



ALINTA ENERGY REEVES PLAINS POWER STATION

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION











APPENDIX A – PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ENDORESMENT



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Dear Mr Woolley,

REEVES PLAINS POWER STATION

I refer to your letter of 3 July 2017 regarding the request for support and specific endorsement pursuant to Section 49(2)(c) of the *Development Act 1993* for the proposed Reeves Plains Power Station (RPPS) project at 1629 Redbanks Road, Reeves Plains.

Given that the proposed works meet the definition of "public infrastructure" as outlined in Section 49(1)(a) of *Development Act 1993*, and the project will provide additional back-up to the State's existing power generation supply, I am prepared to support and specifically endorse, pursuant to Section 49(2)(c) of the *Development Act 1993*, the works as detailed below:

Up to 6 x 50 MW GE LM6000 PF sprint gas turbines;
Gas receiving station;
Water storage and distribution components;
Wastewater treatment facilities;
Administration building, workshop and stores, switch-room and control building;
Internal access roads and car parking;
Electrical 275kV switchyard and substation; and
Diesel storage and delivery system.

A conceptual site layout of these works (Figure 3 Plan) is detailed in Attachment 1.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet make no representations or gives no warranties in relation to the outcome of the development application or time that it takes to secure a planning outcome for the project.

It is Alinta Energy's responsibility to obtain all other statutory approvals, licences and permits from relevant authorities, manage community expectations and to fund the project. The State Government makes no commitment to purchase any product or services related to the project.

A development application must be lodged by Alinta Energy at its cost with the Development Assessment Commission on or prior to 28 September 2018. If this is not achieved by that time, my support under Section 49(2)(c) of the *Development Act 1993* for the RPPS works will lapse.

Please contact Mr Brett Fundak, DPTI - Infrastructure Coordinator if you have any queries in relation to this advice or require further information. He can be contacted on 8402 1845, Mobile 0407 617 022 or via e-mail at brett.fundak@sa.gov.au

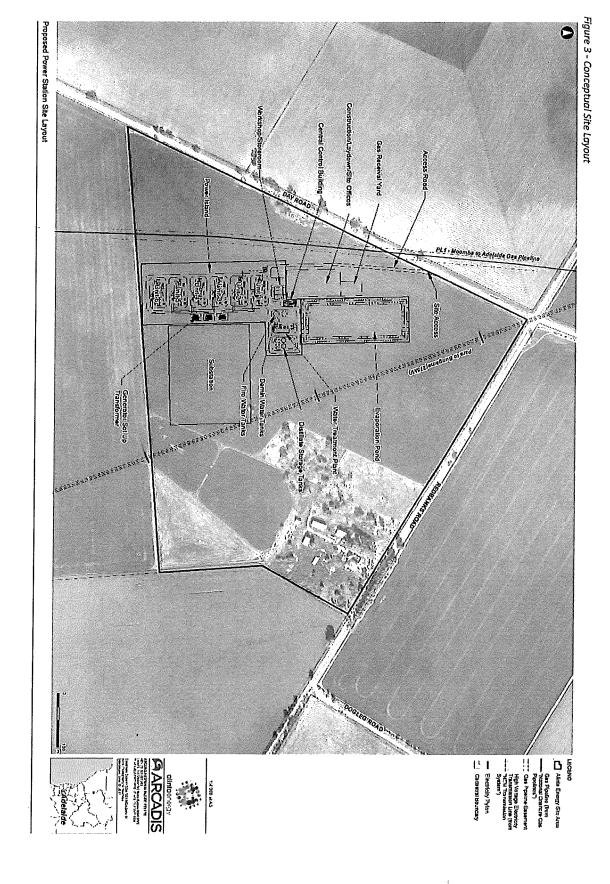
Yours sincerely,

Dr Don Russell
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Attachment 1: conceptual site layout (D17010340)

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APPENDIX B – OTR ENDORESMENT



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7 August 2017

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Dear Alistair,

RE: CERTIFICATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE REEVES PLAINS POWER STATION

The development of the Reeves Plains Power Station at 1629 Redbanks Road, Reeves Plains, has been assessed by the Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) under Section 37 of the Development Act 1993.

Regulation 70 of the *Development Regulations 2008* prescribes if the proposed development is for the purposes of the provision of electricity generating plant with a generating capacity of more than 5 MW that is to be connected to the State's power system – a certificate from the Technical Regulator is required, certifying that the proposed development complies with the requirements of the Technical Regulator in relation to the security and stability of the State's power system.

In making a decision on your application, our office has taken the following information into account:

- Alinta Energy's document 'Reeves Plains Power Station, Application to the Office of the Technical Regulator, Technical Conditions Addendum' Revision 1, emailed by Dianne Nicotra of Alinta Energy to the OTR on 7 August 2017;
- A meeting between Alinta Energy representatives and the OTR on 4 August 2017.



After assessing the information provided, I advise that approval is granted for the proposed generator.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call David Bosnakis on (08) 8226 5521.

Yours sincerely

Rob Faunt

TECHNICAL REGULATOR

cc:

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APPENDIX C – CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

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23 May 2017

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Title(s): CT 5887/243

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Registered Proprietor(s)

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Description of Land

ALLOTMENT 1 DEPOSITED PLAN 22848 IN THE AREA NAMED REEVES PLAINS HUNDRED OF GRACE

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SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENT(S) AS PROVIDED FOR BY SECTION 9 OF THE NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY ACT 1967

SUBJECT TO EASEMENT(S) OVER THE LAND MARKED A TO THE ELECTRICITY TRUST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (T 2027870)

