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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Renzo Tonin & Associates were engaged to conduct an environmental noise assessment for the proposed Oran Park Precinct. The goal of the study was to identify key noise issues, quantify future noise levels, and identify possible noise management controls and constraints to be included in the Indicative Layout Plan (ILP) for the precinct:

Key noise issues with potential to affect proposed development of the precinct were identified as:

- Road traffic noise from The Northern Road, Cobbitty Road, Southern Boulevard and Central Spine;
- Noise generated by future industrial/commercial development within the Oran Park Precinct; and
- Noise from licensed premises and community developments such as schools, childcare centres, sporting fields and multi-purpose halls
- Aircraft noise from Camden Aerodrome

TRAFFIC NOISE

The NSW Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN) sets out criteria to be applied to particular types of road and land uses.

Potential traffic noise from various road types as set out in the GCC Development Code has been modelled. The results of the modelling indicate if no traffic noise mitigation measures are implemented along major and semi-major roads, residences exposed to these roads will be subject to traffic noise levels above the ECRTN noise goals.

Due to noise walls not being a desirable form of noise mitigation in residential areas, noise control through building design and facade treatment is the focus of this study. We note that the focus on building treatment rather than noise walls allows traffic noise to propagate over a larger area, resulting in a lower standard of outdoor amenity for residential areas, and an increase in the number of dwellings requiring 'better than standard' facade construction. Typical mitigation requirements for the various roads within the Precinct are set out in Table 7.

It has been determined that significant residential building treatment will be required along heavily trafficked roads in order to meet internal noise goals. For example, double glazing or single laminated glazing, and thicker than standard doors will be required for facades exposed to busy roads. Ventilation requirements (in accordance with the BCA) also needs to be considered for rooms with facades facing the road. These rooms may require mechanical ventilation if adequate ventilation cannot be provided from other rooms or facades within the dwelling.

Courtyards and private open space should be located away from the road, using the building as a buffer to obtain a quiet outdoor environment. If adequate outdoor space can not be provided behind the dwelling, boundary fencing on each lot may be required to reduce noise level in yard areas. This boundary fencing may need to be higher than standard fencing and would need to be of solid construction.

INDUSTRIAL NOISE

Operational noise impact from industrial or commercial developments is assessed in accordance with the guidelines set out in the NSW DEC's 'Industrial Noise Policy' (INP) document.

As background noise monitoring is not appropriate for 'greenfield' sites, reference to relevant Australian Standards has been made for estimating background noise levels for different receiver areas. In addition the amenity noise criterion has been discussed with reference to the NSW DEC's INP 'Assessment in Developing Areas'.

At this stage of the development specific developments or locations of developments are not known and therefore a full assessment of noise impacts can not be undertaken. Applicable noise criteria and management measures have been discussed to ensure noise amenity in the area does not deteriorate. Any industrial or commercial developments are required to be assessed with a 'holistic' approach so that the total noise received from industry at any affected residential receiver will meet the relevant amenity noise criteria.

Wherever possible, buffer zones such as small retail stores, commercial offices, parks and open areas should be provided between major retail/shopping developments and residential developments so that a suitable outdoor amenity may be achieved. Loading docks are best located away from residential receivers as noise emissions from such sources are difficult to control, particularly at night.

No existing industrial noise impacts were identified to be impacting the site

LICENSED PREMISES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

In relation to licensed premises, schools, childcare centres, multi-purpose halls and sporting fields, details of such development are not yet known. However, the following design principles should be incorporated wherever possible.

- Licensed premises and restaurants with large outdoor eating areas are best located away from residential receivers as noise emissions from such sources are difficult to control, particularly at night. Distances of 100m or more to residences are often required.
- Within schools, the location of outdoor play areas, sporting fields, bus bays and car parks should be separated from common boundaries of residential premises. Noise emanating from classrooms is not usually an issue unless classrooms and residences are both located close to a common boundary.
- Where child care centres are located adjacent to residences, noise from play areas can cause a noise nuisance. Construction of solid boundary fences around play areas or restricting the duration of outdoor play times and the number of children outside at any one time can minimise noise impacts. Fences of around 2.5m high may be required for large centres where residences are immediately adjacent.
- Where multi-purpose halls are located in close proximity to residential premises, acoustic design of the hall may be required to ensure a satisfactory noise amenity is achieved. Where acoustic impact is not considered during the planning process, the potential uses of the development may be restricted and/or time limits imposed. It is common for usage to be restricted after 10pm.

- Noise from sporting fields is generally as a result of people noise and associated car parks. The DEC recommends the following time restrictions where separation distances to residences are not sufficient to control noise;

7am to 6pm any weekday

8am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays

6pm to 10pm two nights per week excluding Sundays or Public Holidays

AIRCRAFT NOISE

The potential impact of aircraft noise and overflights from Camden Aerodrome on the release area are assessed in accordance with AS2021-2000 'Acoustics - Aircraft noise intrusion – Building siting and construction'.

Reference has been made to the Camden Airport Master Plan 2004/05 and the Oran Park Precinct would not be adversely affected by aircraft noise.

MOTORSPORT NOISE

With respect to motor sport noise from Oran Park Raceway, we understand that the Raceway will be closed as part of the Precinct development and therefore noise from motorsport will not impact the site.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Renzo Tonin & Associates were engaged to conduct an environmental noise assessment of the proposed Oran Park Precinct. The purpose of the assessment is to assist in development of the Indicative Layout Plan (ILP) for the precinct. This assessment examines noise impacts on to the site from the surrounding environment and future developments within the precinct, including road traffic, industry, aircraft and motor sport. The assessment has been conducted in accordance with the Growth Centres Commission (GCC) Development Code, NSW DEC noise policies, and relevant Australian Standards.

Where noise level predictions are undertaken, discussion of land usage and/or advice on in-principal noise control measures has been provided. Furthermore where noise levels can not yet be predicted, in-principal noise control planning concepts have been provided.

The work documented in this report was carried out in accordance with the Renzo Tonin & Associates Quality Assurance System, which is based on Australian Standard / NZS ISO 9001.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

The Oran Park Precinct is situated some 70km from the Sydney CBD, between Liverpool (20km north-east), Campbelltown (8km south-east), and Camden (6km south-west). South Creek generally forms the eastern boundary, Cobbitty Road forms the southern boundary, while the western and northern boundary comprises large, rural living lots. The Northern Road runs north-south through the site.

The site is to be developed for both commercial and residential land uses with associated community facilities such as schools and open spaces. It is proposed to develop 8500 dwellings.

2.2 NOISE ISSUES

Excessive noise has been recognised as a major cause of disturbance to living and working environments and therefore as a key determinant of urban amenity. The major sources of noise potentially affecting the Oran Park Precinct are:

- *Road traffic noise associated with existing roads, and roads constructed for the development*
Major existing roads include The Northern Road and Cobbitty Road. Major internal roads include Southern Boulevard and East-West Road 1 which both connect to The Northern Road, North Spine Road which connects to Cobbitty Road, and North-South West Road, North-South East Road, and Western Boulevard.
- *Industrial noise associated with the developments within the Oran Park Precinct*
This includes retail, commercial and industrial noise sources within the Town Centre and employment zones.
- *Aircraft noise associated with the Camden Aerodrome*
The south-western most point of the site is located approximately 2.4km from the north-eastern end of the Main Runway (06/24) of the Camden Aerodrome.
- *Other Noise Generating Development*
In addition to commercial and industrial noise sources, other developments such as schools, child care centres, sporting ovals, multi-purpose halls, cafes, restaurants and bars have the potential to generate noise impacts. Whilst specific developments are not known at this stage, appropriate noise criteria and broad control measures are discussed.

3. EXISTING NOISE ENVIRONMENT

Ambient noise data is useful for setting benchmark noise levels in an area already significantly affected by traffic or industrial noise, and can also be used for validation of noise prediction models. For this project, ambient noise levels were measured at three locations along The Northern Road using long-term, unattended monitoring methods. The locations were selected to provide a representative sample of the acoustic environment to be found along the route.

Long-term noise monitoring was conducted over 7 days from 6th to 13th December, 2006 at the following locations:

Location M1	<p>West side of The Northern Road, at Denbigh property entrance, approximately 1km north of Cobbitty Road (west).</p> <p>70m setback from road, 1.5m above ground level</p> <p>Rural noise environment controlled by traffic noise.</p> <p>Free field measurement (noise monitoring results have been facade corrected.)</p>
Location M2	<p>East Side of The Northern Road, approximately 1.65km north of Cobbitty Road (east)</p> <p>90m setback from road, 1.5m above ground level</p> <p>Rural noise environment controlled by traffic noise.</p> <p>Free field measurement (noise monitoring results have been facade corrected.)</p>
Location M3	<p>East side of The Northern Rd Approximately 2.2km north of Cobbitty Rd (east)</p> <p>20m setback from road, 1.5m above ground level</p> <p>Rural noise environment controlled by traffic noise.</p> <p>Free field measurement (noise monitoring results have been facade corrected.)</p>

Appendix D of this report further details the noise monitoring methodology and shows the graphical recorded output from long term noise monitors. The graphs in **Appendix D** were analysed to determine existing traffic noise levels and existing background noise levels in accordance with NSW DEC noise policy. The results of noise monitoring are presented below.

Table 1 – Results of Noise Monitoring, dB(A)

Location	L _{A90} Background Noise Levels			L _{Aeq} Traffic Noise Levels	
	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Night
Location M1 – 70m setback	40	35	28	57	54
Location M2 – 90m setback	42	38	28	55	53
Location M3 – 20m Setback	41	38	34	63	60

4. ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE ASSESSMENT

4.1 ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE CRITERIA

4.1.1 NSW DEC's 'Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise'

In accordance with the GCC Development Code the relevant guideline for managing road traffic noise is the NSW DEC's Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN, May 1999).

The ECRTN is used to assess the potential traffic noise impact on the site. Table 1 – 'Road Traffic Noise Criteria for Proposed Road or Residential Land Use Developments' of the ECRTN divides land use developments into different categories and sets noise goals for each case. These goals are shown in the table below. Traffic noise levels are assessed separately for daytime and night time periods, defined as follows:

- **Day** is 7:00am to 10:00pm;
- **Night** is 10:00pm to 7:00am.

Table 2 - DEC Road Traffic Noise Goals, dB(A)

Type of Development	Day	Night
1. New freeway or arterial road corridor 2. New residential land use developments affected by freeway/arterial traffic noise	$L_{Aeq(15hr)} = 55$	$L_{Aeq(9hr)} = 50$
4. New collector road corridor 5. New residential developments affected by collector traffic noise	$L_{Aeq(1hr)} = 60$	$L_{Aeq(1hr)} = 55$
9. New local road corridor in a metropolitan area 11. New residential developments affected by traffic noise from local roads	$L_{Aeq(1hr)} = 55$	$L_{Aeq(1hr)} = 50$

The ECRTN also sets guidelines for the assessment of traffic noise on sensitive land use developments.

Table 3 - Road Traffic Noise Criteria for Sensitive Land Use Developments

Type of Development	$L_{eq(1hr)}$, dB(A)	
	Day	Night
Proposed school classrooms	40 ¹	-
Existing school classroom	45 ¹	-
Hospital wards	35 ¹	35 ¹
Places of worship	40 ¹	40 ¹
Active recreation (eg golf courses)	$L_{eq(15hr)} = 60$ ²	-
Passive recreation and school playgrounds	$L_{eq(15hr)} = 55$ ²	-

Source: NSW Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (Environment Protection Authority, May 1999).

- Note:
1. Internal noise criteria
 2. External noise criteria

With regard to acceptable internal noise levels for residences, the ECRTN states that;

“It is preferable for internal noise level criteria to be set by the relevant planning or building authority. The internal levels that are set may vary depending on the type of development the planning authority wants to encourage for an area. The Hornsby Shire and Sydney City councils have codes for internal noise level criteria in place. Sleeping areas are usually the most sensitive to noise impact, so in the absence of any local codes internal levels of 35 - 40 dB(A) at night are recommended. As a guide for other living areas, internal noise levels 10dB(A) below external levels are recommended on the basis of openable windows being opened sufficiently to provide adequate ventilation (refer to Building Code of Australia for additional information). For most residences this equates to a minimum of 20% of the window area left open.”

4.1.2 Australian Standard 2107-2000

Further to the criteria set out above, reference may also be made to AS2107-2000 “Acoustics – Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors” for recommended internal noise levels where the ECRTN external criteria can not be achieved. The standard recommends the following internal noise levels for residences;

Table 4 – AS/NZS 2107-2000 Recommended Internal Noise Levels

Type of Occupancy – Residential Buildings		Recommended design sound level, L_{Aeq} dB(A)	
		Satisfactory	Maximum
Houses and apartments near minor roads	Living Areas	30	40
	Sleeping Areas	30	35
Houses and apartments near major roads	Living Areas	35	45
	Sleeping Areas	30	40

In addition, Australian Standard 2107–2000 is appropriate to assess noise impact upon commercial and industrial developments. As the criteria is specific to usage, assessment of commercial and industrial spaces should be conducted at the development application stage once the specific use has been determined.

We note that noise criteria for commercial spaces are generally less stringent than residential developments, and internal noise levels are generally satisfied by careful design of the building envelope. Office spaces are often air-conditioned allowing windows to remain closed, which assists in achieving suitable internal noise levels.

4.2 ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE PREDICTION MODELLING

4.2.1 Modelling Method

Noise predictions are based on a method developed by the United Kingdom Department of Environment entitled “Calculation of Road Traffic Noise (1988)” known as the CoRTN (1988) method. This method has been adapted to Australian conditions and extensively tested by the Australian Road Research Board and as a result it is recognised and accepted by the Environment Protection Authority. The model predicts noise levels for steady flowing traffic and noise from high truck exhausts is taken into account.

The noise prediction model takes into account the following:

Table 5 – Summary of Modelling Inputs

Input Parameters	Input used
Traffic volumes and mix	As described in Table 6 and Section 4.3
Vehicle speed	Upper limit of speed range as defined in Section C.3 of GCC Development Code
Gradient of roadways	flat
Source height	0.5m for car exhaust, 1.5m for car and truck engines and 3.5m for truck exhaust and detailed within CoRTN
Ground topography at receiver and road	Receiver and road at same level
Angles of view from receiver	160 degrees
Reflections from existing barriers, structures and cuttings on opposite side of road	No significant structures or cuttings considered in modelling
Air and ground absorption. Values vary between 0 (hard surface) to 1 (100% absorptive).	0.5 has been used in this study
Receiver Heights	1.5m above ground level for ground floor and 4.5m above ground level for 1 st floor
Facade correction	+2.5dB(A)
Australian conditions correction	-1.7dB(A)
Acoustic properties of road surfaces	Assumed dense graded asphalt
Roadside mounds / barriers	Barriers considered reflective on both sides. Mounds considered non-reflective

4.2.2 Road Design and Traffic Flow

Section C.3 of the GCC's Development Code provides parameters for different road types within a development area. The parameters are summarised in the table below, including an assumed setback distance from the nearest road lane to the residential facade. We understand that these parameters are currently under review and may be modified.

Table 6 – GCC Street Network Parameters

Road Type	Vehicles / 24hr day	Speed (km/h)	Minimum setback from nearest lane to residential boundary	Assumed setback from nearest lane to facade*
Arterial Road	35000+	Up to 80km/hr	Determined by RTA	30m
Transit Boulevard	30000 - 35000	60 - 80km/hr	10.5m	15m
Sub-Arterial Road	10000 - 35000	Up to 70km/hr	6.8m	15m
Collector Street	3000 - 10000	Up to 60km/hr	5m	10m

Local Street	1000 - 3000	Up to 50km/hr	5m	10m
Minor Street	< 1000	Up to 50km/hr	To be determined through DCP	10m
Town Centre Street	20000	-	-	10m

Note: *Assumed by Renzo Tonin & Associates based on GCC Development Code diagrams and draft ILP.

Future traffic flow predictions for the year 2016 have been predicted by Maunsell for major roads throughout the Oran Park Precinct. Predictions are for AM and PM peak hour volumes. The predicted volumes have been analysed and used to determine which category of noise treatment is required for residences located along the various roads. Results of the analysis is shown in Table 7.

4.3 TRAFFIC NOISE PREDICTIONS

Specific land use zoning, lot boundaries and dwelling layouts have not yet been finalised for the Oran Park Precinct. Therefore, rather than predicting traffic noise levels at specific locations on the site, noise levels have been predicted according to road type, and the likely noise mitigation required for each road has been specified.

However, Section C.3 of GCC's Development Code "Streets – Street Hierarchy: Arterial Roads" states that;

"In residential areas, alternatives to noise walls should be used, such as significant landscaped areas and service roads."

Furthermore, Camden Council has advised that noise mounds or barriers are not desirable along any roads internal to the site.

Section C.6 of GCC Development Code "Acoustical Privacy for Residential Development" also requires developers to;

"Design the internal layouts of apartments and the location of courtyards, terraces, balconies and openings to minimise noise transmission".

Therefore, for internal roads, proposed noise mitigation measures focus on treatment of residential receivers in terms of building orientation, design layout, boundary fencing and building facade treatment, rather than mitigation of road noise through roadside mounds or barriers. However, Indicative noise wall heights have been included for completeness, and to provide a comparison between 'roadside' and 'building' treatments. We note that use of building treatment rather than roadside noise walls allows traffic noise to propagate over a larger area, resulting in a lower standard of outdoor amenity for residential areas, and an increase in the number of dwellings requiring 'better than standard' facade construction.

The Table 7 below presents predicted daytime traffic noise levels based on the following assumptions:

- The 24hr volumes are the maximums of the volume ranges shown in Table 6, except for the sub-arterial which assumes 25,000 vehicles per day to provide a spread of volumes in the analysis. Also, the 24hr volume for an arterial road is assumed to be 40,000 vehicles.
- Peak hour traffic volumes are 10% of the 24hr volume
- The 15hr daytime volume is 85% of the 24hr volume

- The traffic speed is the upper limit of the range shown in Table 6
- Percentage of heavy vehicles in traffic mix is assumed to be 6% for arterial roads, 3% for transit boulevards, sub-arterials and town centre streets, and 0% for collector streets, local streets and minor streets
- The distance from the nearside traffic lane to the residential facade is as shown in the last column of Table 6
- Noise mounds / barriers are located midway between the road and the residential facade

Although there are both 'day' and 'night' traffic noise goals to be satisfied, the daytime traffic goals are usually more likely to be exceeded in a developed residential area. Night time road traffic noise levels are likely to create greater impact only where the percentage of heavy vehicles are significantly higher than the day time period. Assuming daytime is the worst case, Table 7 presents noise predictions and noise treatment to satisfy the daytime goals. If the daytime goals are satisfied, then the night time goals are also likely to be satisfied.

Noise predictions are to the first row houses alongside the road. The Option 1 building treatment in Table 7 would generally need only be applied at the first row of houses since they would themselves provide acoustic shielding to houses behind. In some cases, where there are large gaps between houses or open space alongside roads, houses set further back may also need to be acoustically treated. Furthermore, the Option 1 treatment refers to the facade facing the road and we would expect that there would be a reduction in noise impact on side and rear facades, therefore requiring lesser treatment.

The following treatment recommendations provide in-principle noise control solutions to reduce traffic noise impacts to residential receivers. This information is presented as part of the ILP development and planning process, and shall not be used for construction unless otherwise approved in writing by the acoustic consultant. Assistance of an acoustic consultant must be sought at the detailed design phase of these works to provide the necessary design details and specifications prior to construction. The advice provided here is in respect of acoustics only. Supplementary professional advice should be sought in respect of fire ratings, structural design, build ability, fitness for purpose and the like.

Mitigation requirements shown are 'typical' based on GCC's standard road cross sections and assumed vehicle speeds and setbacks, and assuming flat ground. Mitigation requirements may differ from those shown depending on ground topography (particularly elevated residences), building setback, and varying traffic volumes and mix.

For specific developments within the Oran Park Precinct, developers should outline the noise control treatment option(s) to be incorporated that demonstrate compliance with DEC noise standards, prior to approval for development being given.

