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Dust Monitoring Report 18

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of dust monitoring conducted by Acoustic Logic for the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment project site. Details presented in this report include monitoring locations, relevant project objectives, measured levels over the monitoring period and discussion of results.

This report presents the results of monitoring for the month of November between 1/11/2024 and 30/11/2024. Monitoring has been ongoing since 29th May 2023.

This report should be read in conjunction with the Construction Noise, Dust and Vibration Management Sub Plan prepared by this office (ref: 20230220.1/0506A/R1/VF, dated 05/06/2023)

2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The project site is located at Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment. Site works are now at the building construction stage.

2.1.1 Surrounding Receivers

Based on site investigations, the following developments surround the site:

Table 1 – Sensitive Receivers

Receiver (Refer Figure 1)	Receiver Type	Comment
R1	Residential	Detached dwellings to south of North Street, and residences and St Michaels Catholic Church and school to the east.
R2	Residential	Detached dwellings to north east, opposite Shoalhaven Street with some health and commercial and recreational uses.
PS	School	Shoalhaven Community Pre-School (future relocated site).
CC	Hospital	Cancer Centre overnight accommodation (part of the greater hospital site).

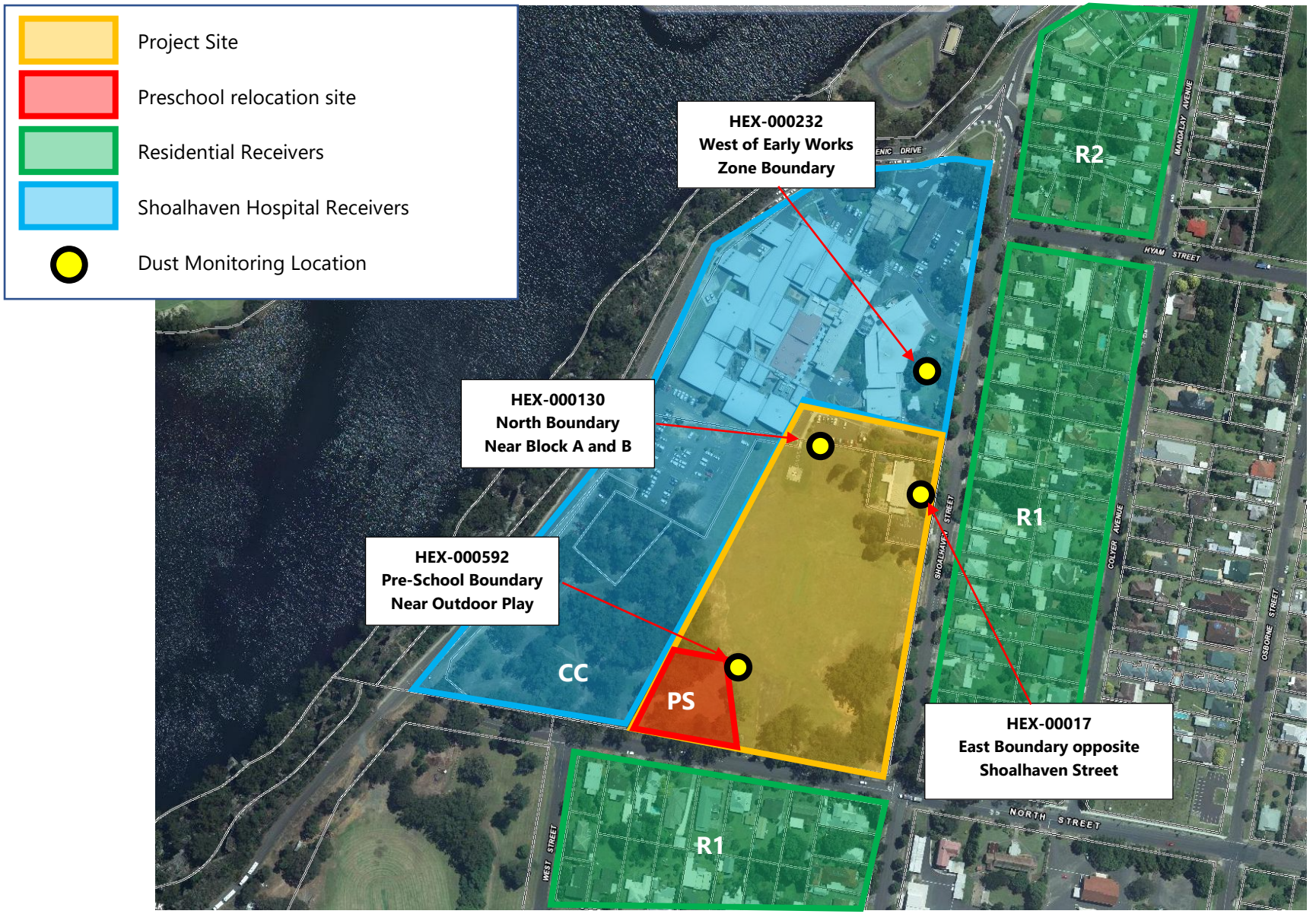

Figure 1 – Site Map. Monitoring Locations and Surrounding Receivers

3 MONITORING LOCATIONS AND DESCRIPTION

Refer to Figure 1 and photos below for monitoring locations.

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3.1 MONITORING PERIOD

This report presents the results of monitoring between 1/11/2024 and 30/11/2024.

Monitoring has been ongoing since 29th May 2023.

3.2 MONITORING EQUIPMENT

Dust monitoring was conducted using SiteHive Hexanode monitors. Monitors are programmed to continuously store noise data over every 15-minute period

4 DUST MONITORING

4.1 PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