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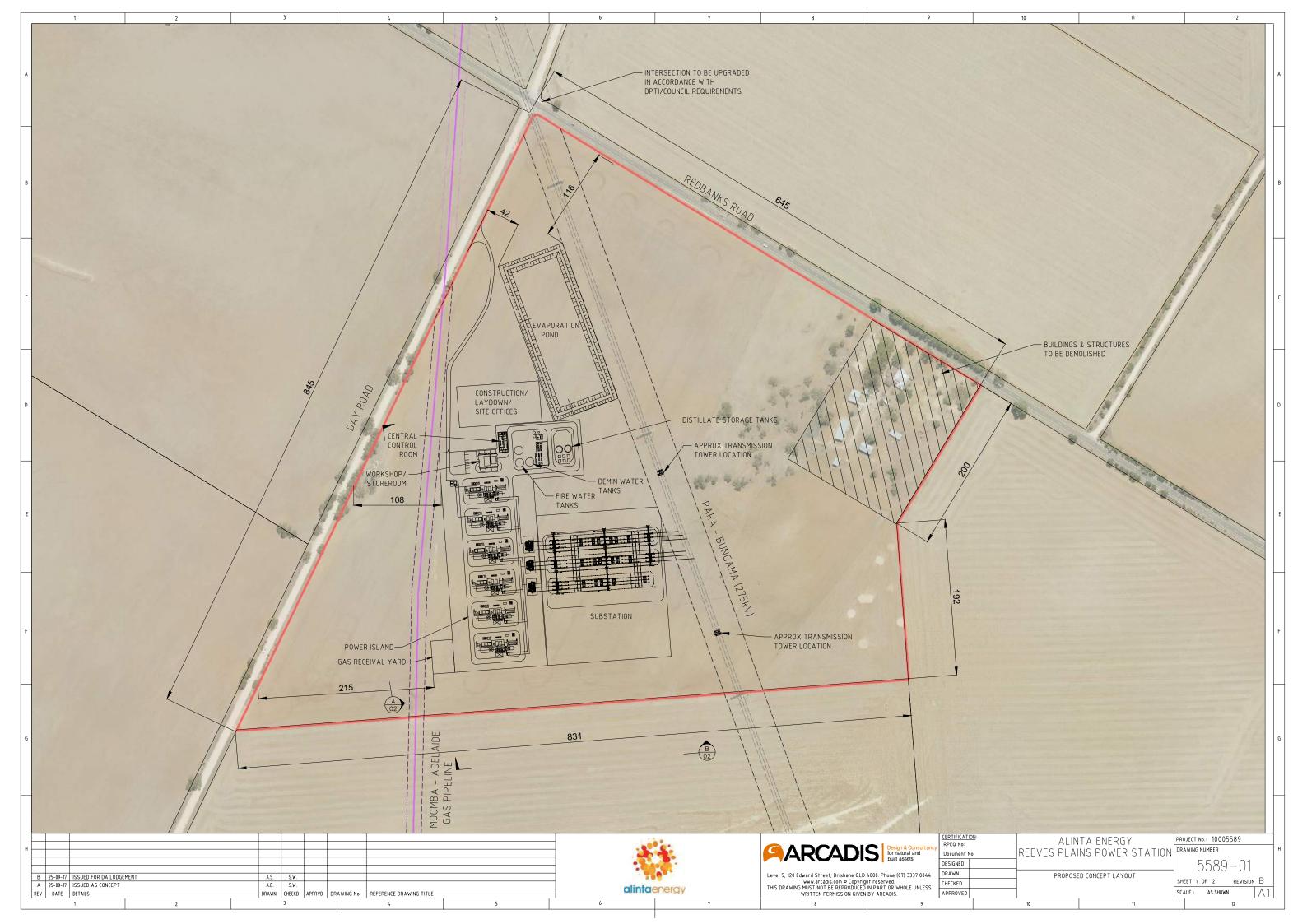
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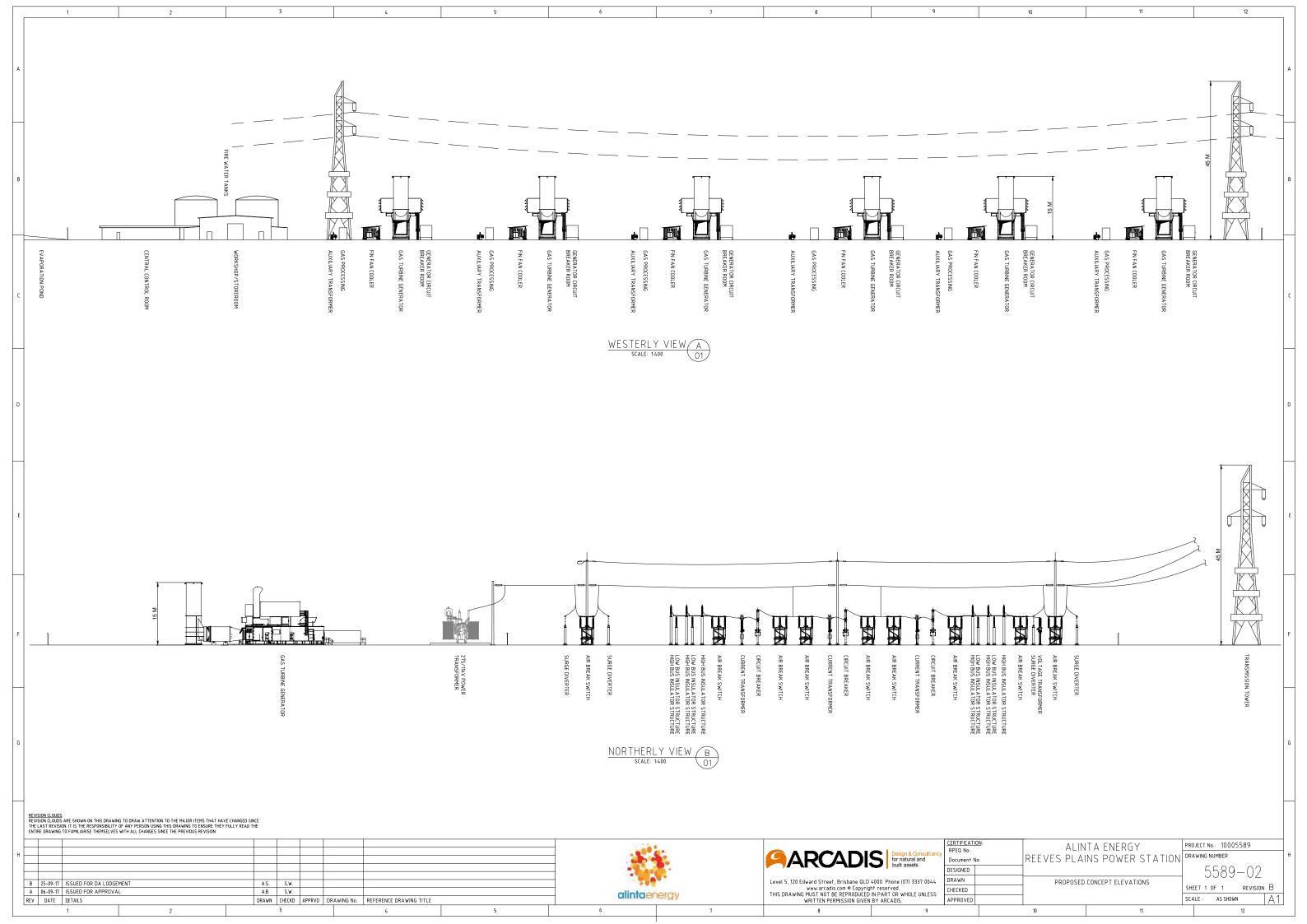
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APPENDIX D – CONCEPT LAYOUT AND ELEVATIONS





APPENDIX E – ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Reeves Plains Power Station Environmental Noise Impact Assessment

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Glossary

A-weighting A spectrum adaption that is applied to measured noise levels to represent

human hearing. A-weighted levels are used as human hearing does not

respond equally at all frequencies.

than from the *noise source*.

Background noise level means the noise level that, according to a measurement taken using fast

time weighting in accordance with Part 3, is equalled or exceeded for 90 per

cent of the period over which the measurement is taken (L₉₀)

Characteristic Associated with a noise source, means a tonal, impulsive, low frequency or

modulating characteristic of the noise that is determined in accordance with the Guidelines for the use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy

2007 to be fundamental to the nature and impact of the noise.

Continuous noise level A-weighted noise level of a continuous steady sound that, for the period

over which the measurement is taken using fast time weighting, has the same mean square sound pressure as the noise level which varies over time when measured in relation to a noise source and noise-affected

premises in accordance with the Noise EPP

Day Between 7 am and 10 pm as defined in the Noise EPP

dB Decibel—a unit of measurement used to express sound level. It is based on

a logarithmic scale which means a sound that is 3 dB higher has twice as much energy. We typically perceive a 10 dB increase in sound as a

doubling of that sound level.

dB(A) Units of the A-weighted sound level.