Table 7 – Traffic Noise Predictions and Mitigation

Road Type	Peak Hour Traffic Volume	ECRTN Daytime External Noise Criteria, dB(A)	Predicted Daytime Traffic Noise Level at nearest residential facade dB(A) ¹	Typical Mitigation Requirements			Application to Oran Park Roads
				Option 1 – Typical building treatment for first row of dwellings to satisfy internal noise goals		Option 2 – Typical noise mounds/walls to satisfy external goals	
				Bedrooms	Living Areas		
Arterial Road	4000	L _{Aeq,15hr} 55	L _{Aeq,15hr} 68	Windows closed 12.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed 6.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors Solid core 45mm doors on external facades	4m	The Northern Road (between Southern Boulevard and Cobbitty Road)
Transit Boulevard	3500	L _{Aeq,15hr} 55	L _{Aeq,15hr} 70	Windows closed 10.38/12/6 double glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed 10.38 laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors Solid core 45mm doors on external facades	4m	Southern Boulevard East (between North Spine and TNR)
Sub-Arterial Road	2500	L _{Aeq,15hr} 55	L _{Aeq,15hr} 67	Windows closed 12.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed 6.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors Solid core 45mm doors on external facades	3.5m	Southern Boulevard West East-West Road 1 (west of TNR) North Spine (south of Southern Boulevard) The Northern Road (north of Southern Boulevard) Cobbitty Road (West of TNR)

Road Type	Peak Hour Traffic Volume	ECRTN Daytime External Noise Criteria, dB(A)	Predicted Daytime Traffic Noise Level at nearest residential facade dB(A) ¹	Typical Mitigation Requirements			Application to Oran Park Roads
				Option 1 – Typical building treatment for first row of dwellings to satisfy internal noise goals		Option 2 – Typical noise mounds/walls to satisfy external goals	
				Bedrooms	Living Areas		
Collector Street	1000	L _{Aeq,1hr} 60	L _{Aeq,1hr} 67	Windows closed 10.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed 6.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors Solid core 45mm doors on external facades	1.5m	Western Boulevard East-West Road 1 North-South West Road East West Road 2 North-South East Road North Spine (north of EWR1) Cobbitty Road (east of TNR)
Local Street	300	L _{Aeq,1hr} 55	L _{Aeq,1hr} 60	Windows closed 6.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed Standard glazing	1.5m	Local streets with approx 100 - 300vph
Minor Street	100	L _{Aeq,1hr} 55	L _{Aeq,1hr} 55	Standard	Standard	none required	Local streets with 100vph or less
Town Centre Street	2000	L _{Aeq,15hr} 55	L _{Aeq,15hr} 67	Windows closed 12.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors	Windows closed 6.38mm laminated glazing Acoustic seals on windows and doors Solid core 45mm doors on external facades	3m	North Spine (between EWR1 and Southern Boulevard) Southern Boulevard (between North Spine and NSER) East West Road 1 (between TNR and Western Boulevard)

- Note:
1. Mitigation requirements shown are 'typical' based on GCC's standard road cross sections and assumed vehicle speeds, and assuming flat ground. Mitigation requirements may vary with ground topography, building setback, and varying traffic volumes and mix.
 2. Traffic noise levels are predicted to the ground floor level of a dwelling. Option 2 wall heights refer to the height required to comply at ground level. First floor facades would still require building treatment.
 3. Where windows need to remain closed to achieve internal noise levels, ventilation should be provided to meet BCA requirements.
 4. 10.38/12/6 double glazing means 12mm air gap between 10.38mm laminated glass and 6mm float glass.
 5. Building treatments are based on internal noise goals of 35dB(A) for bedrooms and 40dB(A) for living areas.

4.4 DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC NOISE MITIGATION OPTIONS

Further to the noise mitigation requirements set out in Table 7, we provide the following information regarding traffic noise mitigation. Reference has been made to The RTA's 'Environmental Noise Management Manual' (ENMM) which gives guidance on appropriate treatment of dwellings affected by traffic noise.

4.4.1 Building Treatment & Design

Typical building treatments in the form of glazing requirements, door thickness requirements and acoustic seals have been provided in Table 7 above according to road classification. Building treatments have been determined based on internal noise goals consistent with the ECRTN and Australian Standard 2107-2000.

The use of building treatments rather than roadside noise walls means that internal noise levels are achieved by keeping windows and doors closed. This means that adequate ventilation (in accordance with the BCA) needs to be considered for rooms with facades facing the road. These rooms may require mechanical ventilation if adequate ventilation cannot be provided from other rooms or facades within the dwelling.

Using building treatments rather than roadside noise walls also leaves outdoor areas exposed to traffic noise. Courtyards and open space areas should be located away from the road, using the building as a buffer to obtain a quiet outdoor environment. If adequate outdoor space can not be provided behind the dwelling, boundary fencing on each lot may be required to reduce noise level in yard areas. This boundary fencing may need to be higher than standard fencing and would need to be of masonry, steel, or lapped and capped timber construction, or some other or other solid construction of suitable mass. A standard timber paling fence would not be suitable.

Dwellings constructed in traffic noise affected areas can be designed so that their layouts minimise noise in living and sleeping areas. Within the building itself, locate less sensitive rooms closest to the road, so that these essentially form a barrier between the road and noise sensitive rooms such as bedrooms and study's.

Access points to dwellings should be off smaller local roads and not via roads that are the source of high traffic noise impacts. This allows for the construction of solid boundary fences facing the traffic noise source to provide some acoustic shielding, which would otherwise be ineffective with the inclusion of openings for drive ways and the like.

Figure 1 below provides examples of 'self protecting' building design. Figure 2 shows an example of building layout to reduce noise.

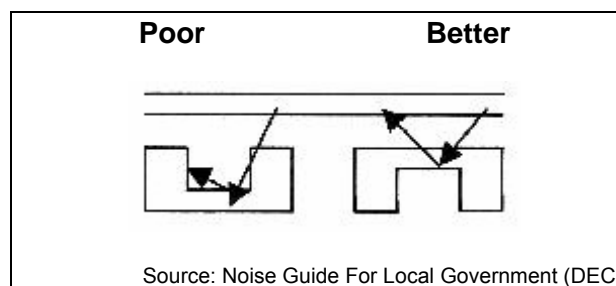
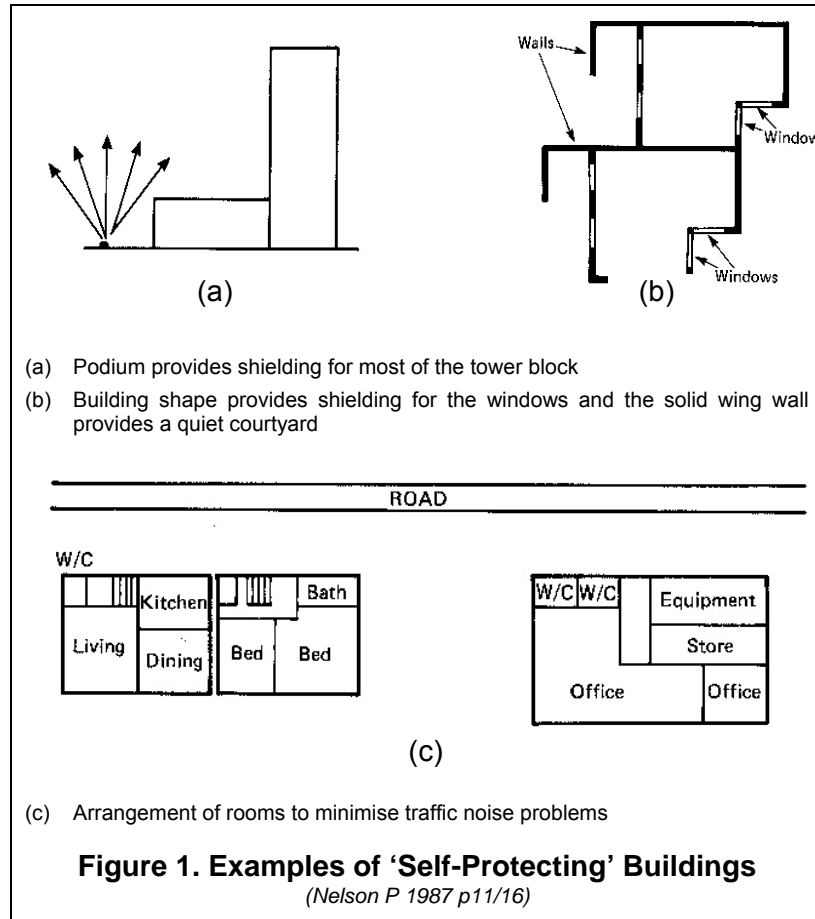


Figure 2: Example of building layout to reduce noise impact

Best practice elements for good acoustic design of development around road transport corridors include:

- locating non noise-sensitive buildings (such as commercial buildings) between the residential buildings and the road transport corridor wherever possible. Care should be taken to manage any noise impact at the residences from commercial activities;
- designing the layout of residential buildings to have bedrooms on the opposite side of the building to the road transport corridor. Non-habitable rooms (such as the bathroom, hallway, laundry, kitchen) can be placed on the road side of the building (see Figure 1(c));

- providing the residents' common or private outdoor space with as much shielding as possible from the road transport corridor. One possible way to provide shielding is by using the height of the residential building.
- include good quality seals on windows and doors and suitable glazing on the residential building facades facing the roadway, and possibly the side façade if external noise levels are high enough (see Table 7); and
- where mechanical ventilation is required to achieve the internal noise levels, it should be designed to satisfy the requirements of part F4 of the Building Code of Australia.

4.4.2 Building Setback

To achieve the ECRTN traffic noise goals, setback distances in the order of 400m from Arterial Roads, 250m from Transit Boulevards, 200m from Sub-arterials, and 100m from Collector Roads would be required.

Excluding residential development within these setback distances is likely to be unfeasible, therefore a combination of setback distance with noise barriers or building design and facade treatment should be used to achieve the set noise goals.

Where the proposed residential dwelling designs may be such that the first row of houses alongside the road act as a noise barrier (i.e. with the linking of dwellings with solid noise walls), the objective is to achieve suitable outdoor amenity behind the dwelling. In this case, it may be more appropriate to reduce the standard residential setback distances to allow increased private open space behind the dwelling.

4.4.3 Roadside Mounds or Barriers

Roadside noise barriers can usually reduce noise levels by 5dB(A) when they are high enough to break line of site and 10 - 15dB(A) in the acoustic 'shadow zone', with a maximum total noise reduction of 20dB(A). The table below gives an indication of the degree of difficulty in attaining certain noise reductions from noise barriers.

Table 8 – Noise Barrier Attenuations

Reduction in Sound Level	Reduction in Acoustic Energy	Degree of Difficulty to attain
5dB(A)	70%	Simple
10dB(A)	90%	Attainable
15dB(A)	97%	Very Difficult
20dB(A)	99%	Nearly Impossible

(RTA's ENMM p17)

Noise barriers can be very effective for mitigating traffic noise as long as there are no breaks in the barrier. However, where the proposed dwellings at the site are to be double storey, large noise barriers would be required to mitigate noise to the upper level. There are significant issues of aesthetics and practicality when trying to shield the first floor with barriers. As a result, facade treatment is usually preferred for the first floor. Additionally, high walls may detract from streetscape character, as well as concealing houses and entrances. Combinations of earth mounds and lower height walls can reduce the scale and potential visual impacts of barriers, particularly in conjunction with landscape treatments.

Noise walls can be constructed using timber, pre-cast concrete panels, lightweight aerated concrete, fibrous cement panels, transparent acrylic panels or profiled steel cladding.

See Table 7 above for indicative noise wall heights required for roads within the Oran Park Precinct. We note that the draft ILP for Oran Park allows for 2m high landscaped noise mounds along both sides of The Northern Road, north of Southern Boulevard. However, according to Table 7, noise mounds of approximately 3.5 - 4m would be required to achieve the noise goals at residences in this area. The final height will be dependant on ground topography, building setback and future traffic volumes and mix. Detailed design of noise barrier heights would be required once upgraded road alignment, traffic volumes and building layouts have been finalised. Even with noise barriers, some building treatments may be required at the upper floor facades should double storey residences be constructed.

4.4.4 Road Pavement Surfaces

'Quiet' road pavement surfaces such as Open Graded Asphaltic Concrete (OGAC) or Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA) can provide a 2-4 dB(A) noise reduction at the source compared to standard pavements, at speeds of greater than 80km/hr. Noise reductions are less for speeds less than 80km/hr.

The proposed speed limits for many of the internal roads within the Oran Park Precinct are less than 80km/hr. With this in mind, using a quieter pavement may be feasible, however the application may not provide a significant noise reduction. The high costs associated with the application of a quieter pavement is probably not a cost effective option considering the low noise reductions achieved compared to the noise reduction required to comply with the ECRTN target criteria.

Designing road pavement heights to be below the natural ground level and minimising gradients can also reduce potential traffic noise problems, reducing the requirement of other mitigation measures.

4.4.5 DEC's ECRTN

The DEC's ECRTN provides the following direction in relation to new residential developments such as the Oran Park Precinct.

"New residential areas provide greater opportunities for noise mitigation than existing developments, because strategies can be implemented at both the planning stages of a development as well as at the individual allotment stage. In planning and designing a development it is important that noise be considered and balanced against other design considerations, such as solar access, privacy and security.

Noise mitigation measures for new residential developments would include:

1. Considering traffic noise impacts when planning the development of areas and incorporating suitable measures such as:

- spatial separation between noisy activities and noise-sensitive areas through locating less noise-sensitive land uses (active recreation areas or access ways) in high noise areas*
- taking advantage of any natural topographic features that can be used to screen noise impacts when planning land use in an area*
- laying out subdivisions in ways that maximise the area shielded from noise*

- using intervening structures such as multilevel buildings to act as barriers. Buildings used as barriers should incorporate noise-quietening principles into their building design to ensure appropriate internal conditions.

2. *Appropriate building design on development around roads to minimise noise impacts, for example by:*

- including acoustic design principles when planning landscaping for a site by examining the suitability of earth berms, walls or fences to act as barriers

- designing buildings to locate noise insensitive areas such as the kitchen, storage areas and laundry towards the noise source; minimising the numbers and size of windows oriented towards the noise source; replacing a conventional roof design with eaves by a flat roof with parapets; and using the building structure to shield outdoor areas

- using construction techniques that pay good attention to sealing air gaps around doors and windows exposed to noise; using solid core doors; and using thicker window glass or double glazing.

4.4.6 DEC's Future Policy and Potential Relaxation of Current Policy

The Department of Planning (DoP), in conjunction with DEC, the RTA and NSW Health, is currently developing planning guidance for development around enterprise and transport corridors as part of Metropolitan Strategy. These planning guidelines are likely to be ready mid-2007. Although current 'best-practise' acoustic design of residences along road corridors have been mentioned in this Oran Park Precinct study, the future DoP policy may assist further in determining appropriate and cost effective mitigation measures, particularly with regard to residences on local roads.

Based on DEC's current ECRTN policy, Table 7 above indicates that even residences on some of the quieter streets within the Oran Park Precinct, such as 'collector' streets and 'local' streets, may require specific acoustic treatments such as upgraded glazing, acoustic seals and mechanical ventilation due to exceedance of the recommended noise goals. To implement these treatments adds significant costs to dwelling construction. However, we note that these exceedances are likely only to occur during the day, during AM and PM peak hour traffic periods. At other times of the day and night, noise levels are likely to comply with set criteria. A relaxing of the daytime criteria by around 5dB(A) during peak hours would reduce the need for costly treatments, but still limit traffic noise levels during the rest of the day and night. We therefore recommend continuing discussions with DoP and DEC with regard to their future policy, and also the potential relaxing of current noise criteria during peak hour periods for local streets.

4.5 MAXIMUM NOISE LEVEL ASSESSMENT

The DEC's policy on traffic noise does not specify a night-time L_{max} noise limit or noise goal. This is primarily because research conducted to date in this field has not been definitive and the relationship between maximum noise levels, sleep disturbance and subsequent health effects is not currently well defined.

According to the policy however, the likely maximum or peak noise levels are to be broadly assessed and reported for the night-time period, which is considered by the DEC as being 10pm to 7am.

According to Practice Note (iii) of the RTA's ENMM, a maximum noise event can be defined as any pass by for which:

$$L_{\max} - L_{\text{eq}(1\text{hr})} \geq 15\text{dB(A)}$$

Maximum noise events are most commonly caused by truck traffic. Based on maximum noise levels from truck passbys contained within our database, and consistent with our noise monitoring on site, L_{\max} noise levels could reach 70-80dB(A) at houses nearest to the Northern Road, assuming a 30m setback.

Whether these levels would lead to maximum noise events as defined above would depend on the night time traffic volumes and heavy vehicle percentages, which are not yet known, and the $L_{\text{eq}(1\text{hr})}$ noise levels in the area. However, it is likely that the noise mitigation implemented at the site to control L_{eq} traffic noise would significantly reduce the impact of any maximum noise events.

5. INDUSTRIAL NOISE ASSESSMENT

5.1 INDUSTRIAL NOISE CRITERIA

Industrial noise (including operational noise from commercial developments) is usually assessed in accordance with the NSW DEC's (formerly EPA) 'Industrial Noise Policy' 2000, for the majority of Council Municipalities.

The assessment procedure in terms of the DEC's 'Industrial Noise Policy' (INP), has two components:

- Controlling intrusive noise impacts in the short term for residences
- Maintaining noise level amenity for particular land uses for residences and other land uses.

5.1.1 Intrusive Noise Impacts

According to the INP, the intrusiveness of a mechanical noise source may generally be considered acceptable if the equivalent continuous (energy-average) A-weighted level of noise from the source (represented by the L_{Aeq} descriptor), measured over a 15-minute period, does not exceed the background noise level measured in the absence of the source by more than 5dB(A).

This intrusiveness criterion is easily applied to existing situations since the background noise level can be measured and the criteria set. However measuring the existing background noise is not suitable as the Oran Park Precinct is to be developed on a greenfield site and the background noise level is likely to increase once the site is fully developed.

It is difficult to predict precisely by how much existing background noise levels would be expected to increase as a result of the Oran Park Precinct development. However, guidance can be taken from the estimated average background noise levels provided in Appendix A of Australian Standard 1055:2-1997 'Acoustics: Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise', which provides indicative background noise levels for different residential areas in Australia. Noise area categories relevant to Oran Park Precinct are summarised below.

Table 9 – Estimated Average L_{A90} Background Noise Level from AS 1055:2-1997, dB(A)

Noise Area Category	Description of Neighbourhood	Monday to Saturday			Sundays and Public Holidays		
		0700-1800	1800-2200	2200-0700	0900-1800	1800-2200	2200-0900
R2	Areas with low density transportation	45	40	35	45	40	35
R3	Areas with medium density transportation or some commerce or industry	50	45	40	50	45	40
R4	Areas with dense transportation or some commerce or industry	55	50	45	55	50	45

Areas located in close proximity to major arterial roads and commercial centres would be considered R4, areas near smaller collector roads may be considered R3 and those in general suburban areas affected mainly by local road traffic may be considered R2.

5.1.2 Protecting Noise Amenity

The Amenity Criteria are determined in accordance with Chapter 2 of the NSW INP. The INP recommends base acceptable noise levels for various receivers, including residential, commercial, industrial receivers and sensitive receivers such as schools, hospitals, churches and parks.

The amenity impact is assessed over three time periods as follows:

- **Day** is defined as 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Saturday and 8:00am to 6:00pm Sundays & Public Holidays.
- **Evening** is defined as 6:00pm to 10:00pm, Monday to Sunday & Public Holidays.
- **Night** is defined as 10:00pm to 7:00am, Monday to Saturday and 10:00pm to 8:00am Sundays & Public Holidays.

The maximum ambient noise level within an area from industrial noise sources should not normally exceed the acceptable noise levels specified in Table 2.1 of the policy, the applicable parts of which are reproduced below. These criteria apply externally, at the most affected point on or within the residential property boundary.

Table 10 - DEC's Industrial Amenity Noise Criteria, dB(A)

Location	Amenity Criteria $L_{Aeq,period}$		
	Day	Evening	Night
Residence (urban)	60	50	45
Residence (suburban)	55	45	40
Commercial premises (when in use)	65	65	65

We would assume that the majority of the land use would be categorised 'suburban' whilst areas located in proximity to the future Oran Park Town Centre may be categorised 'urban'.

5.1.3 'Modifying Factor' Adjustments

Further, to the above, where the character of the noise in question is assessed as particularly annoying (i.e. if it has an inherently tonal, low frequency, impulsive or intermittent character), then an adjustment of 5dB(A) for each annoyance aspect, up to a total of 10dB(A), is to be added to the measured value to penalise the noise for its potential increase in annoyance.

Most mechanical plant emits a steady, broadband noise and as such these modifying factors do not normally apply to mechanical plant. Loading docks sometimes emit impulsive noises such as clangs and bangs from loading / unloading, and tonal noise such as reversing alarms however the most significant noise sources are usually truck engines and refrigeration plant which produce a steady noise and occur for a longer duration of time.

5.1.4 Sleep Intrusiveness Criteria

The DEC has formally produced the following statement with respect to the sleep disturbance matter:

"Peak noise level events, such as reversing beepers, noise from heavy items being dropped or other high noise level events, have the potential to cause sleep disturbance. The potential for high noise level events at night and effects on sleep should be addressed in noise assessments for both the construction and operational

phases of a development. The INP does not specifically address sleep disturbance from high noise level events.

DEC reviewed research on sleep disturbance in the NSW Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN) (EPA, 1999). This review concluded that the range of results is sufficiently diverse that it was not reasonable to issue new noise criteria for sleep disturbance.

From the research, DEC recognised that current sleep disturbance criterion of an LA1, (1 minute) not exceeding the LA90, (15 minute) by more than 15 dB(A) is not ideal. Nevertheless, as there is insufficient evidence to determine what should replace it, DEC will continue to use it as a guide to identify the likelihood of sleep disturbance. This means that where the criterion is met, sleep disturbance is not likely, but where it is not met, a more detailed analysis is required.

The detailed analysis should cover the maximum noise level or LA1, (1 minute), that is, the extent to which the maximum noise level exceeds the background level and the number of times this happens during the night-time period. Some guidance on possible impact is contained in the review of research results in the appendices to the ECRTN. Other factors that may be important in assessing the extent of impacts on sleep include:

- how often high noise events will occur
- time of day (normally between 10pm and 7am)
- whether there are times of day when there is a clear change in the noise environment (such as during early morning shoulder periods).

