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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to examine noise levels for the private helicopter landing pad at 477 Urliup Road Bilanbil.

Proposed use up to 7 flights per week.

Operating hours Daylight hours.

Tests were conducted on Saturday 28 October 2017 at the nearest affected places as indicated on the site plan below.

The aircraft used for test is considered typical of what would be used on the site.

Type of Aircraft:Bell 206BIII Jet RangerModel:250-C20BEngine:Allison Gas Turbine engine

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2.0 SURROUNDINGS

The pad is located on a private property at 447 Urliup Road, Bilambil.

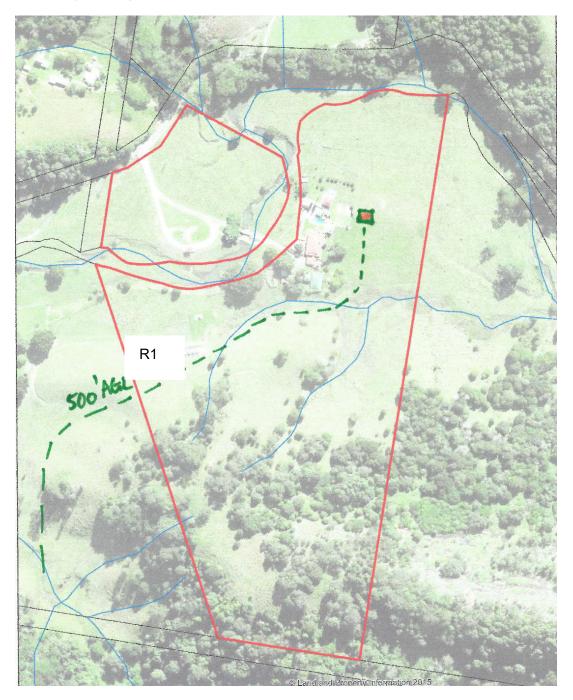
Noise levels were monitored during takeoff and landing at the boundaries of the nearest noise sensitive residences indicated on the site plan.

Receiver	Distance fro	m source		
	Description	metres from pad	metres from flight path	altitude of aircraft feet at max exposure
R1	Residential	477	477	>500
R2	Residential	280	280	0-100
R3	Residential	365	365	0-100
R4	Residential	221	221	0-100
R5	Residential Hogans road	504	504	elevated receiver above pad

Table 2.1



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Flight path above

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3.0 CRITERIA

As New South Wales does not have recognised guidelines for Helipad the NSW Noise Control Manual will be used for the assessment.

Helicopters must be a minimum of 300m (1000ft) above any populated areas (suburban) except during takeoff and landings.

The criteria comprises of 3 separate components, each of which should be satisfied, at the nearest noise affected buildings.

 (i) The measured LAeq,T (assessed over the entire daily operational time of the helipad) should not exceed 55dB(A) at the residence or 65 dB(A) at a commercial property.

Where the existing ambient Leq is greater than these criteria an increase of 2dB(A) above the existing ambient Leq is acceptable.

The measured LAmax should not exceed 82dB(A) at the residence or 85 dB(A) at a commercial property.

Measurement of noise from helicopter operations - AS 2363

As 2363 has been used as guideline for on site measurements in this report.

The test shall be done in calm air or in no more than light wind conditions (5 km/h).

CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS 1988 - REG 157 Low flying

Low flying

- (1) The pilot in command of an aircraft must not fly the aircraft over:
 - (a) any city, town or populous area at a height lower than 1,000 feet; or
 - (b) any other area at a height lower than 500 feet.

4.0 SOUND MEASUREMENTS

4.1 Equipment

The following equipment was utilised during the test assessments:

Svantec Type 1, Sound and Vibration Analyser Model 949 Serial No 6023. calibrated May 2016.

BSWA Sound Level Calibrator Serial No 490190. calibrated May 2017.

The above equipment complies with the requirements of Australian Standards 1259.2 1990, Sound Level Meters, Part 2 Integrating – Averaging, as required by the Australian Standards.

Equipment was calibrated before the tests and checked after and found to be within the acceptable drift.

The above equipment complies with the requirements in IEC 61672.

4.2 Atmospheric Conditions

Table 4.1

Humidity	65%		
Wind Speed	0-5 kts		
Wind Direction	NE		
Atmospheric Pressure	1010hpa		
Cloud Cover	0%		
Temp	26 C		

5.0 TEST RESULTS

The following tests were carried out at receivers 1-5 as indicated on the attached site plan. Monitoring was conducted at the boundaries of receivers 1-5 for a worst case and beside the dwelling at receiver 5.

Ambient LAeq 15 min was measured before and after measurement period.

Table	5.2					-		
Location	Distance	LAmax	>82	Ambient	flight	Ambient	dB increase to	>55LAeq
	from flight		LAmax	LAeq	measurement	LAeq	ambient LAeq for	criteria
	path		criteria		duration	15 min,	up to 3 flights in 15	
							hours	
R1	100m	76	-6	64.0	3.01	45		
	>500 feet						<1.0	
	above	78	-4	68.0	2.40	45		0
R2	280m	78	-4	62.2	2.36	45		
		70	-12	65.0	2.18	45	<1.0	0
R3	365m	71	-11	61.4	2.18	45		
		76	-6	64.7	2.06	45	<1.0	0
R4	221m	76	-6	65.0	2.00	45		
		77	-5	65.0	2.33	45	<1.0	0
	50.4		40		0.00	45		
R5	504 m	70	-12	64.0	2.30	45		
		70	-12	62.0	2.50	45	<1.0	0

Any other properties flown over altitude greater than 1000 feet.

5.0 Conclusions

Based on the above proposed use and flight path predicted levels from proposed operations would not exceed the 82 LAmax limit required in the criteria at nearby residences.

The measured LAeq,T (assessed over the entire daily operational time of the helipad) would not exceed 55dB(A) at nearby residences.