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LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT NOISE

Purpose

To recognise that live music is an important part of the State's culture and economy.

To protect live music entertainment venues from the encroachment of noise sensitive residential uses.

To ensure that noise sensitive residential uses are satisfactorily protected from unreasonable levels of live music and entertainment noise.

To ensure that the primary responsibility for noise attenuation rests with the agent of change.

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Scope

This clause applies to an application required under any zone of this scheme to use land for, or to construct a building or construct or carry out works associated with:

- a live music entertainment venue.
- a noise sensitive residential use that is within 50 metres of a live music entertainment venue.

This clause does not apply to:

- the extension of an existing dwelling.
- a noise sensitive residential use that is in an area specified in clause 1.0 of the schedule to this clause.

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Definitions

In this clause:

- **live music entertainment venue** means:
 - a food and drink premises, nightclub, function centre or residential hotel that includes live music entertainment
 - a rehearsal studio
 - any other venue used for the performance of music and specified in clause 2.0 of the schedule to this clause, subject to any specified condition or limitation.
- **noise sensitive residential use** means a boarding house, dependent person's unit, dwelling, nursing home, residential aged care facility, residential village or retirement village.

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Requirements to be met

A live music entertainment venue must be designed, constructed and managed to minimise noise emissions from the premises and provide acoustic attenuation measures that would protect a noise sensitive residential use within 50 metres of the venue.

A noise sensitive residential use must be designed and constructed to include acoustic attenuation measures that will reduce noise levels from any:

- indoor live music entertainment venue to below the noise limits specified in State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Music Noise from Public Premises) No. N-2 (SEPP N2).
- outdoor live music entertainment venue to below 45dB(A), assessed as an L_{eq} over 15 minutes.

For the purpose of assessing whether the above noise standards are met, the noise measurement point may be located inside a habitable room of a noise sensitive residential use with windows and doors closed (Schedule B1 of SEPP N2 does not apply).

A permit may be granted to reduce or waive these requirements if the responsible authority is satisfied that an alternative measure meets the purpose of this clause.

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Application requirements

An application must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A site analysis, including plans detailing:
 - the existing and proposed layout of the use, buildings or works, including all external windows and doors
 - the location of any doors, windows and open space areas of existing properties in close proximity to the site.
- If the application is associated with a noise sensitive residential use:
 - the location of any live music entertainment venues within 50 metres of the site
 - the days and hours of operation of identified venues.
- If the application is associated with a live music entertainment venue:
 - the location of any noise sensitive residential uses within 50 metres of the site
 - the days and hours of operation of that venue
 - the times during which live music will be performed.
- Details of existing and proposed acoustic attenuation measures.

If in the opinion of the responsible authority an application requirement is not relevant to the evaluation of an application, the responsible authority may waive or reduce the requirement.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- the extent to which the siting, layout, design and construction minimise the potential for noise impacts.
- whether existing or proposed noise sensitive residential uses will be satisfactorily protected from unreasonable live music and entertainment noise.
- whether the proposal adversely affects any existing uses.