The LA1, (1 minute) descriptor is meant to represent a maximum noise level measured under 'fast' time response. DEC will accept analysis based on either LA1, (1 minute) or LA, (Max)."

The policy confirms that a sleep disturbance criterion of $L_{A1(1min)} < L_{A90(15min)} + 15dB(A)$, should only be used as a first step 'guide' as it is 'not ideal' and 'where it is not met, a more detailed analysis is required'. That detailed analysis includes a reference to the research material contained in the ECRTN in the assessment of the subject proposal.

The DEC has confirmed in earlier advice that the background $L_{A90(15minute)}$ includes the noise from the subject premises. This interpretation was confirmed with the Head Officer of the DEC Noise Policy Section.

The table below sets out the sleep arousal criteria for the different Noise Category Areas discussed in Section 5.1.1.

Table 11 – Sleep Intrusiveness Criteria

Noise Category Area	L ₁ Criteria, dB(A)
R2	$L_1 \leq 35 + 15 = 50$
R3	$L_1 \leq 40 + 15 = 55$
R4	$L_1 \leq 45 + 15 = 60$

5.2 EXISTING INDUSTRIAL NOISE SOURCES

From our site inspection no industrial noise sources were identified to currently impact the site.

5.3 FUTURE INDUSTRIAL NOISE SOURCES

At this stage of the development specific developments or locations of developments are not known and therefore assessment of noise impacts can not be undertaken. However concept plans indicate that the Oran Park Town Centre is proposed to the north-east of the subject development area. For the assessment of such development Section 2.2.4 of the NSW DEC's INP sets out guidelines for 'Assessment in Developing Areas' and relevant sections of 2.2.4 have been reproduced below.

"The recommended acceptable noise level from Tables 2.1 and 2.2 [reproduced in Table 10 of this report] represents the ideal total noise level of noise from industry that should be met by a proposed development and any future, potentially noise producing, developments in the area."

"Where several developments are proposed for an area, these are to be assessed as a group. This holistic approach allows project-specific noise levels to be set for a proposed industrial development, so that the total impact from all proposed developments does not cause amenity to deteriorate. In addition this approach provides an equitable distribution in the burden of meeting noise criteria."

"Implementation of this 'holistic' approach involves the following steps in relation to impacts at the most sensitive receivers:

- 1. Determining the number of development proposals to be assessed.*
- 2. Determining the amenity level according to Tables 2.1 and 2.2.*
- 3. Determining the project specific noise level to be achieved by each development at the receiver, so that, when each is added together logarithmically, the resultant total level of noise received from industry at any affected receiver will meet the amenity level identified at Step 2."*

For example, if 10 industrial/commercial developments were proposed in an area where they may impact upon the same residential receiver then the project specific noise goal for each development at the receiver point would be 10dB(A) below the relevant amenity criteria. If only 2 developments were proposed then the project specific noise goal for each development at the receiver point would be 3dB(A) below the relevant amenity criteria.

Therefore in the preparation of the Precinct plan, guidelines need to be established so that industrial or commercial developments are required to be assessed on this basis. The following general planning principles should be considered when planning the Oran Park Town Centre:

- Buffer zones such as individual retail stores, commercial offices, parks and open areas should be provided between major retail/shopping developments and residential developments where suitable outdoor amenity is sought.
- Location of loading docks should not be located in proximity to residential receivers as noise emissions from such sources are difficult to control and night time operations are usually restricted in such cases.

- Entertainment quarters where cafes, restaurants and licensed premises are proposed to include outdoor areas and provide entertainment should not be located in proximity to residential receivers.

In general the proposal of developments with potential to generate high noise levels should be located near other commercial developments where noise criteria is less stringent and noise impacts are less likely to adversely impact the receivers or operations of the proposed developments.

Furthermore, the developer should demonstrate compliance with DEC noise standards (as outlined above) prior to approval for development being given, especially with regard to cumulative impacts on any residential areas located at the boundary of the employment zones.

6. LICENSED PREMISES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In addition to potential noise impacts from industrial and road traffic noise sources, other developments within the proposed Oran Park Precinct have the potential to generate noise impacts on the future residential premises. Such developments include:

- Licensed premises (including bars and restaurants);
- School facilities;
- Child care centres;
- Multi-purpose halls; and
- Sporting fields.

6.1 LICENSED PREMISES

In addition to any specific Council noise criteria, premises with a Liquor Licence are required to comply with the standard noise criteria issued by the Liquor Administration Board (LAB). The LAB recommends the use of their standard noise criteria when assessing noise impact from licensed premises and when determining the occurrence of noise nuisance and annoyance. Noise emissions from licensed premises, such as restaurants, clubs and pubs, are assessed in terms of the noise limits set out in the LAB's standard 'Standard Noise Condition' which states as follows;

"The LA10 noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in an Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5Hz – 8kHz inclusive) by more than 5dB between 7:00am and 12:00 midnight at the boundary of any affected residence.*

The LA10 noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in an Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5Hz – 8kHz inclusive) between 12:00 midnight and 7:00am at the boundary of any affected residence.*

Notwithstanding compliance with the above, the noise from the licensed premises shall not be audible within any habitable room in any residential premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00am.

Interior noise levels which still exceed safe hearing levels are in no way supported or condoned by the Liquor Administration Board.

This is a minimum standard. In some instances the Board may specify a time earlier than midnight in respect of the above condition.

**For the purposes of this condition, the LA10 can be taken as the average maximum deflection of the noise emission from the licensed premises."*

Noise emission from licensed premises is usually as a result of patron and music noise. Where outdoor dining, beer gardens and terrace areas are sought for subject developments, noise emission can be difficult to contain and physical noise controls are limited. In addition, where high music noise levels are sought in venues for entertainment careful, design of the building envelope is required.

Therefore location of nearby residential premises can impact the viability of such proposals and restriction of use may be required where physical noise control treatments are not practical. Particularly where outdoor usage is proposed, depending on the background noise of the area and the capacity and operation, separation distances of 100m or more can be required to satisfy even the LAB noise criteria. We recommend special consideration of such issues where mixed use (commercial/residential) developments are proposed.

6.2 SCHOOL FACILITIES

The GCC Development Code, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) guidelines, Australian Standards, and other regulatory codes do not provide specific noise guidelines for schools facilities.

However, it is common in situations where noise impact from such developments are required to be quantified and assessed, that reference is made to the NSW INP for activities within the school buildings.

With respect to outdoor playground areas Renzo Tonin & Associates refer to a previous NSW Land and Environment Court hearing (*MC Nicholls Pty Ltd v Ku-ring-gai Council 2000*) where the criterion determined by the case was that the $L_{Aeq(15min)}$ should not exceed background noise level (L_{A90}) plus 10dB(A). This criterion takes into account the nature and the relatively short duration of the noise.

We note that in some cases such criteria can be difficult to achieve and therefore the following broad design guidelines should be considered to reduce potential noise impacts from schools. Such guidelines may include;

- The location of outdoor play areas and sporting fields should be separated from common boundaries of residential premises;
- Access for buses and car drop off should be should be separated from common boundaries of residential premises;

6.3 CHILD CARE CENTRES

The GCC Development Code, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) guidelines, Australian Standards, and other regulatory codes do not provide specific noise guidelines for noise emission from child care centres. Generally a criterion of background + 5dB(A) when measured as an $L_{Aeq(15-minute)}$ is utilised for assessing potential noise impacts at nearby residential receiver locations. Operations between 10pm and 7am would also require assessment of the sleep intrusiveness criterion.

Where child care centres are to be incorporated into school facilities, it is likely that outdoor play areas can be removed from residential boundaries and therefore minimise potential noise impacts.

Where child care centres are located adjacent to residences, noise from play areas can cause a noise nuisance. The following noise control measures can assist in minimising noise impacts;

- Construct solid boundary fences around play areas. Fences of around 2.5m high may be required for large centres where residences are immediately adjacent.
- Restrict the duration of outdoor play times and restrict the number of children outside at any one time.

- Surface active play areas with rubber matting to minimise impact sounds, and limit the height of play equipment.

6.4 MULTI PURPOSE-HALLS

Multi-purpose halls may include school assembly halls/auditoria and community halls used for a variety of sporting and leisure activities. Noise emission from multi-purpose halls may include people noise, music, and noise associated with sporting activities.

The GCC Development Code, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) guidelines, Australian Standards, and other regulatory codes do not provide specific noise guidelines for use of multi-purpose halls. However general practice is to utilise the intrusiveness criterion (as set out in Section 2.1 of the NSW INP and Section 2.4.1 of the NGLG Dec 2004) for assessing potential noise impacts at nearby residential receiver locations. Operations between 10pm and 7am would also require assessment of the sleep intrusiveness criterion. In addition, where entertainment may be provided criterion similar to that issued by the LAB (as set out in Section 6.1) may be utilised.

Where multi-purpose halls are located in close proximity to residential premises acoustic design of the hall may be required to ensure a satisfactory noise amenity is achieved. Where acoustic impact is not considered during the planning process, the potential uses of the development may be restricted. It is common for usage to be restricted after 10pm.

6.5 SPORTING FIELDS

Noise from sporting fields is generally as a result of people noise and associated car parks. As noise emission from sporting fields is difficult to contain, rather than setting specific noise criteria that may limit development, a restriction in hours of use may be required to reduce potential impacts on nearby residential premises.

Chapter 159 of the EPA's superseded 'Environmental Noise Control Manual' (ENCM) provides noise guidelines for noise emission from sporting fields. Where offensive noise occurs from the use of the sporting field, the ENCM recommends the following time restrictions;

7am to 6pm any weekday

8am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays

6pm to 10pm two nights per week excluding Sundays or Public Holidays

7. AIRCRAFT NOISE ASSESSMENT

The Oran Park Precinct is located approximately 2.4km north east of Camden Aerodrome. The potential impact of aircraft noise and overflights from Camden Aerodrome on the release area are assessed in accordance with AS2021-2000 'Acoustics - Aircraft noise intrusion – Building siting and construction'.

For land use planning AS2021 refers to the ANEF, being a single number index for predicting the cumulative exposure to aircraft noise in communities near aerodromes during a specified time period (normally one year). This single number index is useful for rating the compatibility of various land uses with respect to aircraft noise.

From a land use planning perspective, Table 2.1 of Australian Standard AS2021-2000 – “Acoustics – Aircraft Noise Intrusion – Building Siting and Construction” provides zoning information for sites subjected to aircraft noise. The table lists three ANEF Zones, namely, 'Acceptable', 'Conditional' and 'Unacceptable', and recommends suitable ANEF levels for different types of buildings. Table 2.1 from AS2021 is reproduced as **Error! Reference source not found.** below, as relevant to potential land use zones within Oran Park Precinct.

Table 12 – Building Site Acceptability Based on ANEF Zones (Table 2.1 – AS2021)

Building Type	ANEF Zone of Site		
	Acceptable	Conditional	Unacceptable
House, home unit, flat, caravan park	Less than ANEF 20 ¹	20 to 25 ANEF ²	Greater than 25 ANEF
Hotel, motel hostel	Less than ANEF 25	25 to 30 ANEF	Greater than 30 ANEF
School, university	Less than ANEF 20 ¹	20 to 25 ANEF ²	Greater than 25 ANEF
Hospital, nursing home	Less than ANEF 20 ¹	20 to 25 ANEF	Greater than 25 ANEF
Public building	Less than ANEF 20 ¹	20 to 30 ANEF	Greater than 30 ANEF
Commercial building	Less than ANEF 25	25 to 35 ANEF	Greater than 35 ANEF
Light industrial	Less than ANEF 30	30 to 40 ANEF	Greater than 40 ANEF
Heavy industrial	Acceptable in all ANEF zones		

- Notes:
1. The actual location of the ANEF 20 contour is difficult to define accurately, mainly because of variation in aircraft flight paths.
 2. Within ANEF 20 to ANEF 25, some people may find that the land is not compatible with residential or educational uses. Land use authorities may consider that the incorporation of noise control features in the construction of residences or schools is appropriate.

In **Acceptable** zones there is usually no need for the building construction to provide protection specifically against aircraft noise. However, it should not be inferred that aircraft noise will not be noticeable outside the ANEF20 contour.

In **Conditional** zones the maximum aircraft noise levels for the relevant aircraft and the required noise reduction should be determined from the procedures of Clause 3.1 and 3.2 of AS2021-2000, and the aircraft noise attenuation to be expected from the proposed construction should be determined in accordance with Clause 3.3.

In **Unacceptable** zones construction of the proposed development should not normally be considered. In no case should new development take place in 'greenfield' sites deemed unacceptable because such development may impact on airport operations.

Reference has been made to the Camden Airport Master Plan 2004/05, in which Figure 16 indicates that the Oran Park Precinct is located outside the 20 ANEF for 2024/25. For areas outside the 20 ANEF contour, AS2021 states, as “noise from sources other than aircraft may dominate...there is usually no need to proceed further in this Standard as the construction of the building need not specifically be designed to provide protection against aircraft noise intrusion”.

Therefore with respect to AS2021 the Oran Park Precinct should not be adversely affected by aircraft noise.

8. MOTOR SPORT NOISE ASSESSMENT

With respect to motor sport noise from Oran Park Raceway, we understand that the Raceway will be closed as part of the Precinct development. Therefore noise impacts from Motor Sport noise is not required to be assessed.

9. CUMULATIVE NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Research has found that people tend to react differently to noise from different sources, therefore there is a need to assess noise differently for each type of noise source. This is the rationale behind the DEC providing separate policies that set different guidelines for each noise type. For example, the DEC recommends different noise criteria for industrial, traffic, rail and other noise types. Also, the DEC's INP takes cumulative impact into account with its Amenity Criteria, which considers all existing industrial noise sources at each noise assessment location and sets noise criteria that avoid the cumulative build-up or 'creep' of industrial noise over time in an area.

Therefore, by following the policy guidelines, noise impact from each noise source is minimised to acceptable levels, thus minimising cumulative noise impacts upon receivers.

10. CONCLUSION

Renzo Tonin & Associates have completed an assessment of environmental noise impact for the proposed Oran Park Precinct. From our acoustic study we make the following conclusion;

- Our analysis of the site indicates that the site will be impacted by traffic noise levels above the criteria issued by the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation in the '*Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise*' if no traffic noise mitigation is implemented. Several methods of traffic noise mitigation have been discussed.
- No existing industrial noise impacts were identified to be impacting the site.
- With respect to future industrial/commercial development appropriate noise criteria and broad management and control measures have been discussed.
- In accordance with AS2021-2000 the subject site should not be adversely affected by aircraft noise.
- As the Oran Park Raceway is to be closed to facilitate the subject development noise from motorsport will not impact the site.

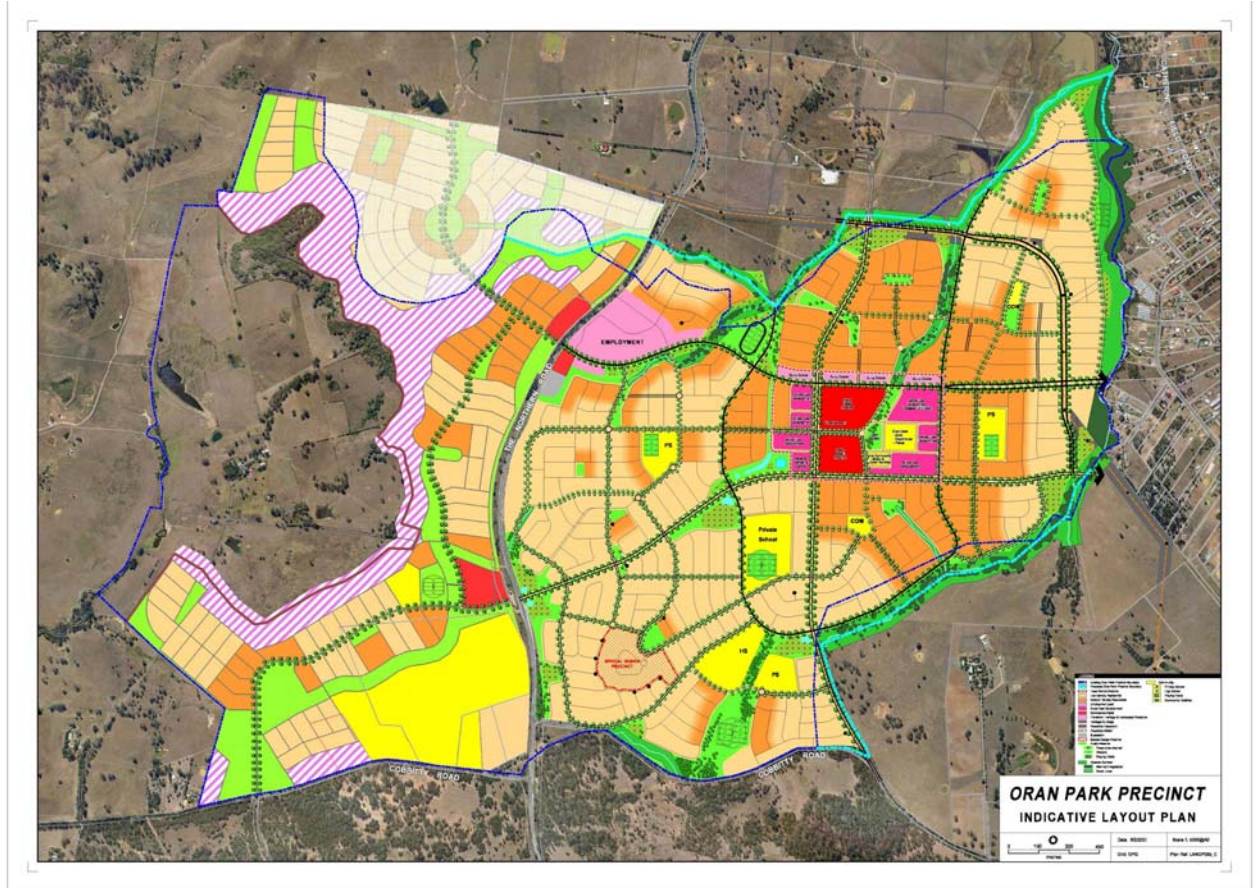
APPENDIX A – GLOSSARY OF ACOUSTIC TERMS

The following is a brief description of the technical terms used to describe noise to assist in understanding the technical issues presented.

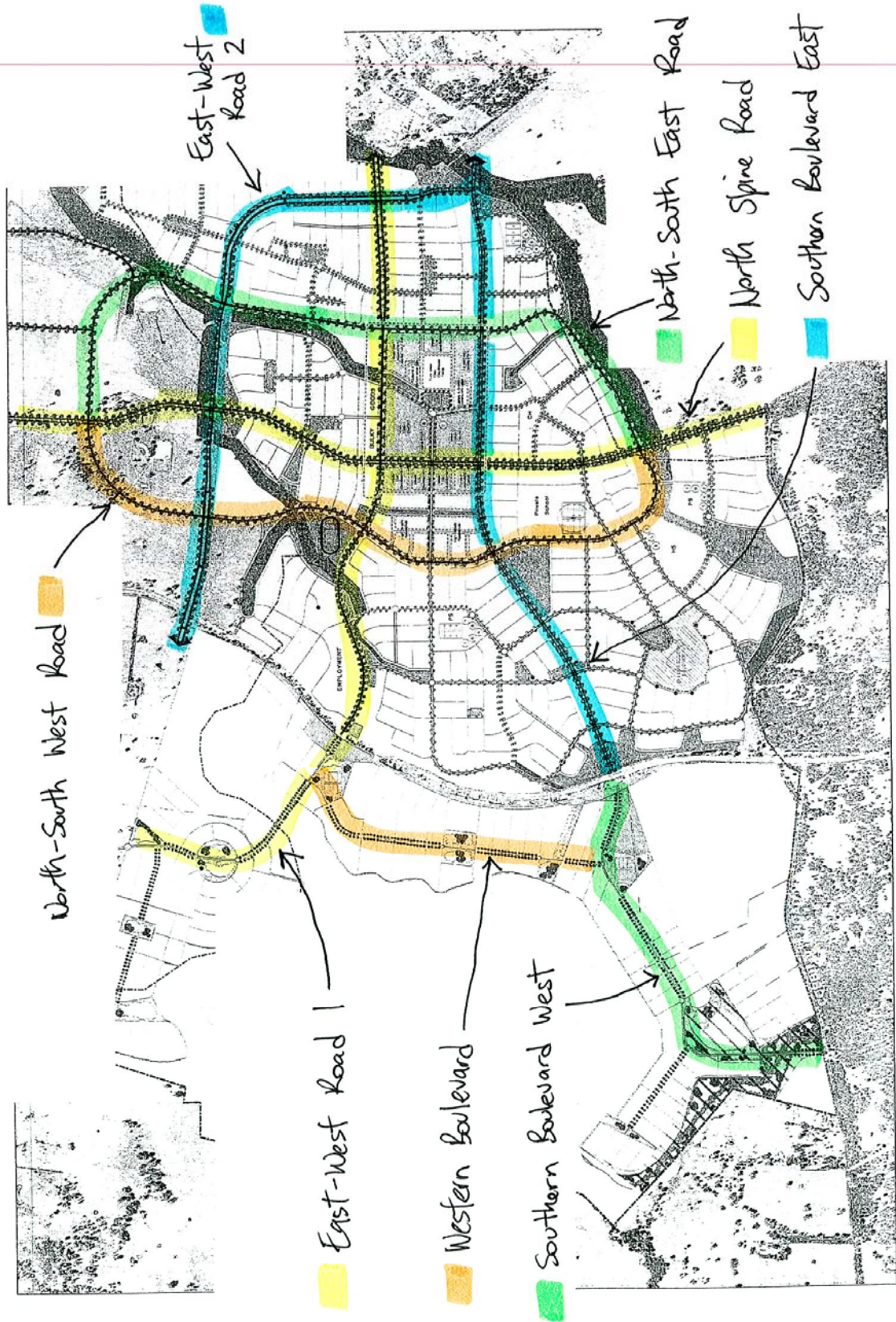
<i>Adverse Weather</i>	Weather effects that enhance noise (that is, wind and temperature inversions) that occur at a site for a significant period of time (that is, wind occurring more than 30% of the time in any assessment period in any season and/or temperature inversions occurring more than 30% of the nights in winter).
<i>Ambient Noise</i>	The all-encompassing noise associated within a given environment at a given time, usually composed of sound from all sources near and far.
<i>Assessment Period</i>	The period in a day over which assessments are made.
<i>Assessment Point</i>	A point at which noise measurements are taken or estimated. A point at which noise measurements are taken or estimated.
<i>Background Noise</i>	Background noise is the term used to describe the underlying level of noise present in the ambient noise, measured in the absence of the noise under investigation, when extraneous noise is removed. It is described as the average of the minimum noise levels measured on a sound level meter and is measured statistically as the A-weighted noise level exceeded for ninety percent of a sample period. This is represented as the L_{90} noise level (see below).
<i>Decibel [dB]</i>	<p>The units that sound is measured in. The following are examples of the decibel readings of every day sounds:</p> <p>0dB The faintest sound we can hear 30dB A quiet library or in a quiet location in the country 45dB Typical office space. Ambience in the city at night 60dB Martin Place at lunch time 70dB The sound of a car passing on the street 80dB Loud music played at home 90dB The sound of a truck passing on the street 100dB The sound of a rock band 115dB Limit of sound permitted in industry 120dB Deafening</p>
<i>dB(A):</i>	A-weighted decibels The ear is not as effective in hearing low frequency sounds as it is hearing high frequency sounds. That is, low frequency sounds of the same dB level are not heard as loud as high frequency sounds. The sound level meter replicates the human response of the ear by using an electronic filter which is called the “A” filter. A sound level measured with this filter switched on is denoted as dB(A). Practically all noise is measured using the A filter.
<i>Frequency</i>	Frequency is synonymous to pitch. Sounds have a pitch which is peculiar to the nature of the sound generator. For example, the sound of a tiny bell has a high pitch and the sound of a bass drum has a low pitch. Frequency or pitch can be measured on a scale in units of Hertz or Hz.

