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# Glossary of terms

Abbreviation	Definition
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
Ambient Noise	The all-encompassing noise associated within a given environment. It is the composite of sounds from many sources, both near and far.
AS	Australian Standard
AS/NZS	Australian / New Zealand Standard
Background Noise Level	For a day, evening or night period means the arithmetic average of the $L_{A90}$ levels for each hour of that period for which the commercial, industrial or trade premises under investigation normally operates. The background level shall include all noise sources except noise from commercial, industrial or trade premises which appear to be intrusive at the point where the background level is measured.
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure Budget
dB	Unit of measurement for Sound Pressure Level (SPL) known as a decibel
dB(A)	'A-weighted' decibel measurement, developed as a way to represent the sound frequency sensitivity of the human ear
Effective noise level	The level of noise emitted from the commercial, industrial or trade premises and adjusted if appropriate for character and duration
EMG	Executive Management Group
ENA	Energy Networks Association
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
GHD	GHD Pty Ltd
HV	High Voltage
IEEE	Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers
$L_{Aeq}(\text{Time})$	Equivalent sound pressure level which is the steady sound level that, over a specified period of time, would produce the same energy equivalence as the fluctuating sound level actually occurring. This is considered to represent ambient noise.
$L_{A90}(\text{Time})$	The A-weighted sound pressure level that is exceeded for 90 per cent of the time over which a given sound is measured. This is considered to represent the background noise.
$L_{A10}(\text{Time})$	The arithmetic average of the sound pressure level that is exceeded for 10 per cent of the time specified. This is considered representative of the average maximum noise.
$L_{Amax}(\text{Time})$	The maximum sound level recorded during a specified time interval
$L_{Amin}(\text{Time})$	The minimum sound level recorded during a specified time interval
LV	Low Voltage
MV	Medium Voltage
NIRV	EPA publication 1411 - <i>Noise from Industry in Regional Victoria</i> – October 2011

Abbreviation	Definition
Refurbishment	Work on an asset which corrects a defect and/or normal deterioration and result in an extension to its expected end of life
Repair / Maintain	Work on an asset which corrects a defect allowing the asset to operate to its expected end of life
Sensitive Receiver, Noise Sensitive Area	<p>Sensitive receiver or noise sensitive area, as defined under the SEPP N-1 means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That part of the land within the apparent boundaries of any piece of land which is within a distance of 10 metres outside the external walls of any of the following buildings – Dwelling (except Caretaker's House) and Residential Building.</li> <li>• That part of the land within the apparent boundaries of any piece of land on which is situated any of the following buildings which is within a distance of 10 metres outside the external walls of any dormitory, ward or bedroom of such buildings – Caretaker's House, Hospital, Hotel, Institutional Home, Motel, Reformatory Institution, Tourist Establishment, Work Release Hostel.</li> </ul>
SEPP N-1	State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Noise from Commerce, Industry and Trade) No. N-1
Sound Pressure Level (SPL)	The Sound Pressure Level is the change in air pressure above and below the average atmospheric pressure (amplitude) caused by a passing pressure wave; this is then converted to decibels and can be abbreviated as SPL or $L_p$ .
Sound Power Level (SWL)	This is defined as the average rate at which sound energy is radiated from a sound source and is measured in watts (W). The Sound Power Level can be abbreviated as SWL or $L_w$ .
TF	Transformer
ZSS	Zone Substation

# Executive summary

GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) has been commissioned by United Energy to undertake a cost feasibility assessment for mitigating noise across various substations throughout Victoria (the Project) as part of an effort on United Energy's part to meet their GED requirements.

GHD has used a high-level desktop approach to review a number of potential mitigation options and costings that may be suitable across many of the substations within the United Energy substation network.

United Energy has supplied GHD with a list of substation sites to include in the assessment. GHD completed structural design and noise modelling to assess the feasibility of various noise mitigation solutions. GHD also engaged with an external quantity surveyor to obtain an understanding of indicative costs associated with each solution provided.

GHD has provided a range of noise mitigation solutions for each site, along with an indicative decibel reduction and the indicative associated costs for United Energy's consideration.

This report is subject to, and must be read in conjunction with, the limitations presented in Section 1.2 and the exclusions, assumptions and qualifications contained throughout the report.

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# 1. Introduction

Recent changes to environmental management for noise and other environmental parameters will come into effect on 1 July 2020 and impose a 'General Environmental Duty' (GED). This GED requires 'A person who is engaging in an activity that may give rise to risks of harm to human health or the environment from pollution or waste must minimise those risks, so far as reasonably practicable'. Both criminal and civil sanctions will apply to a breach of the GED and officers of a corporation can be made directly liable for breaches under the new legislation.

The *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the *Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act 2018* (new EP Act) provide the new framework for environmental management in Victoria. Changes include new environmental duties, changes to how certain activities are approved, better access to environmental information and more effective investigation, enforcement and compliance.

Part 5.3 of the Draft Regulations address the matters relating to noise. The new regulations replace both the SEPP N-1, SEPP N-2 and also the *Environmental Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2018* (in conjunction with Environment Reference Standards (ERS)). They also establish a Noise Protocol which sets out how to determine noise limits, background levels, effective noise levels and alternative assessment criteria for an alternative assessment location.

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## 1.1 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this Report is to provide a high level desktop assessment of potential noise mitigation methods across a number of selected United Energy substation facilities. The report also provides estimates of costs for several of the potential mitigation methods considered.

## 1.2 Disclaimer

*This report has been prepared by GHD for United Energy and may only be used and relied on by United Energy for the purpose agreed between GHD and the United Energy as set out in section 1.1 of this report.*

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*The services undertaken by GHD in connection with preparing this report were limited to those specifically detailed in the report and are subject to the scope limitations set out in Appendix F and throughout the report. This report is based on assumptions made by GHD outlined in Appendix G and as outlined throughout this report. GHD disclaims liability arising from any of the assumptions being incorrect.*

## 2. Substations considered

United Energy owns and operates a range of substations serving customers in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs and the Mornington Peninsula. A range of substations have been assessed within the United Energy network to capture a range of potential noise issues and likely mitigation options.

The substation locations provided by United Energy have indicative night time noise exceedances under the draft noise regulations. Indicative night time noise exceedance levels are noted for each site assessed in this section and also in the site details Excel™ output in Appendix E.

Generally Victorian substations can be classified into the following three categories:

- Regional substations
- Metropolitan substations
- CBD Substations

The regional substations are those that are generally located outside of metropolitan areas with very low density of residential receivers surrounding the substation. Generally, the metropolitan substations are in densely populated residential areas with noise sensitive receivers within close proximity to the substation site. The CBD substations however are those that are located within CBD areas and completely indoors, adjoining various neighbouring buildings in densely populated and utilised areas.

The United Energy substation sites considered within this report are located within metropolitan areas only including both the Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula Major Urban Areas.

