Hill Close, Karuah, Lot 3 DP785172)	35	52	40	40
G (2 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove Lot 1 DP1032636)	35	52	43	39
H (21 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove Lot 10 DP1032636)	35	52	44	46
I (83 Halloran Road, North Arm Cove Lot 12 DP1032636)	35	52	40	37
All other residences	35	52	40	35

- L4.2 Noise limit definitions - For the purpose of the table at L4.1, the following definitions apply:  
 Day is defined as the period from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am to 6pm Sunday and Public Holidays;  
 Morning Shoulder is defined as the period from 5:00am to 7:00am Monday to Saturday;  
 Evening is defined as the period from 6:00pm to 10:00pm Monday to Saturday.

- L4.3 The noise limits set out in this licence apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:  
 a) Wind speed greater than 3 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or  
 b) Stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2 metres/second at 10 metres above ground level; or

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- c) Stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

## L4.4 Determining Compliance

To determine compliance with the noise limits set out in the table above, the licensee must locate monitoring equipment:

- a) within 30 metres of a dwelling façade (but not closer than 3 metres) where any dwelling on the property is situated more than 30 metres from the property boundary that is closest to the premises;
- b) approximately on the boundary where any dwelling is situated 30 metres or less from the property boundary that is closest to the premises;
- c) at the most affected point at a location where there is no dwelling at the location; and
- d) within approximately 50 metres of the boundary of a national park or nature reserve.

Note: A non-compliance of the Noise Limits table will still occur where noise generated from the premises in excess of the appropriate limit is measured:

- i) at a location other than an area prescribed in part (a) and part (b); and/or
- ii) at a point other than the most affected point at a location.

- L4.5 For the purposes of determining the noise generated at the premises the modification factors in Fact Sheet C of the EPA's "Noise Policy for Industry" must be applied, as appropriate, to the noise levels measured by the noise monitoring equipment.

## L5 Blasting

- L5.1 Blasting in or on the premises must only be carried out between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. No blasting is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays. Blasting outside of the hours specified in this condition can only take place with the written approval of the EPA.
- L5.2 Blasting is not permitted simultaneously with adjacent quarry(s).
- L5.3 The airblast overpressure level from blasting operations in or on the premises must not exceed:
  - a) 115 dB (Lin Peak) for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; and
  - b) 120 dB (Lin Peak) at any time,
 at monitoring point 11 detailed in Condition P1.4.
- L5.4 The ground vibration peak particle velocity from blasting operations carried out in or on the premises must not exceed:
  - a) 5 mm/second for more than 5% of the total number of blasts during each reporting period; and
  - b) 10 mm/second at any time,
 at monitoring point 11 detailed in Condition P1.4.
- L5.5 Error margins associated with any monitoring equipment used to measure airblast overpressure or peak particle velocity are not to be taken into account in determining whether or not the limit has been exceeded.
- L5.6 The airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels in the conditions above do not apply at noise sensitive locations that are owned by the licensee or subject to a private agreement, relating to airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels, between the licensee and land owner.

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- 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.

M5.3 The record of a complaint must be kept for at least 4 years after the complaint was made.

M5.4 The record must be produced to any authorised officer of the EPA who asks to see them.

## M6 Telephone complaints line

M6.1 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.

M6.2 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.

M6.3 The preceding two conditions do not apply until 1 month after the date of the issue of this licence.

## M7 Blasting

M7.1 To determine compliance with Blast Limit conditions of this licence:

- a) Airblast overpressure and ground vibration levels must be measured and electronically recorded for monitoring point 11 for the parameters specified in Column 1 of the table below; and
- b) The licensee must use the units of measure, sampling method, and sample at the frequency specified opposite in the other columns.

Parameter	Units of Measure	Frequency	Sampling Method
Airblast Overpressure	Decibels (Linear Peak)	All blasts	Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006
Ground Vibration Peak Particle Velocity	millimetres/second	All blasts	Australian Standard AS 2187.2-2006

## M8 Noise monitoring

M8.1 To assess compliance with the noise limits for this premises attended noise monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with all noise conditions and:

- a) during a period of normal quarry operations;
- b) at each one of the locations listed in the noise limits table of this licence;

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- c) occur quarterly in the reporting period;
- d) occur during each day period as defined in the NSW Noise Policy for Industry.

Note: Quarterly attended noise monitoring must be completed (unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary) to determine whether the development is complying with the relevant conditions of this consent. The frequency of noise monitoring will be reviewed, upon request.

## 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.

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.

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
- 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.