Impulsive noise	Having a high peak of short duration or a sequence of such peaks. A sequence of impulses in rapid succession is termed repetitive impulsive noise.
<i>Intermittent noise</i>	The level suddenly drops to that of the background noise several times during the period of observation. The time during which the noise remains at levels different from that of the ambient is one second or more.
L_{max}	The maximum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
L_{min}	The minimum sound pressure level measured over a given period.
L_1	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 1% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L_{10}	The sound pressure level that is exceeded for 10% of the time for which the given sound is measured.
L_{90}	The level of noise exceeded for 90% of the time. The bottom 10% of the sample is the L_{90} noise level expressed in units of dB(A).
L_{eq}	The “equivalent noise level” is the summation of noise events and integrated over a selected period of time.
<i>Reflection</i>	Sound wave changed in direction of propagation due to a solid object obscuring its path.
<i>SEL</i>	Sound Exposure Level (SEL) is the constant sound level which, if maintained for a period of 1 second would have the same acoustic energy as the measured noise event. SEL noise measurements are useful as they can be converted to obtain L_{eq} sound levels over any period of time and can be used for predicting noise at various locations.
<i>Sound</i>	A fluctuation of air pressure which is propagated as a wave through air.
<i>Sound Absorption</i>	The ability of a material to absorb sound energy through its conversion into thermal energy.
<i>Sound Level Meter</i>	An instrument consisting of a microphone, amplifier and indicating device, having a declared performance and designed to measure sound pressure levels.
<i>Sound Pressure Level</i>	The level of noise, usually expressed in decibels, as measured by a standard sound level meter with a microphone.
<i>Sound Power Level</i>	Ten times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power of the source to the reference sound power.
<i>Tonal noise</i>	Containing a prominent frequency and characterised by a definite pitch.

APPENDIX B – DRAFT INDICATIVE LAYOUT PLAN



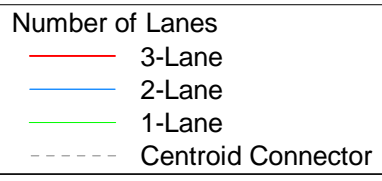
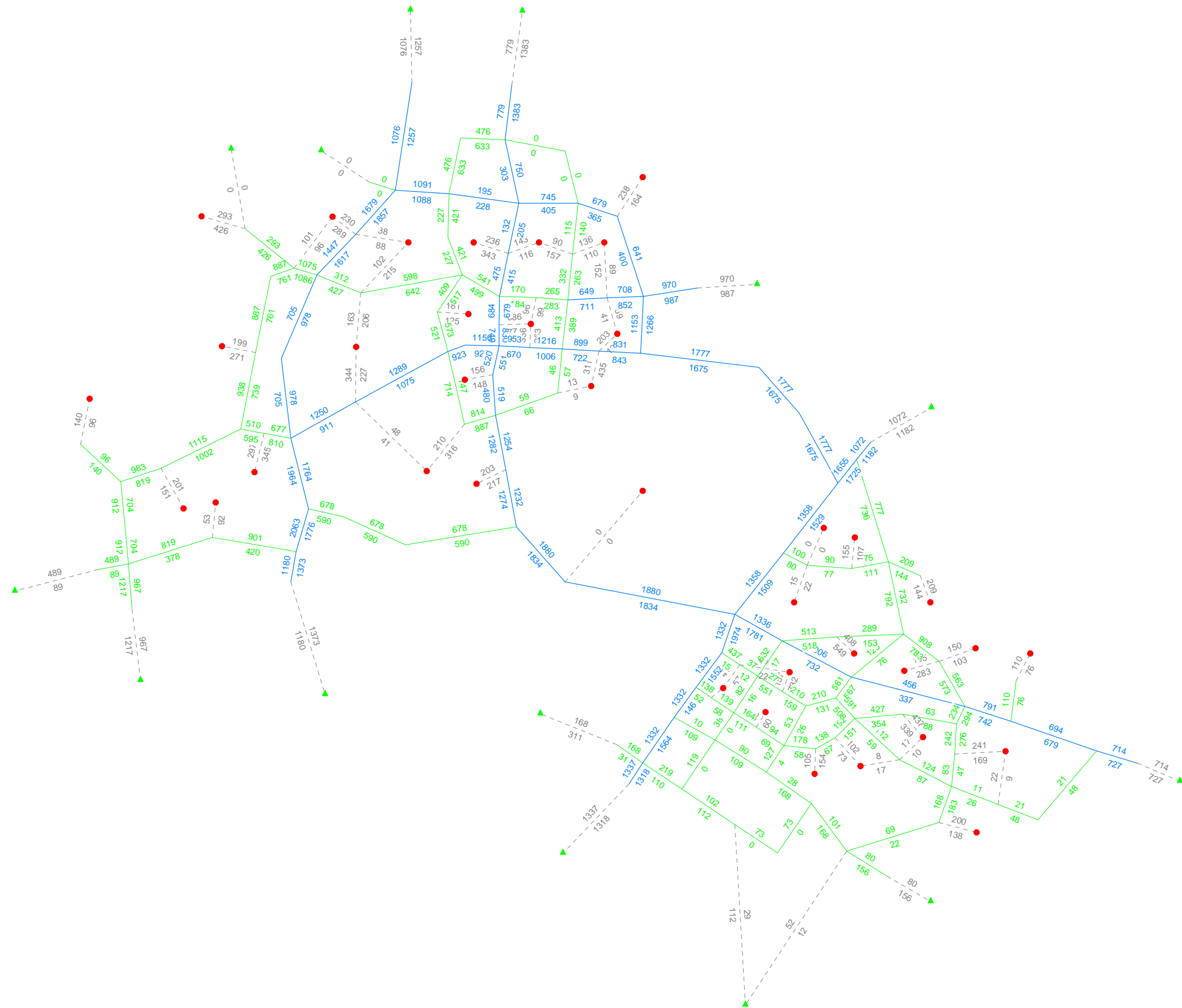
APPENDIX C – ROAD NAMES & 2016 TRAFFIC FLOW PREDICTIONS



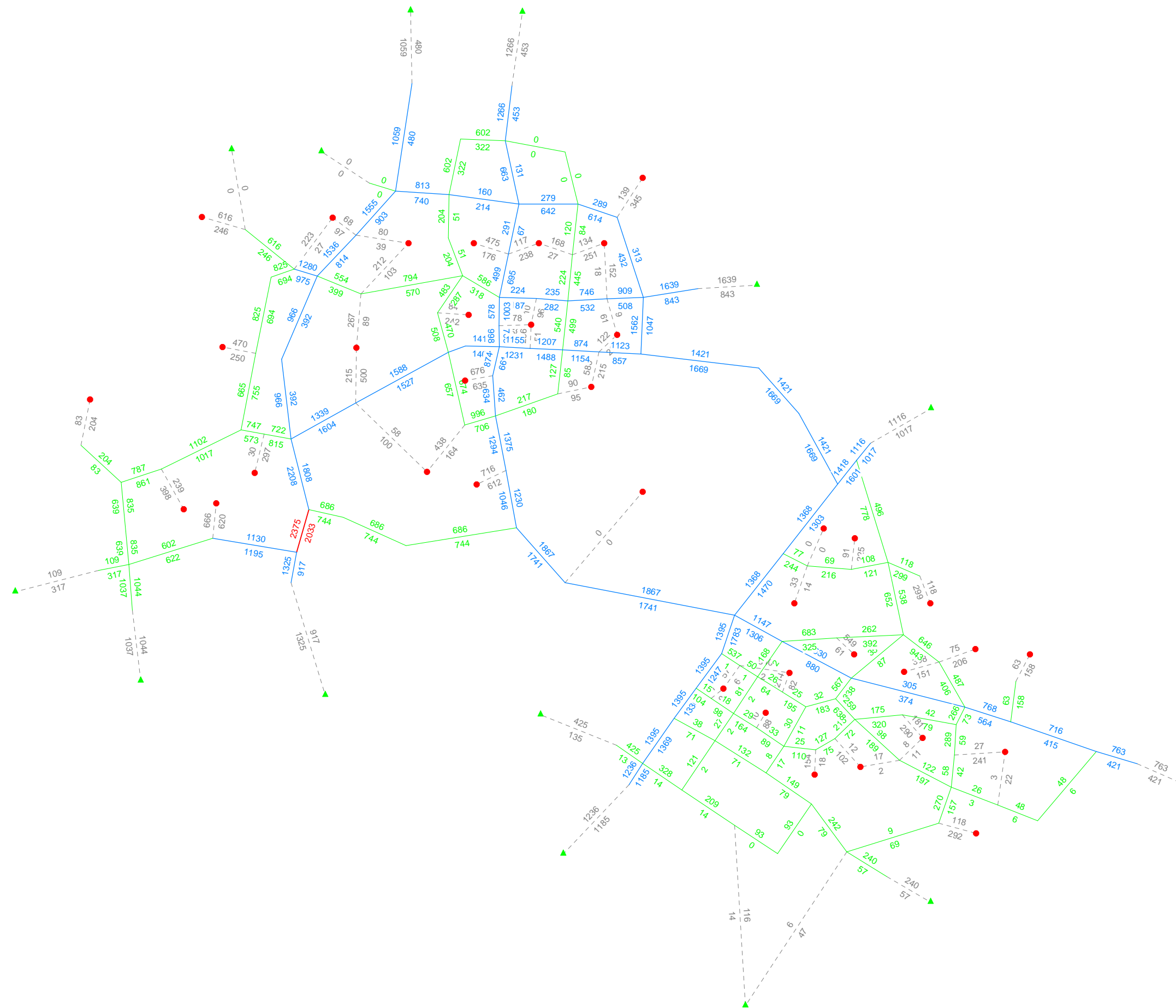


- Number of Lanes
- 3-Lane
 - 2-Lane
 - 1-Lane
 - - - - Centroid Connector

Oran Park and Turner Road Precinct Model
 Year 2016 Base Network
 AM Peak Hour Traffic Flow
 16/01/2007

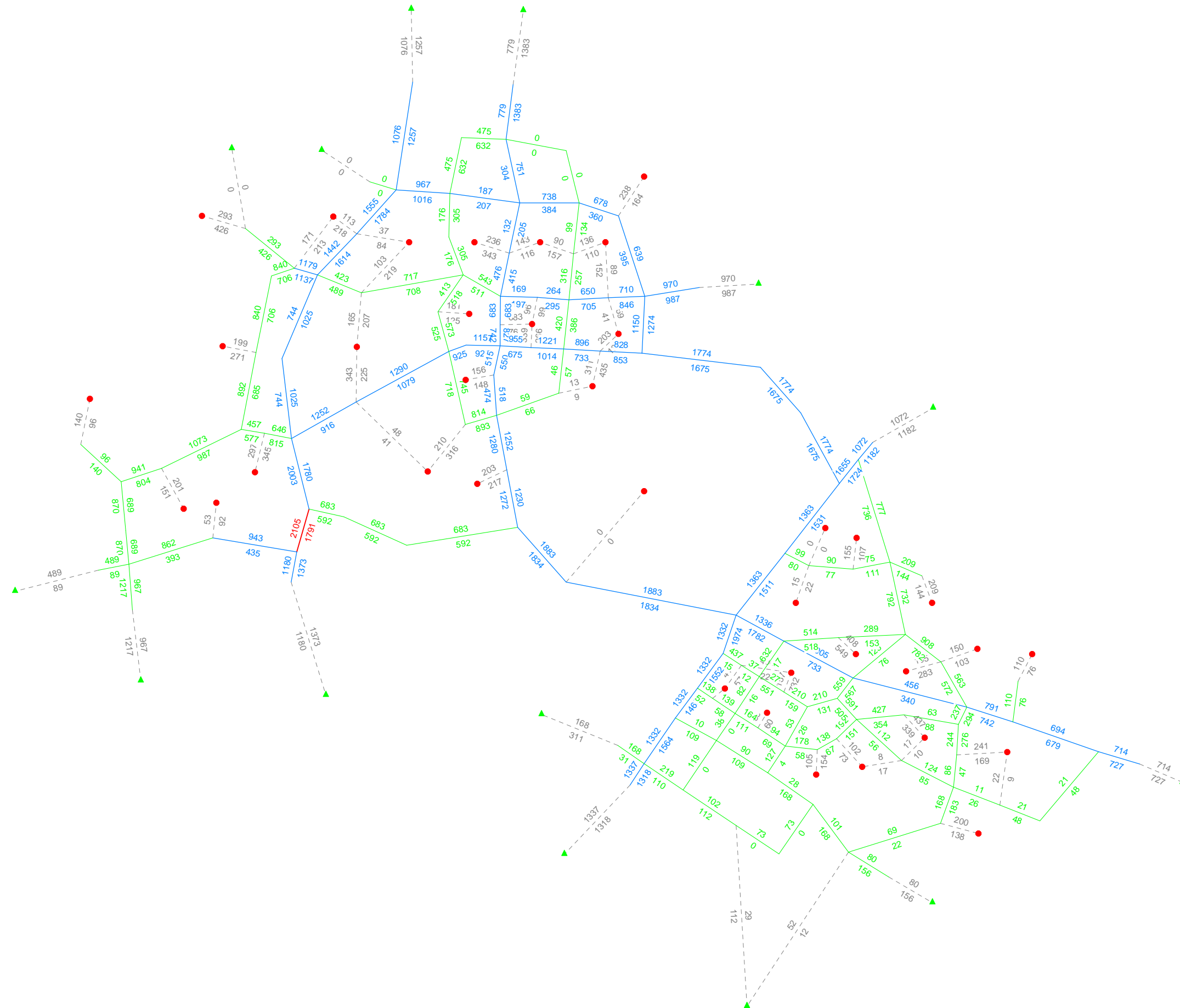


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Oran Park and Turner Road Precinct Model
 Year 2016 Option 1 Network
 AM Peak Hour Traffic Flow
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Number of Lanes
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APPENDIX D – NOISE MONITORING METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS

Noise Monitoring Equipment

All long term noise monitoring was conducted using RTA Technology noise loggers. The noise monitoring equipment used here complies with Australian Standard 1259.2-1990 "Acoustics - Sound Level Meters" and is designated as a Type 2 instrument suitable for field use.

A noise monitor consists of a sound level meter and a computer housed in a weather resistant enclosure. Ambient noise levels were recorded at a rate of 10 samples per second. Every 15 minutes, the data is processed statistically and stored in memory. The equipment was calibrated prior and subsequent to the measurement period using a Bruel & Kjaer Type 4230 calibrator. No significant drift in calibration was observed.

Meteorology during Monitoring

Measurements affected by extraneous noise, wind (greater than 5m/s) or rain were excluded from the recorded data in accordance with the INP. The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) provided meteorological data, which is considered representative of the site, for the duration of the noise monitoring period. The data was modified to allow for the height difference between the BOM weather station, where wind speed and direction is recorded at a height of 10m above ground level, and the microphone location, which is at 1.5m above ground level. The correction factor applied to the data was taken from *Australian Standard AS1170.2 1989 Section 4.2.5.1*.

Noise vs Time Graphs

Noise almost always varies with time. Noise environments can be described using various descriptors to show how a noise ranges about a level. In this report, noise values measured or referred to include the L_{10} , L_{90} , and L_{eq} levels. The statistical descriptors L_{10} and L_{90} measure the noise level exceeded for 10% and 90% of the sample measurement time. The L_{eq} level is the equivalent continuous noise level or the level averaged on an equal energy basis. Measurement sample periods are usually ten to fifteen minutes. The Noise -vs- Time graphs representing measured noise levels at the three noise monitoring locations illustrate these concepts.

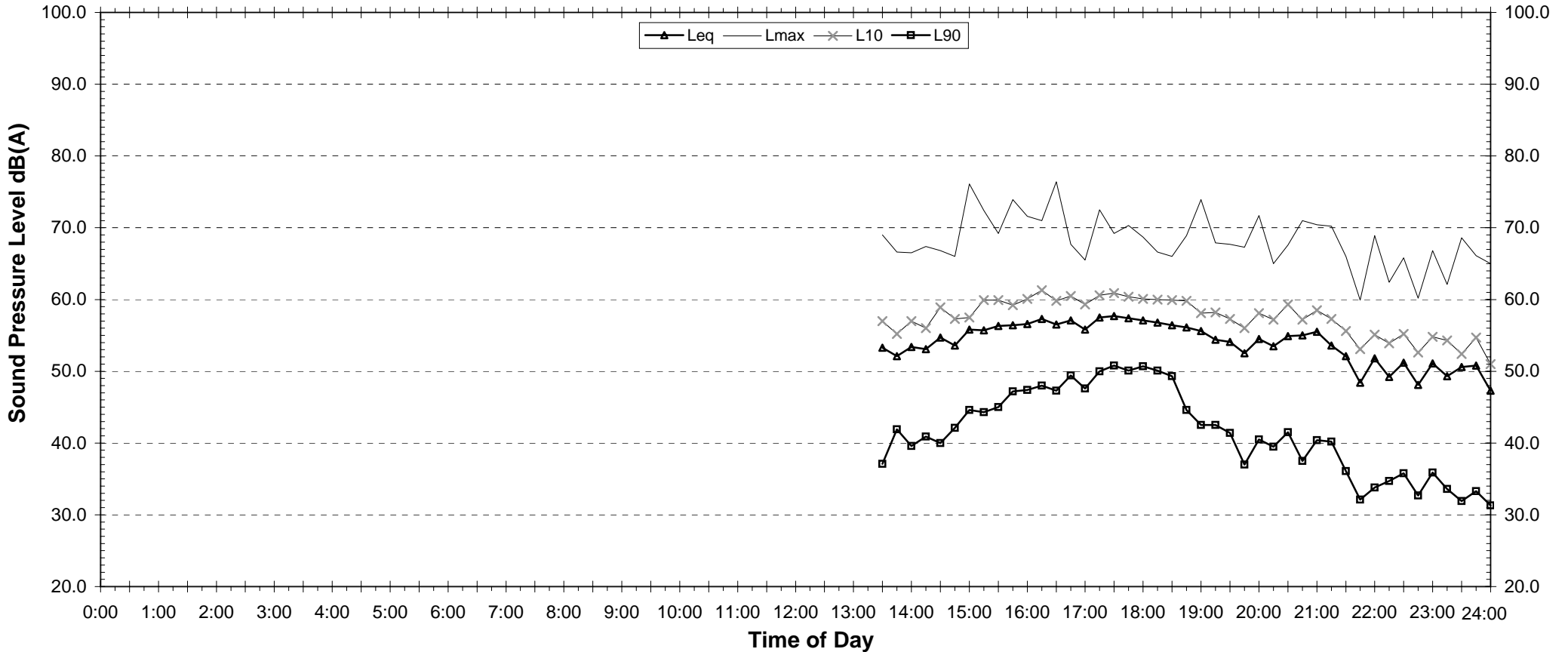
Noise levels are commonly measured in units of A-weighted decibels or dB(A). The "A-weighting" refers to a standardised amplitude versus frequency curve used to "weight" sound measurements to represent the response of the human ear. The human ear is less sensitive to low pitch sound than it is to high pitch sound. Overall A-weighted measurements quantify sound with a single number to represent how people subjectively hear different frequencies at different levels.