For the purposes of deciding whether an area sits in rural or metropolitan boundaries, the following is used:

- SEPP-N1 Boundary
- Melbourne Urban Growth Boundary (MUGB)
- Planning Urban Growth Boundary (PUGB)
- Urban Centre Boundary (UCB)
- Major Urban Area Boundary (MUA)

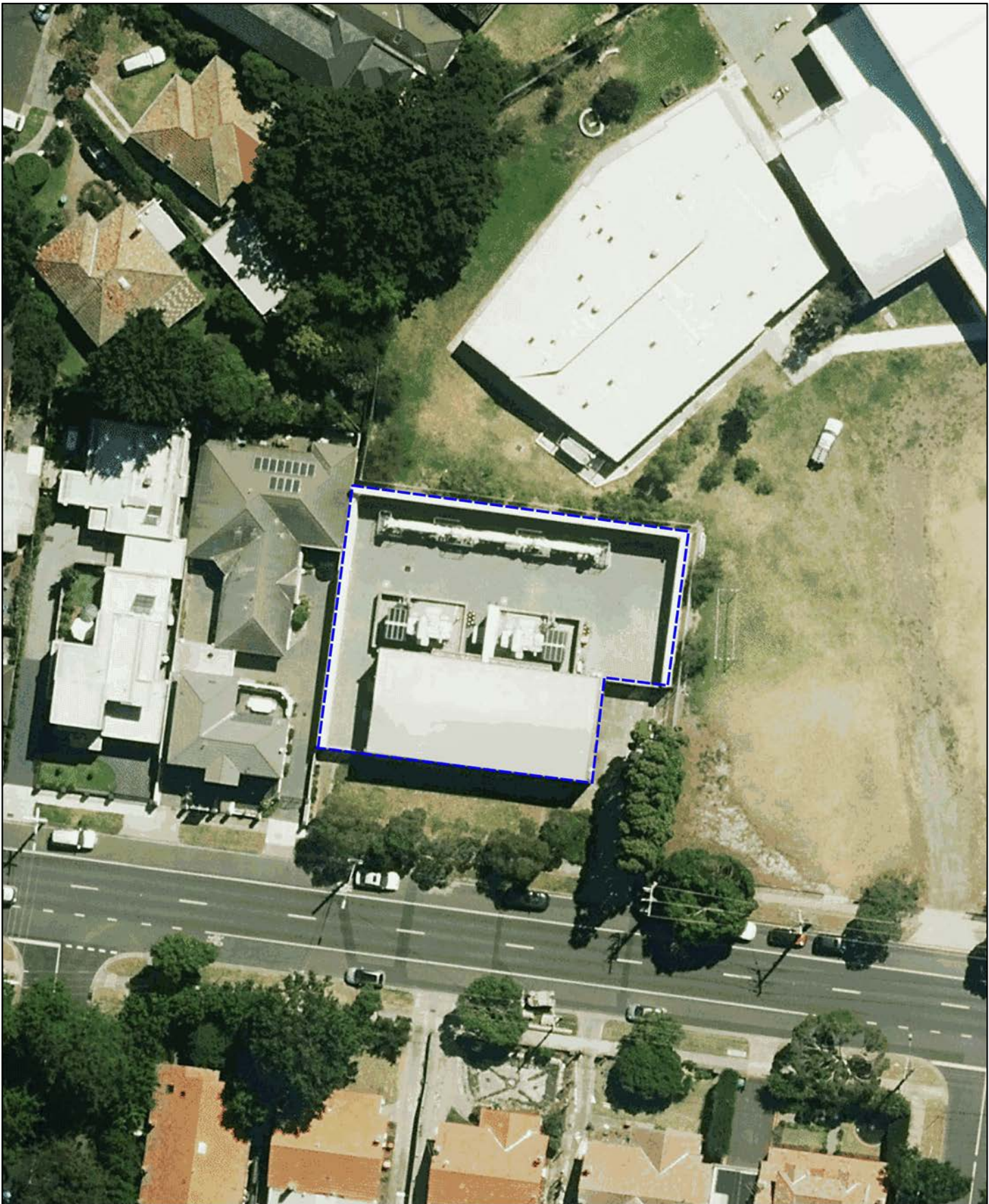
An Urban Centre Boundary is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as the boundary around an urban centre with a population of greater than 7,000 people.

Noise control solutions for metropolitan sites are typically challenging and costly to implement. Due to a larger number of noise sensitive receivers and increased density through multi-level dwellings and apartments, there are likely higher numbers of receivers potentially impacted from operations at the substation where an exceedance may be present. On the other hand, due to the metropolitan nature of the area, the relevant noise criteria may be slightly higher and in turn likely noise reductions required may be lower.

The following United Energy substation sites have been classified as Metropolitan Substations in this report:

- CFD, 50 Neerim Road, Caulfield South (Figure 1)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 10 dB(A)
- EL, 314 Kooyong Road, Elsternwick (Figure 2)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 5 dB(A)
- SR, 110 Highett Road, Highett (Figure 3)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 9 dB(A)
- STO, 99 Macfarlane Avenue, Blairgowrie (Figure 4)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 3 dB(A)
- CRM, 252-258 McLeod Road, Patterson Lakes (Figure 5)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 5 dB(A)
- EB, 410-422 Highbury Road, Burwood East (Figure 6)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 14 dB(A)
- FSH, 1 Robinsons Road, Frankston (Figure 7)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 8 dB(A)
- GW, 84-86 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley (Figure 8)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 6 dB(A)
- MC, 46 White St, Mordialloc (Figure 9)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 9 dB(A)
- NB, 411-427 Nepean Highway Brighton East (Figure 10)
  - Indicative night time noise exceedance 7 dB(A)

Site overviews for each metropolitan substation considered in this report have been presented in Figure 1 through Figure 10.



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**Substations Considered**  
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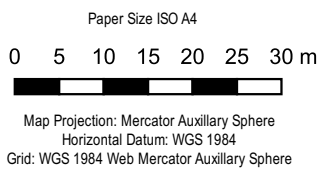
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**MC (46 White St, Mordialloc)**

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## 3. Acoustic mitigation options

### 3.1 Mitigation strategies

The noise mitigation strategies can generally be divided into four different areas, namely:

- Land use controls and planning (separating the location of noise-producing activities from sensitive areas)
- Control at source (reducing the noise output of the source to provide protection to the surrounding environment)
- Control of transmission path (reducing the noise level at the receiver but not necessarily to the environment surrounding the source, e.g. noise barrier, earth bund)
- Receiver control and mitigation (localised acoustic treatment at a sensitive receptor)

Land use, planning and source controls are at the top of the noise mitigation hierarchy with control of sound transmission paths and receiver mitigation coming after. The most effective solution to reduce noise emissions is to eliminate or control the noise at the source. Controlling noise at the source allows for a consistent reduction of noise at all noise sensitive receivers and reduces the likely extent and risk of underperformance of mitigation measures.

Other strategies such as control of the transmission path and receiver mitigation are considered when potential control at source measures are exhausted. Quiet often, the noise mitigation strategy for a specific site will include a mix of the above mitigation strategies. Receiver control and mitigation is however typically left as last resort where other reasonable and practical measures cannot be implemented. Control of noise at the receiver is typically more difficult and limited to specific noise sensitive receivers who gain treatment and this does not rectify the source of noise. Further control of noise at the sensitive receiver location generally means only the internal noise is mitigated (façade, window, and roof treatments) leaving the outside amenity still in non-compliance.