Frequency (Hz) The number of times a vibrating object oscillates (moves back and forth) in

one second. Fast movements produce high frequency sound (high pitch/tone), but slow movements mean the frequency (pitch/tone) is low. 1

Hz is equal to 1 cycle per second.

L_{eq} Equivalent Noise Level—Energy averaged noise level over the

measurement time.

 L_{90} Noise level exceeded for 90 % of the measurement time. The L_{90} level is

commonly referred to as the background noise level.

Night Between 10.00 p.m. on one day and 7.00 a.m. on the following day as

defined in the Noise EPP

Noise source Premises or a place at which an activity is undertaken, or a machine or

device that is operated, resulting in the emission of noise.



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Executive Summary1



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Executive Summary

An environmental noise impact assessment has been undertaken for the Proposed Reeves Plains Power Station. The power station will provide electricity during periods of high demand, and will be delivered in two stages with up to 150MW (3 turbines) installed initially with further build out up to 300MW as required by prevailing market conditions.

The proposed project site is located 12km to the south-east of Mallala, in a predominantly rural area. The nearest noise sensitive receptor to the development is 920m to the south of the nearest turbine, with a further 22 dwellings within 3 km.

The Project is located in a Primary Production Zone, while the most affected noise sensitive premises are located in a Primary Production Zone or Rural Living Zone within the Mallala Council Region. Planning noise criteria have been derived in accordance with the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy* 2007 (Noise EPP), taking into account the promoted activities in these zones.

Because the power station may operate at any time, worst-case noise emissions are assessed against the more stringent night time criteria of 40 dB(A) L_{eq} for receivers in the Rural Living Zone, and 45 dB(A) L_{eq} for receivers in the Primary Production zone. Compliance with the night criteria will ensure that the project complies with the less stringent daytime criteria by a significant margin.

Ambient noise measurements undertaken in the vicinity of the site indicate that noise from existing sources such as road traffic is within the range of 40 to 50 dB(A) L_{eq} when averaged over a typical day.

A noise model has been produced to predict noise emissions at noise sensitive receivers in the vicinity of the Project. The predictions are based on noise source data from measurements undertaken of the similar model of turbine, and assume worst-case meteorological conditions in terms of sound propagation.

Worst-case noise emissions generated by the power station, with all six turbines running in the noisiest mode of operation, are predicted to meet the relevant Noise EPP criteria at all surrounding receiver locations. It is noted that predictions are based on a conservative scenario which is expected to be rare in practice. Noise emissions are likely to be significantly less for the majority of the time.

Noise from power transformers, water treatment plant, and other ancillary equipment is expected to be negligible compared to turbine noise, and will not increase overall noise levels from the site when measured at the nearest receiver locations.

Construction noise is expected to meet the provisions of Division 1 of the Noise EPP provided work is carried out between the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday, and all reasonable and practicable measures are taken to minimise noise.

While horses and other animals are not sensitive receivers as defined by the Noise EPP, the potential effects of noise from the project on horses has been considered in response to community concerns. Based on research into the hearing threshold and behaviour response of horses to noise, we consider that noise from construction and operation of the project will not have any adverse effect on the health or behaviour of horses at large distance (greater than 1 km).



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1 Introduction

This report outlines the results of the environmental noise assessment for the proposed Reeves Plains Power Station (the **Project**). The project consists of up to 6 x 50 MW GE LM6000 PF Sprint open cycle gas turbines and other ancillary infrastructure. The site is located 12 kilometres (km) to the south-east of Mallala in a predominantly rural region of South Australia. The nearest noise sensitive receiver is 920m to the south of the nearest turbine, with a further 22 dwellings within 3 km.

The potential noise emissions from the project have been assessed against the requirements of the South Australian Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007 and the Mallala Council Development Plan.



2 Development

Alinta Energy (Reeves Plains) Pty Limited is proposing the staged development, construction, commissioning and operation of a power station and associated infrastructure of up to 300MW in capacity, at 1629 Redbanks Road, Reeves Plains (the **Project**).

The Project will comprise the following:

- Up to 6 x 50 MW GE LM6000 PF SPRINT open cycle gas turbines;
- Gas receiving station;
- Water storage and distribution components:
 - Water treatment plant;
 - Raw water storage tank;
 - Demineralised water tank;
 - o Potable water tank; and
 - o Fire-fighting system.
- Wastewater treatment facilities including:
 - Stormwater evaporation basin;
 - o Wastewater evaporation basin; and
 - Oil/water separator.
- Administration building, workshop and stores, switch-room and control building;
- Internal access roads and car parking;
- Electrical 275kV switchyard and substation; and
- Liquid fuel storage and delivery system.

The power station will operate as a 'peaker', providing electricity during periods of high demand, and is designed to generate up to 300 megawatts (MW) of power and will be delivered in two stages with up to 150MW (3 turbines) installed initially with further build out as required by prevailing market conditions.

The Project is required to obtain development consent from the State Commission Assessment Panel before proceeding. Construction of the Project is scheduled to commence in 2018 with operation of the power station occurring in the first quarter of 2020 at the earliest.

Turbines and other equipment will operate in response to demand, and may therefore operate at any time of the day or night.

The site is located 12km to the south-east of Mallala. The Mallala district forms part of the Adelaide Plains region located to the north of Adelaide. The surrounding area is a predominantly agricultural and horticultural region that is generally flat with limited vegetation coverage. Agricultural and horticultural land is used for cropping cereal grains such as wheat, barley, lucerne and mungbeans. Parts of the surrounding region are used for rural living purposes, which includes several properties at the nearby town of Fischer.

The nearest noise sensitive receptor to the development is R34, some 920m to the south of the nearest turbine. There are a further 22 noise sensitive receptors within 3 km of the project site, with most concentrated in the town of Fischer to the northeast. The locations of the nearest receptors are shown in Table 1 and Figure 1 below. We note that the numbering of receptors is consistent with Air Quality and other technical reports, which may include receptors at greater distances from the site than those considered in this assessment.



Table 1 Location of nearest noise sensitive receptors

Approximate distance						
Receiver ID	Address	Easting	Northing	nearest turbine (m)		
R1	81 Woolsheds Rd	280802.1629	6180444.662	1230		
R2	30 Worden Rd	280887.2565	6180722.976	1520		
R9	64 Woolsheds Rd	281055.4466	6180363.742	1230		
R47	715 Verner Rd	278478.5442	6178453.983	2160		
R10	43 Dogleg Rd	281545.801	6179695.378	1110		
R11	67 Dogleg Rd	281717.2025	6179744.508	1280		
R12	77 Dogleg Rd	281895.1454	6179716.36	1440		
R49	1800 Redbanks Rd	279581.4699	6180378.547	1480		
R13	264 Boundary Rd	282354.7762	6179800.667	1900		
R50	1561 Redbanks Rd	281638.2288	6179015.184	1090		
R14	236 Boundary Rd	282316.412	6179936.945	1910		
R51	1806 Redbanks Road	279209.0905	6179730.919	1420		
R15	21-43 Bache Rd	282118.4916	6180066.744	1780		
R16	43 Bache Rd	281974.0646	6180028.294	1640		
R17	57 Bache Rd	281893.3775	6180127.165	1620		
R18	75 Bache Rd	281589.4818	6180132.718	1380		
R19	206 Boundary Rd	282291.6565	6180331.268	2060		
R20	164 Boundary Rd	282295.6542	6180530.722	2180		
R21	351 Boundary Rd	282438.5094	6178681.168	1920		
R30	1357 Redbanks Rd	282990.8657	6177713.396	2780		
R34	974 Verner Road	280940.2968	6178220.098	920		
R35	236 Day Rd	279363.4404	6177605.787	1870		
R36	334 Day Rd	279071.7498	6176763.822	2720		