Construction impacts to nearby development have been determined in the Construction Noise, Dust and Vibration Management Sub Plan (ref: 20230220.1/0506A/R1/VF, dated 05/06/2023)

4.1.1 Dust Management Levels

Dust monitoring is conducted to measure mechanically generated respirable PM_{10} dust particles (< 10µm) and $PM_{2.5}$ dust particles (< 2.5µm), which are generally understood to be the main health concern in airborne dust. The air quality limits are based on the standards outlined in Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure* and NSW EPA's air quality categories.

It should be noted that the dust monitoring results can be influenced by events such as fires, fogs and dust storms, thus the PM10 limit has an allowance of 5 days per year to account for the effects of these two effects. It is noted that site dust suppression systems using fine water sprays can affect the dust count of laser-based measurement systems and so too can pollen in Spring. The PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ goals are summarised below.

Table 2 – PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Goals (24-Hour Average)

Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Concentration
Particulate Matter PM_{10}	24 hours	50 µg/m^3
Particulate Matter $PM_{2.5}$	24 hours	25 µg/m^3

The EPA has air quality categories based on particle concentration over a one-hour average. These levels may be used to control site dust emissions. Typically, a project alert trigger level is set on the 'Poor' category level. **However, the assessment level is based on the 24-hour average**.

Table 3 – PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Goals (1-Hour Average)

Pollutant	Air Quality Category (AQC)				
	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Extremely Poor
Particulate Matter PM_{10} (µg/m^3)	< 50	50-100	**100-200**	200-600	600 and above
Particulate Matter $PM_{2.5}$ (µg/m^3)	< 25	25-50	**50-100**	100-300	300 and above

4.2 MONITORED DUST LEVELS

The following legend has been generated with reference to exceedances within the monitored dust levels as follows and applied to the tables below.

RED = CONSTRUCTION RELATED EXCEEDANCE

BLUE = EXCEEDANCES DURING WEATHER AFFECTED PERIODS

GREY = EXCEEDANCES DURING OUT OF HOURS

Where true exceedances are recorded, additional analysis has been provided in the discussion below.