Background noise is the term used to describe the noise measured in the absence of the noise under investigation. It is described as the average of the minimum noise levels measured on a sound level meter and is measured statistically as the A-weighted noise level exceeded for ninety percent of a sample time period. This is represented as the L_{90} noise level.

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

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Wednesday, 6 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	33.8	28.0
Leq (see note 3)	-	54.5	52.1

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

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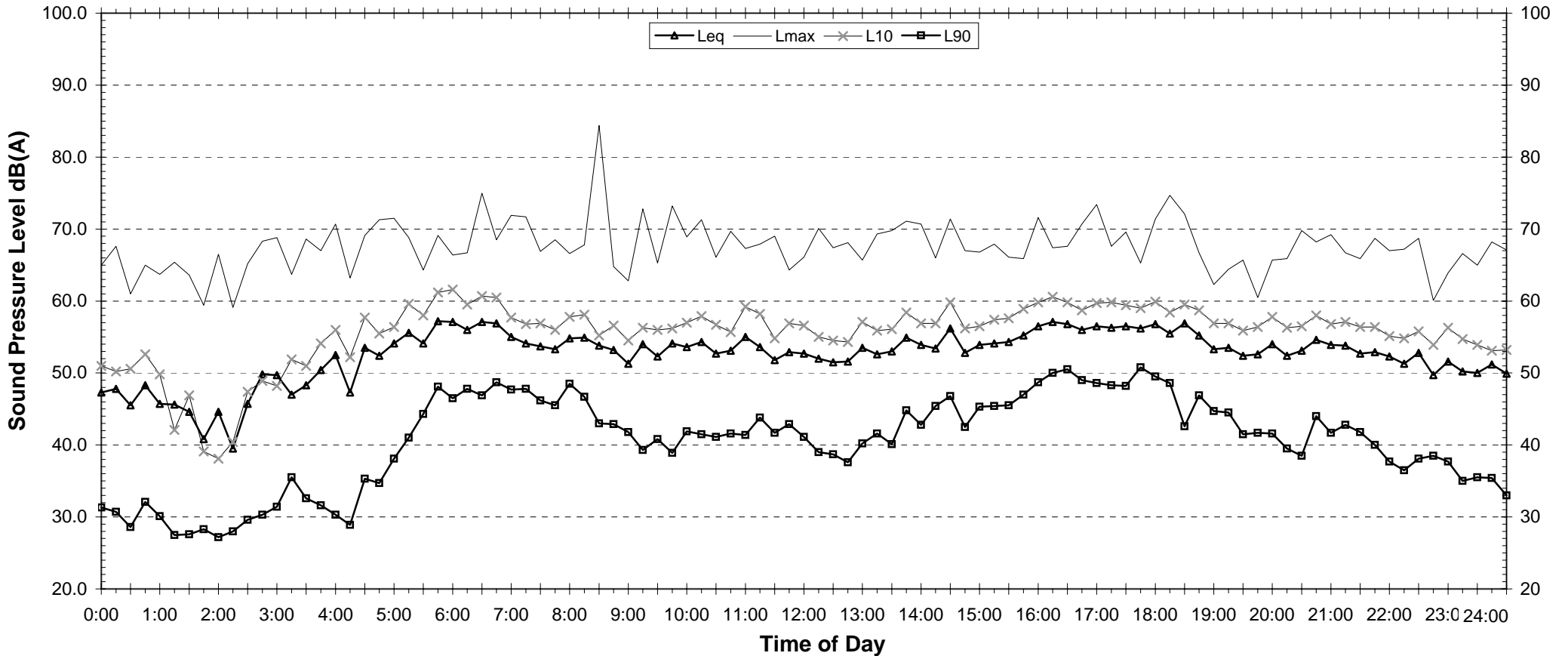
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	57.8	54.6
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.9	58.8
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	54.3	46.7

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	66.5	to	75.0
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.7	to	22.3

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Thursday, 7 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	39.3	38.5	28.8
Leq (see note 3)	54.4	53.9	52.5

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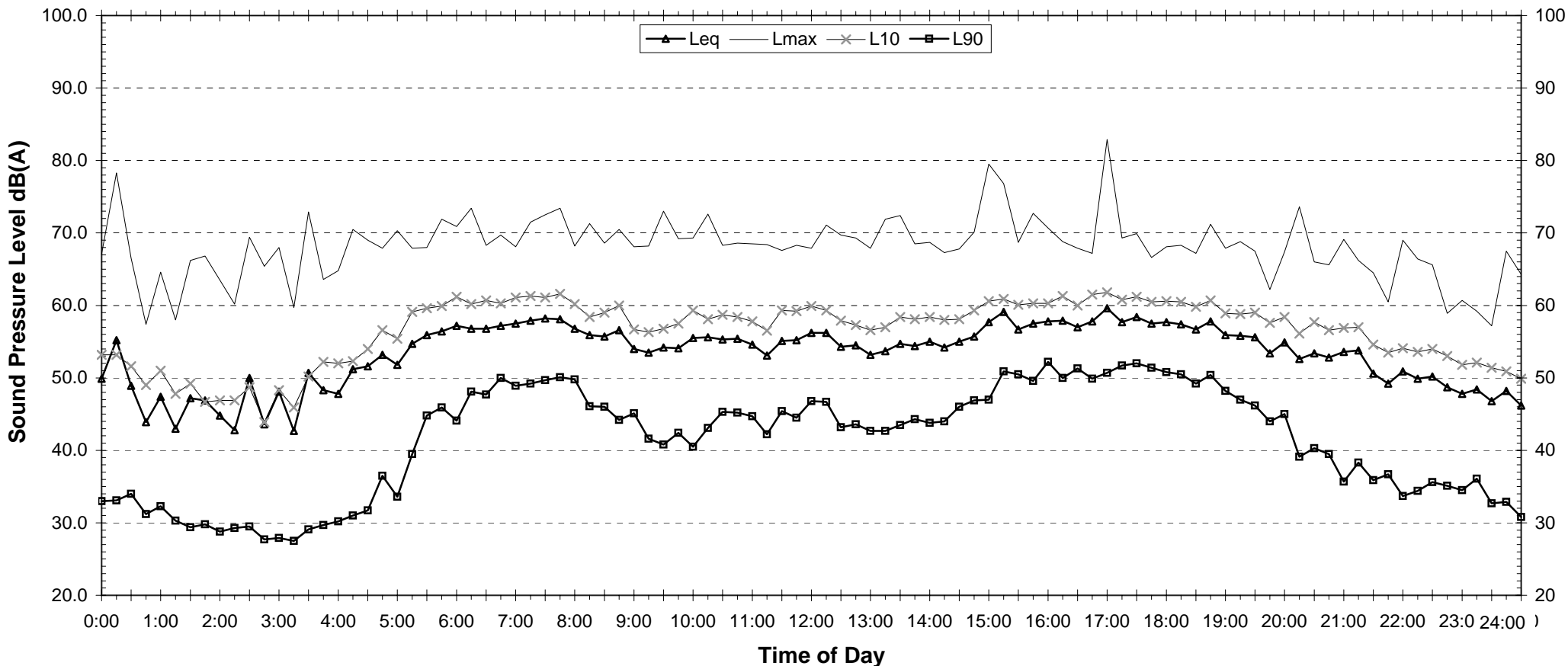
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Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.8	55.0
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.0	59.6
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	55.0	48.3

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	66.8	to 78.3
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.8	to 27.4

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

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Friday, 8 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	42.4	35.7	27.7
Leq (see note 3)	56.3	54.6	49.8

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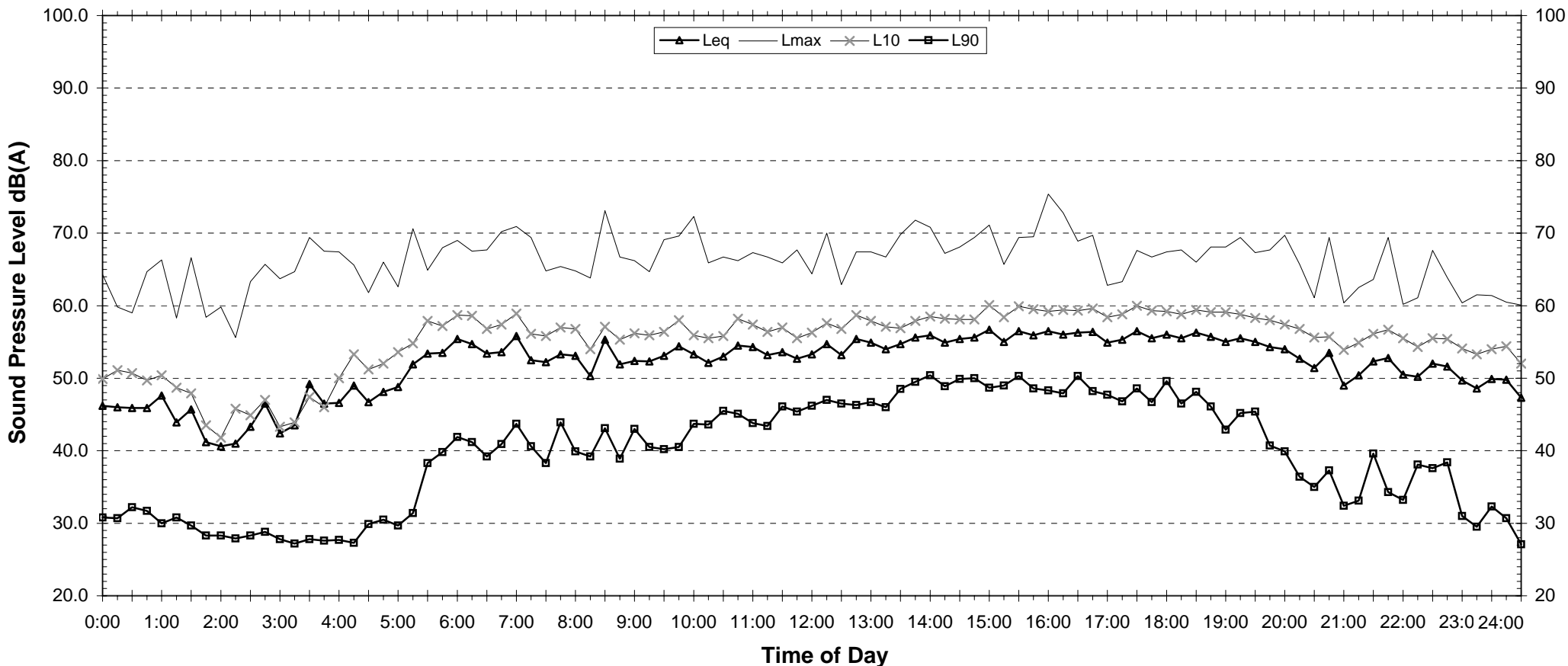
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L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	58.4	52.3
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	60.5	57.0
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	54.9	45.8

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	65.7	to	70.9
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.4	to	23.3

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - West side of The Northern Road, 70m setback

Saturday, 9 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	40.2	33.1	26.7
Leq (see note 3)	54.6	53.8	47.8

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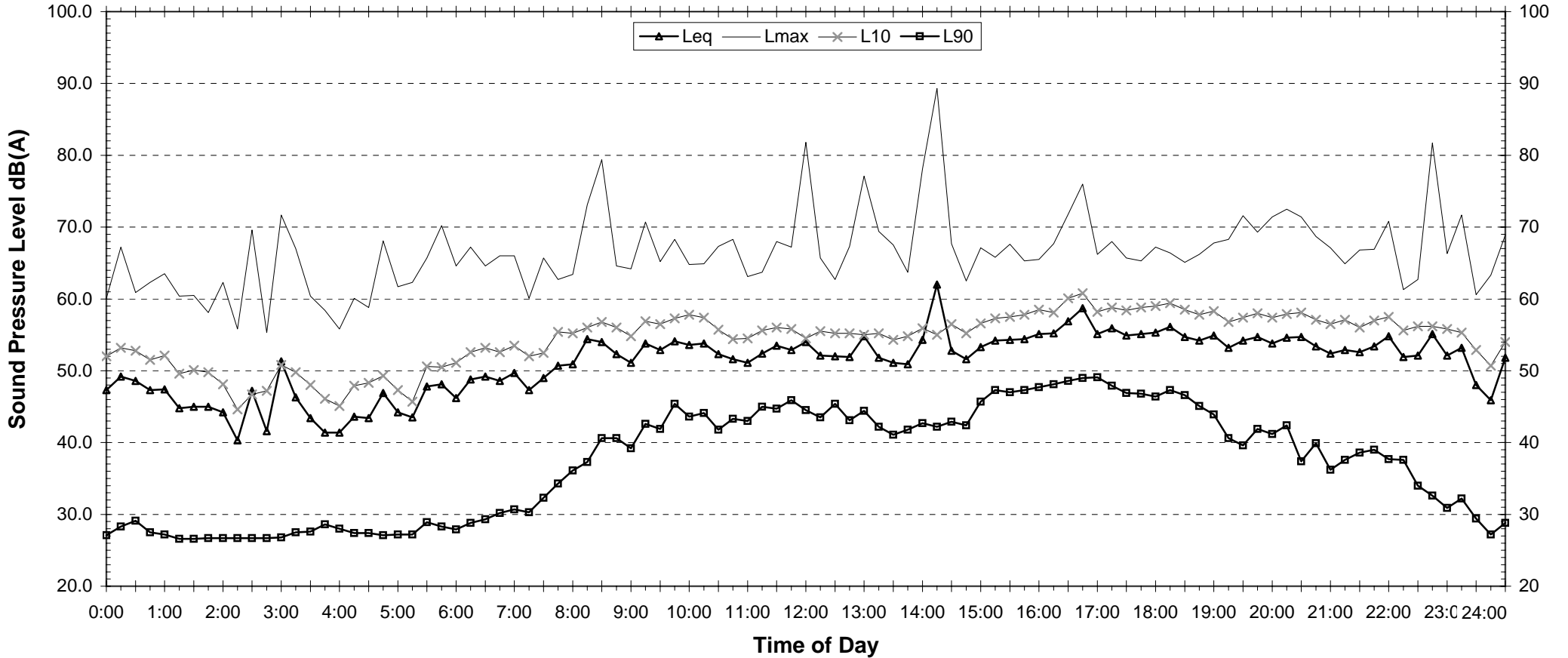
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.9	50.3
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	58.5	53.5
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	54.3	46.1

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	67.0	to 71.7
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.6	to 24.4

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - West side of The Northern Road, 70m setback

Sunday, 10 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	37.3	37.4	26.9
Leq (see note 3)	54.2	54.1	53.0

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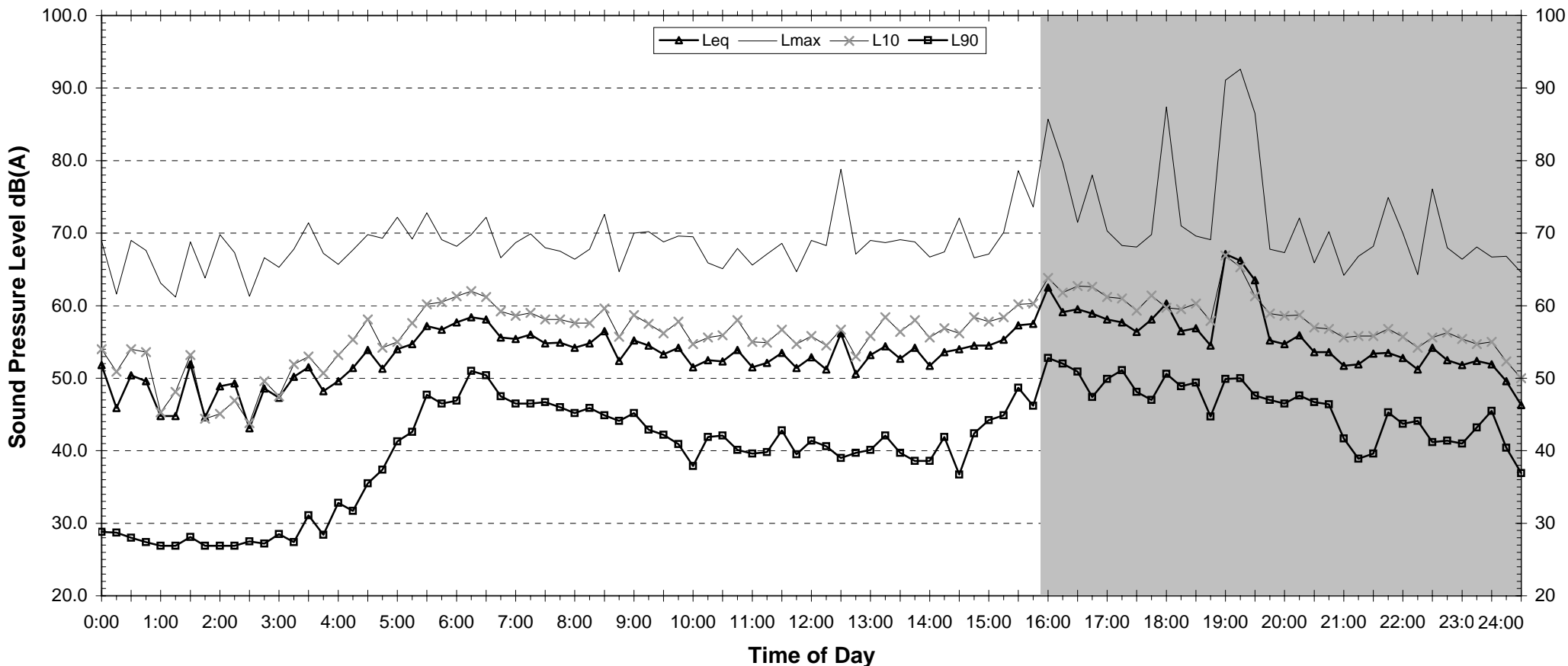
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Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.7	55.5
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.5	59.6
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	53.7	50.1

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
L _{max} (Range)	67.3	to	81.7
L _{max} - L _{eq} (Range)	15.1	to	28.7

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

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Monday, 11 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

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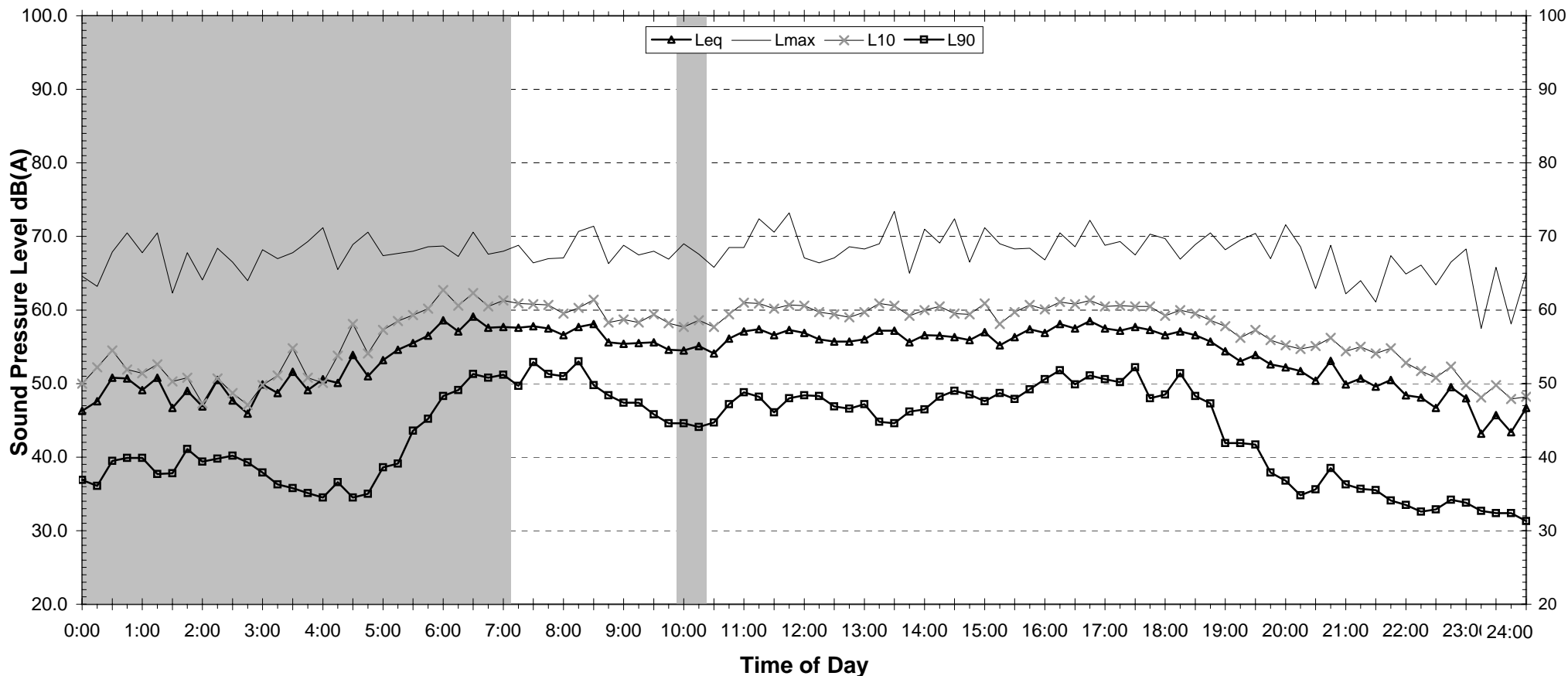
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L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.7	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.3	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	55.0	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