#### 3.1.1 Land use control and planning

Land use control is typically a consideration of appropriate site location, relevant planning control measures and buffers that could be implemented during the early planning stages of a development. There are a number of strategies that could be implemented including:

- Setback strategy (e.g. open space design adjacent to noisy industries, busy roads and/or railway corridors to provide noise reduction through setback distances to residential uses).
- Setback distances (i.e. buffers) between the noise source and the noise sensitive receiver can reduce the noise exposure level experienced by the surrounding noise sensitive receivers. A setback strategy would also be effective in mitigating ground-borne vibration impacts from nearby vibration sources, which may be a consideration for CBD substation locations.
- Building locations and height controls: For example, high rise buildings (preferably not dwellings) could be located adjacent to primary noise sources to provide a noise shielding effect to residential uses and the overall precinct.
- Impose acoustic control planning conditions on new developments such as planning permit conditions for specific acoustic treatments for noise sensitive developments.

### **3.1.2 Source control**

Source control measures typically include treatments to the noise source itself such that the noise emissions are reduced resulting in decreased noise levels at the noise sensitive receivers.

Examples of strategies that could be implemented to control noise at the source include:

- Operational restrictions such as reduced operational hours during sensitive periods
- Replacing and using quieter equipment
- Equipment maintenance to reduce noise emissions
- Incorporation of noise treatments to plant and equipment to reduce noise (examples include mufflers or modification to equipment design and enclosures)
- Use of efficient enclosures for noise sources
- Treatment to the building or enclosures housing the noise sources
- Active noise control, including noise cancelling technology

Due to nature of the substation environment and criticality the operation of substation, some of above strategies may not be possible.

### **3.1.3 Control of transmission path**

The noise reduction strategy used to control noise in transmission generally involves the installation of noise barriers. Noise barriers may include an existing feature, such as:

- An elevated road or a natural slope (e.g. earth mound)
- A purpose designed feature such as a solid boundary fence
- A purpose designed feature of the building, such as a partially enclosed carport
- A purpose designed building which acts as a barrier block

Figure 11 and Figure 12 illustrate different noise barrier configurations, sourced from the NSW Department of Planning “*Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline*” (NSW DoP, 2008).

The barrier should be installed in a manner such that it covers the noise sources from direct line-of-sight to the sensitive receptors. In general, the barrier should provide sufficient screening to avoid direct line-of-sight between the shielded noise sources and the protected sensitive receivers.

Noise barriers would not be effective in reducing noise impacts if the line of sight from the noise source to the residence is not reduced. Hence, it may not be practical to install a noise barrier for elevated sensitive receptors.

Figure 3.18a: Noise barrier using an earth mound

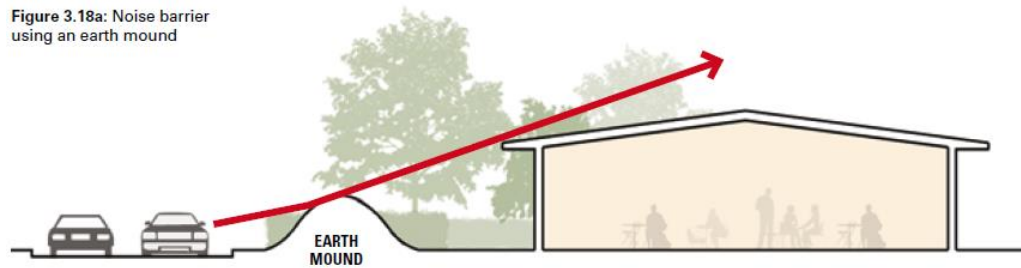


Figure 3.18b: Noise barrier using an earth fence/wall

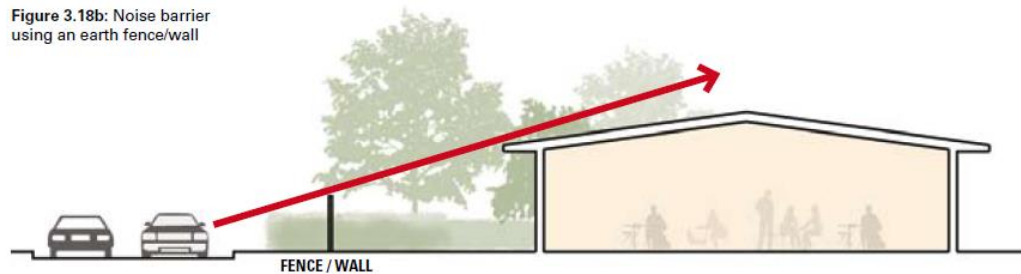


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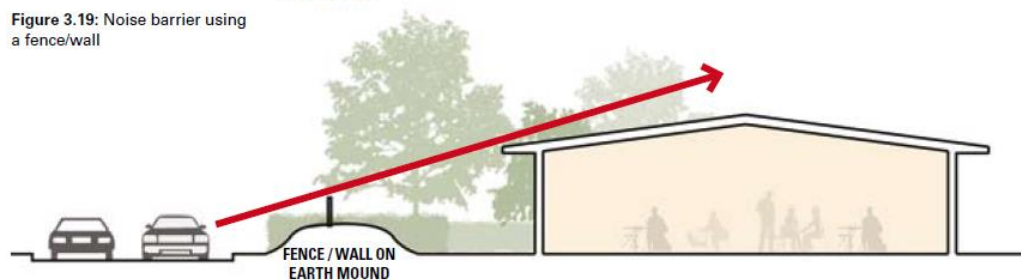


Figure 11 Noise barrier features (NSW DoP, 2008)

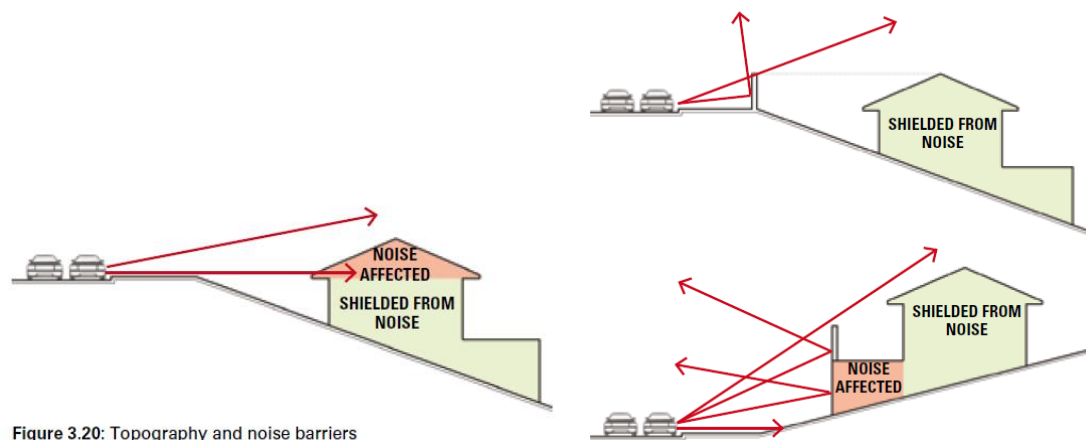


Figure 3.20: Topography and noise barriers

Figure 12 Noise barrier topography and features (NSW DoP, 2008)

