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## **Karuah Hard Rock Quarry**

### **Environmental Monitoring Report:**

**November 2021**



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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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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 11569* (the EPL) (see Table 1) and *Development Consent 265-10-2004* (the Consent) (see Table 2) for the Karuah Hard Rock Quarry (the Quarry).

**Table 1 Environmental Protection Licence 11569 information**

<b>Environmental Protection Licence Number</b>	11569
<b>Licensee's Name</b>	Hunter Quarries Pty Limited
<b>Licensee's Address</b>	Licensee Postal Address: PO Box 3284 Thornton NSW 2322.  Premises Address: Karuah Quarry, Corner of Andesite Road and The Branch Lane, Karuah NSW 2324.
<b>Link to Full Licence on the EPA Website</b>	<a href="https://apps.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/">https://apps.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/</a>

**Table 2 Development Consent 265-10-2004 information**

<b>Development Application</b>	DA 265-10-2004
<b>Applicant</b>	Hunter Quarries Pty Limited
<b>Consent Authority</b>	Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources
<b>Land</b>	<a href="https://mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/27181">https://mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/27181</a>

A summary of the environmental monitoring data for November 2021 is covered in this report.

Tables throughout this report provide key monitoring information from the EPL and the Consent, such as:

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

Monitoring locations are identified in in Appendix 1.

## 2 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 14* of the Consent (see Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5). Deposited dust and TSP/PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring is undertaken at the locations listed in Table 6.

**Table 3 DA 265-10-2004 Long Term Assessment Criteria for Deposited Dust**

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

**Note 1:** Deposited dust is assessed as insoluble solids as defined by AS 3580.10.1-2003.

**Table 4 DA 265-10-2004 Long Term Impact Assessment Criteria for Particulate Matter**

Pollutant	Average period	Criterion
Total suspended particulate (TSP) matter	Annual	90 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate matter <10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual	30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 5 DA 265-10-2004 Short Term impact Assessment Criterion for Particulate Matter**

Pollutant	Averaging period	Criterion
Particulate matter <10 µm (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24 hour	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

**Table 6 Air quality monitoring locations**

Site ID	Location	Address	GPS Coordinates
DDG 1 (South)	South of the Karuah Quarry	5760 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'04"S 151°59'58"E
DDG 2 (South-East)	South of the Karuah Quarry	5770 Pacific Hwy, Karuah NSW 2324	32°38'02"S 152°00'09"E
DDG 3 (South-West)	South-West of the Karuah Quarry	DP 1024341, Karuah	32°37'57"S 151°59'41"E
DDG 4 (East)	East of the Karuah Quarry	21 Halloran Rd North Arm Cove NSW 2324	32° 37' 30.87"S 152°01'10.18"E

All dust monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the *Approved Methods of Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW* (EPA, 2007).

## 2.1 DEPOSITED DUST MONITORING

Deposited dust results for November 2021 and the year to date (YTD) from the Consent anniversary (16 January) are shown in Table 7.

**Table 7 Deposited dust monitoring results**

Date On	Date Off	DDG 1	DDG 2	DDG 3	DDG 4
03/12/2020	04/01/2021	0.3	0.5	<0.1	0.4
04/01/2021	04/02/2021	1.5	0.9	0.7	0.3
04/02/2021	05/03/2021	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.2
05/03/2021	06/04/2021	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.7
06/04/2021	06/05/2021	0.7	1.4	2.2	3.7
06/05/2021	03/06/2021	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
03/06/2021	05/07/2021	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
05/07/2021	05/08/2021	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.0
05/08/2021	06/09/2021	2.3	0.8	1.4	0.6
06/09/2021	06/10/2021	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4
06/10/2021	03/11/2021	3.6	0.1	0.5	0.1
03/11/2021	03/12/2021	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2
<b>YTD average</b>	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	

**Note**<sup>1</sup>: DDG4 was not able to be analysed for period 03/06/2021 to 05/07/2021 due to sample jar breaking during collection and transportation to the laboratory.

