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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Herring Storer Acoustics was commissioned by Talison Lithium Ltd to undertake noise modelling relating to noise emissions from the proposed expansion to the Greenbushes mining operations.

This study has been undertaken to provide preliminary acoustic information to Talison to inform the design teams on the noise requirements for the proposed operations. This information will be used to understand the level of compliance with regulatory criteria for the existing Ministerial variation (Reg 17) for the assigned noise levels for the noise sensitive premises surrounding the operations.

Talison is expanding the Greenbushes Operations in response to market demand, increasing mining of spodumene ore and production of Lithium mineral spodumene concentrate. As part of the expansion additional waste rock landforms (WRL) are required to accommodate waste rock during the life of mine. Talison is currently proposing to construct an additional WRLs S8 to the east of TSF 4. This assessment considers the noise impact for multiple scenarios between the current and future operations.

The listing of existing and proposed expansion activities to be considered includes:

- S8 Waste Rock Landforms (S8 WRL)
- Supporting infrastructure (roads, stockpiles)
- Existing approved activities constructed and proposed

The objectives of the acoustic study are to:

- Predict the impacts of noise outside of the proposed Mine Development Envelope (MDE), including the existing and proposed MDE's;
- Separate industry and sensitive land uses; and
- Assess predicted noise emissions associated with the existing and proposed works at the specified residences.
- Incorporate the cumulative noise emissions for the Greenbushes Mine (i.e. develop a whole of site noise model including existing and expansion activities).
- Assess the cumulative noise emissions against the Regulatory criteria.
- If required, provide advice / recommendations for noise control.

For information, a locality plan showing the various operation areas is shown below in Figure 1.1.

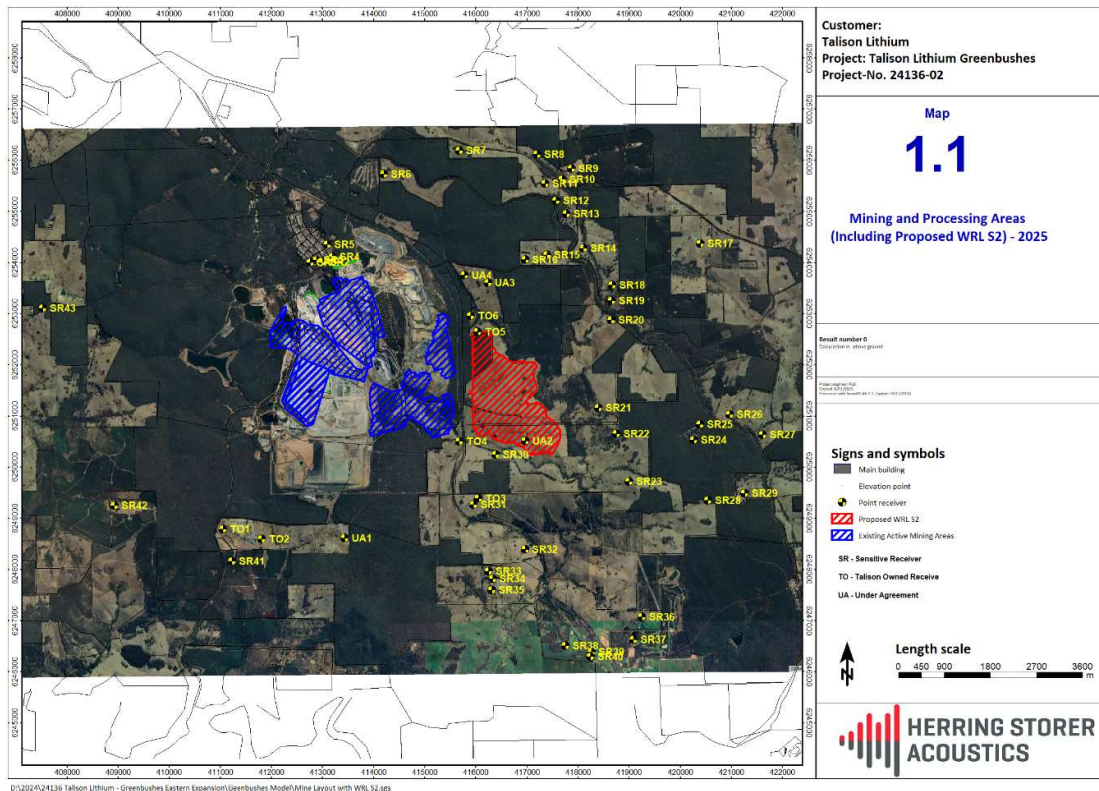


FIGURE 1.1 – GREENBUSHES CURRENT AND PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AREAS

## 2. SUMMARY

This acoustic study presents a comprehensive analysis of the noise emissions associated with the proposed Waste Rock Landform S8 (S8 WRL) project, assessing compliance with existing noise regulations and projecting impacts on sensitive receptors. Below is a summary of the key findings and considerations from the study:

### Current Operations Compliance:

- The existing mining and processing activities comply with the Regulation 17 assigned noise levels of 50 dB(A) for night periods.

### Impact of S8 WRL Expansion:

- Noise levels will increase between 1 to 16 dB(A) at various receivers due to the S8 WRL project.
- Most receivers remain within the Regulation 17 noise limit of 50 dB(A) during the night, except SR30, which exceeds this threshold.

### Ownership and Agreements:

- Exceedances at receivers TO4 and UA2 are mitigated by Talison's ownership or agreements with affected parties.

### Comparison with Regulation 7:

- If assessed under the stricter Regulation 7 limit of 35 dB(A) for night periods, there would be widespread exceedances across numerous receivers, highlighting the necessity of Regulation 17 inclusion for the proposed operations.

### **Predictive Modelling and Scenarios:**

- Detailed noise modelling for various scenarios identified that 44 of the 53 receivers will experience increased noise levels due to the S8 WRL expansion.
- The increase in noise is dependent on receiver location and proximity to S8 WRL.

### **Challenges in Noise Management:**

- The noise levels associated with S8 WRL cannot be feasibly managed to meet the default Regulation 7 criteria without inclusion in the existing Regulation 17 approval framework.

### **Recommendations**

#### **1. Incorporation into Regulation 17:**

To ensure compliance, the S8 WRL project should be included in the current Regulation 17 approval, maintaining the 50 dB(A) night period limit.

#### **2. Ongoing Monitoring and Mitigation:**

Regular monitoring should continue to validate compliance and address potential tonal noise characteristics from mobile mining fleets.

#### **3. Engagement with Affected Parties:**

Maintain communication with stakeholders, particularly those under agreement, to manage expectations and resolve any noise-related concerns.

The study underscores that while the S8 WRL expansion will lead to noise increases at various receivers, these levels remain manageable under the Regulation 17 framework. The integration of the proposed operations into the existing Regulation 17 approval is essential to ensure compliance and facilitate project expansion within acceptable environmental noise parameters

### **3. CRITERIA**

The Talison Greenbushes Operation operates under Regulation 17 variation of assigned noise level, which was approved in 2009.

The following extract from the Government Gazette No 31, dated Friday 27 February 2015 states the acoustic criteria as allowed under the Regulation 17.

#### **4. Approval**

Approval is granted to Talison Lithium Australia to allow the level of noise emitted from the mine site to exceed the standards prescribed under regulations 7 and 11(4)(a)(i) and (6)(a)(i) if —

- (a) for noise emissions other than those resulting from blasting, the level of noise emitted from the mine site when received at a premises of a type referred to in column 1 in the Table in Schedule 1, at a time of day referred to in column 2 opposite those premises does not exceed the LA 10 approved level referred to in column 3 or the LA max approved level set out in column 4 for those premises at that time; and 3

The approved noise levels for noise emission other than blasting, as outlined in the approval are listed in the following Table 3.1:

**TABLE 3.1 – APPROVED REG 17 NOISE LEVELS**

Premises Receiving Noise	Time of Day	Assigned Level (dB)	
		L <sub>A 10</sub>	L <sub>A max</sub>
A highly sensitive area	0700 to 1900 hours all days	53	71
	1900 to 2200 hours all days	51	69
	2200 to 0700 hours all days	50	68
A noise sensitive premises other than a highly sensitive area	All hours	60	80
Commercial premises	All hours	60	80
Industrial and Utility Premises	All Hours	65	90

Notes: L<sub>A10</sub> is the noise level exceeded for 10% of the time.  
L<sub>Amax</sub> is the maximum noise level.