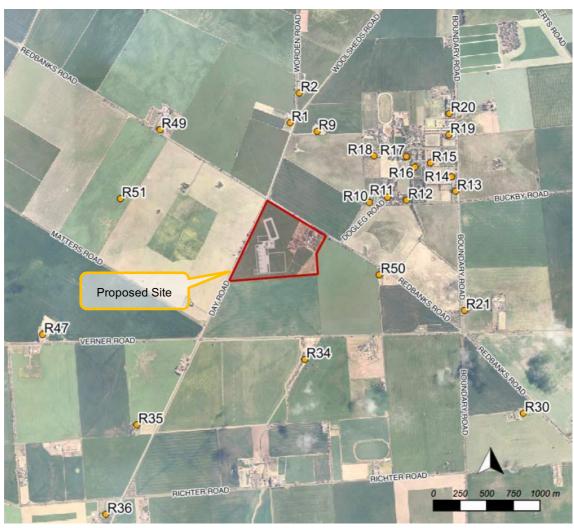


Figure 1: Proposed development site and surrounding area with location of nearest noise sensitive receptors



3 Noise criteria

Noise is typically assessed against criteria measured in decibels (dB). The decibel scale is logarithmic, meaning that a sound that is 3 dB higher has twice as much energy. We typically perceive a 6-10 dB increase in sound as a doubling of loudness. Criteria are usually A-weighted to represent human response to hearing at different frequencies. The typical sound level associated with common noise sources is shown below.

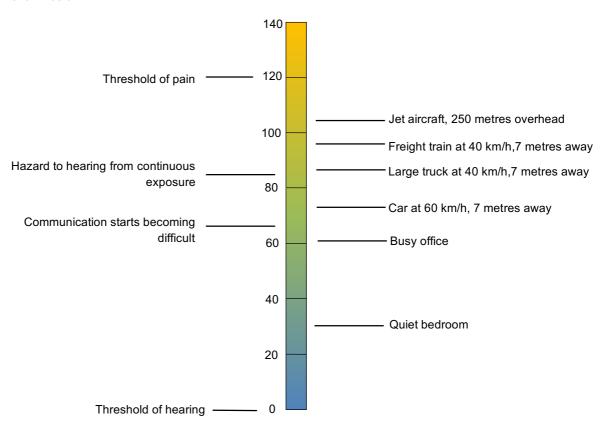


Figure 2: Typical sound levels in dB(A)

3.1 Operational noise criteria

Environmental noise emissions from the proposed development are required to comply with the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy* 2007 (Noise EPP), which is the most relevant guideline to address the requirements of the overarching *Environment Protection Act* 1993.

The noise goals in the Noise EPP are based on the zoning of the proposed development and the closest noise affected premises in the relevant development plan. The land uses primarily promoted by the zones are used to determine the indicative noise factors shown in Table 2.



Table 2 Indicative noise factors for various land use categories

Land use category	Indicative noise factor dB(A)		
	Day (7 am to 10 pm)	Night (10 pm to 7 am)	
Rural living	47	40	
Residential	52	45	
Rural industry	57	50	
Light industry	57	50	
Commercial	62	55	
General industry	65	55	
Special industry	70	60	

In this case, the Project is located in a Primary Production Zone, while the most affected noise sensitive premises (residents) are located in a Primary Production Zone or Rural Living Zone within the Mallala Council Region. The Mallala Development Plan promotes rural industrial activities, including those associated with wind farms, within the Primary Production Zone. Low density residential living and small scale rural activities are envisaged in the Rural Living Zone.

Clause 5(5) of the Noise EPP requires that if the noise source and the noise sensitive premises are located in zones where different land use categories are promoted, then the indicative noise level is the average of those relevant indicative noise factors. In this case, the indicative noise level for receptors in the Rural Living Zone is the average of Rural Living and Rural Industry factors, i.e. 52 dB(A) during the daytime and 45 dB(A) during the night. The indicative noise level for receptors in the Rural Industry Zone is not averaged, as these receptors are in the same zone as the noise source.

In accordance with Part 5 of the Noise EPP, the relevant planning assessment criteria for this development is the determined indicative noise level minus five dB(A), as shown in Table 3 below. The *Guidelines for use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* note that the more stringent criteria which are applied to assessment of development applications is in recognition of a range of factors, including increased sensitivity to noise from a new noise source, the increased scope for inclusion of reasonable and practicable noise reduction measures to new development, and the cumulative effect of noise.

The planning criteria apply to external noise levels predicted at the façade of any noise sensitive receptor. We note that the night time criteria are critical as the proposed turbines may operate at any time of the day and night. Compliance with the night criteria will ensure that the project complies with the daytime criteria by a significant margin.

Table 3 Planning noise criteria

Receivers	Planning noise criteria dB(A) L _{eq}				
	Day (7 am to 10 pm)	Night (10 pm to 7 am)			
Rural Living	47	40			
Rural Industry	52	45			



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Penalties can also be applied to a noise source for a variety of characteristics, such as impulsive, low frequency, modulating or tonal characters. For a characteristic penalty to be applied to a noise source it must be fundamental to the impact of the noise and dominate the overall noise impact. Application of the characteristic penalty is discussed in the noise emission assessment.

We note that under Part 5, Clause 20(6) of the Noise EPP, exceedance of the recommended criterion does not necessarily mean that the development will be non-compliant. Some of the following matters should be considered when considering compliance:

- the amount by which the criterion is exceeded (in dB(A))
- the frequency and duration for which the criterion is exceeded
- the ambient noise that has a noise level similar to the predicted noise level
- the times of occurrence of the noise source
- the number of persons likely to be adversely affected by the noise source and whether there is any special need for quiet.

3.2 Construction noise criteria

Division 1 of the Noise EPP contain provisions in relation to noise from construction, demolition and related activities as follows:

- a) subject to paragraph (b), the activity
 - i) must not occur on a Sunday or other public holiday; and
 - ii) must not occur on any other day except between 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.;
- b) a particular operation may occur on a Sunday or other public holiday between 9.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m., or may commence before 7.00 a.m. on any other day
 - i) to avoid an unreasonable interruption of vehicle or pedestrian traffic movement; or
 - ii) if other grounds exist that the Authority or another administering agency determines to be sufficient:
- c) all reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to minimise noise resulting from the activity and to minimise its impact, including (without limitation)
 - i) commencing any particularly noisy part of the activity (such as masonry sawing or jack hammering) after 9.00 a.m.; and
 - ii) locating noisy equipment (such as masonry saws or cement mixers) or processes so that their impact on neighbouring premises is minimised (whether by maximising the distance to the premises, using structures or elevations to create barriers or otherwise); and
 - iii) shutting or throttling equipment down whenever it is not in actual use; and
 - ensuring that noise reduction devices such as mufflers are fitted and operating effectively;
 and
 - v) ensuring that equipment is not operated if maintenance or repairs would eliminate or significantly reduce a characteristic of noise resulting from its operation that is audible at noise-affected premises; and
 - vi) operating equipment and handling materials so as to minimise impact noise; and
 - vii) using off-site or other alternative processes that eliminate or lessen resulting noise.