### 3.1.4 Receiver control

There are several strategies that could be used to control noise at the receiver including:

- Building orientation
- Balustrade/balcony design/configuration
- Building façade acoustic treatment
- Roof or ceiling insulation
- Reducing flanking pathways into the building shell

The main receiver control strategy that could be implemented at existing sensitive receptors is building façade acoustic treatment. External noise intrusion due to different sources such as road traffic, rail, aircraft, music or industrial noise (such as from a substation) is typically transmitted into the building via lightweight façade elements such as glass, doors, lightweight walls, lightweight roofs, as well as any grille openings. Subject to a more detailed noise assessment of external noise intrusion, these light weight façade elements may need to be acoustically treated to preserve indoor amenity of the building occupants, such as:

- Minimising any lightweight external wall construction facing the dominating noise sources
- Thicken glazing construction for the window façade
- Minimise window size and maximise masonry on the external wall construction
- Minimise the use of openable window construction
- Configure any discharge/intake duct grill layout (above ceiling level) facing away from the noise sources

The purpose of treating the building envelope is to reduce the internal noise. In principle, noise inside a building can be reduced if the building envelope has a high sound reduction. Heavy, dense materials such as masonry or brick walls are better for sound reduction. However, lightweight solutions can also be effective in reducing noise. These include double-stud, staggered-stud or resilient-stud systems that have external layers of cement sheet or similar and internal layers of plasterboard with acoustic insulation in the cavity.

Noise from external noise sources may enter a room through the roof, external walls, windows and external doors. Windows and doors are often the weakest point in sound insulation. Measures such as thicker glass, laminated glass or double glazing and acoustically sealed windows (permanent or openable) and doors are techniques for noise reduction. Louvre windows are less effective in noise reduction when compared to solid single and double glazed acoustically sealing windows. Depending on the noise reduction required, window size and effectiveness of acoustic seals, louvre windows can be considered as a construction component.

The internal noise design objectives in some cases can only be achieved when the windows remain closed. In such cases, to maintain internal design objectives at all times would require ventilation to rooms by means other than through openable windows. Alternative ventilation may include "borrowed" natural ventilation from other rooms with less exposure to external noise sources or a mechanically ventilated system.

Control of noise at the sensitive receiver location generally means only the internal noise is (façade, window, and roof treatments) mitigated leaving the outside amenity still in non-compliance.

## 3.2 Mitigation options

The following sections outline the acoustic mitigation options assessed in this report taking into consideration the strategies outlined in Section 3.1 above. It is noted that not all the noise mitigation options noted below are costed. Table 1 below summarises noise mitigation options considered in this assessment and provides an indication of those that are costed.

**Table 1 Noise mitigation options**

Mitigation Option	Costed?	Comment
Do nothing approach	✓	An indicative cost is noted based on likely fine potential incurred by EPA enforcement action
Transformer Replacement	✓	An indicative cost provided by United Energy has been considered
New transformer enclosure	✓	Costed based on established indicative design
New radiator enclosure	✓	Costed based on established indicative design
Modification to transformer enclosure	✓	Costed based on established indicative design
Modification to radiator enclosure	✓	Costed based on established indicative design
Acoustic perimeter wall	✓	Costed based on established indicative design
Miscellaneous treatments	✗	Not costed as it varies case by case
Acoustic treatments at the receiver	✗	Not costed as it varies case by case
Site retirement or relocation	✗	Not costed

### 3.2.1 Do nothing approach

The option to not undertake any noise mitigation at substation sites which are known to have an exceedance has been considered (refer to indicative night time noise exceedance levels noted for each site in the Section 2 and also in the site details Excel™ output in Appendix E. Whilst on the face if it (*prima facie*) it would seem there is no cost related to this approach, there is in fact a significant risk of EPA enforcement action occurring.

The first stage of enforcement action is currently occurring at the Balaclava substation site (Non-United Energy Site), which due to residential complaints has had an EPA pollution Abatement Notice (PAN) placed on the site requiring this sites noise to be investigated and a proposed plan for noise reduction costed and provided to EPA by 11 December 2019.

Failing this United Energy may incur an infringement notice and subsequent to this should nothing be done to rectify the non-compliance to comply with local noise regulations, further legal action may be taken as follows:

- \$8,060 initial fine (approximately, based on recent examples)<sup>1</sup>
- \$390k max fine
- \$195k/day ongoing fine

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates/news/2019/april/10/yarra-trams-fined-for-noisy-substation>  
<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates/news/2019/august/01/noisy-nightclub-changes-its-tune>

### **3.2.2 Transformer replacement**

As outlined in Section 3.1 elimination or reduction of noise at the source is the most effective noise mitigation strategy. New transformers typically have lower noise emissions compared to older transformers. Advances in technology and transformer design have allowed for better assessment of resonance frequencies and fine tuning of the transformer design to reduce noise and vibration. Reduced noise can be achieved by various optimised transformer design techniques such as:

- Enhanced material (i.e. steel with better magnetic orientation and lower magnetostriction)
- Control of core resonance frequencies by structural design
- Reduced lamination vibration through heavier grade lamination with greater stiffness
- Optimised winding design
- Optimised core design
- Optimised tank design
- Use of stiffeners or other means to reduce noise emissions

Depending on the likely exceedances at each site, transformer replacement and transformer selection could be considered to suit the noise emission requirements at each site. In addition to the noise reduction benefits that a new transformer replacement may provide, this option will also enable implementation of appropriate noise and vibration isolation mitigation measures within a purpose built sound enclosure. This option is generally expected to achieve a minimum reduction of 15 dB.

This option has not been costed by GHD, however an indicative cost per transformer of \$3.7 million has been provided by United Energy based on previous transformer replacement projects with purpose built sound enclosures within the network.

### **3.2.3 New transformer enclosure**

A new transformer enclosure may be built around existing transformers that are located in an open area (not yet enclosed). Enclosures are a very effective noise mitigation for transformers when done correctly with adequate element isolation and is considered the most effective solution in situations where reduction in transformer noise itself is not possible.

Design of the transformer enclosure is critical due to the low frequency nature of transformer noise. Typically, to achieve a significant reduction, a transformer enclosure should have a heavy roof and walls and adequate sound attenuation through the access ways and ventilation paths.

For this assessment GHD has designed a new transformer enclosure which has been structurally designed up to 4.5 m tall, with an estimated footprint of 7.5 m x 7.5 m.

The new transformer enclosure (shown on SK003, Appendix A) is designed with prefabricated concrete precast walls, with one wall constructed of masonry and a precast concrete roof designed to support plant and equipment. The roof also includes removable Webforge Monowills handrails around the full perimeter for safe roof access when maintaining equipment. New louvres and a new acoustic/fire rated door has also been incorporated into the design.

Isolation/separation between the existing radiator slab and the new radiator enclosure footings has also been included to mitigate transfer of vibration between the two structures. The two structures are separated with 10 mm thick ableflex compressible fill material (separation thickness can be increased if vibration is found to be substantial on a site by site basis).

The new transformer is designed acoustically to achieve a nominal noise reduction of  $20 \pm 5$  dB. An acoustic assessment and design of the transformer enclosure is further discussed in Section 4 (noise assessment).