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Tuesday, 12 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day	Evening	Night ²
	7am-6pm	6pm-10pm	10pm-7am
L ₉₀	45.8	34.1	29.1
Leq (see note 3)	56.8	53.2	50.6

NOTES:

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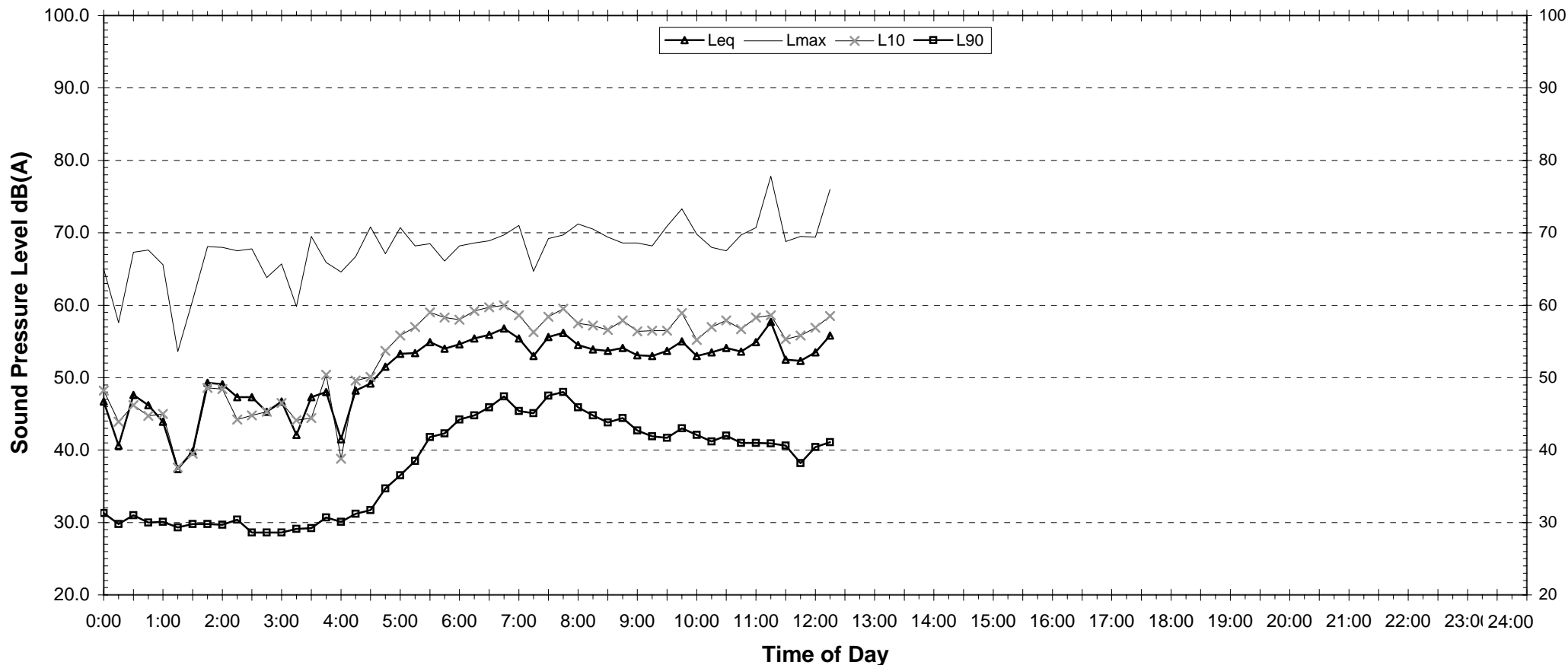
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Descriptor	Day	Night ²
	7am-10pm	10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	58.5	53.1
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	60.2	58.4
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	53.2	47.5

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
L _{max} (Range)	65.8	to	71.0
L _{max} - Leq (Range)	15.1	to	23.8

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Wednesday, 13 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

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L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.8	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	58.3	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	56.2	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -



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noise logger results

BACKGROUND & AMBIENT NOISE MONITORING RESULTS NSW DEC's 'INDUSTRIAL NOISE POLICY', 2000						
Day	L _{A90} Background Noise Levels ⁵			L _{Aeq} Ambient Noise Levels		
	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
Wednesday-06-December-2006	-	35	28	-	51	51
Thursday-07-December-2006	41	40	29	51	49	50
Friday-08-December-2006	42	36	28	51	48	48
Saturday-09-December-2006	42	39	27	52	51	46
Sunday-10-December-2006	43	39	27	53	52	53
Monday-11-December-2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday-12-December-2006	45	32	29	54	51	51
Wednesday-13-December-2006	-	-	-	-	-	-
Representative Level	42	38	28	53	51	50

Notes:

- Day is taken to be 7:00am to 6:00pm
- Evening is taken to be 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- Night is taken to be the remaining periods.
- Partial day's monitoring
- Assessment Background Level (ABL)
- Rating Background Level (RBL) for L90 and logarithmic average for Leq

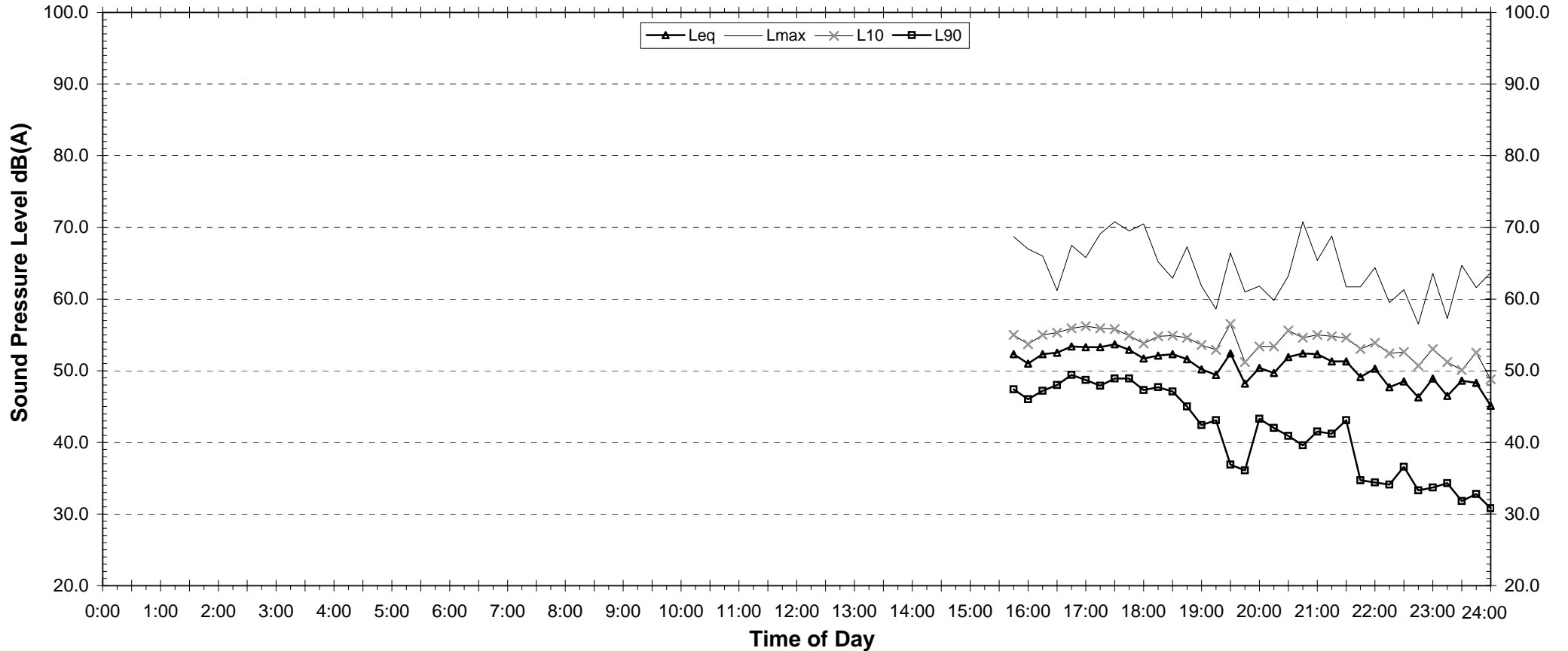
TRAFFIC NOISE MONITORING RESULTS NSW DEC 'ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ROAD TRAFFIC NOISE', 1999						
Day	L _{Aeq} Noise Levels		L _{Aeq 1hr} Noise Levels			
	Day	Night	Day - Up	Day - Low	Night - Up	Night - Low
Wednesday-06-December-2006	54	54	55	53	59	43
Thursday-07-December-2006	53	53	57	51	57	47
Friday-08-December-2006	53	50	56	50	54	46
Saturday-09-December-2006	55	49	57	52	51	45
Sunday-10-December-2006	55	55	59	52	61	50
Monday-11-December-2006	52	-	55	51	-	-
Tuesday-12-December-2006	56	54	59	51	59	48
Wednesday-13-December-2006	56	-	59	53	-	-
Representative Weekday	55	53	57	52	58	46
Representative Weekend	55	53	58	52	58	48
Representative Week	55	53	57	52	58	47



EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

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Wednesday, 6 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day	Evening	Night ²
	7am-6pm	6pm-10pm	10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	34.7	28.1
Leq (see note 3)	-	51.1	51.1

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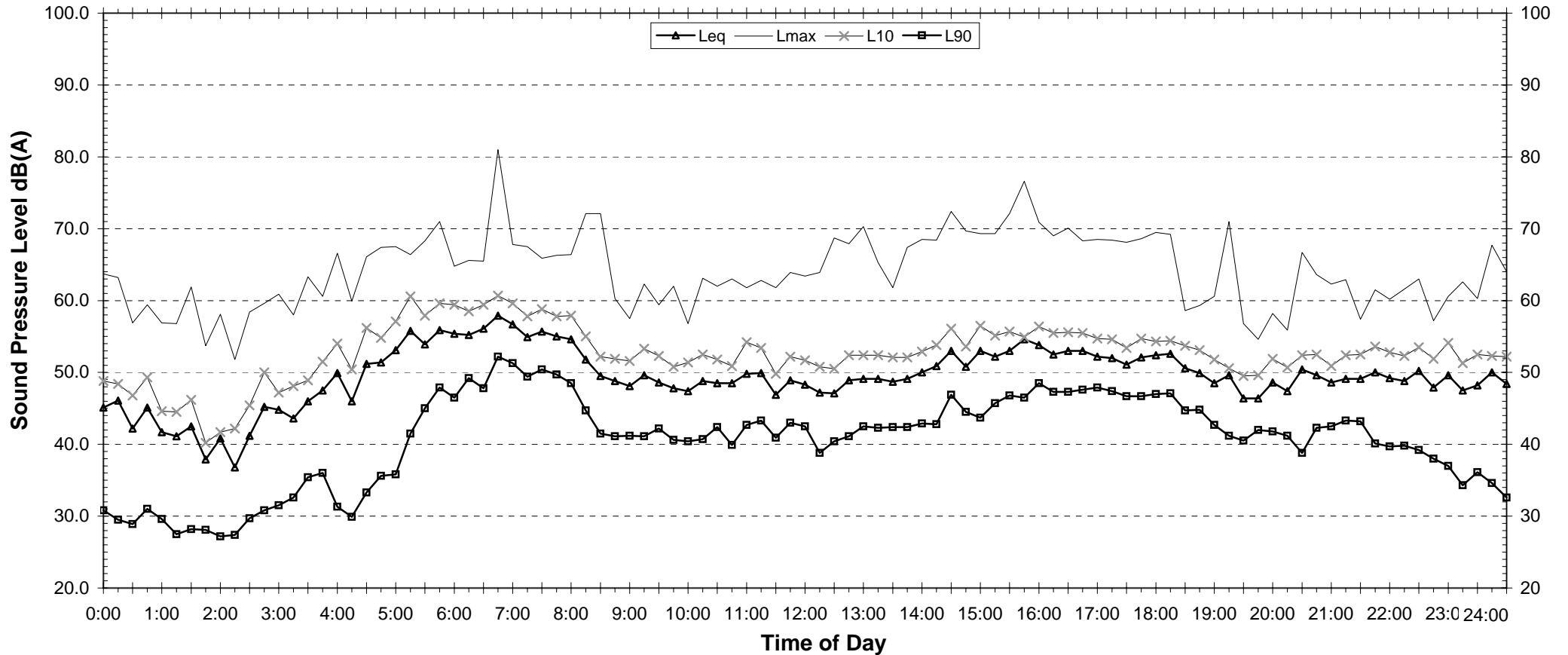
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Descriptor	Day	Night ²
	7am-10pm	10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	54.3	53.6
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	55.5	59.1
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	52.9	43.4

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	66.6	to	81.0
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.6	to	24.4

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Thursday, 7 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	40.6	39.7	28.8
Leq (see note 3)	51.4	49.4	50.5

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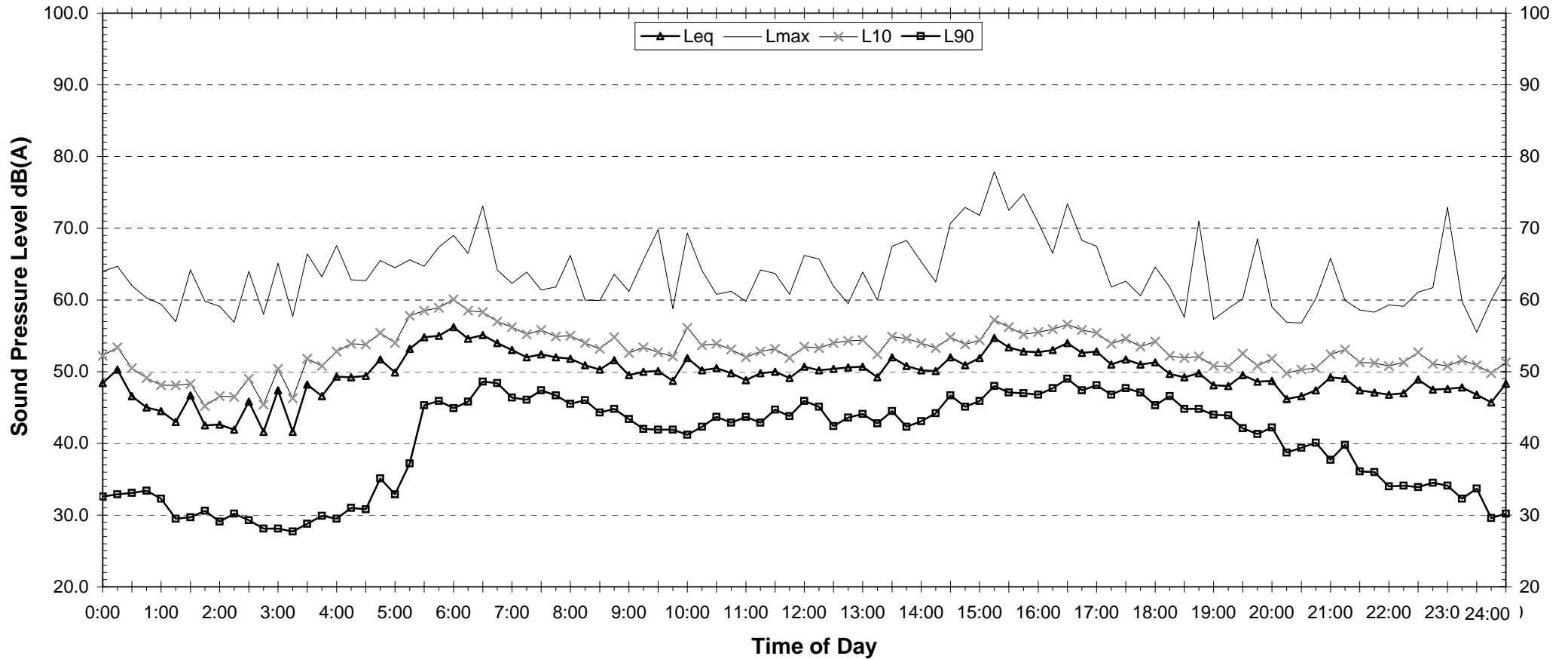
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) <small>(see note3)</small>		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	53.4	53.0
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	56.9	57.4
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	50.6	46.6

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels <small>(see note 4)</small>			
Lmax (Range)	65.1	to	73.1
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.3	to	20.4

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Friday, 8 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	42.3	36.0	28.0
Leq (see note 3)	51.4	48.4	47.9

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

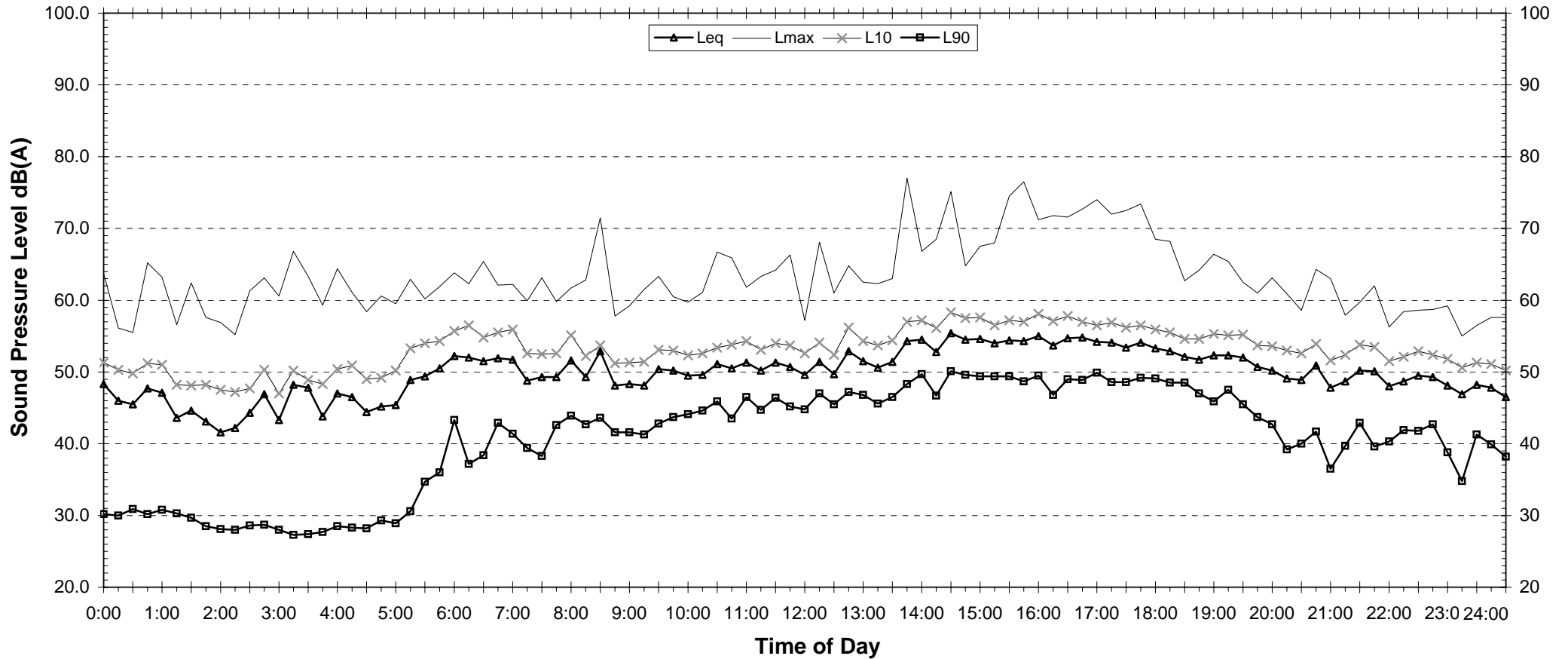
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	53.2	50.4
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	55.8	54.3
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	50.1	45.9

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	65.2	to	72.9
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.7	to	25.1

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Saturday, 9 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	41.6	39.2	26.6
Leq (see note 3)	52.4	50.8	46.4