The above provisions recognise that construction noise is inherently noisy, with limited opportunity for mitigation. However, given the temporary nature and limited duration of construction noise, it is considered acceptable provided it is undertaken within reasonable hours and all reasonable and practicable measures to mitigate noise are implemented.



4 Ambient noise measurements

4.1 Details

Ambient noise monitoring at 3 locations in the area surrounding the project site was undertaken from Friday 4th August 2017 to Monday 14th August 2017. The locations of monitoring are shown in Figure 3. Locations were selected to be representative of noise levels in the vicinity of the project site.

At the time of sound level meter setup and retrieval, the dominant noise sources were road traffic, and wind induced noise.

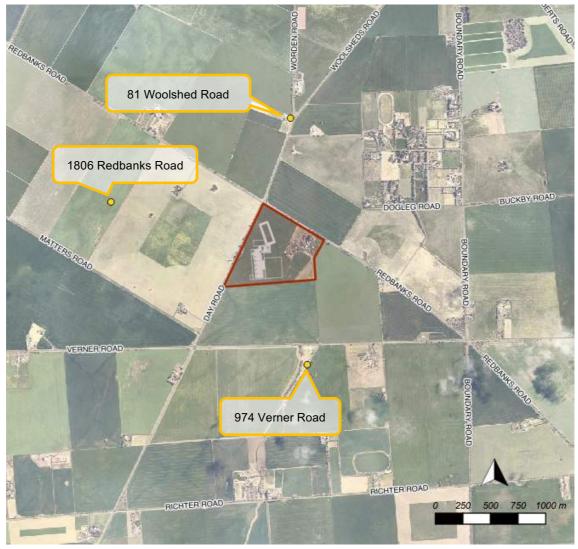


Figure 3 Ambient noise monitoring locations



4.2 Instrumentation

The noise measurements were taken with a calibrated sound level meters, as detailed in Table 4 below. The sound level meters were calibrated both before and after the measurements using a Type 1 Brüel & Kjær 4231 sound level calibrator, and the calibration was found to have not drifted. Sound level meters and calibrator carry current calibration certificates from a NATA accredited laboratory. Copies of the calibration certificates are available on request.

Table 4 Instrumentation details

Measurement location	Sound Level Meter	Serial Number	Calibration Date
81 Woolshed Road	Rion NL-22	862934	17/08/2016
1086 Redbanks Road	Rion NL-22	841630	22/09/2015
974 Verner Road	Rion NL-21	409176	6/12/2016

4.3 Procedure

Noise measurements were undertaken in accordance with the following:

- The microphone of the sound level meter was at a height of approximately 1.2 metres above the ground and at least 3.5 metres away from any wall or facade.
- The axis of maximum sensitivity of the microphone of the sound level meter was directed towards the noise source.
- A wind shield was used during all measurements.
- Weather data was collected from the Bureau of Meteorology for the duration of the measurements.
 Measurement periods with rainfall or wind speeds higher than 5 m/s were excluded from the results
- Care was taken to avoid any effect on the measurement of extraneous noise, acoustic vibration or electrical interference.
- Noise measurements were undertaken in 15 minute periods.

4.4 Results

The results of the noise monitoring are shown in Appendix C and are summarised below. The values presented are averages for each day. The periods from 4 August to 6 August; and 10 August 2017 have been excluded due to adverse weather.

Table 5 Ambient noise monitoring results

Date	81 Woolshed Road		1086 Redbanks Road		974 Verner Road	
	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀
7 August 2017	47	33	41	26	43	30
8 August 2017	49	27	43	29	41	28
9 August 2017	47	34	50	39	46	37
10 August 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-



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Date	81 Woolshed Road		1086 Redbanks Road		974 Verner Road	
	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀	dB(A) L _{eq}	dB(A) L ₉₀
11 August 2017	51	35	43	28	43	33
12 August 2017	48	30	43	29	58	30
13 August 2017	48	34	43	30	49	33

The results show that average noise levels are typically within the range of 40 to 50 dB(A) L_{eq} and 30 to 40 dB(A) L_{90} .

Compliance with a criteria of 40 or 45 dB(A) L_{eq} is therefore expected to result in turbine noise which is at similar levels or less, compared to noise from other ambient noise sources in the area.



5 Noise source measurements

Whilst noise data from the turbine manufacturer was available, Resonate was able to obtain more detailed measurements of a comparable turbine at Bairnsdale Power Station in Victoria. The purpose of these measurements was to:

- Verify the accuracy of manufacturer data;
- Obtain reliable sound power level data for input into the noise prediction model for the current project;
- Measure noise levels over the full warm-up cycle including the period when noise levels are known to be highest;
- Determine the presence of any audible characteristics which may incur a penalty in accordance with the Noise EPP.
- Attempt to quantify noise emissions associated with other ancillary noise sources which may be associated with the proposed power station.

Bairnsdale Power Station consists of two GE LM6000PD turbines commissioned in 2001. This is an older version of the same model of turbine proposed at Reeves Plains Power Station. The newer turbines utilise 'SPRINT' technology to increase power output capability. It is likely that improvements in turbine technology over 16 years have resulted in an overall reduction in noise emissions, however this is not relied on for the purpose of this assessment.

We note that turbines at Bairnsdale are fitted with an approximately nine metre long exhaust silencer. This would be expected to reduce noise emissions from the stack, and therefore result in reduced overall noise levels in the far field (at large distances from the turbine). We have conducted our assessment on the basis that an equivalent or better silencer will be used for each turbine at Reeves Plains Power Station.

Whilst other ancillary plant such as the substation and compressors were also operating when the turbine was running, noise from these sources was significantly less than from the turbine. It was not possible to obtain measurements from non-turbine sources due to the overall noise environment being dominated by turbine noise.

5.1 Instrumentation

Unattended measurements were conducted with 3 x Rion NL-42 sound level meters, while attended measurements were conducted with a CEL 63X sound level meter. All sound level meters used are Type 1 instrument suitable for field and laboratory use. The sound level meters were calibrated both before and after the measurements with a CEL 120/1 portable calibrator. Both the sound level meter and calibrator carry current calibration certificates from a NATA accredited laboratory. Copies of the calibration certificates are available on request.

5.2 Procedure

Noise measurements were carried out in general accordance with AS 1055.1 – 1997 *Acoustics – Description and measurement of environmental noise.*

Weather conditions were overcast at the time of measurement, with light wind.



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Unattended measurements were conducted 1.5m above the local ground level at three locations approximately 30, 60 and 100m from the operating turbine, respectively. Attended measurements were taken approximately 1m from various components of the turbine. Measurement locations are shown in Appendix A. Additional measurements were taken near to ancillary plant such as cooler unit, air compressor, and transformers. However, it was found that the noise environment was dominated by turbine noise and other sources

Measurements were conducted before the turbine was operating (background); during warm-up; and during full capacity operation.

5.3 Results

Measurement results are shown in Appendix B. The overall turbine sound power level was determined using a conservative approach whereby each measurement was adjusted for distance from the source and the highest resulting level was used to estimate the overall sound power level for each turbine. The highest noise levels were measured during an approximately 7 minute period within the 'warm-up' phase of operation. Noise levels during full capacity operation were approximately 5 dB lower.