A highly sensitive area, means that area (if any) of noise sensitive premises comprising-

- (a) a building, or a part of a building, on the premises that is used for a noise sensitive purpose; and
- (b) any other part of the premises within 15 m of that building or that part of the building;

Additional to the above, Part (f) of Clause 8 – Noise Management Plan of the approval also states :

- (g) procedures to be adopted by Talison Lithium Australia to minimise tonality, modulation and impulsiveness in noise emissions;

From the approval, we understand that no penalties for characteristics of noise emissions are applicable.

#### **4. MEASURED NOISE LEVELS**

To enable the assessment of noise emissions from the current mining operations, noise level measurements were carried out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

This noise monitoring was undertaken to confirm the noise levels of the recently commissioned CGP2 Processing Plant and CR2 Crusher system in conjunction with the existing infrastructure of CGP1 Processing and CR1 Crusher, as well as the active mining fleet.

Noise level measurements were conducted using two methods. The first method involved utilising two Ngara loggers recording continuous noise levels at two different locations, being at Crusher 1 and Crusher 2 within the mine operations.

The noise monitors recorded continuous noise levels from 15:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 08:00 on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The two loggers were set to record continuous noise levels for the assessment period and were time synchronised so that the noise levels at each location were comparable. Monitoring locations are shown in Figure 4.1.



**FIGURE 4.1 – FIXED CONTINUOUS MONITORING LOCATIONS**

The second method of measurement was short term handheld noise level measurements using a Svan 948 integrated sound level meter.

Measurements were conducted in various locations in both the near and far field to the operating mine site. Near field measurements were used for the purpose of confirming operations of various plant and mobile equipment. Locations 1 to 3 represent the near field measurements therefore are not to be used as a guidance for compliance against the criteria.

The measurement locations are contained in Figure 4.2.





FIGURE 4.2 – OBSERVED NOISE LEVEL MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS

## 5. MEASURED RESULTS

Based on the analysis of the measured noise levels from the Talison operations, noise levels at various locations have been determined.

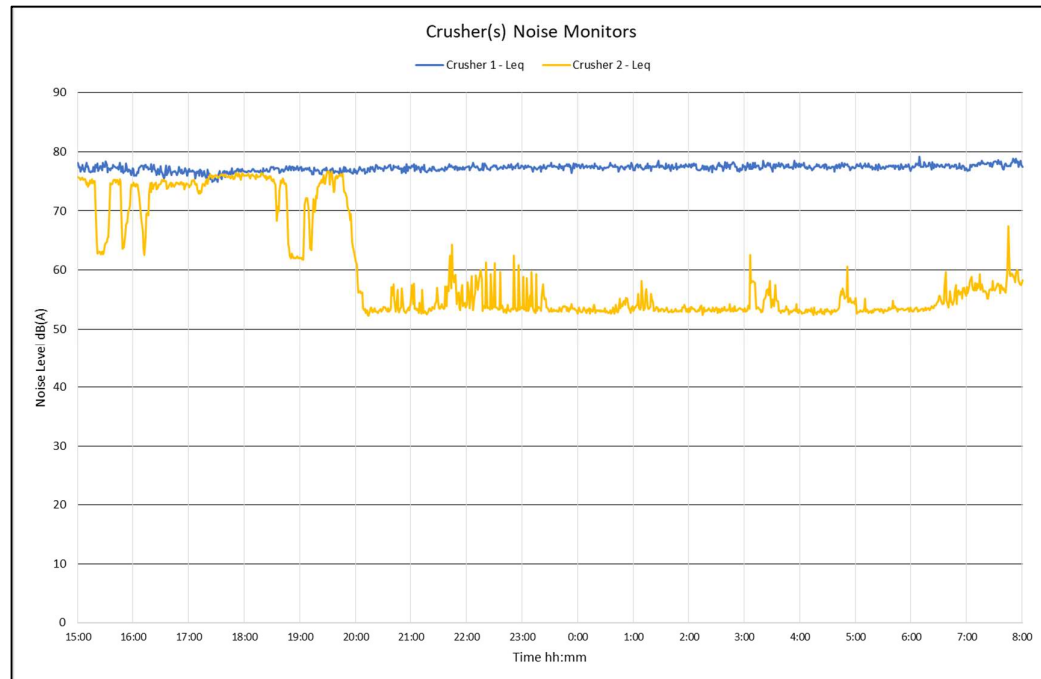
The resultant noise levels from hand-held, observed measurements for the period is contained in Table 5.1.

TABLE 5.1 MEASURED NOISE LEVELS  $L_{A10dB}(A)$

	Location	Measured $L_{A10}$ Noise Level	Comments
Location 1*	Carpark Crusher 1	66	Rock Fall Audible
Location 2*	Gate 3 - Crusher 2	53	Truck Tipping
Location 3*	Maranup Ford Rd - side track	49	Haul Truck / Rock fall
Location 4	Maranup Ford Rd and Dolerite St	50	Haul Truck / Rock fall
Location 5	Dolerite and Tourmaline St	48	Haul Truck / Rock fall
Location 6	George and Stanifer St	44	Haul Truck movement - general processing
Location 7	Stanifer St near S Western Hwy	39	Haul Truck movement - general processing
Location 8	Catterick Rd	31	Mine Not audible
Location 9	Cemetery	30	Mine Not audible

\*Not assessable locations – measured as reference locations for confirmation of crusher operations only.

Results of the continuous noise monitoring have been shown graphically below in Figure 5.1.



**FIGURE 5.1 – CRUSHER MONITOR NOISE LEVELS**

Measured noise level at the Locations 4 to 9 have been analysed to establish the presence of annoying characteristics, in particular tonality. Tonality means the presence in the noise emission of tonal characteristics where the difference between —

- (a) the A-weighted sound pressure level in any one-third octave band; and
- (b) the arithmetic average of the A-weighted sound pressure levels in the 2 adjacent one-third octave bands,

is greater than 3 dB when the sound pressure levels are determined as  $L_{Aeq,T}$  levels where the time period T is greater than 10% of the representative assessment period, or greater than 8 dB at any time when the sound pressure levels are determined as  $L_{A\ Slow}$  levels.

Therefore, Figure 5.2 details the arithmetic average difference 2 adjacent one third octave bands. If this value is greater than 8 dB then the noise emissions would be considered as containing tonal characteristics.