4.2.1 East Boundary Facing Shoalhaven Street (Monitor HEX-000171)

The daily average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} concentration levels are presented below:

Table 4 – East Boundary (HEX-000171) Daily Average PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration

Date	24hr Average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} Concentration					
	$PM_{2.5}$ Level ($\mu g/m^3$)	$PM_{2.5}$ Limit ($\mu g/m^3$)	Compliance	PM_{10} Level ($\mu g/m^3$)	PM_{10} Limit ($\mu g/m^3$)	Compliance
1/11/2024	12	25	Yes	48	50	Yes
2/11/2024	10		Yes	31		Yes
3/11/2024	10		Yes	28		Yes
4/11/2024	28		Yes	93		Yes
5/11/2024	13		Yes	39		Yes
6/11/2024	19		Yes	58		Yes
7/11/2024	29		Yes	92		Yes
8/11/2024	14		Yes	69		Yes
9/11/2024	18		Yes	60		Yes
10/11/2024	15		Yes	46		Yes
11/11/2024	15		Yes	59		Yes
12/11/2024	14		Yes	47		Yes
13/11/2024	11		Yes	40		Yes
14/11/2024	16		Yes	60		Yes
15/11/2024	15		Yes	52		Yes
16/11/2024	15		Yes	47		Yes
17/11/2024	11		Yes	29		Yes
18/11/2024	16		Yes	61		Yes
19/11/2024	17		Yes	60		Yes
20/11/2024	8		Yes	28		Yes
21/11/2024	9		Yes	41		Yes
22/11/2024	8		Yes	36		Yes
23/11/2024	11		Yes	40		Yes
24/11/2024	12		Yes	42		Yes
25/11/2024	20		Yes	69		Yes
26/11/2024	23		Yes	74		Yes
27/11/2024	21		Yes	78		Yes
28/11/2024	7		Yes	38		Yes
29/11/2024	10		Yes	28		Yes
30/11/2024	15		Yes	43		Yes

RED = CONSTRUCTION RELATED EXCEEDANCE
BLUE = COMPLIES - EXCEEDANCES DURING WEATHER AFFECTED PERIODS
GREY = COMPLIES - EXCEEDANCES DURING OUT OF HOURS

4.2.2 North Boundary Facing Block A & B (Monitor HEX-000130)

The daily average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} concentration levels are presented below:

Table 5 – North Boundary (HEX-000130) Daily Average PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration

Date	24hr Average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} Concentration					
	$PM_{2.5}$ Level (µg/m³)	$PM_{2.5}$ Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance	PM_{10} Level (µg/m³)	PM_{10} Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance
1/11/2024	2	25	Yes	4	50	Yes
2/11/2024	1		Yes	3		Yes
3/11/2024	2		Yes	3		Yes
4/11/2024	3		Yes	8		Yes
5/11/2024	2		Yes	5		Yes
6/11/2024	3		Yes	7		Yes
7/11/2024	3		Yes	9		Yes
8/11/2024	1		Yes	4		Yes
9/11/2024	2		Yes	6		Yes
10/11/2024	2		Yes	4		Yes
11/11/2024	2		Yes	5		Yes
12/11/2024	2		Yes	6		Yes
13/11/2024	2		Yes	7		Yes
14/11/2024	2		Yes	7		Yes
15/11/2024	2		Yes	6		Yes
16/11/2024	2		Yes	6		Yes
17/11/2024	3		Yes	5		Yes
18/11/2024	3		Yes	8		Yes
19/11/2024	4		Yes	11		Yes
20/11/2024	2		Yes	10		Yes
21/11/2024	2		Yes	8		Yes
22/11/2024	3		Yes	9		Yes
23/11/2024	3		Yes	10		Yes
24/11/2024	5		Yes	17		Yes
25/11/2024	10		Yes	36		Yes
26/11/2024	16		Yes	74		Yes
27/11/2024	33		Yes	98		Yes
28/11/2024	7		Yes	24		Yes
29/11/2024	8		Yes	24		Yes
30/11/2024	12		Yes	31		Yes

RED = CONSTRUCTION RELATED EXCEEDANCE
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GREY = COMPLIES - EXCEEDANCES DURING OUT OF HOURS

4.2.3 West of Early Works Zone (Monitor HEX-000232)

The daily average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} concentration levels are presented below:

Table 6 – West of Early Works (HEX-000232) Daily Average PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration

Date	24hr Average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} Concentration					
	$PM_{2.5}$ Level (µg/m³)	$PM_{2.5}$ Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance	PM_{10} Level (µg/m³)	PM_{10} Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance
1/11/2024	9	25	Yes	31	50	Yes
2/11/2024	7		Yes	20		Yes
3/11/2024	6		Yes	18		Yes
4/11/2024	20		Yes	57		Yes
5/11/2024	9		Yes	24		Yes
6/11/2024	11		Yes	32		Yes
7/11/2024	19		Yes	57		Yes
8/11/2024	5		Yes	20		Yes
9/11/2024	13		Yes	36		Yes
10/11/2024	11		Yes	29		Yes
11/11/2024	10		Yes	29		Yes
12/11/2024	8		Yes	24		Yes
13/11/2024	7		Yes	25		Yes
14/11/2024	11		Yes	41		Yes
15/11/2024	10		Yes	33		Yes
16/11/2024	11		Yes	29		Yes
17/11/2024	7		Yes	18		Yes
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25/11/2024	14		Yes	38		Yes
26/11/2024	16		Yes	43		Yes
27/11/2024	14		Yes	39		Yes
28/11/2024	4		Yes	16		Yes
29/11/2024	6		Yes	14		Yes
30/11/2024	10		Yes	26		Yes

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4.2.4 Pre-School Boundary (Monitor HEX-000592)

The daily average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} concentration levels are presented below:

Table 7 – Pre-School Boundary (HEX-000592) Daily Average PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ Concentration

Date	24hr Average $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} Concentration					
	$PM_{2.5}$ Level (µg/m³)	$PM_{2.5}$ Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance	PM_{10} Level (µg/m³)	PM_{10} Limit (µg/m³)	Compliance
1/11/2024	6	25	Yes	18	50	Yes
2/11/2024	5		Yes	16		Yes
3/11/2024	5		Yes	14		Yes
4/11/2024	15		Yes	43		Yes
5/11/2024	7		Yes	18		Yes
6/11/2024	8		Yes	22		Yes
7/11/2024	14		Yes	45		Yes
8/11/2024	4		Yes	18		Yes
9/11/2024	10		Yes	29		Yes
10/11/2024	8		Yes	22		Yes
11/11/2024	8		Yes	25		Yes
12/11/2024	6		Yes	20		Yes
13/11/2024	5		Yes	19		Yes
14/11/2024	8		Yes	27		Yes
15/11/2024	8		Yes	24		Yes
16/11/2024	9		Yes	23		Yes
17/11/2024	6		Yes	16		Yes
18/11/2024	5		Yes	20		Yes
19/11/2024	9		Yes	27		Yes
20/11/2024	4		Yes	12		Yes
21/11/2024	4		Yes	16		Yes
22/11/2024	5		Yes	17		Yes
23/11/2024	6		Yes	17		Yes
24/11/2024	7		Yes	19		Yes
25/11/2024	11		Yes	31		Yes
26/11/2024	12		Yes	36		Yes
27/11/2024	10		Yes	31		Yes
28/11/2024	3		Yes	15		Yes
29/11/2024	4		Yes	10		Yes
30/11/2024	8		Yes	22		Yes

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4.3 DISCUSSION

4.3.1 East Boundary Opposite Shoalhaven Street Residences (HEX-000171)

- During the monitoring period, $PM_{2.5}$ dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

- During the monitoring period, PM_{10} dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

4.3.2 North Boundary Near Block A and B (HEX-000130)

- During the monitoring period, $PM_{2.5}$ dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

- During the monitoring period, PM_{10} dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

4.3.3 West of Early Works Zone Near Block A (HEX-000232)

- During the monitoring period, $PM_{2.5}$ dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

- During the monitoring period, PM_{10} dust levels at the monitoring location were generally found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

4.3.4 Pre-School Boundary Near Outdoor Play Area (HEX-000592)

- During the monitoring period, $PM_{2.5}$ dust levels at the monitoring location were found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

- During the monitoring period, PM_{10} dust levels at the monitoring location were generally found to be within the maximum concentration permitted by Department of the Environment's *National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure*.