Based on this analysis the total turbine sound power level was determined to be 109 dB(A) Leq.



6 Operational noise assessment

6.1 Noise modelling

Noise emissions from site have been modelled in SoundPLAN Environmental Software v7.4 program, using the CONCAWE method. The model takes into consideration:

- attenuation of noise source due to distance
- barrier effects from buildings, topography and the like
- air absorption
- ground effects
- meteorological conditions

CONCAWE has six difference weather categories—CONCAWE weather category 1 represents weather conditions that are least conducive to noise propagation (best case situation with the lowest predicted noise levels), CONCAWE weather category 4 represents neutral weather conditions, and CONCAWE weather category 6 represents weather conditions that are the most conducive to noise propagation (the worst case situation with the highest predicted noise levels).

In accordance with the *Guidelines for the use of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy* 2007, CONCAWE weather category 6 has been used for night time noise emissions.

6.2 Characteristic noise penalties

Penalties to the source level should be applied in accordance with the Noise EPP to recognise annoyance associated with noise that is dominated by tonal, modulating, low frequency, or impulsive characteristics. A 5 dB(A) penalty is applied for one characteristic, an 8 dB(A) penalty is applied for two characteristics, and a 10 dB(A) penalty is applied for three or more characteristics.

Based on measurements undertaken at Bairnsdale Power Station described above, noise from gas turbines and other power station noise sources do not contain any of the above characteristics when measured at distances of greater than 100m.

6.3 Assessment Scenario

Noise emissions have been assessed based on a scenario where all 6 turbines are operating simultaneously in 'warm-up' mode. As described in Section 4, this represents a worst-case scenario in terms of noise emissions and is not expected to occur often or for extended periods of time. Turbine noise levels are expected to decrease by between 3 and 5 dB when operating at full capacity.

6.4 Noise source levels

Turbine noise source levels have been established on the basis of measurements described in Section 4. The total sound power level of 109 dB(A) was split equally between a source at 15.5m above ground level representing the exhaust stack, and second source at 10m above ground representing other turbine noise sources.



Diesel operation

We understand that the turbines are able to be fuelled by diesel, in the event that gas supply is cut off, for example. Noise data supplied by GE Energy for an LM6000 Turbine operating on both gas and liquid (diesel) fuel shows a negligible difference in noise level. A sound power level of 109 dB(A) per turbine is therefore also applicable to a worst-case diesel fuel operating scenario.

Other noise sources

Other (non-turbine) noise sources associated with operation of the project include substation transformers, corona discharge from high voltage power lines, water treatment plant, and compressors. At this stage of the project there is insufficient detail to all for noise from these sources to be accurately quantified. However, experience from other projects indicates that these sources are generally significantly less than noise from turbines, and are unlikely to be audible at large distances (greater than 1 km) from the site. This is consistent with measurements and observations at Bairnsdale Power Station.

If necessary, noise mitigation can be incorporated into the detailed design to ensure that noise from these sources does not increase overall noise emissions from the site.

6.5 Predicted noise levels

Predicted noise levels for the assessment scenario at each noise sensitive receptor location are presented in Table 3 below compared with the Noise Criteria set out in Section 3. A noise contour map is presented in Appendix E.

Table 6: Predicted noise levels

Receiver Location i.e. house	Predicted noise level, dB(A) L _{eq}	Night time noise criteria, dB(A) L _{eq}	Compliance
R1	37	45	Yes
R10	39	40	Yes
R11	37	40	Yes
R12	37	40	Yes
R13	32	40	Yes
R14	31	40	Yes
R15	35	40	Yes
R16	34	40	Yes
R17	34	40	Yes
R18	36	40	Yes
R19	30	40	Yes
R20	29	40	Yes
R21	32	45	Yes



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Receiver Location i.e. house	Predicted noise level, dB(A) L _{eq}	Night time noise criteria, dB(A) L _{eq}	Compliance
R34	43	45	Yes
R35	32	45	Yes
R47	30	45	Yes
R49	35	45	Yes
R50	41	45	Yes
R51	36	45	Yes
R52	33	45	Yes
R9	37	45	Yes

Noise levels are predicted to comply with Noise EPP criteria at all occupied dwellings in the vicinity of the power station.



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7 Construction noise assessment

Construction works associated with the Project is expected to involve:

- Clearing and grubbing
- Demolition of existing buildings
- Bulk earthworks, drainage and utilities
- Site access works on Redbank Road / Day Road and internal road network
- Construction of gas receiving station, switchyard and key power plant components
- Balance of plant construction
- Landscaping and finishing works

Construction equipment associated with these works may include trucks, excavators, bulldozers, generators, cranes, concrete pumps, hand tools, and other fixed and mobile plant. Typical noise levels associated with these sources are generally expected to be in the same order or less than operational noise levels from the turbines.

Provided the majority of construction work is carried out between 7:00am and 7:00pm Monday to Saturday and all reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to minimise noise, construction noise will comply with Division 1 of the Noise EPP as described in Section 3.2.



8 Effects of noise on horses

Horses and other animals are not sensitive receivers as defined by the Noise EPP. However, members of the community have raised concerns regarding potential effects of the project on horses. All persons have a 'general environmental duty' under the *Environment Protection Act 1993* to minimise noise nuisance. On this basis, the potential effects of noise from the project on horses in the surrounding environment have been assessed.

Excessive noise can have adverse effects on horses and other livestock and wildlife. In particular, horses can exhibit behaviour response such as spinning or bolting in response to loud, sudden or unfamiliar noises. If a noise is familiar and not associated with danger, the response may be moderated.

Horses have a higher hearing threshold (i.e. less sensitive to noise) than humans over most of the sound spectrum, with the exception of high frequencies (above 8 kHz), where horses are able to hear sound at lower levels than humans¹.

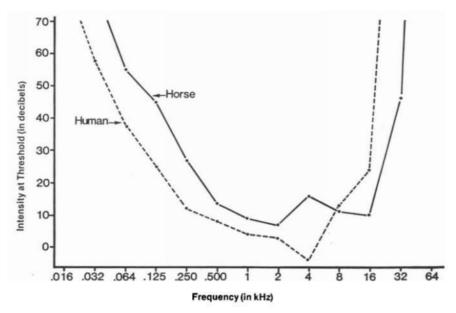


Figure 4: Horse and human hearing threshold (from The hearing ability of horses, Heffner and Heffner, 1983).

Noise levels of between 54-70 dB(A) L_{eq} have been measured during a music festival at Flemington racecourse. Horses stabled at the venue showed little response to the noise other than when there was also visual stimuli, or when the noise was of a sudden or alarming character, such as short bursts of high-pitched singing². We note that race horses are known for being highly strung and responsive to noise compared to other horse breeds.

² Protecting horses from excessive music noise – a case study, C. Huybregts, 2008.

¹ The hearing ability of horses, Heffner and Heffner, 1983



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Noise associated with construction and operation of the proposed power station is expected to be significantly less than 54 dB(A) L_{eq} at distances of greater than 1 km. High frequency sound is readily attenuated by atmospheric absorption such that at this distance there is not likely to significant content above 8 kHz.

Based on the above, noise from construction and operation of the Project is not expected to have an adverse effect on the health or behaviour of horses at distances of greater than 1 km.



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9 Conclusions

An environmental noise impact assessment has been undertaken for the Proposed Reeves Plains Power Station.