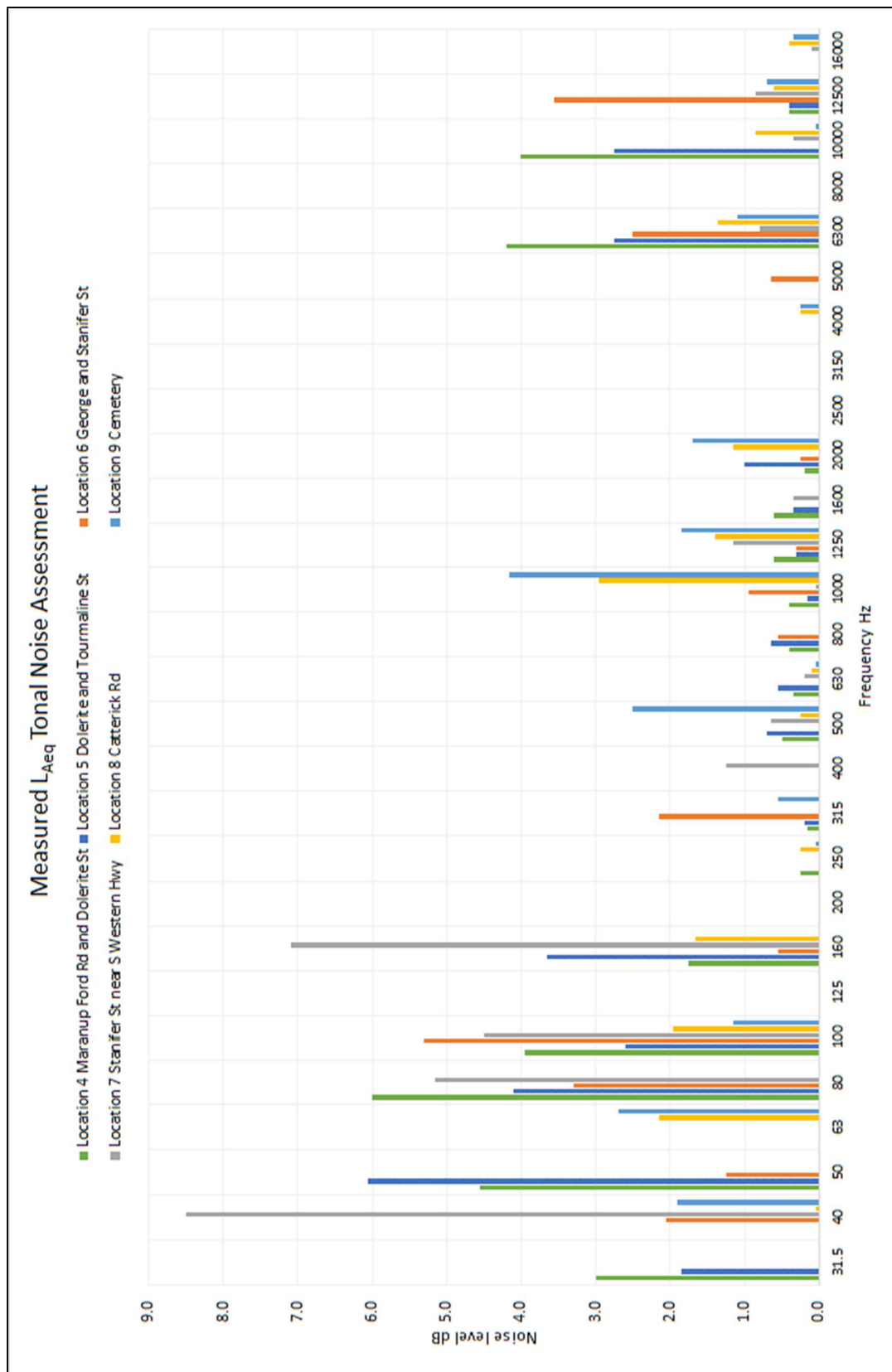


FIGURE 5.2 – TONAL ASSESSMENT

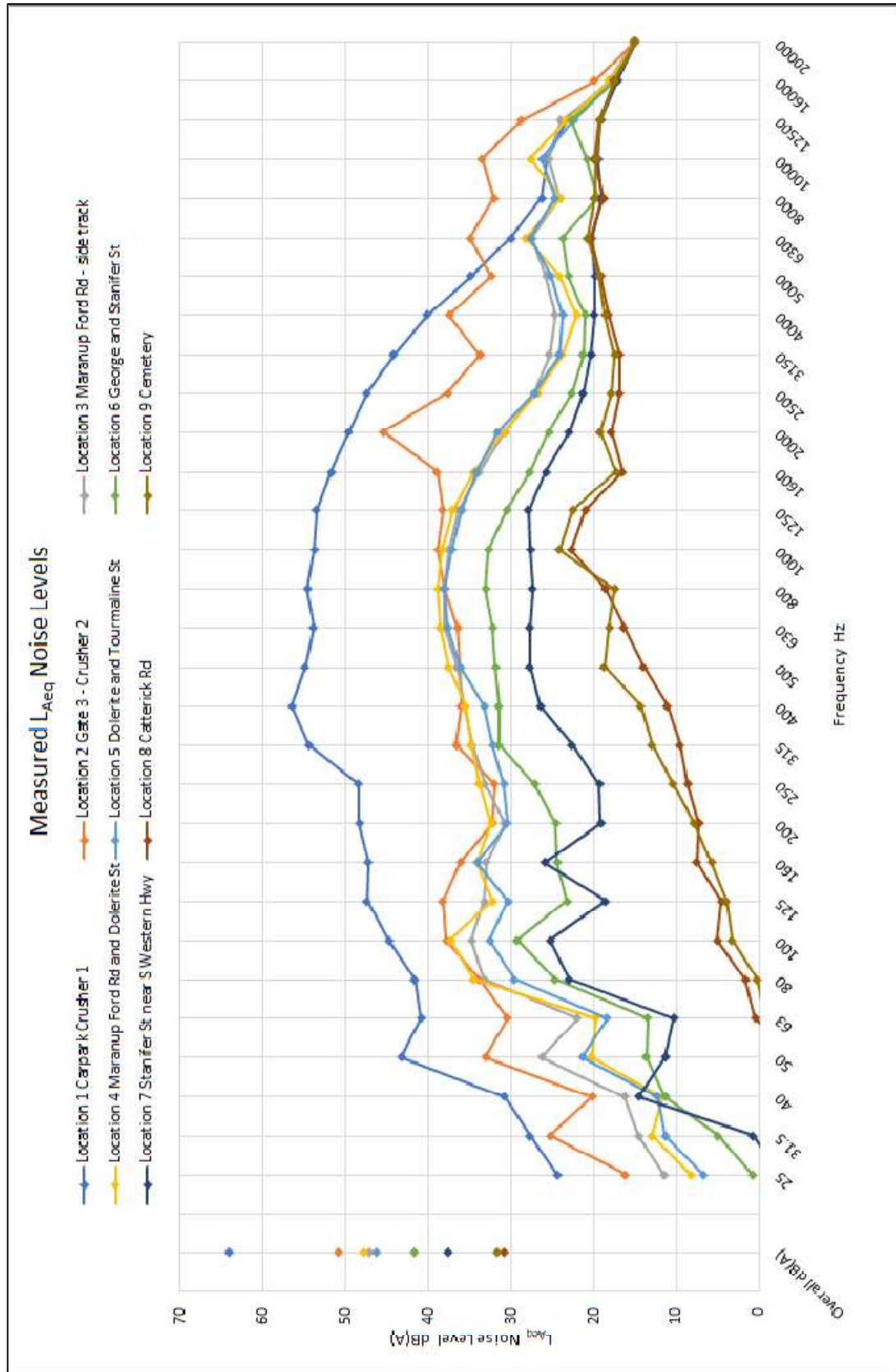


FIGURE 5.3 – COMPARATIVE THIRD OCTAVE NOISE LEVELS

As can be seen in Figure 5.2, there are considerable “tones” in low frequency noise emissions which range between 40 and 160 Hz. Further analysis of the near and far field measured noise levels has been carried out to show a comparison to allow for the identification of the noise source. Figure 5.3 shows an overall comparison of the third octave noise levels.

Analysis of the noise levels shows that the tonal component at 50 and 100Hz is the frequency of concern. Previous measurements and observations of the mining operations determined that the 50 Hz noise emission is related to the CGP1 Crusher and or mill.

It is further noted that the tonal noise emission at 40 Hz which is prevalent at Location 7 is unlikely to be related to mining noise as it is not present at other locations. It is likely to be related to truck noise associated with the South Western Highway.

Assessment of current mining and processing operations shows compliance is being achieved with the regulatory criteria contained in the Regulation 17 variation of the assigned noise level, for which Talison operates under.