### **3.2.4 New radiator enclosure**

A new radiator enclosure may be built around the existing radiators where radiators are located outside. Depending on the cooling method, radiators could also be considered a significant noise emission source at a substation site. Cooling is typically achieved by:

- Natural convection at lower operating temperatures; or
- Forced convection via fans during hotter operating temperatures
- Forced circulation via oil pumps

Fans can also be somewhat noisy (an example is a level of 64 dB(A) @1 m) and have distinct noise characters resulting in annoyance at receivers. Oil pumps are significantly quieter and generally new oil pumps will emit noise at approximately 51 dB(A) @1 m.

Often, transformer noise and vibration is also transmitted via the connection between the two structures resulting in noise emitted from the radiator fins.

The new enclosure around the radiator will contain noise emissions from the radiator at the source reducing the noise emissions at the noise sensitive receivers. This is a particularly effective noise mitigation option where noise sensitive receivers are within close proximity of the site or the site is surrounded by multi-storey sensitive receivers.

The new radiator enclosure option in this assessment has been structurally designed up to 6 m tall, with an estimated footprint of 7.5 m x 7.5 m. The new radiator enclosure (shown on SK002, Appendix A) is designed as prefabricated concrete precast panel walls supported by a Waler Beam and a strip footing around the full enclosure perimeter. New louvres and a new acoustic/fire rated door has also been incorporated into the design.

Isolation/separation between the existing radiator slab and the new radiator enclosure footings has also been included to mitigate transfer of vibrations between the two structures. The two structures are separated with 10 mm thick ableflex compressible fill material (separation thickness can be increased if vibration is found to be substantial on a site-by-site basis).

Appropriate ventilation remains an important aspect of the new enclosure to ensure the cooling requirements are maintained. GHD notes that a detailed assessment of such requirements has not been undertaken in this assessment and a detailed assessment of heat and air flow requirements would be needed. GHD has included ventilation louvres in the radiator design to allow for a cost estimate. Four (4) louvres have been allowed for, please refer to Appendix A.

### **3.2.5 Modifications to existing transformer enclosure**

There are various substation sites where the transformer and/or the radiator are fully or partially enclosed. Generally, the transformers are enclosed within a brick building with either the radiator located outside unenclosed or within a partial enclosure (oil splash and fire barrier). In these cases it is generally expected that noise emissions are controlled by a number of paths including:

- Structural airborne noise transfer and structure borne noise due to insufficient isolation of the transformer from the structure
- Noise through the access doors
- Noise through ventilation paths

- Noise via penetrations and the like within the structure (flanking)
- Noise transfer into the radiator structure from the transformer

In this assessment all existing transformer structures (i.e. wall and roof) have been assumed to be brick or heavy masonry and hence airborne noise through existing structural elements is assumed to not be a controlling noise source. Therefore, acoustic mitigation for this option is more around the non-structural solutions addressing likely paths for noise flanking and transmission including access, ventilation, and penetrations.

All existing doors are suggested to be replaced with Acoustic/Fire rated Nap Silentflo doors with an acoustic performance rating of minimum  $R_w$  40 (or equivalent). All existing louvres are assumed to be replaced with higher performing acoustically rated intake louvres as per the louvre specification noted in the design sketches (SK001 and SK005, Appendix A).

Acoustic treatment to internal walls has been included using an acoustically absorptive internal wall finish as per the specification noted in the design sketches (SK001 through SK005, Appendix A). An absorptive finish was nominated as it will reduce noise build up within the enclosure and in return reduced noise emissions from each of the likely noise transmission paths or acoustic weaknesses within the enclosure.

Consideration is also provided for treatment of all penetrations, gaps and/or other acoustic weaknesses with appropriate acoustic sealant and heavy framing (low frequency intervention). Additionally, consideration is also given to isolation of transformer components from the structure or where possible the radiator to reduce potential structure borne noise. Implementation of resilient and vibration isolation hangers or pads are suggested to assist with control of structure borne noise.

Vibration isolation of pipework and/or transformer connections from the surrounding structure via resilient/vibration isolators is also considered for this option.

### **3.2.6 Modifications to existing radiator enclosure**

There are a number of substations with existing radiator enclosures. United Energy has advised that typically these have a wall on two of their four sides (oil splash and fire barrier). Two new radiator acoustic walls may be built at these locations to enclose the radiator on all four sides. The new radiator enclosure has been structurally designed up to 6 m tall, with an estimated footprint of 7.5 m x 7.5 m. The existing wall may require removal and reinstallation should their overall heights not met the minimum acoustic requirements, however this would be assessed on a site-by-sites basis and therefore has not been costed in this assessment.

The new radiator enclosure (shown on SK004, Appendix A) is designed as prefabricated concrete precast walls supported by a Waler Beam and a strip footing around the full enclosure perimeter. The two new walls will require connections to the two existing walls around the radiator. Four (4) new louvres and two (2) new acoustic/fire rated doors have also been incorporated into the design along the new walls similar to that of the transformer enclosure modification.

Isolation/separation between the existing radiator slab and the new radiator enclosure footings has also been included to mitigate transfer of vibrations between the two structures. The two structures are separated with 10 mm thick ableflex compressible fill material (separation thickness can be increased if vibrations are found to be substantial on a site-by-site basis).

### 3.2.7 Acoustic perimeter wall

Acoustic barriers are one of the most effective solutions for control of noise transmission paths by reducing direct sound transmission between the source and receiver. However, the performance of the acoustic barriers is hugely dependent on the height of the barrier, and the distances of the source and noise receivers to the barrier. As noted in Section 3.1.3, the effectiveness of the barrier in reducing noise will depend on if the barrier is sufficiently blocking the direct line of sight between the noise source and the sensitive receiver. Therefore where elevated receivers such as double or multi-storey buildings exist at the site the barrier may not be an effective solution or may not provide the required noise reduction. An example of this is shown in Figure 13 where the adjoining noise sensitive receivers to the south are double storey units with direct line of site to the transformers. For this case, incorporation of a typical barrier will not be an effective noise mitigation strategy for these elevated sensitive receivers and a very high barrier would be needed to achieve any notable reduction.



**Figure 13 Example of reduced barrier performance**

The acoustic perimeter wall may be used either as an independent noise mitigation solution, or in addition to other solutions to assist with overall noise reduction from the substation site. The acoustic perimeter wall may be installed along the full perimeter of the substation boundary, or on selected sides, depending on each substation's unique requirements. As noise emission details for each site are not known, for the purpose of this report it is assumed that a full perimeter fence is required around each site.

Two acoustic perimeter wall construction types have been nominated including:

- Option A – Concrete wall
  - The acoustic perimeter wall 'Option A' consists of 200 mm thick precast concrete panels supported by vertical steel posts on piled footings with a 600 mm diameter, 3,000 mm deep (SK006, Appendix A). All concrete panel joints are also lined with full depth acoustic rated mastic (or equivalent) to prevent noise leakage.
- Option B – Steel perimeter wall
  - The acoustic perimeter wall 'Option B' (SK007, Appendix A) is an alternative type of construction offering a different architectural finish, and may be selected depending on the unique requirements of each individual substation. The acoustic perimeter wall option B consists of two steel sheets of cladding separated with a void. The Option B construction is comprised of:
    - Two(2) layers of 1 mm BMT sheeting separated by minimum a 100 mm void
    - Inclusion of a minimum 100 mm thick 120 kg/m<sup>3</sup> insulation<sup>2</sup> in the cavity
    - Inclusion of framing and capping
  - The metal sheeting will span between horizontal girt members, and will be supported by vertical steel posts on piled footings with a 600 mm diameter, 3,000 mm deep.