Monitoring results indicate that for the period 3 November 2021 to 3 December 2021 the insoluble solid levels recorded at DDG 1 to DDG 4 monitoring locations were below the project criterion of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>/month.

## 2.2 HIGH VOLUME AIR SAMPLING

The TSP and PM<sub>10</sub> results for November 2021, the report average and a rolling annual average are shown in are shown in Table 8. Figure 1 illustrates the year-to-date results for HVAS monitoring.

**Table 8 High Volume Air Sampling (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) results**

Run Date	HVAS TSP (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	HVAS PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
5/11/2021	25	9
11/11/2021	13	8
17/11/2021	15	9
23/11/2021	12	6
29/11/2021	24	15
<b>24hr Average Criteria<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Annual Average Criteria<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>90</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Progressive Annual Average<sup>2</sup></b>	17.9	10.4

**Note:** <sup>1</sup> Criteria as specified in DA 265-10-2004.

<sup>2</sup> The progressive annual average is from 01/01/2021 to 31/08/2021, this is not a measure of compliance.

All HVAS monitoring results, to the end of November 2021 were compliant with the long term and short term impact assessment criteria outlined in *Schedule 3 Condition 13* of the Consent (see Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5).

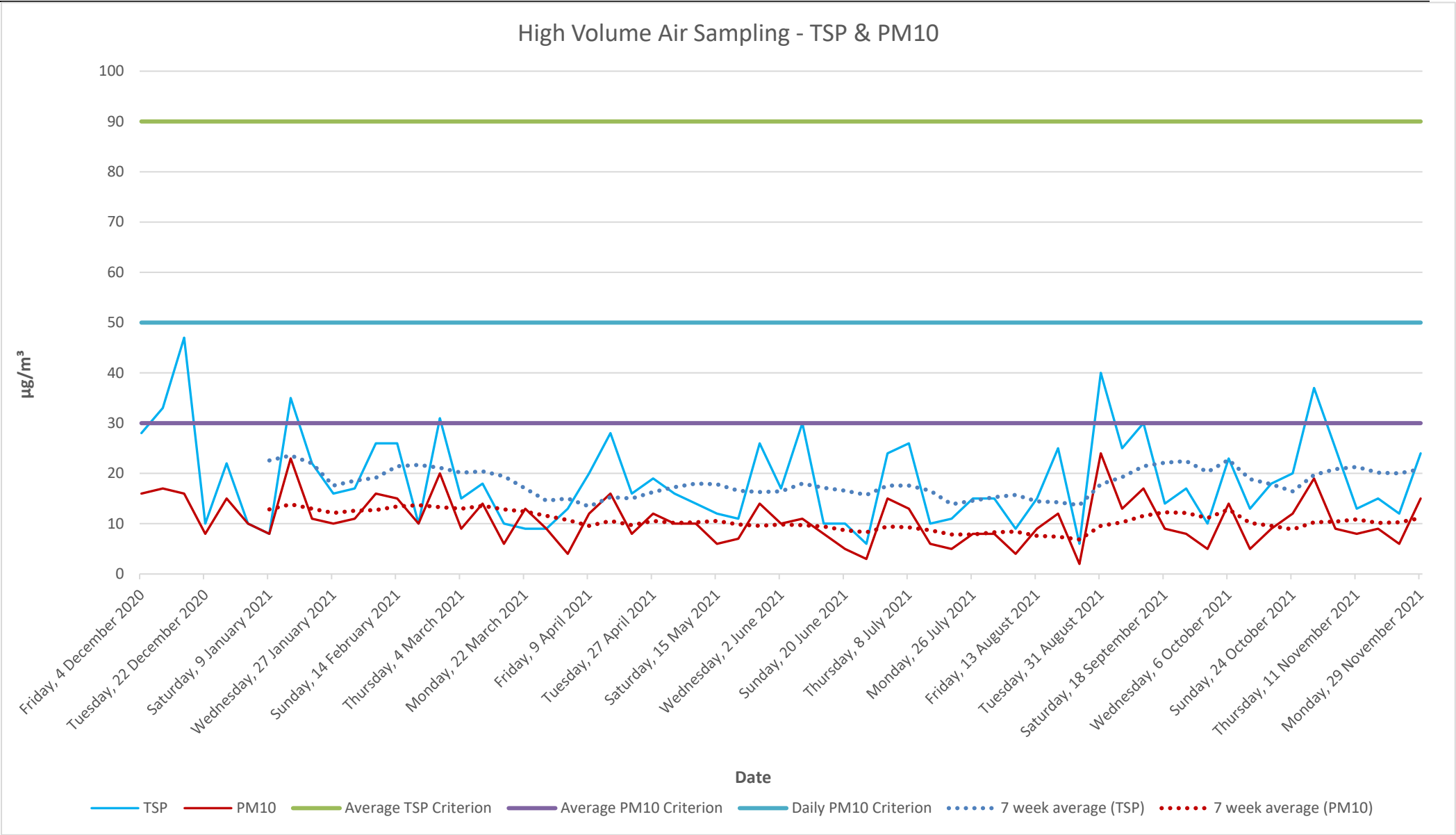


Figure 1 High Volume Air Sampling: Year-to-date results

### 3 BLAST MONITORING

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Blasting must only be carried out between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday to Friday. No blasting is permitted on Saturday, Sundays or Public Holidays. Blasting outside of the hours specified by the EPL/Consent, can only take place with the written approval of relevant regulatory authorities.

KEQ conduct monitoring at the nearest residential location (EPL 11569 EPA identification no. 11) to ensure that airblast overpressure level and ground vibration peak particle velocity do not exceed the EPL and Consent criteria (see **Error! Reference source not found.**).

