MINISTER'S DIRECTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION NOISE RESPONSE FOR REGIONAL RAIL LINK SECTION 2

The draft noise management plan (NMP) previously submitted to the Minister for Planning (the Minister) as part of the noise impact management report for Section 2 of the Regional Rail Link project (RRL2) requires further development by the Regional Rail Link Authority (RRLA).

In the first instance, the revised NMP is to further address noise associated with the construction of the RRL2 project¹. In particular, it is to:

- 1. Identify both risks associated with construction noise and corresponding management measures to ensure compliance with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Noise Control Guidelines Publication 1254 and Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites Publication 480, as appropriate, and in particular to ensure that:
 - a. the community is appropriately informed
 - b. noise levels comply with the target levels specified in the *Noise Control Guidelines Publication 1254*
 - c. contingency measures are available to address any significant or recurring exceedances of the target noise levels.
- 2. Specify a program for monitoring noise and ground vibration from construction, including:
 - a. A monitoring program to validate the background noise levels contained in the original Noise Impact Management Report;
 - b. Principles by which stations for monitoring noise and ground vibration from construction (as well as airblast overpressure if relevant), will be located, relative to works and noise-sensitive land uses adjacent to the project area;
 - c. A program for monitoring and auditing of compliance with actions specified in the NMP, as well as for reporting results to the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), Melton Shire Council and Wyndham City Council.

The RRLA is to consult the DPCD and the EPA in preparing a revised NMP.

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¹ A later supplement to the NMP is to address operational noise, in accordance with separate directions that have been provided by the Minster for Planning.