Measured noise levels at the nearest noise sensitive premise (Dolerite Street) were 50 dB(A) during the night period. This compares to the criteria within the Regulation 17 variation not to exceed 50 dB(A) during this period.

Analysis of the noise levels at the highly noise sensitive premises show that there is the potential for the noise to contain tonal characteristics. Under the Regulation 17 there is a condition which states “procedures to be adopted by Talison Lithium Australia to minimise tonality, modulation and impulsiveness in noise emissions;” hence, it is recommended that the source of the 50 Hz noise emission is further investigated, with an outlook to provide noise control options.

## 6. CALCULATED NOISE LEVELS

To determine the noise that would be received at highly noise sensitive receptors from the proposed expansion, modelling of noise emissions was carried out using “SoundPlan”. The results were then used to determine the noise level that would be received at noise sensitive premises within the Town of Greenbushes and surrounding areas. These calculated noise levels were then assessed for compliance with the Regulation 17 Approval. Additionally, using the results of previous noise modelling, the resultant overall noise level was determined, which was also compared to the approved noise levels as stated in the Regulation 17 Approval.

Noise modelling was undertaken as per the scenarios outlined in Table 6.1.

**TABLE 6.1 MODELLING SCENARIOS**

Area	S1 - Existing Mining and Processing	S2A – Proposed S8 WRL Only Ground Height (Start of Waste Rock Landform)	S2B – Proposed S8 WRL Only Final Height (Top of Waste Rock Landform)	S3 – Cumulative Existing and Proposed Operations (S1 and S2 Combined)
<b>Proposed S8 WRL</b>	-	6 Haul Trucks, 1 Wheel Dozer	6 Haul Trucks, 1 Wheel Dozer	6 Haul Trucks, 1 Wheel Dozer
<b>Fixed Plant (Processing)</b>				
	CGP1 Crusher	-	-	CGP1 Crusher
	CGP2 Crusher	-	-	CGP2 Crusher
	CGP1 Processing Plant	-	-	CGP1 Processing Plant
	CGP2 Processing Plant	-	-	CGP2 Processing Plant
	Mine Services Area	-	-	Mine Services Area
<b>Mobile Equipment</b>				
Production		-	-	
Excavators - Hitachi EX3600	1			1
Production		-	-	
Excavators - Hitachi EX2600	1			1
Haul Trucks (Cat 785)	14	-	-	8
Haul Trucks (Cat 777)	4	-	-	4
Dozers (Cat D10T2)	3	-	-	3
Wheel Dozer (Cat 854K WD)	1	-	-	Included at WRL S8
Graders (Cat 16M)	1	-	-	1
Water Carts (Cat 785)	1	-	-	1
Water Carts (Cat 777)	1	-	-	1
Non Production		-	-	
Excavators - Hitachi EX2600	1			1
Non Production		-	-	
Excavators - Cat 336 c/w RB	1			1
Non Production		-	-	
Excavators - Cat 336 c/w RB	3			3
Non Production		-	-	
Excavators - Hitachi EX1200	1			1
Front End Loaders (ROM) - Cat988K	1	-	-	1
Front End Loaders (ROM) - Cat 992	1	-	-	1
Front End Loaders (ROM) - Cat 992	1	-	-	1
Front End Loaders - (ROM) Cat 992	-	-	-	-

Single point calculations were carried out at the monitoring locations and the reference locations within the Town of Greenbushes and surrounding areas.

These locations are indicated on the site plan attached in Appendix A.

The calculations used the following input data:

- a) Ground contours.



- b) Sound power levels used in the model were based on either file data or acoustic data provided by Talison. The sound power data is summarised in Table 6.3.
- c) Standard night period weather conditions.

Weather conditions for the modelling were undertaken using the “Default Conditions for Noise Modelling” as stipulated within the Environmental Protection Authority’s *“Draft Guidance for Environmental Noise for Prescribed Premises”* for the night period as listed in Table 6.2.

**TABLE 6.2 – WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Condition	Night
Temperature	15°C
Relative humidity	50%
Pasquill Stability Class	F
Wind speed	3 m/s*

\* From sources, towards receivers.

**TABLE 6.3 – SOUND POWER LEVELS**

Item of Plant / Equipment	Sound Power Level	dB-weighting
CAT 988G Loader	113	dB(A)
Chem Grade Plant East CGP 1	110	dB(A)
Chem Grade Plant North (Mills) CGP 1	110	dB(A)
Chem Grade Plant South CGP 1	104	dB(A)
Chem Grade Plant West CGP 1	109	dB(A)
Conveyors	100	dB
Conveyor from ROM	100	dB
Dozer	120	dB
Drill Rig	125	dB
Excavator A (ROM)	98	dB(A)
Excavator A (PC1200)	126	dB
Excavator B Pit C2 (PC2000)	126	dB(A)
Extra Transfer	111	dB
Final Product Stockpile Conveyor 3	100	dB
Final Product Transfer Station 1	111	dB
Final Product Transfer Station 2	111	dB
Front End Loader	117	dB
General Plant	118	dB
HMS Screens	117	dB
Primary crushing	127	dB
Processing 2	114	dB
Processing 3	114	dB
Processing Mill	111	dB
Reclaim conveyor to plant	100	dB
Rockbreaker A (ROM)*	119	dB(A)
ROM - FEL	117	dB
Screens	117	dB
Secondary Crushing	113	dB
Stacker	104	dB
Tantalum - East	119	dB
Tantalum - North	119	dB
Tantalum - West	118	dB
Tantalum - Transfer	111	dB
Tech Grade Plant East CGP 1	109	dB(A)
Tech Grade Plant North CPG 1	113	dB(A)
Tech Grade Plant South CGP 1	109	dB(A)
Tech Grade Plant West CPG 1	109	dB(A)
Temporary Crusher	118	dB(A)
Thicknesser 2	116	dB
Transfer Station	111	dB
Truck (777)	116	dB(A)
Truck (785)	116	dB(A)
WHIMS 1 - Processing	114	dB

\*Day only operations

In combination with the above mining and processing noise sources, modelling included the Mine Services Area (MSA) which was completed in 2022. Due to the high noise emissions, haul trucks have been modelled as moving around the MSA on the designated roads.

General workshop activities such as grinding, rattle guns etc. have been assumed as being carried out within the workshop structures. Equipment such as exhaust fans, compressors and other plant have been assumed as external noise sources to the buildings.



Noise modelling was undertaken for the various scenarios outlined in Table 6.4 with Figure 6.1 showing the site layout.