4.4 MANAGEMENT OF DUST LEVELS

General Notes:

- It should be noted that the measured dust levels will also be affected by meteorological events outside the project site, such as heavy rain and wind, high humidity, dust storms, bush fires, high pollen count and the like.

Response to Exceedances

The general response procedures adopted by JH are as follows:

- The project team is notified via SMS alert messages when hourly average dust levels are exceeded
- Methodology and works across the project site and near to the specific monitoring location are recorded.
- Where monitoring locations are confirmed to be potentially impacted by the adjacent works (i.e., where exceedance notifications are received but no works are occurring near to the monitoring location – indicating alerts are as a result of external impacts – refer general notes in Section 4.3.4), work methodology was investigated and mistor(s) are deployed.

Acoustic Logic confirms JH has implemented best practices as well as reasonable and feasible mitigation measures in response to dust exceedances over the majority of this monitoring period.

A review of works on the days that led to exceedance of dust levels should be carried out and the following additional recommendations for ongoing dust management should be implemented:

- Loose soil and/or dusty stockpiles should be covered with tarpaulin/plastic sheeting outside of working hours and during extended periods where not in use.
- Minimisation/relocation of stockpiles away from dust-sensitive receivers to minimise potential for disturbance due to prevailing winds.
- Additional dust suppression methods such as directed water sprays directly onto excavation equipment and work areas should be implemented where alternative methodology cannot be found.

5 CONCLUSION

Dust monitoring has been conducted at different locations for the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment between 1/11/2024 and 30/11/2024.For this monitoring period, we note the following:

- Hexanode HEX-000171 at the East Boundary - $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} dust levels were generally within the criteria during this monitoring period.
- Hexanode HEX-000130 at the North Boundary - $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} dust levels were generally within the criteria during this monitoring period.
- Hexanode HEX-000232 at the West of Early Works Zone - $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} dust levels were generally within the criteria during this monitoring period.
- Hexanode HEX-000592 at the Preschool - $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} dust levels were generally within the criteria during this monitoring period.

On dates where exceedances have occurred, these have been documented for further review and remedial action for JH review.

We trust this information is satisfactory. Please contact us should you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,

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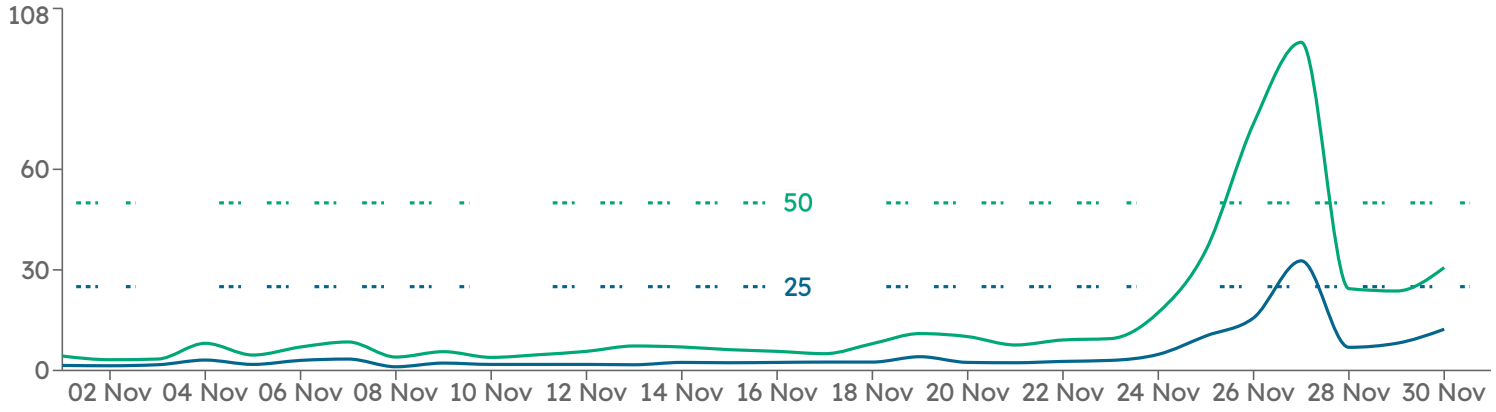
APPENDIX A – DUST MONITORING GRAPHS