The acoustic perimeter walls (both alternatives) have been designed for a maximum height of 6,000 mm, however this can be reduced for individual sites as required.

Additional noise reduction from the acoustic wall may be achieved by lining the noise facing side with an acoustically absorptive finish internally (i.e. side facing the sources) as per the specification noted in the design sketches (SK001, Appendix A). This is also considered in the costing for this option.

An indicative transformer noise reduction of 5 – 15 dB is expected from an acoustic wall provided that the noise receiver is well shielded from the transformer (i.e. line of sight is completely blocked by the acoustic wall) and depending on the distance of the source and receiver with respect to the acoustic wall.

For substations with multiple transformers and other noise sources, the overall reduction achieved through an acoustic wall will also be dependent on the combined noise contributions from all sources on site. As these sources will have different distances, the acoustic performance of the barrier may vary for each individual path from each source to a given receiver resulting in a reduced overall performance. This often occurs in cases where sources (e.g. transformers) are dispersed over a large area of the substation.

The expected overall acoustic reduction performance of the acoustic wall option was assessed at a range of sites based on indicative high level noise modelling. Due to the large variation in the distance of the source and receiver with respect to the acoustic wall, and in particular the presence of elevated noise sensitive receivers (double storey buildings), generally a lower overall reduction at all receivers was predicted compared to the nominal 5 – 15 dB reduction expected. For example for sites where double storey receivers were present with no existing boundary fence, the designed 6 m high wall reduction in some cases was limited to a best case reduction of 6 dB. Where the site already had high boundary walls (3 – 4 m) the increase in the reduction by implementation of a 6 m acoustic wall was predicted to be between 2 – 5 dB depending on the site.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rock-wool-insulation.com/sale-1524246-thickness-100mm-rockwool-flexi-insulation-blanket-rock-wool-felt.html>, or similar

The above constraints were considered in the nomination of an acoustic wall as an independent solution for each relevant site. However, it should also be noted that acoustic wall or barriers could still be effectively implemented in addition to other types of mitigation to achieve the required overall reductions. Hence, where notable acoustic benefit was expected from the addition of an acoustic perimeter wall, this has been recommended in combination with other mitigation options already discussed.

### **3.2.8 Miscellaneous acoustic treatments**

Miscellaneous treatments were not costed in this assessment. Generally, these treatments offer suitable reductions and are generally easily undertaken. Examples include:

- Rectify access doors with gaps and/or no seals
- Close any gaps and penetrations in the walls or roof that are not acoustically treated
- Tighten loose bolts and elements on transformers, covers and tops causing increased noise levels
- Mitigate noise due to excessive vibration of thin transformer elements
- Excessive equipment noise due to equipment requiring maintenance
- External miscellaneous equipment which may be causing minor exceedances
- Temporary fencing or enclosures such as Flexshield™ to reduce noise transmission

There are a number of more in-depth treatments that could be undertaken on a case-by-case basis and depending on the source of noise. These include:

- Replacing or adjusting door seals.
- Appropriate acoustic treatment and ensuring airtight seal for all penetrations.
- Local isolation of noisy equipment such as itemised enclosures around pumps.
- Additional acoustically absorptive finishes within the transformer enclosure or radiator enclosure to reduce the noise levels.
- Elastic damping material on transformer for reduced vibration and hence noise.
- Resilient absorbers such as cork-based polymers.
- Vibration isolation pads separating the transformer from the foundation slab. Replacement or installation of these isolation pads is a feasible solution however it is a significantly complex task and planning and pre works would need to be undertaken prior to this occurring and therefore has not been costed in this assessment.

The potential acoustic reduction from the above treatments will depend on numerous factors which are difficult to establish without detailed investigations. Assuming that noise emissions from the transformer are likely to originate from the above sources, then it is generally expected that the above mitigation treatments would result in a likely reduction of up to 5 dB.

### **3.2.9 Acoustic treatments at receiver**

Acoustic treatment of noise at the sensitive receiver location is typically only considered where all other noise mitigation strategies including control at the source and along the transmission path are exhausted. This may include specific acoustic treatments to the property. Some of the typical treatments include:

- Upgrading of external building elements such as roof, glazing, and doors
- Upgrading of window and door seals

- Ventilation systems that meet BCA fresh air requirements to allow windows to remain closed
- Sealing of wall vents
- Sealing of underfloor paths (e.g. building perimeter skirting)
- Roof insulation
- Consideration of structures that provide shielding at the residence such as additional fencing, sheds as barrier shields, courtyard walls and the like
- Additional landscaping to provide visual screening and likely masking when windy (vegetation typically does not provide notable reduction in noise)

Generally for the architectural treatments to be effective, an alternative means of ventilation may need to be considered to enable windows to be closed at all times (or at least during night periods).

Noise controls at the receiver are typically expensive, particularly when many receivers require treatment, but may be an attractive and cost-effective solution where only a few receivers would be affected by noise and the alternatives at source controls are more expensive. The most extreme receiver control measure is property acquisition. Receiver treatments, including the extreme case of acquisition, are normally only applicable for isolated residences in rural areas.

#### **3.2.10 Site retirement or relocation**

Decommissioning of the substation and/or relocation in rare cases where full noise reduction may not be possible or implementation of potential noise mitigation strategies may be very costly and/or the substation is close to the end of its lifecycle may be a consideration.

Temporary noise mitigation measures may also be able to be implemented to reduce the potential impact of the substation during the de-commissioning phase.

#### **3.2.11 Land acquisition**

As discussed in Section 3.2.9 property acquisition is an extreme “mitigation” option and is normally only applicable for isolated residences in rural areas, but does create a buffer to other nearby receivers.

### **3.3 Mitigation scenarios**

Depending on the site, different noise mitigation options as outlined in Section 3.2 may be feasible and applicable as an independent noise mitigation solution or in combination with other mitigation measures. Based on a high level review of the substation list provided to GHD, a number of noise mitigation scenarios have been established and are comprised of those options noted in Section 3.2. Table 2 summarises the established noise mitigation scenarios and indicative noise reduction range and the most suitable application. Note that the scenarios listed are sorted as per the recommended noise strategy hierarchy (i.e. source, transmission and receiver control), with the exception of Scenario 0 which is the do nothing approach.