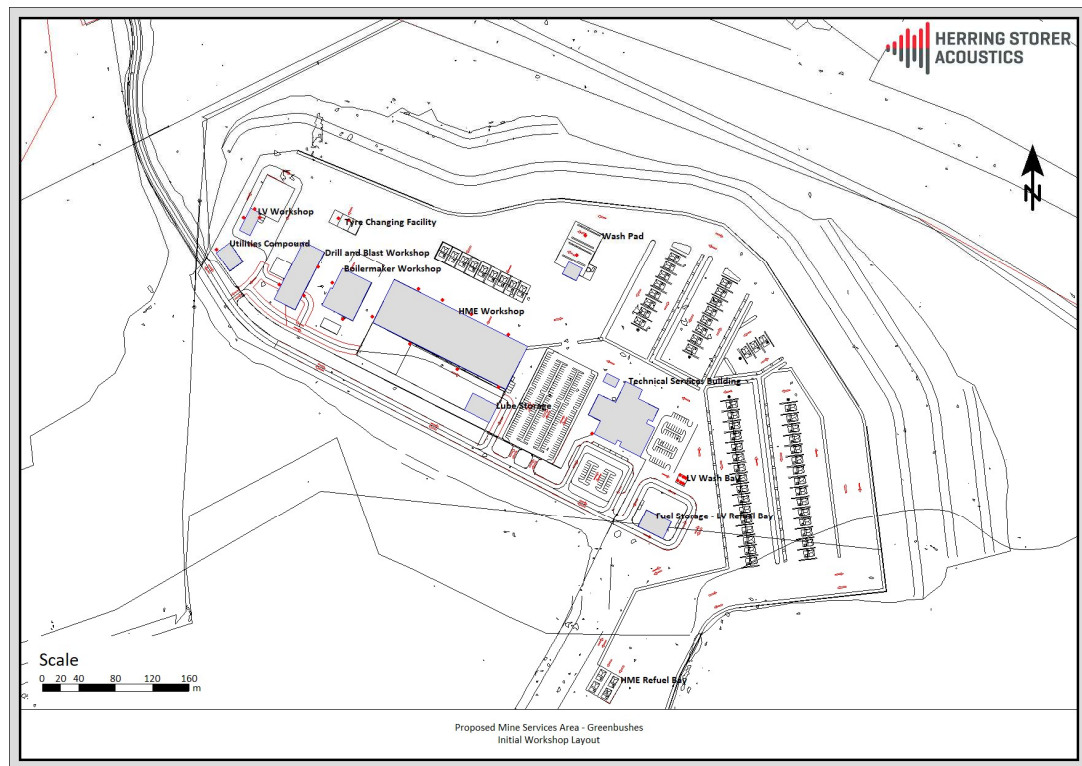


FIGURE 6.1 –MSA LAYOUT

TABLE 6.4 - MSA MODELLING SCENARIOS

Scenario	Area / Building	Internal Equipment	External Equipment
Scenario 1 – Workshop Operations	Utilities Compound	Forklift	Air conditioning, Compressor
	Drill and Blast Workshop	Grinding, Welding, Rattle Gun, Forklift	Air Conditioning, Compressor, Exhaust Fan
	Tyre Change Area	Grinding, Hammering, Forklift	Air Conditioning, Compressor, Exhaust Fan
	LV Workshop	Rattle Gun, Forklift	Air Conditioning, Compressor, Exhaust Fan
	HME Workshop	Grinding, Rattle Gun, Forklift	Air Conditioning, Compressor, Exhaust Fan
	Boiler Making Workshop	Grinding, Welding, Cut Off Saw, Forklift	Air Conditioning, Compressor, Exhaust Fan
	Truck and Drill Washdown Bay	-	High Pressure Wash Tips
	Technical Services	-	Air Conditioning
Scenario 2 – Heavy Vehicle (Haul Truck) Movement around MSA	MSA Park-up Bays and Haul Road Routes	-	CAT 785 Haul Truck

## 7. RESULTS

Calculated  $L_{A10}$  noise levels associated with the various scenarios considered are summarised in following tables.

The noise contour plots for the proposed scenarios are attached in Appendix B. These have been presented for operating conditions, as outlined above.

**TABLE 7.1 – CALCULATED L<sub>A10</sub> NOISE LEVELS dB(A)**

Receiver	S1 - Existing Mining and Processing	S2A – Proposed S8 WRL Only Ground Height (Start of Waste Rock Landform)	S2B – Proposed S8 WRL Only Final Height (Top of Waste Rock Landform)	S3 – Cumulative Existing and Proposed Operations (S1 and S2 Combined)	Increase in Noise Level from Current Operations
SR1	49	24	26	49	0
SR2	40	18	23	40	0
SR3	43	24	26	43	0
SR4	46	20	26	46	0
SR5	43	26	26	43	0
SR6	38	25	26	39	0
SR7	34	25	25	35	1
SR8	28	26	26	30	2
SR9	27	26	25	30	3
SR10	28	27	26	31	3
SR11	29	28	28	31	2
SR12	23	20	22	25	3
SR13	30	30	29	33	3
SR14	30	32	31	34	4
SR15	33	34	33	36	4
SR16	35	35	35	38	3
SR17	23	26	25	28	4
SR18	29	33	33	35	6
SR19	30	34	34	35	6
SR20	30	33	35	36	6
SR21	33	45	42	45	12
SR22	31	42	40	43	11
SR23	29	38	37	39	10
SR24	22	16	21	24	2
SR25	25	24	29	31	5
SR26	24	25	28	29	6
SR27	22	24	26	27	5
SR28	24	30	29	31	7
SR29	22	27	26	28	6
SR30	40	56	47	56	16
SR31	39	42	41	44	5
SR32	33	29	36	38	5
SR33	33	35	34	37	4
SR34	24	23	33	33	10
SR35	30	30	32	34	4
SR36	24	27	26	29	5
SR37	24	26	25	28	5
SR38	27	28	27	30	4
SR39	26	27	26	29	4
SR40	26	26	25	29	3
SR41	32	22	22	32	0
SR42	17	7	14	19	2
SR43	27	12	13	28	0
TO1	33	21	22	34	0
TO2	24	22	23	26	3
TO3	40	43	42	44	5
TO4	44	52	43	52	8
TO5	44	46	30	48	4
TO6	43	43	43	46	3
UA1	38	27	29	38	1
UA2	38	53	48	53	15
UA3	39	38	39	42	3
UA4	37	37	37	40	3

Notes:

SR – Noise Sensitive Receiver  
TO – Talison Owned Receiver  
UA – Under Agreement Receiver

## 8. ASSESSMENT

To provide a comparison of the current noise emissions to the proposed expansion noise emissions, each scenario presented has been separated to allow for assessment of the existing mining operations (Processing and Mobile Fleet), and the inclusion of the proposed S8 WRL.

When considering the fixed plant processing, and current mining, the appropriate criteria is the assigned noise levels as per the Regulation 17 Ministerial Variation. For the additional S8 WRL, it is not included in the Regulation 17 operations, therefore either it complies with the default Regulation 7 assigned noise level, or it is incorporated into the Ministerial variation, and therefore included under the Greenbushes approval.

For comparison, the assigned noise level for the Regulation 17 variation is 50 dB(A) during the night period, with the assigned noise level for the Regulation 7 being 35 dB(A) during the night period.

Based on the cumulative noise associated with the current and proposed expansion, Table 8.1 details the predicted noise level at each receiver, and compares to the two criteria above.

It is noted that noise levels associated with the fixed plant are unlikely to be technically tonal, however given the nature and level of the mobile mining fleet, there is a likelihood that noise emissions could be tonal dependent on the location of the equipment.

**TABLE 8.1 – CALCULATED L<sub>A10</sub> NOISE LEVELS**

Receiver	S3 – Cumulative Existing and Proposed Operations	Compliance / Exceedance - Regulation 17 50dB(A) Night	Compliance / Exceedance - Regulation 7 35dB(A) Night
SR1	49	Complies	14
SR2	40	Complies	5
SR3	43	Complies	8
SR4	46	Complies	11
SR5	43	Complies	8
SR6	39	Complies	4
SR7	35	Complies	Complies
SR8	30	Complies	Complies
SR9	30	Complies	Complies
SR10	31	Complies	Complies
SR11	31	Complies	Complies
SR12	25	Complies	Complies
SR13	33	Complies	Complies
SR14	34	Complies	Complies
SR15	36	Complies	1
SR16	38	Complies	3
SR17	28	Complies	Complies
SR18	35	Complies	Complies
SR19	35	Complies	0
SR20	36	Complies	1
SR21	45	Complies	10
SR22	43	Complies	8
SR23	39	Complies	4
SR24	24	Complies	Complies
SR25	31	Complies	Complies
SR26	29	Complies	Complies
SR27	27	Complies	Complies
SR28	31	Complies	Complies
SR29	28	Complies	Complies
SR30	56	5.8	21
SR31	44	Complies	9
SR32	38	Complies	3
SR33	37	Complies	2
SR34	33	Complies	Complies
SR35	34	Complies	Complies
SR36	29	Complies	Complies
SR37	28	Complies	Complies
SR38	30	Complies	Complies
SR39	29	Complies	Complies
SR40	29	Complies	Complies
SR41	32	Complies	Complies
SR42	19	Complies	Complies
SR43	28	Complies	Complies
TO1	34	Complies	Complies
TO2	26	Complies	Complies
TO3	44	Complies	9
TO4	52	1.5	17
TO5	48	Complies	13
TO6	46	Complies	11
UA1	38	Complies	3
UA2	53	3.1	18
UA3	42	Complies	7
UA4	40	Complies	5

Notes:

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## 9. DISCUSSION

Assessment of current mining and processing operations shows compliance is being achieved with the regulatory criteria contained in the Regulation 17 variation of the assigned noise level, for which Talison operates under.