Dust Monitoring Graphs

North Boundary Near Block A and B

01 Nov 2024 - 30 Nov 2024

µg/m³ 1d averages



Parameters

PM10

PM2.5

Thresholds

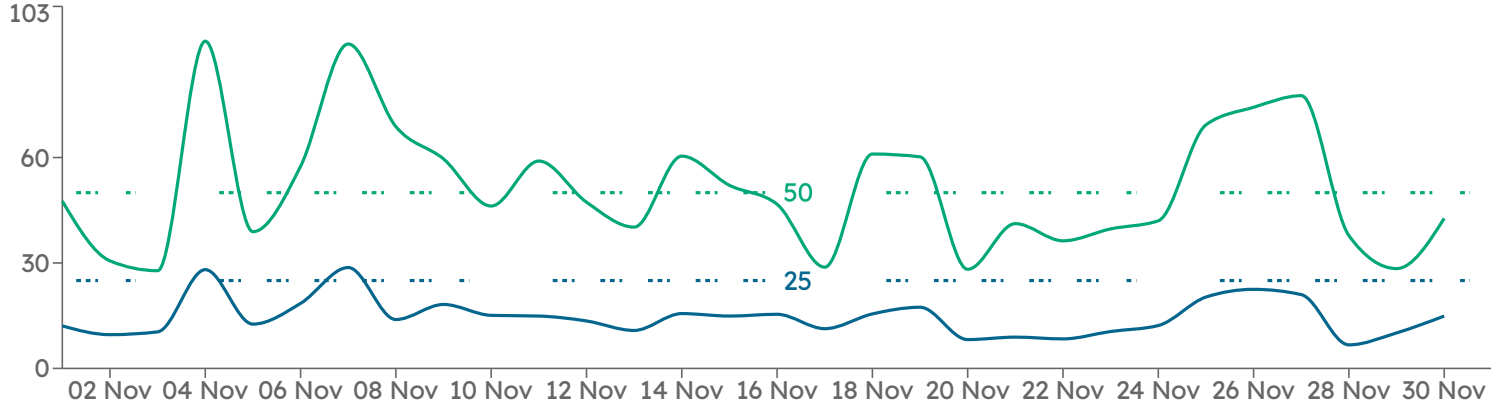
50 Acoustic Logic DAILY PM10 Threshold of 50µg/m³ (Poor Air Quality)

25 Acoustic Logic DAILY PM2.5 Threshold of 25µg/m³ (Poor Air Quality)

East Boundary Near Shoalhaven Street

01 Nov 2024 - 30 Nov 2024

µg/m³ 1d averages



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PM2.5

Thresholds

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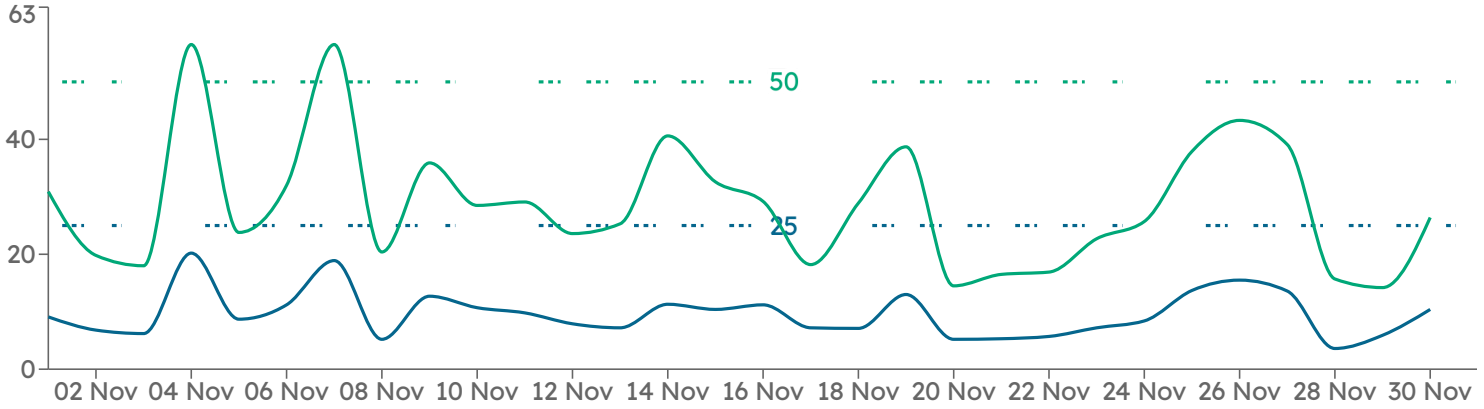
West of Early Works Zone