**Table 9 EPL 11569 Condition M7.1 Blasting**

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

There were no blasts conducted in November 2021.



## 4 NOISE MONITORING

Noise generated by the Quarry operation must not exceed the criteria specified in *Schedule 3, Condition 14* of the Consent (see **Error! Reference source not found.**) at the locations identified in 10.

**Table 10 Noise impact assessment criteria**

Time Period	Noise Limit (dBA) LAeq(15minute)
Day 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday 7:00am to 1:00pm Saturday	48
Evening 6:00pm to 10:00pm Monday to Friday	47
At All Other Times	46

**Table 11 Noise monitoring locations**

Noise Monitoring Location	Property Name	Distance from Karuah Quarry
NM1	Lot 3 DP785172 5772 Pacific Hwy, Karuah	317 metres South of the Karuah Quarry
NM2	Lot 2 DP 785172 5760 Pacific Hwy, Karuah	200 metres South of the Karuah Quarry

### 4.1 ATTENDED MONITORING

Attended noise monitoring is required to be undertaken at the two nearest residences (NM1 and NM2) biannually.

The most recent attended noise monitoring was undertaken during November, see monitoring results in **Error! Reference source not found.**

**Table 12 Attended noise monitoring results**

Location	Date	Start time (Period)	Total noise levels, dB								Site contribution, dB	EPL / PA Limits, dB	Meteorological conditions <sup>2</sup> EPL limits apply (Y/N)	Exceedance, dB	Comments
			L <sub>Amin</sub>	L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>Aeq</sub>	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	L <sub>Ceq</sub>	LFN mod. Factor <sup>1</sup>					
NM1	19/11	10:44	45	48	66	53	81	96	70	Nil	IA	48	0.5 m/s @ 213° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah Quarry inaudible. Traffic on the Pacific Highway, insects, frogs and bird noise consistently audible. Resident noise and a dog barking frequently audible.
NM2	19/11	11:19	56	59	63	65	68	69	70	Nil	IA	48	0.8 m/s @ 219° A stability class Y	Nil	Karuah Quarry inaudible. Traffic on the Pacific Highway and bird noise consistently audible.