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

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

## B.3 Noise management plan

# 5 Noise limits

## 5.1 Operational noise

Condition 3 of Schedule 3 of PA 09\_0175 provides the operational noise limits for KEQ. These are reproduced in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1 Operational noise criteria (dB) from Table 2 of PA 09\_0175**

Noise Assessment Location <sup>1</sup>	Morning Shoulder L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)	Morning Shoulder L <sub>Amax</sub>	Day L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)	Evening L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minute)
A	35	52	42	40
B	35	52	40	40
G	35	52	43	39
H	35	52	44	46
I	35	52	40	37
All other residences	35	52	40	35

Noise assessment locations are shown in Figure 3.1.

Noise generated by the development must be monitored and measured in accordance with the relevant procedures and exemptions (including certain meteorological conditions) of the NPfl (EPA 2017).

The noise limits provided in Table 5.1 apply under standard and noise-enhancing meteorological conditions (as defined in the NPfl) determined by monitoring at the relevant weather station. In accordance with Condition L4.3 of EPL 20611 and consistent with Condition 3 of Schedule 3 of PA 09\_0175 the noise limits provided in Table 5.1 apply under all meteorological conditions except for the following:

- wind speeds greater than 3m/s at 10m above ground level;
- stability category F temperature inversion conditions and wind speeds greater than 2m/s at 10m above ground level; or
- stability category G temperature inversion conditions.

In accordance with Fact Sheet D of the NPfl, for 'very noise enhancing meteorological conditions' the applicable noise limit is set at 5dB above those provided in Table 5.1.

Noise limits do not apply if Karuah East has an agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land to exceed the noise criteria, and Karuah East has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

## 5.2 Road traffic noise

Condition 4 of Schedule 3 of PA 09\_0175 states that all reasonable and feasible measures must be taken to ensure that the traffic generated by KEQ does not cause additional exceedances of the criteria provided in Table 5.2 at any residence on privately-owned land.

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# Appendix C

## Calibration certificates

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE No: **C33872**

EQUIPMENT TESTED : Sound Level Calibrator

Manufacturer: Svantek

Type No: SV-36 Serial No: 79952

Owner: EMM Consulting Pty Ltd  
L3, 175 Scott Street  
Newcastle, NSW 2300

Tests Performed: Measured Output Pressure level, Frequency & Distortion

Comments: See Details overleaf. All Test Passed.

Parameter	Pre-Adj	Adj Y/N	Output: (dB re 20 µPa)	Frequency (Hz)	THD&N (%)
Level1:	NA	N	94.09 dB	1000.00 Hz	1.12 %
Level2:	NA	N	114.06 dB	1000.00 Hz	0.71 %
Uncertainty			±0.11 dB	±0.05%	±0.20 %
Uncertainty (at 95% c.l.) k=2					

## CONDITION OF TEST:

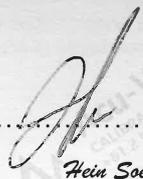
Ambient Pressure 1004 hPa ±1 hPa  
Temperature 23 °C ±1° C  
Relative Humidity 55 % ±5%

Date of Receipt : 26/09/2022  
Date of Calibration : 29/09/2022  
Date of Issue : 29/09/2022

Acu-Vib Test AVP02 (Calibrators)

Procedure: Test Method: AS IEC 60942 - 2017

CHECKED BY: 

AUTHORISED SIGNATURE: 

Hein Soe

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

CERTIFICATE NO: SLM31670

EQUIPMENT TESTED: Sound Level Meter

**Manufacturer:** B & K  
**Type No:** 2250  
**Mic. Type:** 4189  
**Pre-Amp. Type:** ZC0032

**Serial No:** 2759405  
**Serial No:** 2983733  
**Serial No:** 22666

**Filter Type:** 1/3 Octave  
**Test No:** F031671

**Owner:** EMM Consulting  
Level 3, 175 Scott Street  
Newcastle, NSW 2300

**Tests Performed:** IEC 61672-3:2013 & IEC 61260-3:2016

**Comments:** All Test passed for Class 1. (See overleaf for details)

## CONDITIONS OF TEST:

<b>Ambient Pressure</b>	992 hPa $\pm 1$ hPa	<b>Date of Receipt :</b>	02/02/2022
<b>Temperature</b>	26 °C $\pm 1^\circ$ C	<b>Date of Calibration :</b>	02/02/2022
<b>Relative Humidity</b>	48 % $\pm 5\%$	<b>Date of Issue :</b>	03/02/2022

**Acu-Vib Test Procedure:** AVP10 (SLM) & AVP06 (Filters)

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

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

*Jack Kidd*

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