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

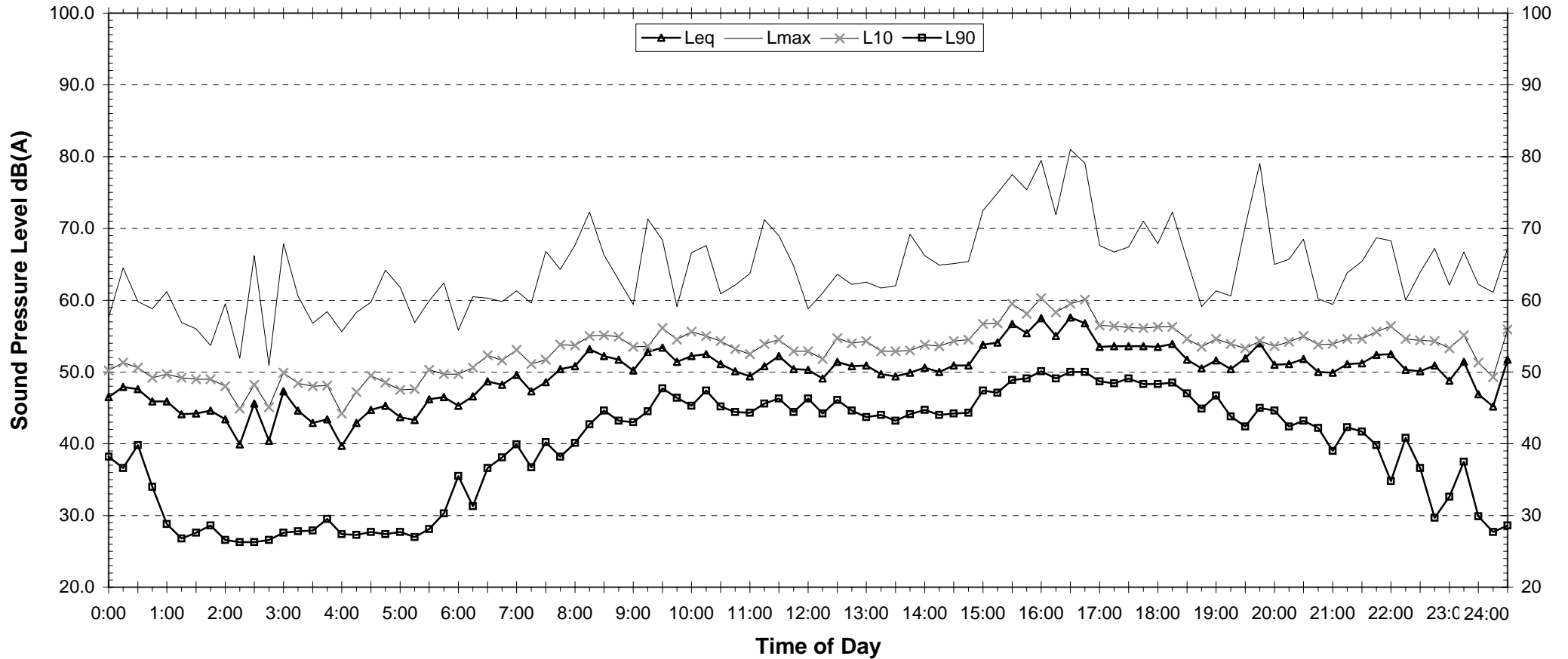
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) <small>(see note3)</small>		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	54.6	48.9
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	56.9	51.4
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	51.8	45.5

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels <small>(see note 4)</small>			
Lmax (Range)	67.9	to	67.9
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.4	to	23.5

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Sunday, 10 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	42.7	39.0	26.6
Leq (see note 3)	52.7	51.7	52.6

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

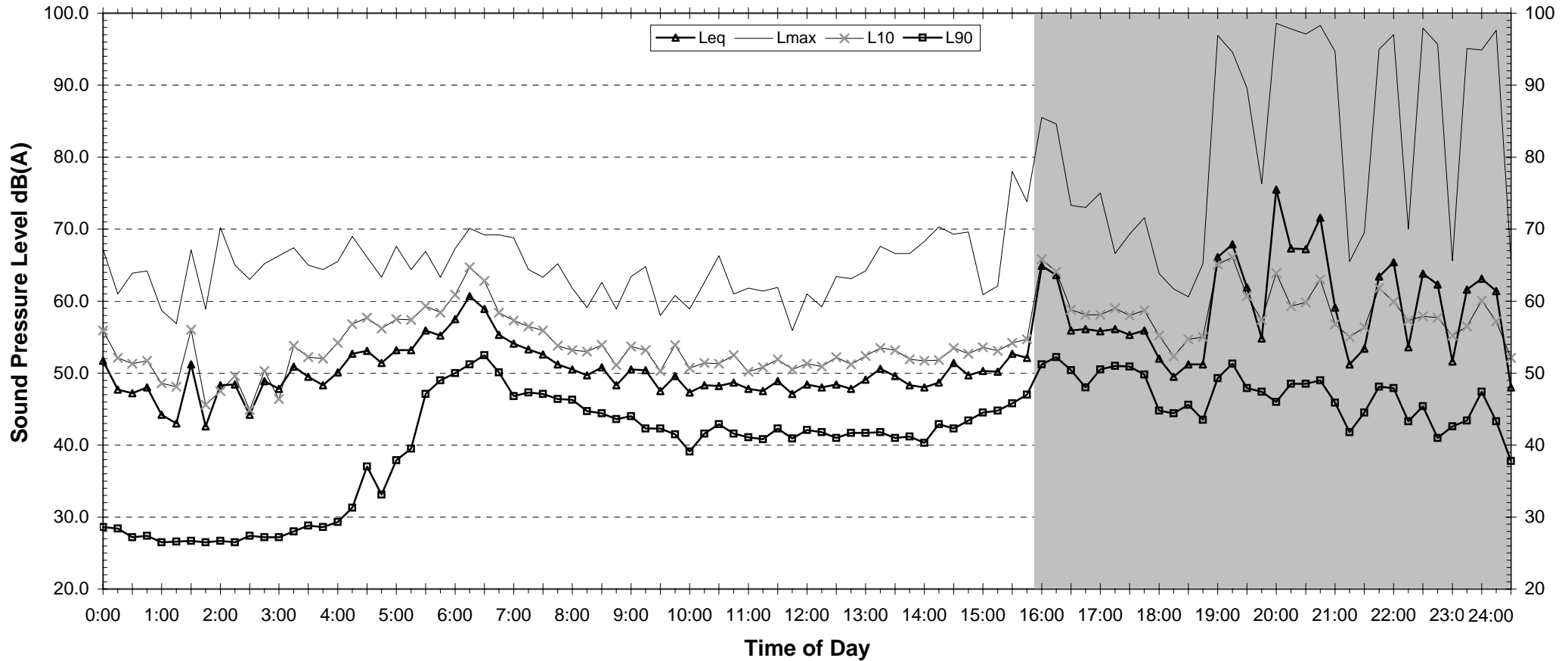
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	55.0	55.1
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	58.6	60.5
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	52.2	49.5

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	66.3	to	70.2
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.3	to	22.5

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Monday, 11 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

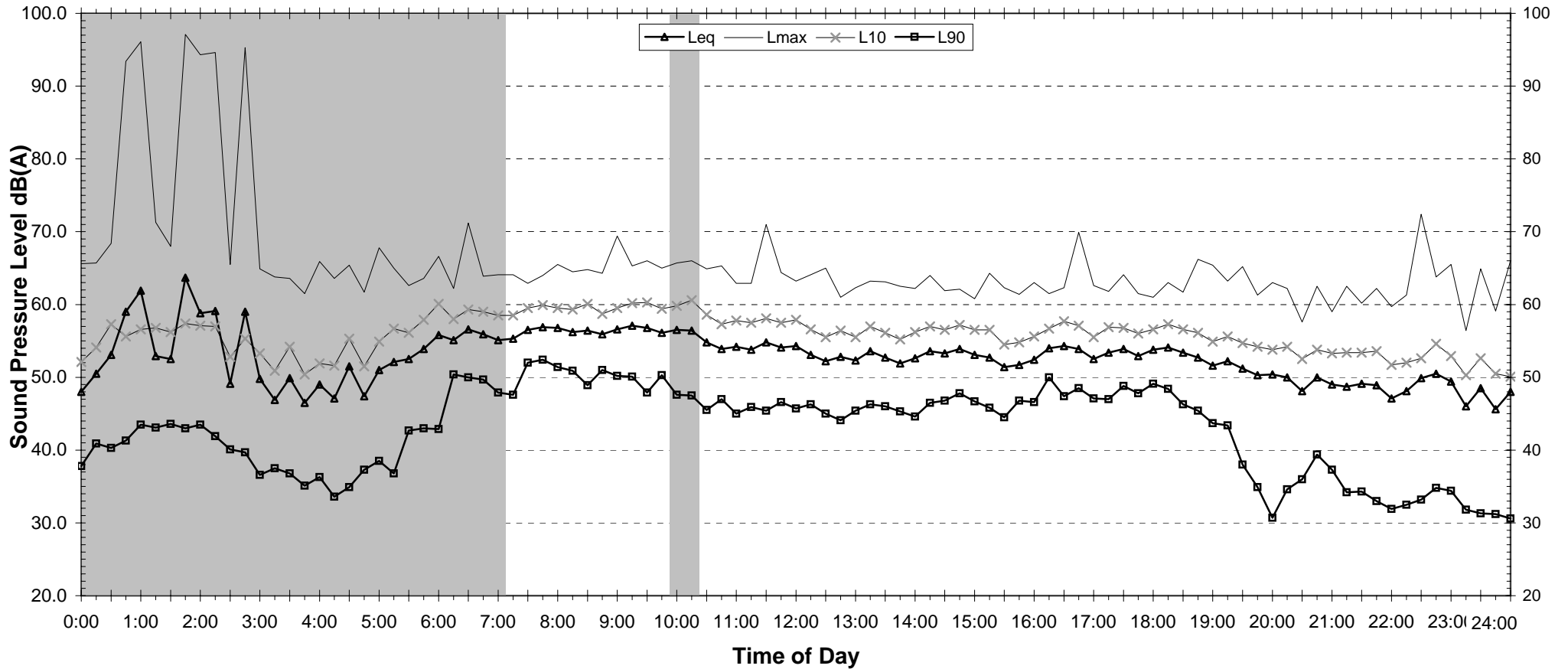
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	52.3	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	54.5	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	50.5	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Tuesday, 12 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	45.0	31.9	28.7
Leq (see note 3)	54.4	50.9	51.2

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
 2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.
- INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED*
4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

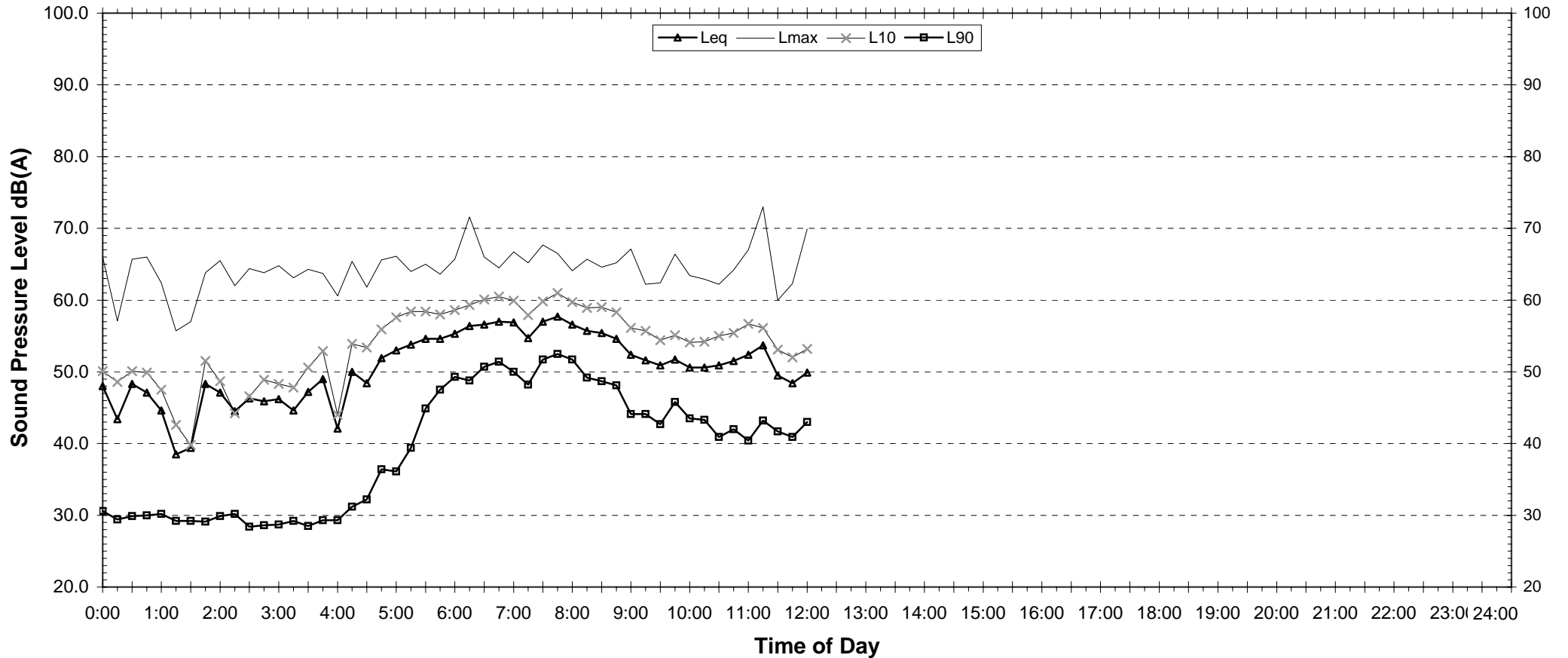
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.2	53.7
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.1	59.2
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	51.5	47.8

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	65.5	to	72.4
Lmax - Leq (Range)	17.8	to	22.8

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 90m setback

Wednesday, 13 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

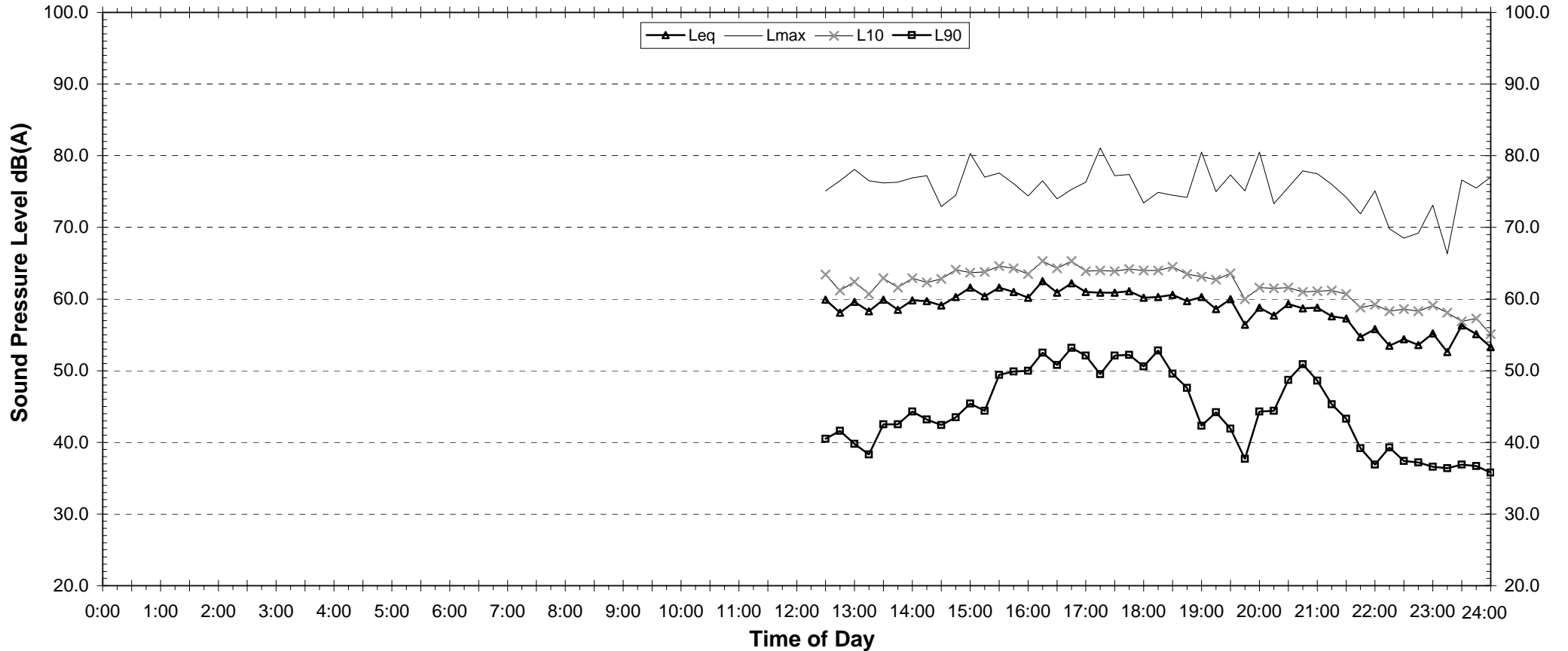
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	56.1	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	59.1	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	53.4	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Wednesday, 6 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	37.7	33.8
Leq (see note 3)	-	58.7	57.8

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time L_{max} values are shown only where L_{max} > 65dB(A) and where L_{max}-L_{eq} ≥ 15dB(A)

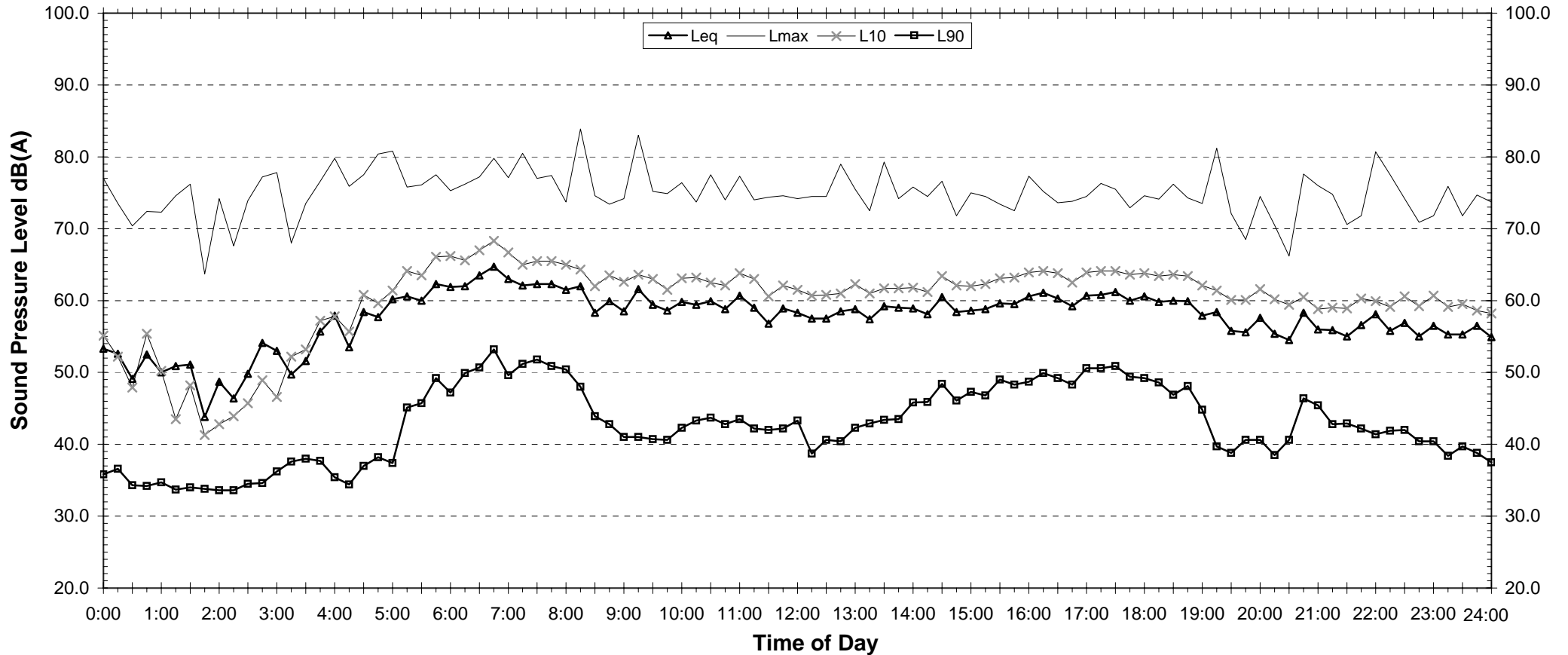
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	62.3	60.3
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	64.2	65.9
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	59.0	51.9

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
L _{max} (Range)	73.1	to	80.8
L _{max} - L _{eq} (Range)	16.2	to	26.8

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Thursday, 7 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	40.7	38.8	34.8
Leq (see note 3)	59.8	57.5	58.2

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time L_{max} values are shown only where L_{max} > 65dB(A) and where L_{max}-L_{eq} ≥ 15dB(A)