**Table 2 Noise mitigation scenarios**

Noise Mitigation Scenario	Nominated mitigation options	Expected indicative reduction
<b>Scenario 0</b> Do nothing approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> All cases <u>Reduction:</u> Nil
<b>Scenario 1</b> Transformer replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transformer replacement (Section 3.2.2)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> All cases <u>Reduction:</u> Selection and design can likely be made to suit reduction required (> 15 dB expected)
<b>Scenario 2</b> New transformer and new radiator enclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New transformer enclosure. (Section 3.2.4)</li> <li>New radiator enclosure (Section 3.2.4)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Transformer and radiator both sitting in open <u>Reduction:</u> 20 ± 5 dB
<b>Scenario 3</b> Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modification to existing transformer enclosure. (Section 3.2.5)</li> <li>New radiator enclosure (Section 3.2.4)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Transformer in existing enclosure with radiator located externally in open <u>Reduction:</u> 10 – 20 dB
<b>Scenario 4</b> Modification to existing transformer & radiator enclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modification to existing transformer enclosure. (Section 3.2.5)</li> <li>Modification to existing radiator enclosure (Section 3.2.6)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Both the transformer and radiator inside enclosures <u>Reduction:</u> 10 – 20 dB
<b>Scenario 5</b> Acoustic perimeter wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acoustic Perimeter Wall (Section 3.2.7)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> All cases <u>Reduction:</u> 2 – 15 dB
<b>Scenario 6</b> Combination of Scenario 2 and 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New transformer enclosure</li> <li>New radiator enclosure</li> <li>Acoustic Perimeter Wall</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Transformer and radiator both sitting in open and where there are likely isolated sources dispersed across site <u>Reduction:</u> 23 ± 5 dB
<b>Scenario 7</b> Combination of Scenario 3 and 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modification to existing transformer enclosure</li> <li>New radiator enclosure</li> <li>Acoustic Perimeter Wall</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Transformer in existing enclosure with radiator located externally in open and where there are likely isolated sources dispersed across site <u>Reduction:</u> 15 – 23 dB
<b>Scenario 8</b> Combination of Scenario 4 and 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modification to existing transformer enclosure</li> <li>Modification to existing radiator enclosure</li> <li>Acoustic Perimeter Wall</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Both the transformer and radiator inside enclosures and where there are likely isolated sources dispersed across site <u>Reduction:</u> 15 – 23 dB
<b>Scenario 9</b> Miscellaneous treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miscellaneous Acoustic Treatments (Section 3.2.8)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> Existing enclosures <u>Reduction:</u> Case by case (likely less than 5 dB)
<b>Scenario 10</b> Receiver treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acoustic treatments at receiver (Section 3.2.9)</li> </ul>	<u>Application:</u> All cases <u>Reduction:</u> Case by case

Note that the site retirement or relocation options discussed in Section 3.2.10 are not included as scenarios in Table 2. Site retirement and or relocation can be applicable to all scenarios from a noise reduction perspective. However, it is not included as a solution scenario in the assessment due to the very specific nature of solution and complexity in determining site remediation, decommissioning, relocation, and rebuild costs at a site yet undetermined.

## 4. Noise assessment

Computational noise modelling was undertaken to assist with development of generic noise mitigation options and to help provide indicative treatment details to allow for costing of each main noise mitigation option. GHD has recently undertaken several noise measurements at a zone substation of a similar nature to the United Energy Substations. Transformer internal noise measurements from an older type Fuller Electric transformer (1965) were used as a generic transformer within the United Energy substation network to allow for assessment of each option. This section outlines the details of simplified noise modelling to provide an indicative desktop noise assessment.

It is noted that the noise modelling outlined in this section is only undertaken for the purpose of development of generic noise solutions as part of this assessment and the results or conclusions made on this basis cannot be relied upon as a detailed noise assessment and/or solution for any of the substations in this assessment or for any other site and further detailed site specific measurement, modelling, and mitigation design would be required.

### 4.1 Modelling methodology

Noise modelling was undertaken using the environmental noise prediction package *Computer Aided Noise Abatement* (CadnaA) 2019 software package which incorporates the ISO 9613-2, “Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors” noise prediction algorithm into its user interface.

The ISO 9613-2 algorithm was utilised for this noise impact assessment as the algorithm’s propagation calculations take into account sound intensity losses due to distance attenuation, atmospheric absorption and ground absorption.

The ISO 9613-2 algorithm also takes into account the presence of a well-developed moderate ground based temperature inversion, such as commonly occurs on clear, calm nights or ‘downwind’ conditions which are favourable to sound propagation. Taking into account a worst-case noise emission scenario.

### 4.2 Modelling assumptions

The following modelling assumptions and parameters were taken into consideration in the development of the high level noise modelling used in this assessment to predict the acoustic performance of the various noise options:

- A ground absorption coefficient of one representing an acoustically hard ground (conservative).
- Noise levels are assessed at 1.5 m and 4.5 m above ground level to represent single and double storey receivers.
- Noise emissions from each substation are assumed to be only from transformer noise emissions.
- The assessment is undertaken based on a measured transformer average noise level of 86 dB(A) within a fully reflective transformer enclosure containing a Fuller Electric transformer built in 1965 (London).
- For the radiator, a sound power of 70 dB(A) is used for the noise modelling based on the noise measurements undertaken at a metropolitan zone substation without fans in operation.

- For assessment of acoustic perimeter walls, the transformer was modelled as point source located at 4 m above the ground.
- The ISO 9613-2 noise prediction algorithm was used in this assessment.
- An average temperature of 10°C and average humidity of 70% used for modelling purposes.
- Existing fence heights were estimated based on the Google Street View imagery.
- No assessment against any specific limits has been undertaken, in turn likely expected performance is assessed for each options.

### 4.3 Modelling results

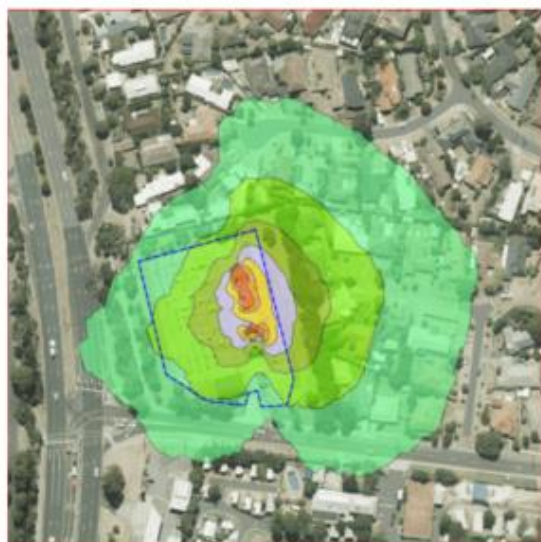
A selection of noise models were developed to inform the indicative acoustic mitigation options including:

- Indicative noise modelling of a new transformer and radiator enclosure
- Indicative noise modelling of a modified transformer and radiator enclosure
- Indicative noise modelling of an acoustic perimeter fence for a selected number of sites

The results for each noise modelling scenario is presented in Table 3 and an example of the results presented in Figure 14. The detailed noise contours for each of the indicative noise models are shown in Appendix C.