01 Nov 2024 - 30 Nov 2024

µg/m³ 1d averages



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PM2.5

Thresholds

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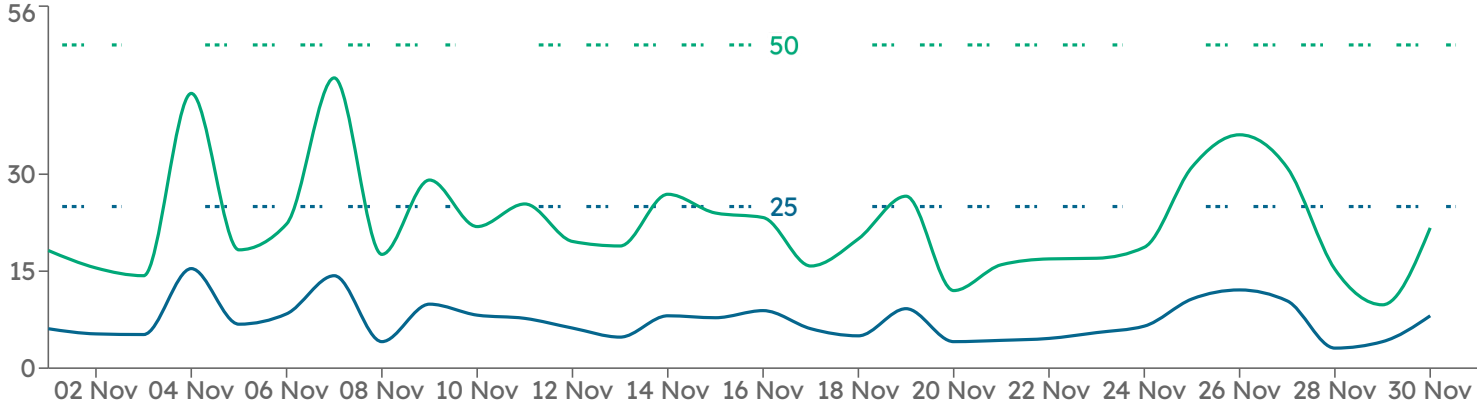
Near Pre-School

01 Nov 2024 - 30 Nov 2024

µg/m³ 1d averages



Parameters

PM10

PM2.5

Thresholds

50 Acoustic Logic DAILY PM10 Threshold of 50µg/m³ (Poor Air Quality)

25 Acoustic Logic DAILY PM2.5 Threshold of 25µg/m³ (Poor Air Quality)

Device Details

Device Serial	Monitoring Points	Model	Calibration Date	Calibration Due
HEX-000171	East Boundary Near Shoalhaven Street	SiteHive Hexanode	03 Apr 2023	03 Apr 2025
HEX-000130	North Boundary Near Block A and B	SiteHive Hexanode	21 Apr 2023	21 Apr 2025
HEX-000232	West of Early Works Zone	SiteHive Hexanode	29 May 2023	29 May 2025
HEX-000401	-	SiteHive Hexanode	16 Aug 2024	16 Aug 2026
HEX-000592	Near Pre-School	SiteHive Hexanode	11 Jun 2024	11 Jun 2026