A noise model has been produced to predict noise emissions at noise sensitive receivers in the vicinity of the Project. The predictions are based on measurements undertaken of the similar model of turbine in operation at Bairnsdale Power Station, and use the maximum noise level generated by turbines during the warm-up phase as the basis for modelled sound power level inputs. Worst-case meteorological conditions in terms of sound propagation have also been adopted in the model.

Noise emissions generated by the power station (with all turbines operating) are predicted to meet the relevant Noise EPP criteria at all surrounding receiver locations. Construction noise is expected to meet the provisions of Division 1 of the Noise EPP provided work is carried out between the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday, and all reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to minimise noise

Construction and operational noise is not expected to have an adverse effect on horses in the vicinity of the site.

On this basis, we consider that the Project will not cause unreasonable environmental harm or nuisance, and meets the requirements of the Mallala Development Plan and Noise EPP.



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Appendix A – Bairnsdale Measurement Locations





Figure 5: Unattended measurement locations



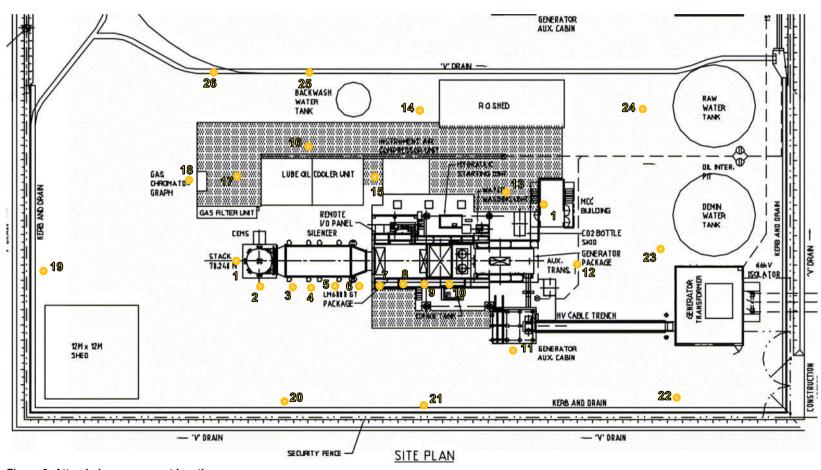


Figure 6: Attended measurement locations



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Appendix B – Bairnsdale Measurement Results



Bairnsdale Power Station

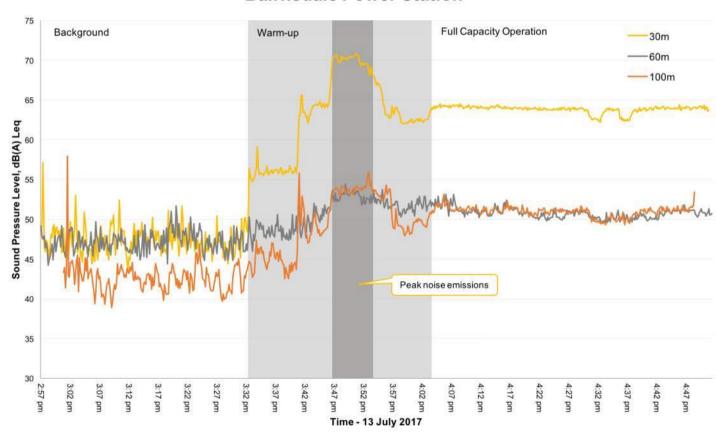


Figure 7: Unattended Measurement Results



Table 7: Attended measurement results

Location	Dominant noise source	Measured sound pressure level, dB(A) L _{eq}				
2	Background	45				
3	Background	46				
6	Background	48				
11	Background	46				
12	Background	49				
13	Background	46				
16	Background	55				
15	Background	59				
17	Background	52				
18	Background	52				
1	Background	52				
19	Background	49				
1	Turbines - warm-up	62				
2	Turbines - warm-up	59				
3	Turbines - warm-up	61				
18	Turbines - warm-up	61				
17	Turbines - warm-up	67				
16	Turbines - warm-up	74				
1	Turbines - warm-up	70				
2	Turbines - warm-up	64				
3	Turbines - warm-up	68				
6	Turbines - warm-up	76				
7	Turbines - warm-up	77				
8	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	84				
9	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	84				
12	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	71				



Location	Dominant noise source	Measured sound pressure level, dB(A) L _{eq}				
13	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	79				
15	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	76				
16	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	76				
17	Turbines - warm-up (peak noise emissions)	73				
7	Turbines - warm-up	79				
8	Turbines - warm-up	77				
9	Turbines - warm-up	80				
9	Turbines - warm-up	80				
8	Turbines - warm-up	78				
7	Turbines - warm-up	78				
2	Turbines - full capacity	65				
1	Turbines - full capacity	67				
1	Turbines - full capacity	66				
2	Turbines - full capacity	65				
3	Turbines - full capacity	68				
4	Turbines - full capacity	69				
5	Turbines - full capacity	71				
6	Turbines - full capacity	74				
6	Turbines - full capacity	74				
5	Turbines - full capacity	72				
4	Turbines - full capacity	70				
3	Turbines - full capacity	67				
7	Turbines - full capacity	81				
8	Turbines - full capacity	81				
9	Turbines - full capacity	82				
10	Turbines - full capacity	81				
21	Turbines - full capacity	72				



Location	Dominant noise source	Measured sound pressure level, dB(A) L _{eq}
21	Turbines - full capacity	71
20	Turbines - full capacity	71
20	Turbines - full capacity	71
19	Turbines - full capacity	63
19	Turbines - full capacity	62
26	Turbines - full capacity	68
26	Turbines - full capacity	68
25	Turbines - full capacity	74
25	Turbines - full capacity	72
14	Turbines - full capacity	71
14	Turbines - full capacity	72
13	Turbines - full capacity	78
13	Turbines - full capacity	76
24	Turbines - full capacity	66
24	Turbines - full capacity	67
23	Turbines - full capacity	66
23	Turbines - full capacity	67
22	Turbines - full capacity	66
22	Turbines - full capacity	64

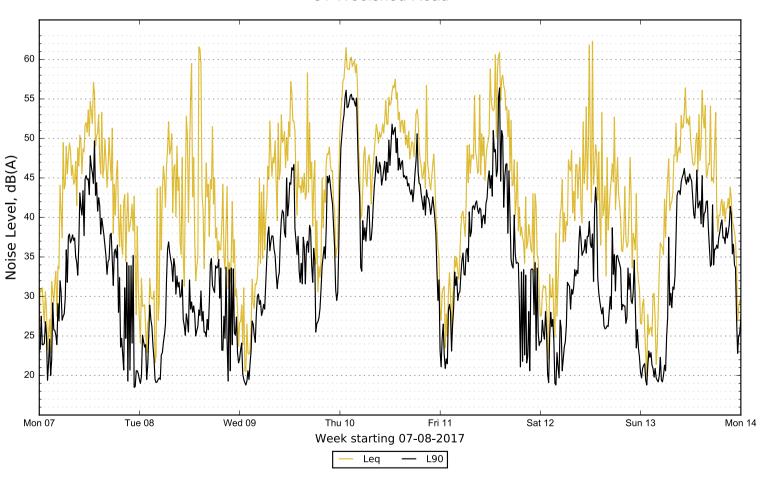


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Appendix C – Ambient Noise Measurements