Notes: 1. Modifying factor correction for LFN in accordance with Fact sheet C of the NPfI.  
2. Meteorological data were taken as an average over 15 minutes from the Karuah Quarry on-site weather station (Refer to Section 5.1).  
3. IA = inaudible.  
4. N/A = not applicable.

The results of the attended monitoring (Table 12) show ambient noise levels include noise sources such as traffic from the nearby Pacific Highway and wildlife such as birds. The Quarry operation was inaudible at location NM1 and NM2.

## 4.2 UNATTENDED NOISE MONITORING

Unattended noise monitoring is required to be undertaken at the two nearest residences (NM1 and NM2) biannually.

The most recent unattended noise monitoring was undertaken during November, see monitoring results for NM1 and NM2 in Table 13.

**Table 13 Unattended Noise Monitoring Results**

Location	Period	Measured noise levels, dB	
		L <sub>A90</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,period</sub>
NM1 19 November – 1 December 2021	Day	44	50
	Evening	45	53
	Night	39	50
NM2 19 November – 1 December 2021	Day	55	63
	Evening	50	62
	Night	41	60

The attended noise monitoring conducted during November 2021 identified that the Quarry was not audible at location NM1 or NM2.

## 5 SURFACE WATER MONITORING

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Condition L2 of the EPL outlines the requirement to monitor surface water discharges from the Quarry via the licensed discharge point (LDP001), see Table 14.

**Table 14 EPL 11569 - Pollutant concentration limits**

Pollutant	Units of Measure	Concentration Limit
Oil and Grease	Visible	5 &/or non-visible
pH	pH units	6.5 – 8.5
Total suspended solids	Milligrams per litre	50

There were no controlled discharges from LDP001 during the month of November 2021.

## 6 WEATHER MONITORING

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Karuah Quarry has a permanent meteorological station to monitor various weather parameters. Figure 2 shows the recorded results for the local weather during November 2021. Weather data is significant from an environmental perspective, especially when regarding the total rainfall in the area as this effects multiple variables particularly erosion and sediment control as well as water quality management.

A wind rose is a graphic tool used to depict the average direction and speed of the wind over a recorded period. Figure 3 shows the wind rose generated from data gathered during November 2021.