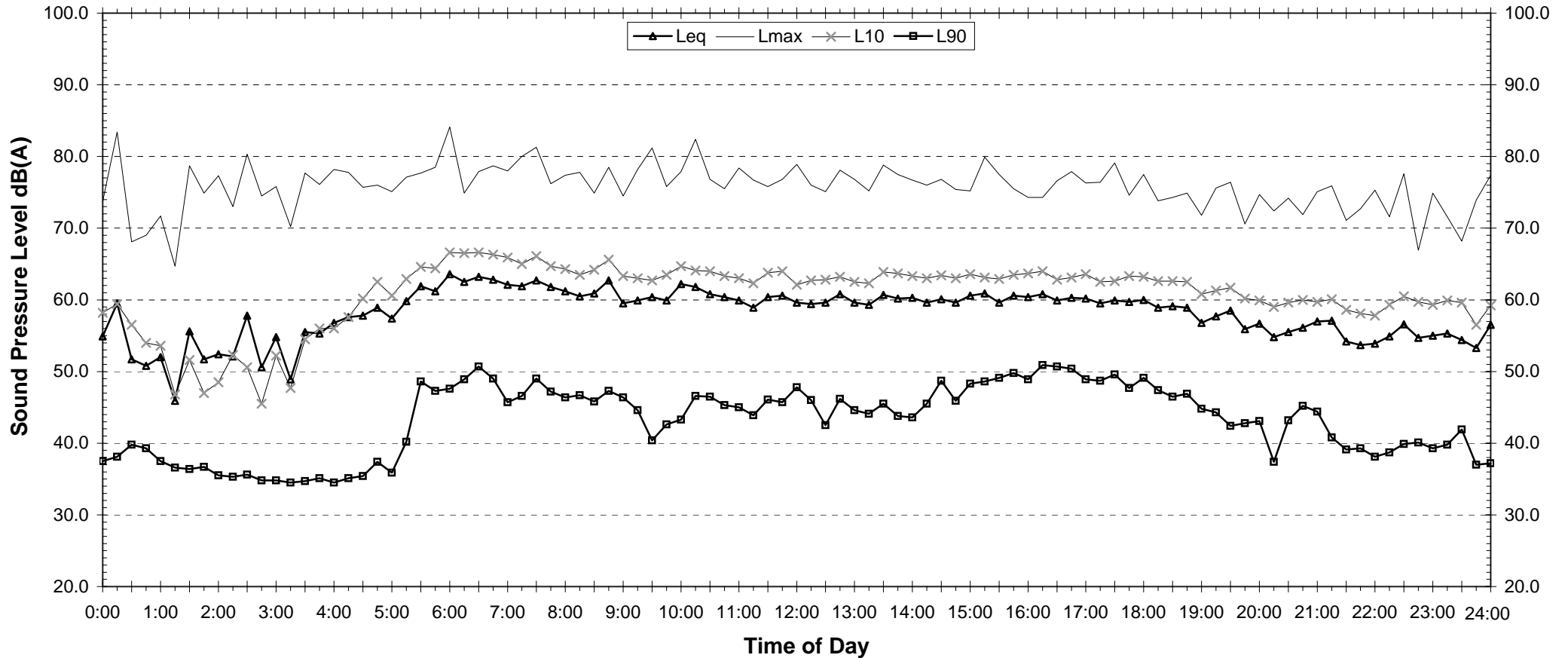
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	61.8	60.7
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	63.9	65.2
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	58.9	55.1

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
L _{max} (Range)	75.9	to	84.1
L _{max} - L _{eq} (Range)	16.0	to	28.2

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Friday, 8 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	43.6	38.1	34.0
Leq (see note 3)	60.5	56.9	56.0

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
 2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.
- INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED**
4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

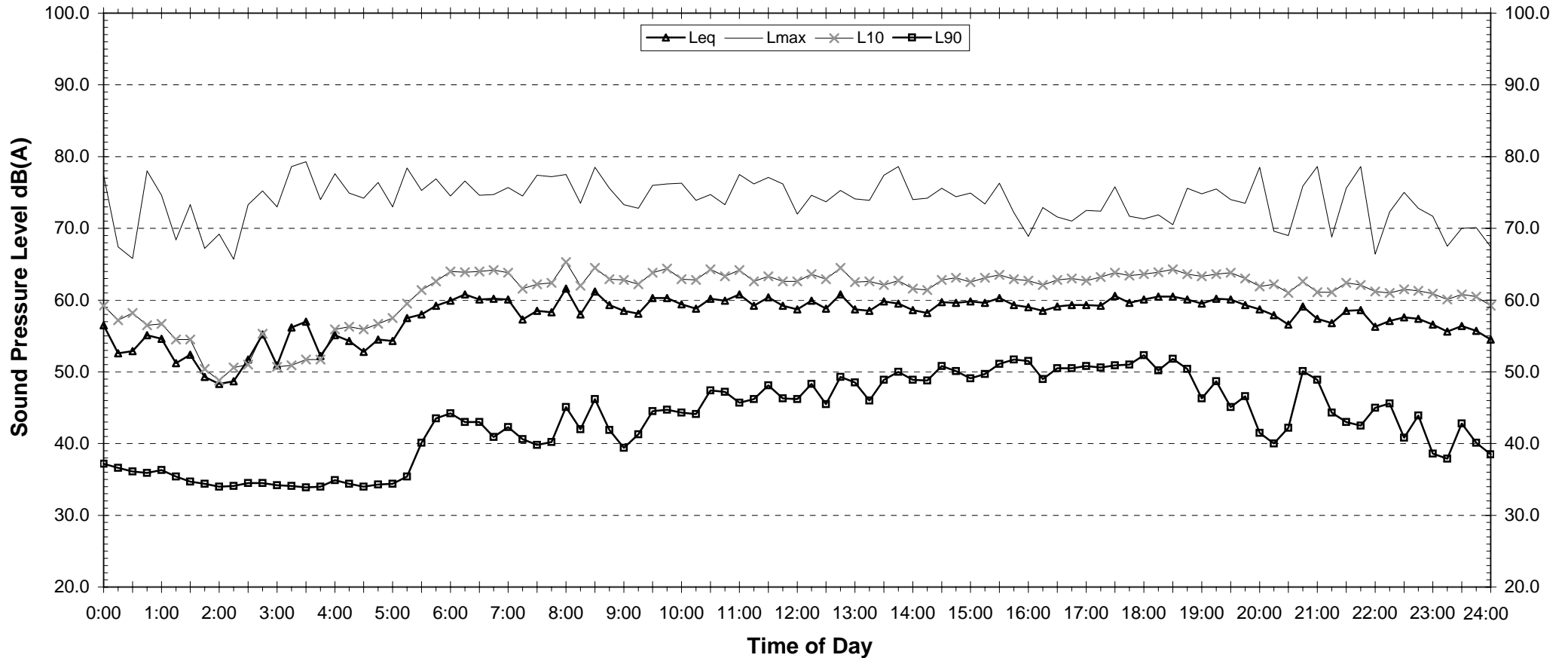
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) <small>(see note3)</small>		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	62.3	58.5
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	64.0	62.8
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	58.0	53.1

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels <small>(see note 4)</small>			
Lmax (Range)	73.3	to	79.3
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.3	to	24.1

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Saturday, 9 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	41.3	41.5	34.8
Leq (see note 3)	59.5	59.0	54.2

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

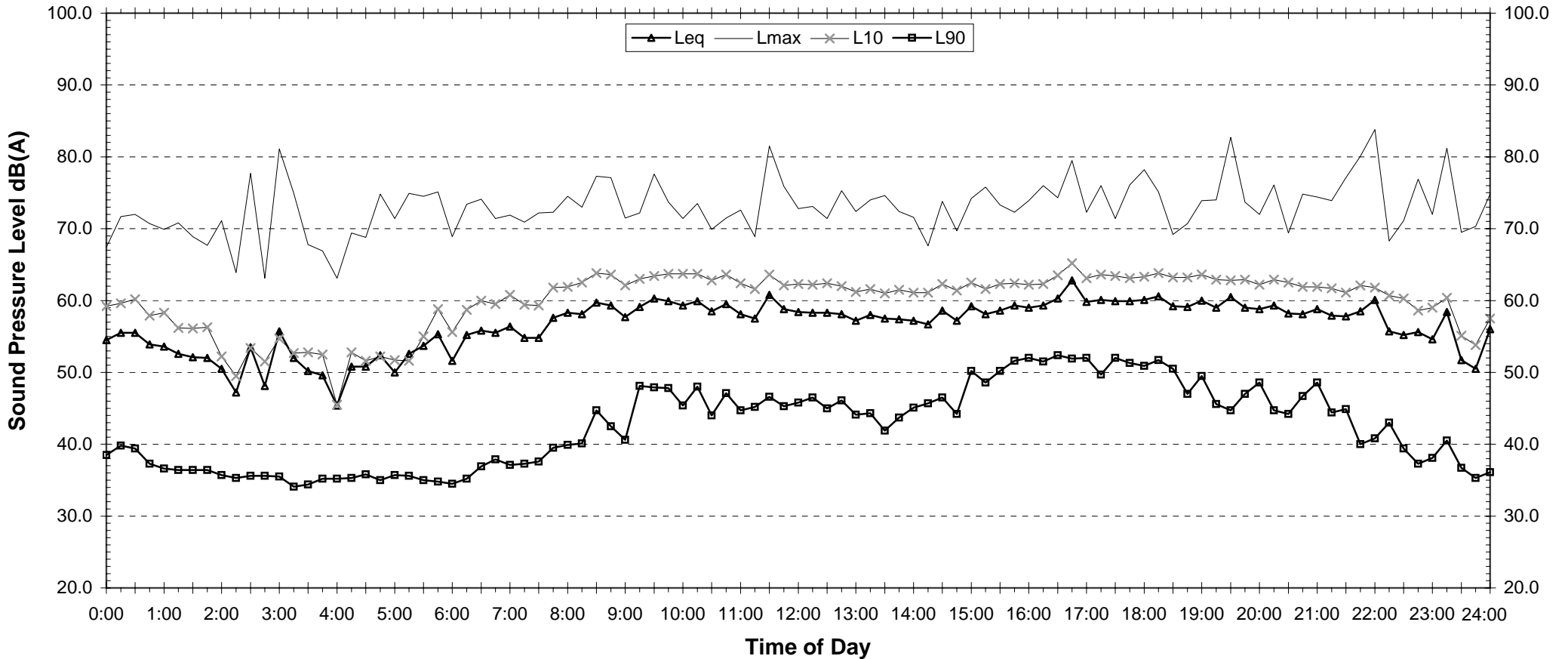
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	61.9	56.7
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	62.6	59.7
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	60.3	52.4

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	71.1	to	81.1
Lmax - Leq (Range)	17.3	to	28.6

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Sunday, 10 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	40.1	40.8	33.9
Leq (see note 3)	58.9	59.1	58.2

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

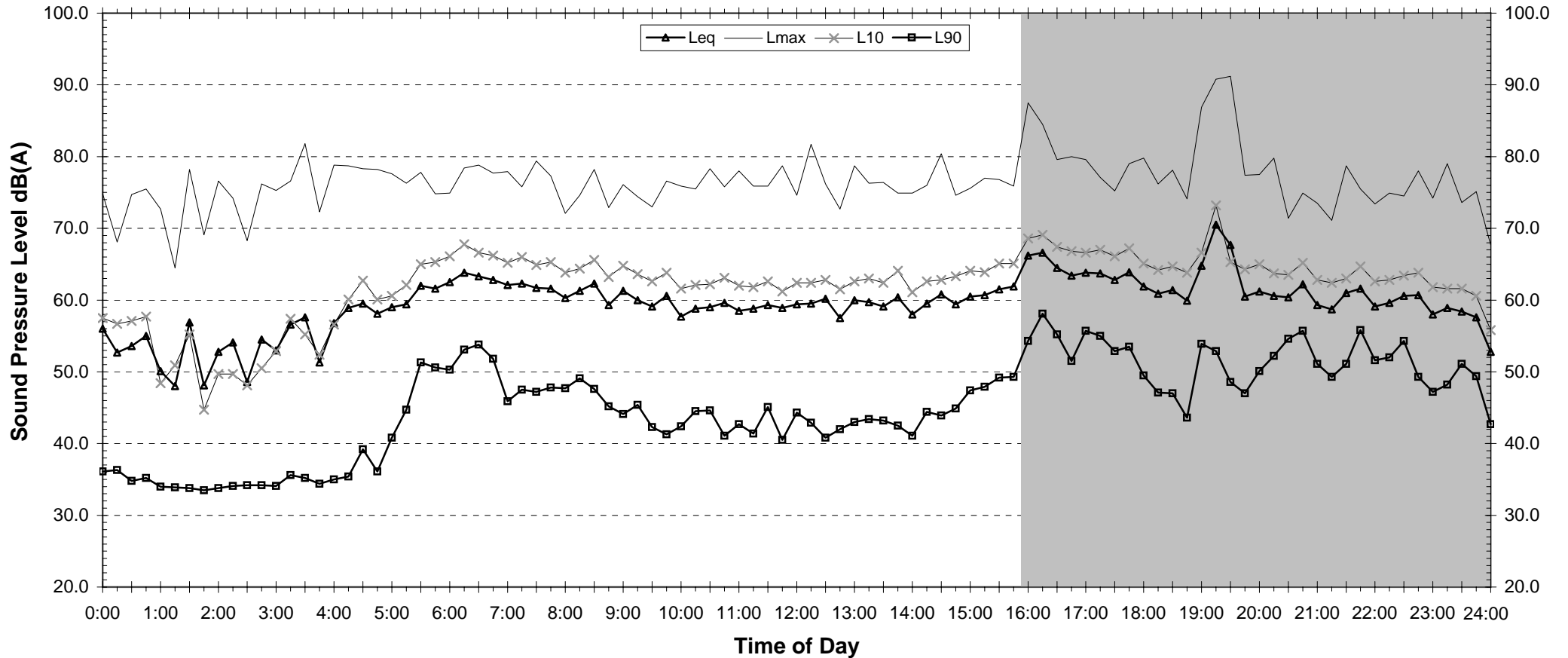
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	61.5	60.7
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	62.9	65.5
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	59.6	55.6

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	75.5	to	81.8
Lmax - Leq (Range)	15.8	to	25.9

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Monday, 11 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

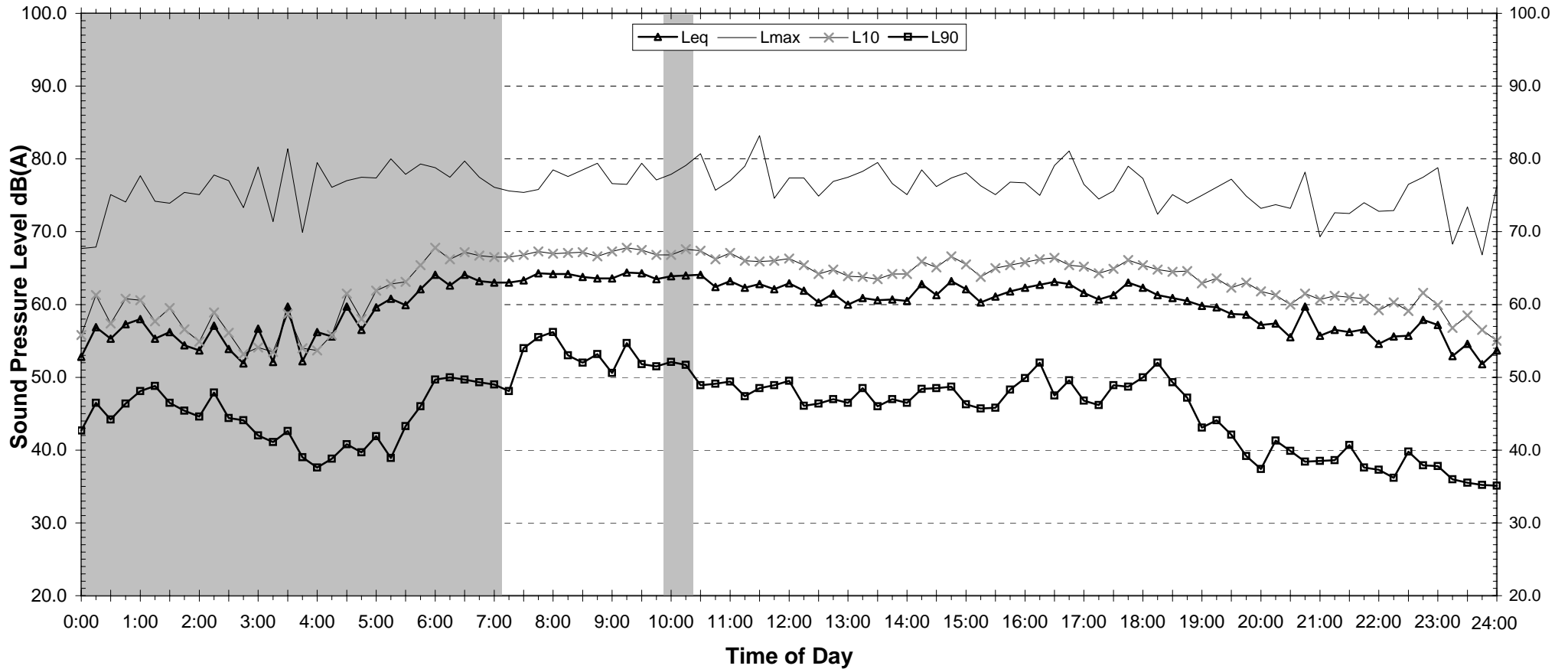
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	62.6	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	64.0	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	61.5	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Tuesday, 12 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	46.2	37.4	34.6
Leq (see note 3)	62.6	58.5	58.8

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.
2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

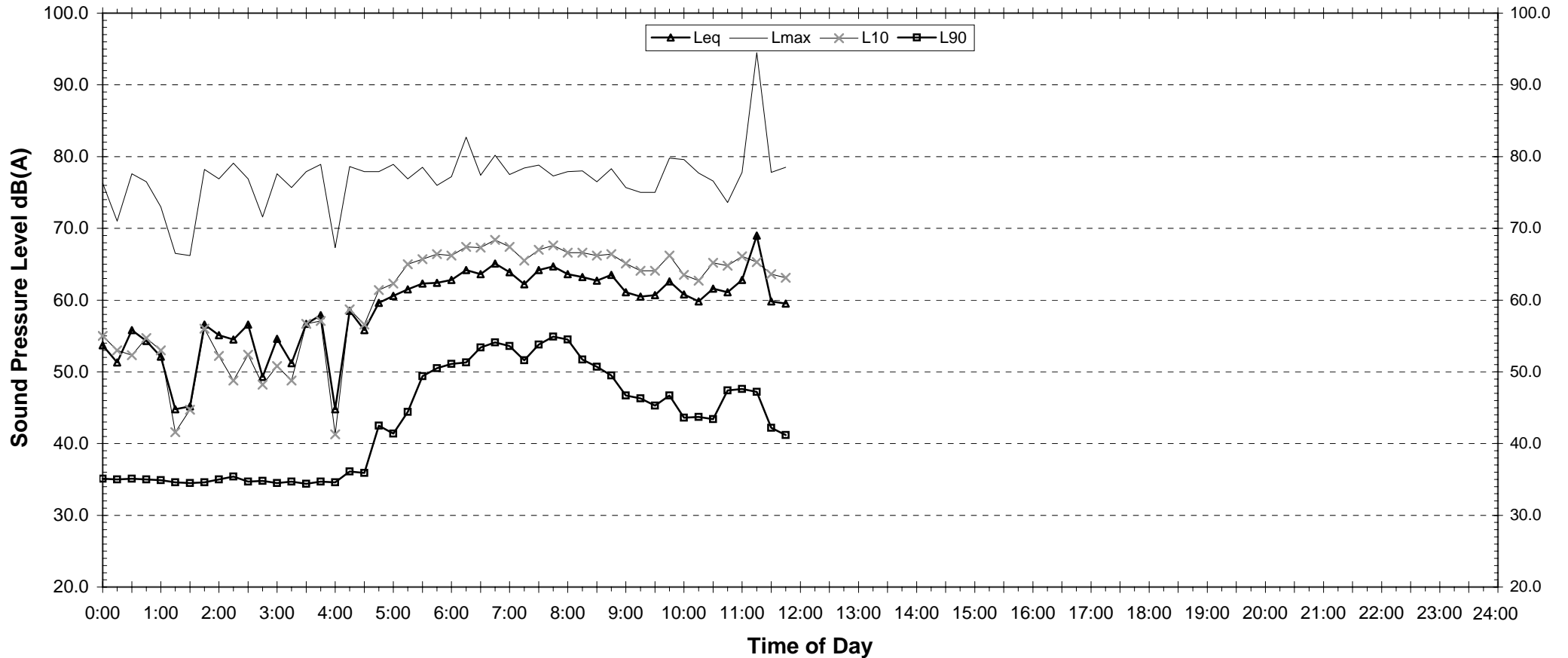
NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	64.3	61.3
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	66.4	66.7
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	59.3	55.7

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)			
Lmax (Range)	76.3	to	82.7
Lmax - Leq (Range)	16.2	to	25.0

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Oran Park Precinct - East side of The Northern Road, 20m setback

Wednesday, 13 December 2006



NSW Industrial Noise Policy (Free Field)			
Descriptor	Day 7am-6pm	Evening 6pm-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L ₉₀	-	-	-
Leq (see note 3)	-	-	-

NOTES:

1. Shaded periods denote measurements adversely affected by rain, wind or extraneous noise - data in these periods are excluded from calculations.

2. "Night" relates to period from 10pm on this graph to 7am on the following graph.

INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED

4. Night time Lmax values are shown only where Lmax > 65dB(A) and where Lmax - Leq ≥ 15dB(A)

NSW ECRTN Policy (1m from facade) (see note3)		
Descriptor	Day 7am-10pm	Night ² 10pm-7am
L _{eq} 15 hr and L _{eq} 9 hr	65.5	-
L _{eq} 1hr upper 10 percentile	67.6	-
L _{eq} 1hr lower 10 percentile	63.7	-

Night Time Maximum Noise Levels (see note 4)		
Lmax (Range)	-	to -
Lmax - Leq (Range)	-	to -