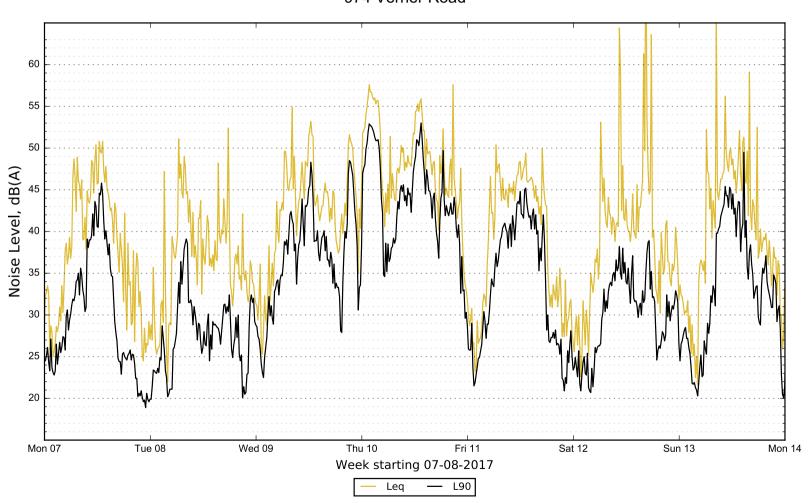


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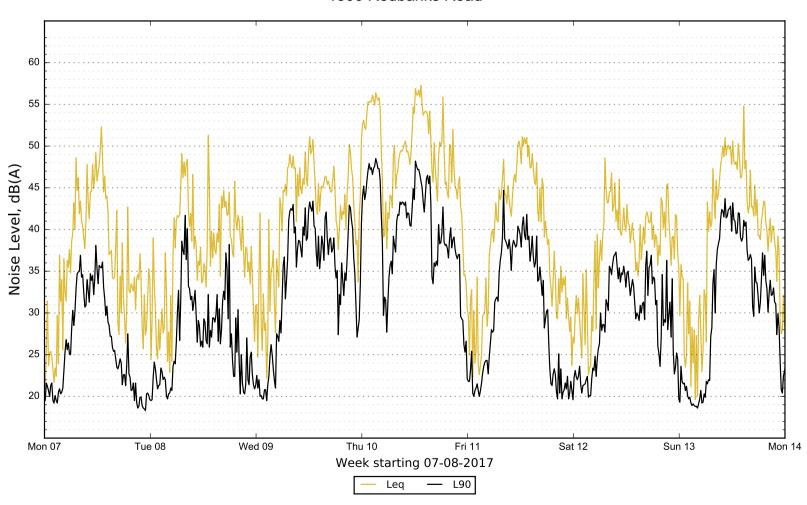








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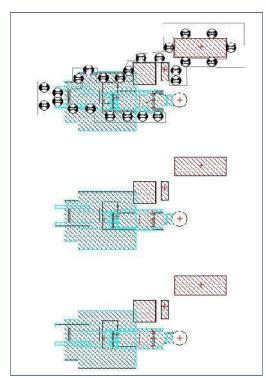
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Appendix D – GE Energy gas and liquid fuel noise data

GE ENERGY	
AERO	
16415 Jacintoport Blvd.	
Houston, TX 77015	
Engineer: Md Monirul Islam	

CUSTOMER							
PROJECT	Alinta Energy						
PURPOSE	Provide noise map to Sales/Application						
DATE	4-Aug-17						
Assumption:							
* 3xLM6000 UG PF							
Gas fuel, fin fan cooler, air	cooled generator, 100 feet stack						

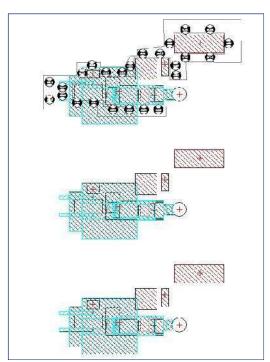
Receiver		Sound Power Level PWL Day (dB(A))								
	3	1 Hz	63 Hz	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	8000 Hz
Sound Power for 1 unit										
UNIT 1		99.5	107.1	108.2	99.9	103.4	103.7	99.9	95.0	94.6
SIMPLE CYCLE STACK		99.5	107.0	108.1	95.2	93.7	100.1	93.0	83.0	91.0
FINFAN COOLER		-34.4	80.8	89.9	94.4	94.8	96.0	91.2	85.0	76.9
340 brush generator		46.8	62.6	84.5	80.4	81.0	82.0	82.8	70.8	11.5
Air Cool System		52.9	57.4	82.8	77.9	69.6	72.4	76.8	67.6	43.5
GLO and GEAR BOX		42.4	-19.2	-9.1	68.2	92.0	90.8	91.0	81.9	72.8
WATER INJECTION SKID		44.6	68.8	79.9	85.4	94.8	94.0	93.2	88.0	81.9
AIR FILTER HOUSE		13.6	84.3	75.4	72.5	76.9	79.1	78.4	78.5	84.0
TURBINE COMBUSTION INLET		83.2	83.2	76.3	76.5	77.8	79.0	80.2	80.0	66.9
TURBINE VENTILATION INLET		69.0	69.0	76.3	67.9	71.4	75.4	74.5	74.4	77.4
TURBINE VENTILATION OUTLET		76.0	76.0	76.5	75.7	79.7	84.3	83.6	81.6	89.4
TURBINE BASE		57.1	66.4	76.5	86.5	93.0	88.8	85.6	82.8	73.8
TURBINE ENCLOSURE		64.9	74.9	84.5	94.1	99.7	96.1	93.2	91.1	83.3



GE ENERGY	
AERO	
16415 Jacintoport Blvd.	
Houston, TX 77015	
Engineer: Md Monirul Islam	

CUSTOMER	
PROJECT	Alinta Energy
PURPOSE	Provide noise map to Sales/Application
DATE	4-Aug-17
Assumption:	
* 3xLM6000 UG PF	
Liquid fuel, fin fan cooler	, air cooled generator, 100 feet stack

Receiver	Sound Power Level PWL Day (dB(A))								
	31 Hz	63 Hz	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	8000 Hz
Sound Power for 1 unit									
UNIT 1	99.5	107.1	108.2	100.1	103.6	104.2	100.9	95.8	94.7
SIMPLE CYCLE STACK	99.5	107.0	108.1	95.2	93.7	100.1	93.0	83.0	91.0
FINFAN COOLER	-34.4	80.8	89.9	94.4	94.8	96.0	91.2	85.0	76.9
340 brush generator	46.8	62.6	84.5	80.4	81.0	82.0	82.8	70.8	11.5
Air Cool System	52.9	57.4	82.8	77.9	69.6	72.4	76.8	67.6	43.5
GLO and GEAR BOX	42.4	-19.2	-9.1	68.2	92.0	90.8	91.0	81.9	72.8
WATER INJECTION SKID	44.6	68.8	79.9	85.4	94.8	94.0	93.2	88.0	81.9
LIQUID FUEL BOOST PUMP	43.6	64.8	84.9	86.4	90.8	95.0	94.2	88.0	77.9
AIR FILTER HOUSE	13.6	84.3	75.4	72.5	76.9	79.1	78.4	78.5	84.0
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TURBINE ENCLOSURE	64.9	74.9	84.5	94.1	99.7	96.1	93.2	91.1	83.3





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Appendix E – Operational noise contours