## Monthly Weather Summary



Site: Karuah Quarry  
Month: November 2021

Date	Day	Temperature @ 2m			Temperature @ 10m			Winds			Solar Radiation		Rain <sup>2</sup>
		Max <sup>1</sup>	Min <sup>2</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max <sup>1</sup>	Min <sup>2</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max Gust <sup>1</sup>	Ave Speed <sup>1</sup>	Dir Ave <sup>1</sup>	Max <sup>1</sup>	Ave <sup>1</sup>	
		°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	km/h	km/h	deg	W/m <sup>2</sup>	W/m <sup>2</sup>	mm
1	Mon	23.8	8.0	18.9	22.0	8.8	18.6	21.3	4.5	127	772.5	156.2	
2	Tue	26.8	13.2	19.3	24.1	14.2	19.0	34.3	5.5	128	1084.1	222.5	
3	Wed	27.3	13.1	20.6	24.3	14.0	20.0	28.4	6.1	128	1006.7	241.7	
4	Thu	26.4	16.1	19.2	24.2	16.4	19.0	18.9	2.8	160	554.9	106.5	
5	Fri	24.2	16.1	17.8	22.1	16.9	18.0	24.9	4.3	139	1055.0	156.9	2.4
6	Sat	29.7	12.2	21.4	27.0	13.4	20.9	28.4	4.9	140	1032.5	240.9	1.2
7	Sun	29.9	14.5	20.9	27.1	15.6	20.2	21.3	3.5	177	994.1	128.9	
8	Mon	25.5	17.5	19.4	22.8	17.4	18.9	26.0	4.0	188	1024.2	187.5	33.6
9	Tue	28.8	15.2	21.6	24.9	15.6	20.8	26.0	6.1	145	1133.2	237.0	0.2
10	Wed	27.6	17.9	20.6	25.7	18.3	20.2	55.6	4.4	188	690.8	101.2	
11	Thu	21.5	17.3	19.0	22.1	17.4	18.8	27.2	4.8	183	605.8	56.3	25.2
12	Fri	31.5	16.8	21.5	29.4	16.7	21.1	46.1	10.4	265	1042.4	269.4	17.0
13	Sat	22.4	13.9	17.0	20.7	14.5	16.8	50.9	15.1	275	1129.9	185.8	0.2
14	Sun	24.3	13.3	16.6	22.6	13.8	16.5	50.9	10.1	243	1090.8	270.4	
15	Mon	24.7	8.6	17.1	23.0	9.3	17.2	56.8	8.9	241	940.0	306.2	0.4
16	Tue	23.9	7.0	17.4	20.3	8.2	16.5	31.9	4.8	197	1255.8	247.5	0.2
17	Wed	23.7	13.0	17.3	20.2	13.0	17.0	33.1	6.8	135	1217.5	212.4	
18	Thu	29.2	12.6	21.6	25.7	13.6	21.0	27.2	5.2	150	1058.3	273.3	
19	Fri	26.6	16.0	21.2	25.6	16.8	21.0	17.8	2.3	168	454.9	88.5	
20	Sat	25.4	17.6	19.3	24.5	17.7	19.0	23.7	3.8	179	730.0	74.7	0.4
21	Sun	19.2	16.7	17.3	18.7	16.4	17.5	46.1	12.2	160	319.9	47.8	20.6
22	Mon	20.8	16.1	17.7	19.7	16.5	17.7	40.2	7.3	153	619.9	97.2	20.0
23	Tue	24.2	16.7	20.2	22.4	16.8	19.9	18.9	5.1	138	789.9	138.3	15.2
24	Wed	28.8	17.5	22.8	27.0	18.0	22.5	33.1	6.5	107	1175.8	211.0	2.0
25	Thu	29.0	19.7	22.8	27.4	19.8	22.5	29.6	5.0	148	1163.3	148.7	4.6
26	Fri	18.8	18.0	17.2	18.7	17.9	17.2	36.7	9.2	184	238.3	33.8	23.6
27	Sat	17.9	15.9	16.2	17.1	16.0	16.1	36.7	7.8	173	480.8	78.1	51.8
28	Sun	22.8	15.2	17.6	20.4	15.3	17.2	28.4	5.6	180	1108.3	143.1	27.2
29	Mon	23.0	14.8	19.6	20.6	14.7	19.0	17.8	3.9	140	799.1	120.1	1.2
30	Tue	23.4	16.9	20.1	22.0	17.6	19.8	21.3	3.7	133	455.8	77.4	0.2
Ave or Total		25.0	14.9	19.3	23.1	15.4	19.0	32.0	6.2	169.1	867.5	162.0	247.2
High		31.5	19.7	22.8	29.4	19.8	22.5	56.8	15.1		1255.8	306.2	51.8
Low		17.9	7.0	16.2	17.1	8.2	16.1	17.8	2.3		238.3	33.8	