Predictive noise modelling shows that noise levels for the expansion of the mine, including the **s8 WRL**, meets the Regulation 17 criteria of 50dB(A) for the night period, with the exception of receiver SR30. It is noted there are exceedances at TO4 and UA2, however it is understood these are owned by Talison, or currently under an agreement.

If noise were to be considered under Regulation 7, i.e. 35 dB(A) during the night, there would be significant exceedances at numerous receivers.

As referenced in Table 7.1 the variation in noise level due to the S8 WRL proposal, increases noise at 44 of the 53 Receivers between 1 to 16 dB(A) dependant on the location. To show the increase in noise, Figure 8.1 depicts the graphical representation for individual receivers and the increase in noise level.

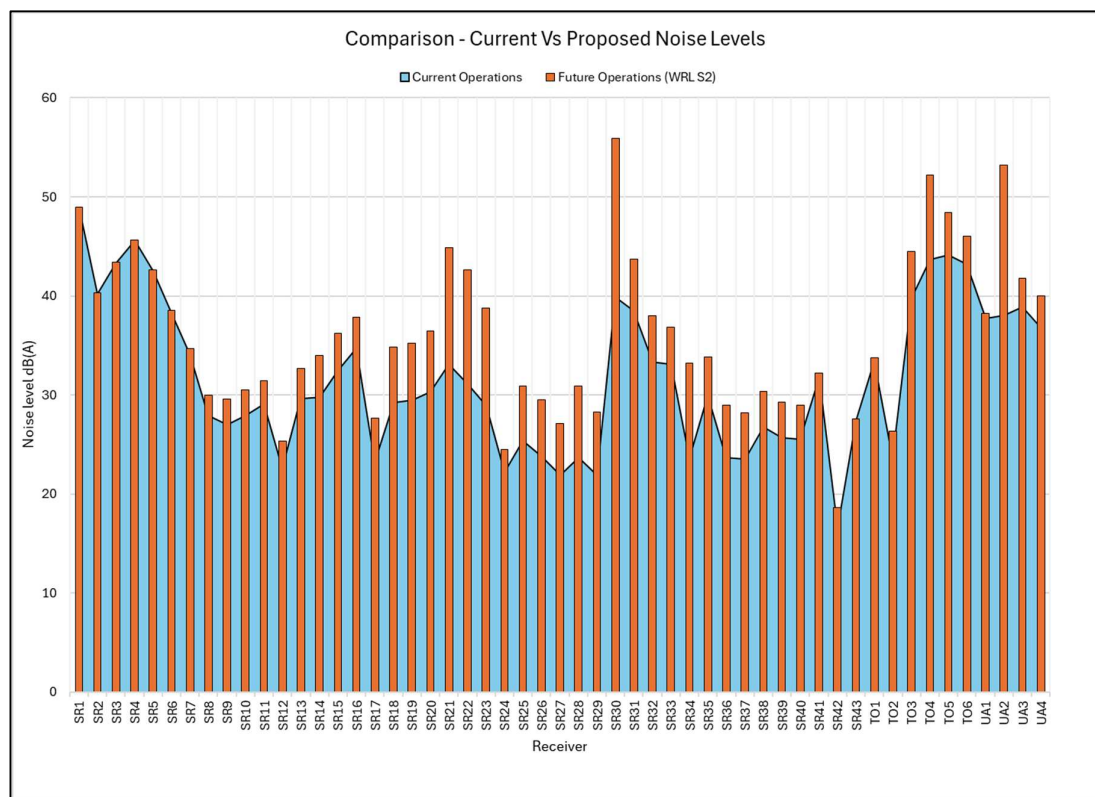


FIGURE 8.1 –INDIVIDUAL RECEIVER NOISE LEVEL INCREASE

## 10. CONCLUSION

The purpose of this acoustic study is to provide preliminary information for the noise levels associated with the s8 WRL project.

The current operations comply with the criteria for which the Greenbushes mine operates under, namely the Regulation 17 Ministerial variation, being an assigned noise level of 50 dB(A) during the most critical periods of night.

The proposed expansion of the S8 WRL project will increase noise levels between 1 to 16 dB(A) dependent on the location of the receiver in relation to S8 WRL. If the noise levels were considered under the current approved Regulation 17 assigned noise level, the noise level would only exceed the criteria during the night at one noise sensitive receiver.

Based on the modelling and location of the S8 WRL project, the noise levels would be difficult to manage to a point where compliance is achieved with the base assigned noise levels in Regulation 7. Therefore, the proposed operations are required to be incorporated into the current Regulation 17 approval, where the assigned noise level is 50 dB(A) during the night period.

## **APPENDIX A**

LOCATION MAPS / REFERENCE LOCATIONS





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Customer:  
Talison Lithium  
Project: Talison Lithium Greenbushes  
Project-No. 24136-02

Map  
**A1**

Mining and Processing Areas  
(Including Proposed S8 WRL) - 2025

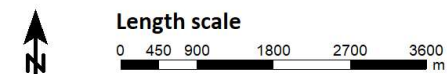
Result number 0  
Calculation in above ground

Project engineer: PLO  
Created: 22/01/2025  
Processed with: SoundPLAN 9.1, Update 20/01/2025

Signs and symbols

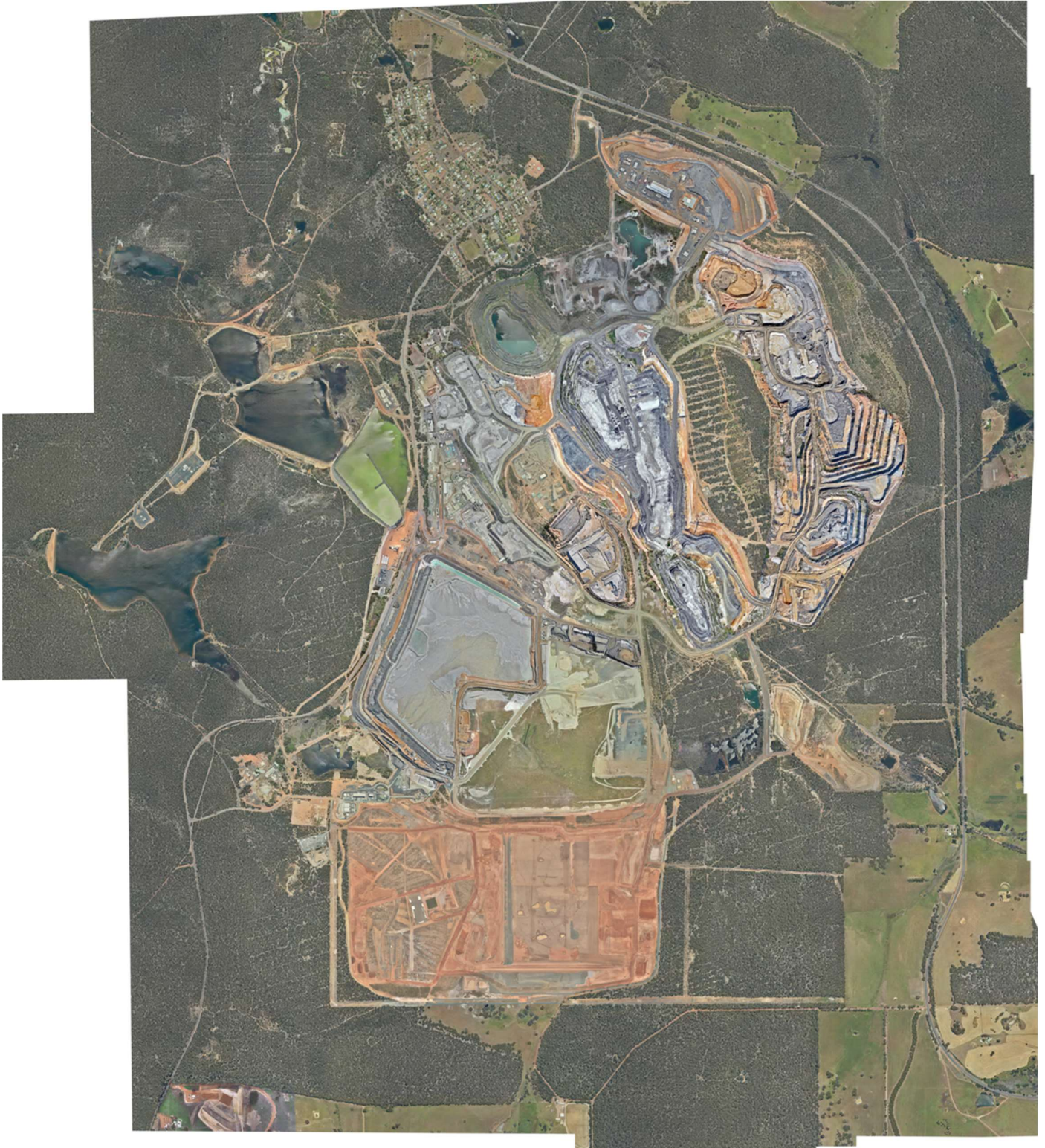
- Main building
- Elevation point
- Point receiver
- Proposed WRL S2
- Existing Active Mining Areas