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

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

No. rain days >1mm: 14

Figure 2 Weather Summary November 2021

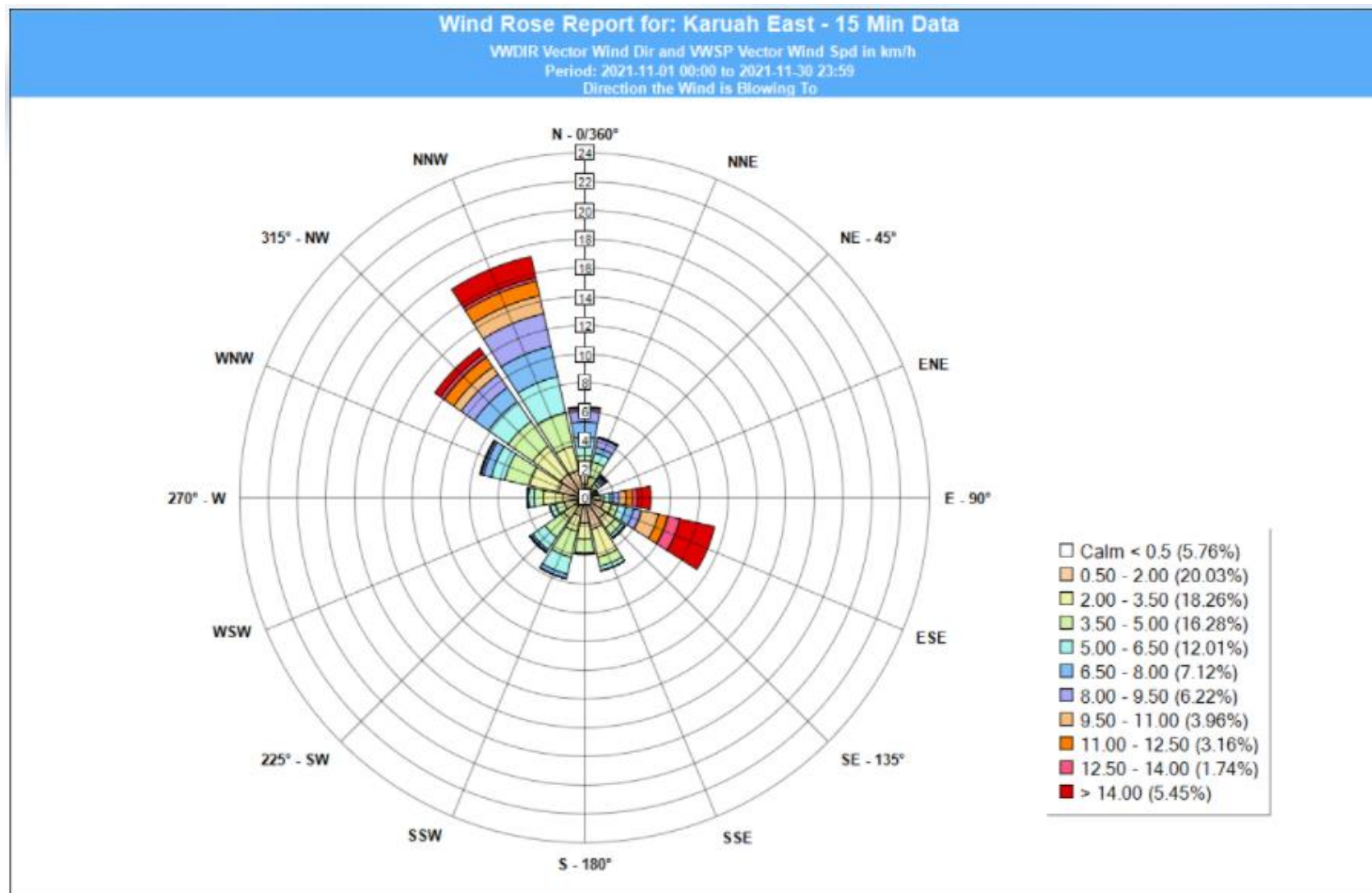


Figure 3 Wind rose November 2021

## **7 REPORTING**

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### **7.1 INCIDENT**

There were nil environmental incidents during November 2021 to report.

### **7.2 NON-COMPLIANCE**

There were nil non-compliance events during November 2021 to report.

### **7.3 COMPLAINTS**

There were nil complaints received during November 2021.

## Appendix 1 – Monitoring Locations



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#### LEGEND

- Blast Monitoring Site
- Air Quality Monitoring Site
- Noise Monitoring Site
- Water Monitoring Site
- Watercourse
- Lot Boundary

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GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56

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Source: Nearmap (June 2020)

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