SR - Sensitive Receiver  
TO - Talison Owned Receive  
UA - Under Agreement





**FIGURE A2 – CURRENT GREENBUSHES OPERATIONS**



## **APPENDIX B**

### **NOISE CONTOURS PLOTS**



**Customer:**  
**Talison Lithium**  
**Project: Talison Lithium Greenbushes**  
**Project-No. 24136**

# Map S1

## Scenario 1 -Current Mining and Processing

Current Processing and Mining June 2024 - Comparison Prior to Eastern ExpansionGNM  
 Result number 90  
 Calculation in 1.5 m above ground

Project engineer: PJD  
 Created: 7/6/2025  
 Processed with SoundPLAN 9.1, Update 19/12/2024

### Levels LA10 in dB(A)

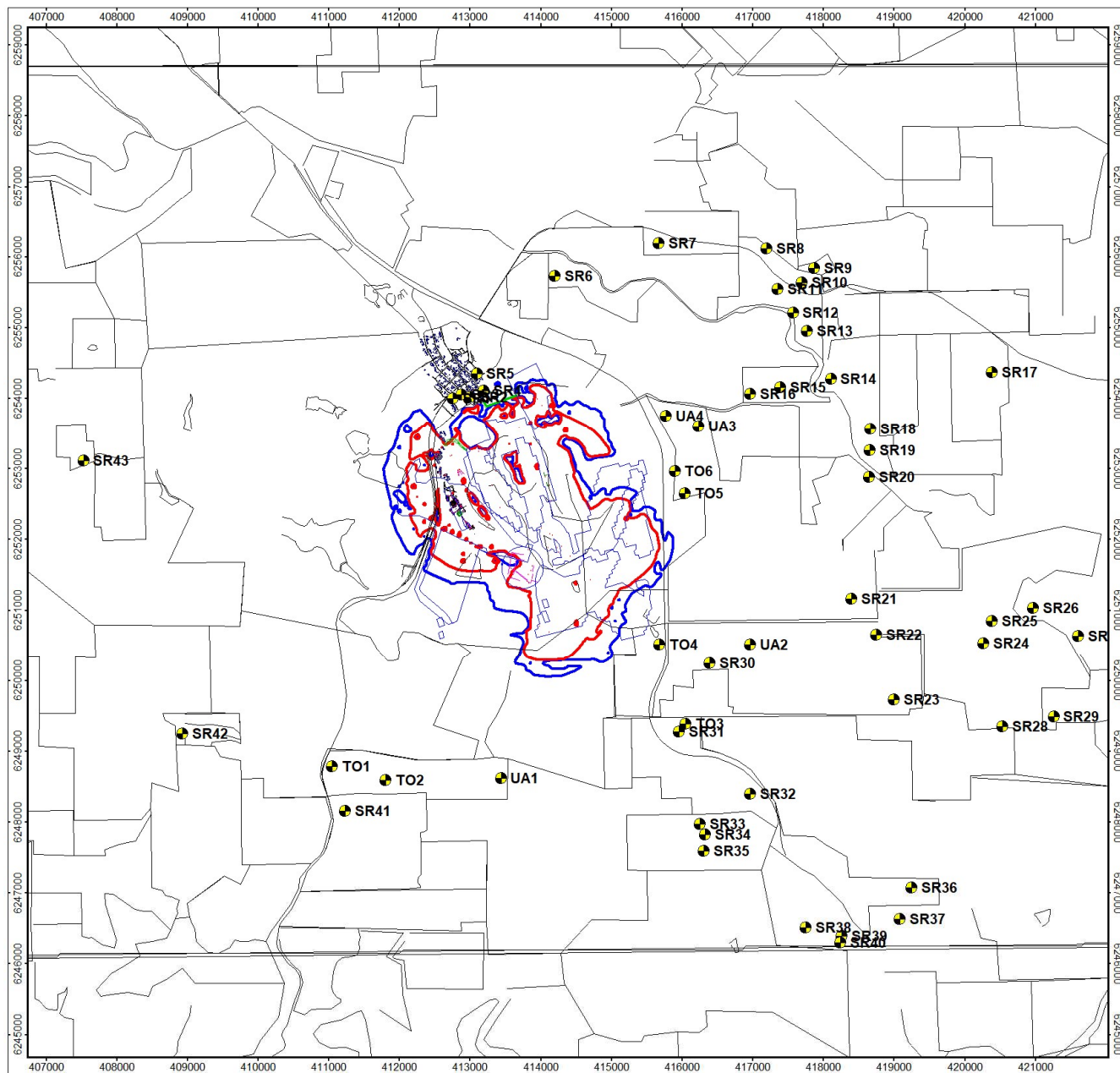
■ = 50 Complies Night Period  
■ = 53 Complies Day Period

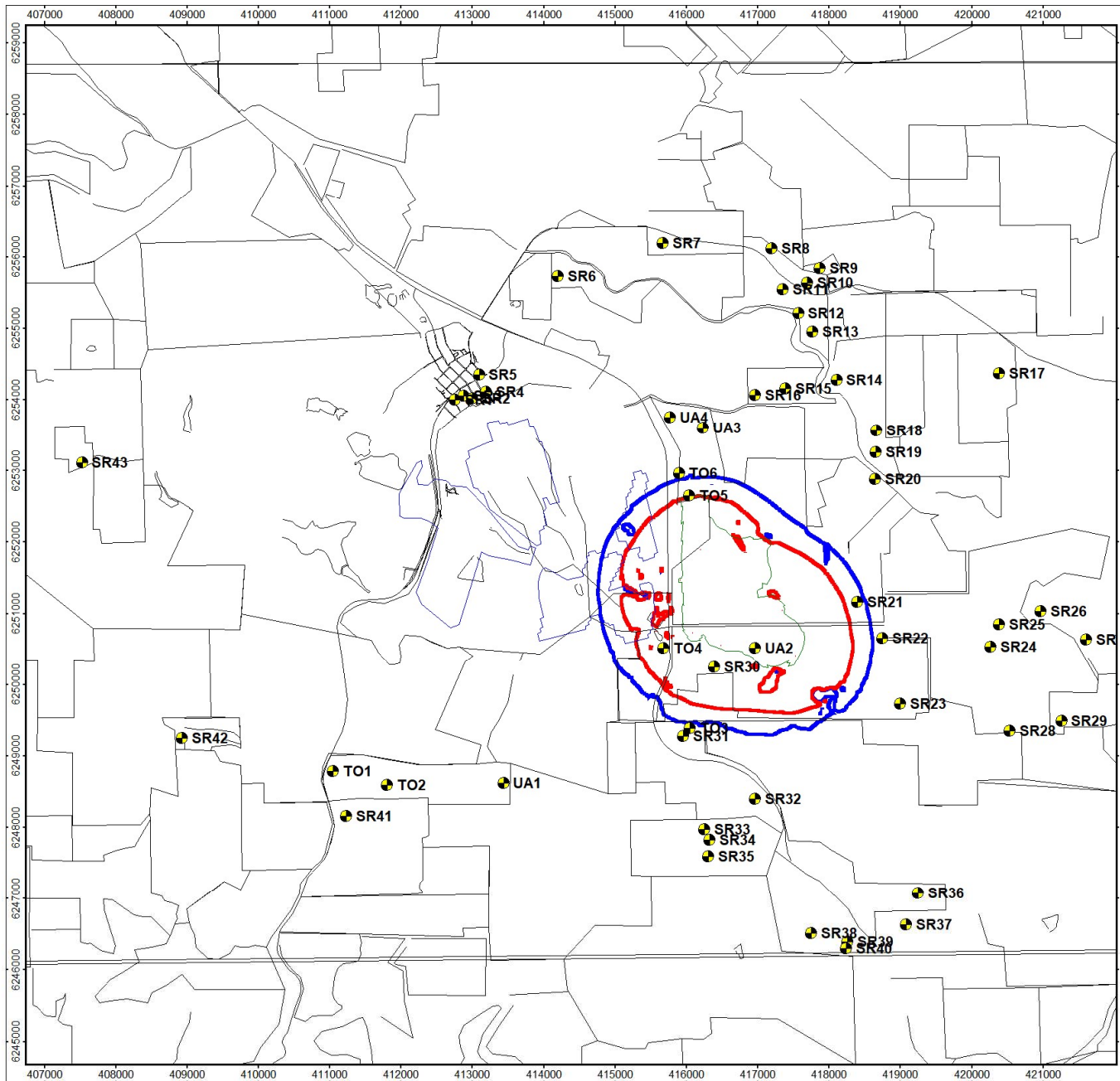
 Main building  
 Point receiver

SR - Noise Sensitive Receiver  
 TO - Talison Owned Receiver  
 UA - Under Agreement



Length scale





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## Map S2

Scenario 2A and 2B - Proposed S8 WRL  
Highest Noise Level Ground to Final Height

Max (GNM(87,1), GNM(86,1));  
Result number 0  
Calculation in 1.5 m above ground

Project engineer: PJD  
Created: 23/01/2023  
Reviewed with SoundPLAN 5.1, Update 20.01.2023

Levels LA10  
in dB(A)

Blue = 50 Complies Night Period  
Red = 53 Complies Day Period

Main building  
Point receiver

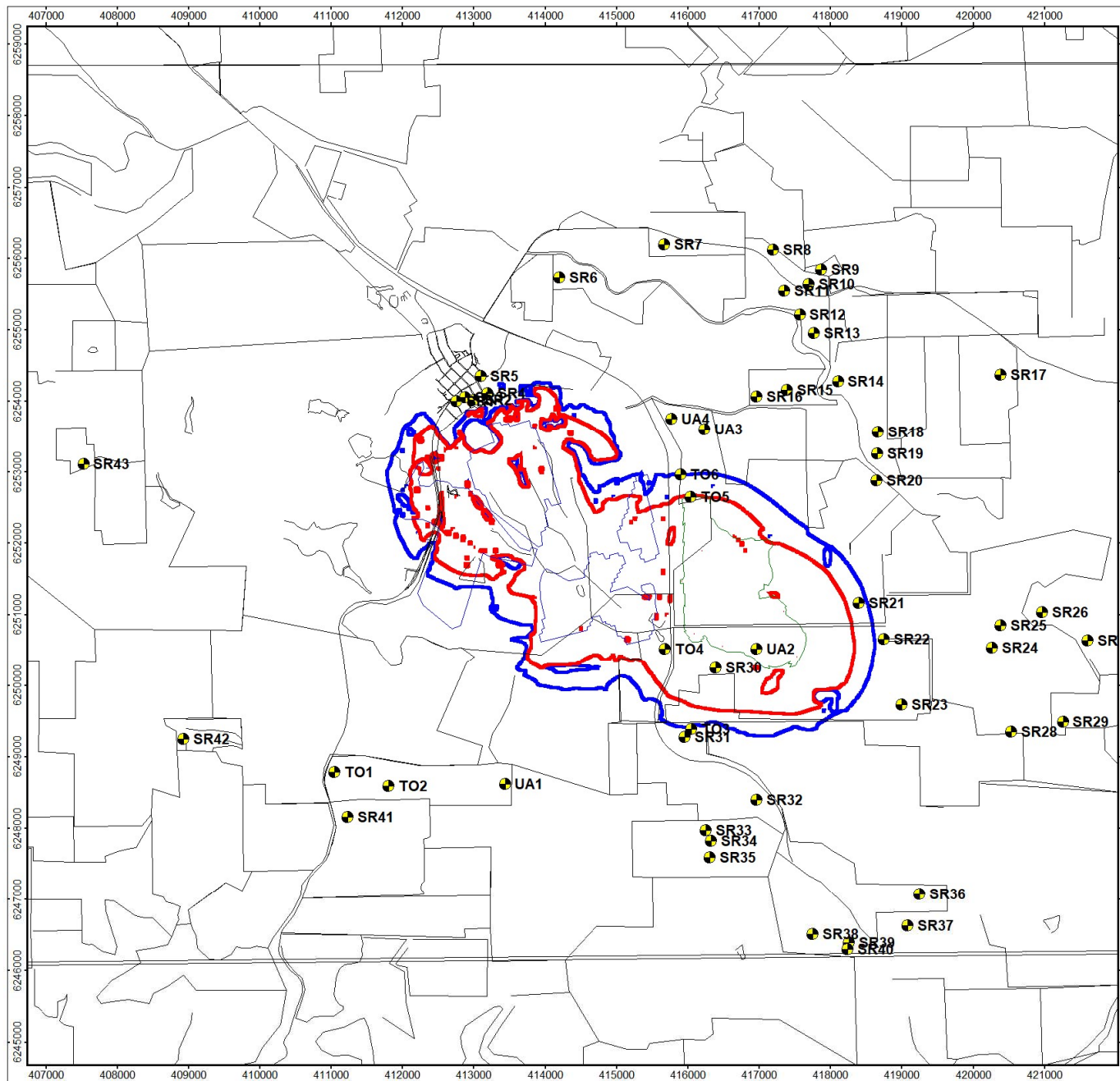
SR - Noise Sensitive Receiver  
TO - Talison Owned Receiver  
UA - Under Agreement



Length scale

0 450 900 1800 2700 3600 m





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## Map S3

**Scenario 3 - Cumulative Noise -  
 Processing, Mining and Proposed S8 WRL**

GNM(90,1) ++ GNM(87,1);  
 Result number 0  
 Calculation in 1.5 m above ground

Project engineer: PLO  
 Created: 22/01/2025  
 Processed with SoundPLAN 9.1, Update 20/01/2025

**Levels LA10  
 in dB(A)**

■ = 50 Complies Night Period  
■ = 53 Complies Day Period

Main building  
 Point receiver

SR - Noise Sensitive Receiver  
 TO - Talison Owned Receiver  
 UA - Under Agreement



**Length scale**

0 450 900 1800 2700 3600 m