**Table 3 Indicative results for generic noise model for mitigation options**

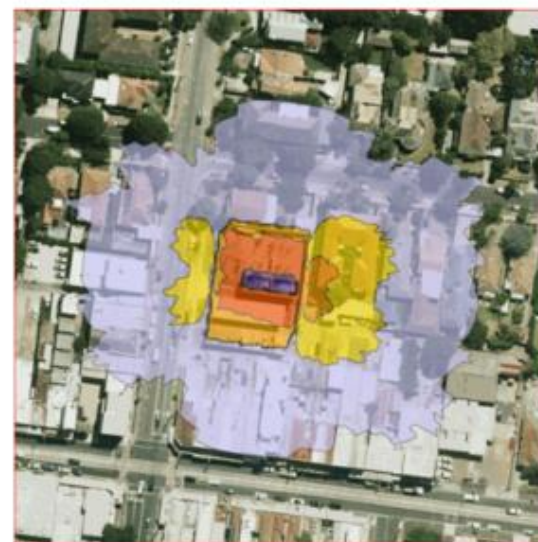
Model	Treatments	Site Code	Indicative noise reduction predicted
New transformer and radiator enclosure	Section 3.2.3 Section 3.2.4	FSH	10 – 25 dB
Modified transformer and radiator enclosure	Section 3.2.5 Section 3.2.6	FSH)	
Acoustic perimeter fence	Section 3.2.7	CFD	2 – 15 dB Variable depending on receiver location, height, fence height, and source distance to receiver
		EL	
		SR	
		CRM	
		GW	
		NB	



FSH – New transformer and radiator enclosure



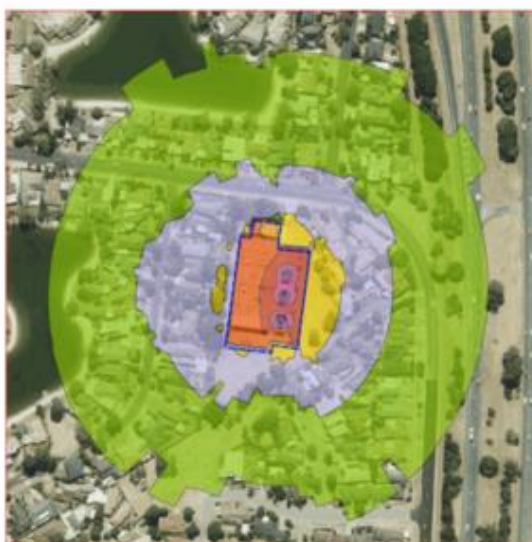
CFD – Acoustic Perimeter Wall



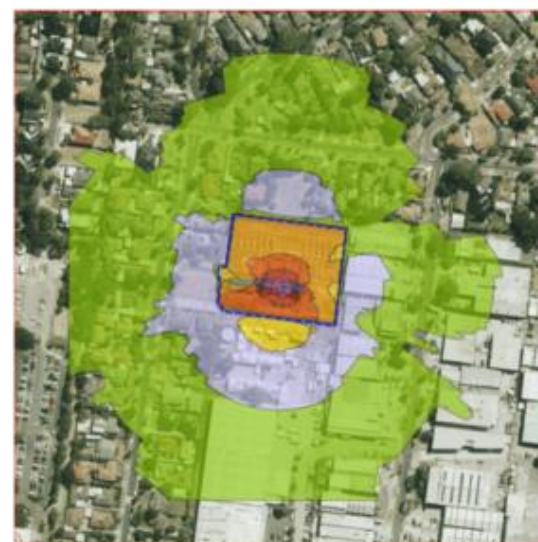
EL – Acoustic Perimeter Wall



SR – Acoustic Perimeter Wall



CRM – Acoustic Perimeter Wall



GW – Acoustic Perimeter Wall

**Figure 14 Generic noise models undertaken for the purpose of this assessment**

## 5. Cost summary

### 5.1 Cost estimation

GHD has engaged Wilde and Woollard Quantity Surveyors (WWQS) to independently price the various acoustic treatments shown in the structural sketches SK001 to SK007 found in Appendix A. WWQS was provided the structural sketches by GHD and combined with a number of meetings have provided estimates with a cost accuracy of  $\pm 30\%$ .

### 5.2 Overall site cost

An approximate maximum cost for the different noise mitigation scenarios for each site have been calculated based on the Quantity Surveyors (WWQS) established unit costs relevant to each mitigation option. The overall site cost calculation is undertaken based on the following approaches to suit different scenarios:

- Scenarios 1 – 4, the overall cost per transformer/radiator for each relevant noise mitigation scenario, multiplied by the number of transformers/radiators on each specific site.
- Scenario 5, the cost per metre unit length of the acoustic perimeter wall multiplied by the perimeter length of each specific site.
- Scenarios 6 – 8 are a combination of two of the Scenarios 1 – 5. Hence the overall site cost is the arithmetic summation of the two relevant sub scenarios.

The summary of the overall site cost calculations are provided in Appendix C.

### 5.3 Site specific noise mitigation scenarios

A high level review of each substation site has been undertaken to identify applicable noise mitigation scenarios for each site from those outlined in Section 3.3. Following this a matrix of noise mitigation scenarios for the various substation sites has been developed listing key parameters being considered in site analysis as well as brief comments and/or justifications for each scenario. The developed noise mitigation scenario matrix is presented in the site details Excel™ output in Appendix E.

The following briefly summarises the approach undertaken for the high level site analysis:

- Site specific layout was assessed from aerial imagery and information provided to GHD.
- Site locality was analysed to assess likely noise receptors and their exposure to site noise.
- Noise mitigation scenarios which were suitable to the specific site arrangement were selected.
- Expected indicative noise reductions for each scenario were compared to indicative night time noise exceedances and suitable scenarios selected.
- Shortlisted noise mitigation scenarios were incorporated into the indicative noise models to assess the scenarios suitability with respect to site specific constraints such as receiver locations, perimeter walls, etc.

Following the above procedure, a list of appropriate noise mitigation scenarios were established for each site and presented in the following Section (Section 5.4) along with the corresponding overall cost estimate where applicable.

## 5.4 Cost summary table

Table 4 below outlines the potential options to mitigate noise at each substation site that were considered in this assessment, with a maximum indicative cost and indicative noise reduction for each option.

**Table 4 Cost summary table**

Noise Mitigation Options	Approximate Maximum Cost	Potential Noise Reduction, dB
<b>CFD – 50 Neerim Road, Caulfield South</b> (Figure 1), Indicative night time noise exceedance 10 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 2 x TXs and radiators are in open against substation wall with no enclosure. Some of the receivers are double storey. Site has about 3 m high boundary wall.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$7.4 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$4.4 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 6: Combination of Scenarios 2 & 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$8.6 million	23 ± 5 dB
<b>EL – 314 Kooyong Road, Elsternwick</b> (Figure 2), Indicative night time noise exceedance 5 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 2 x TXs and radiators are located within partial enclosures with open top. A number of noise sensitive receivers are double or multi-storey. Site has existing high boundary wall.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$7.4 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$4.4 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 4: Modification to existing transformer & radiator enclosures	\$3.5 million	10 – 20 dB
Scenario 8: Combination of Scenarios 4 & 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$7.5 million	15 – 23 dB
Scenario 9: Miscellaneous Treatments	Not costed	Up to 5 dB
<b>SR – 110 Highett Road, Highett</b> (Figure 3), Indicative night time noise exceedance 9 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 2 x TXs and radiators are located within partial enclosures with open top. Site is surrounded by multiple double storey receivers overlooking the Site. Site has existing high solid boundary wall.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$7.4 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$4.4 million	20 ± 5 dB

Noise Mitigation Options	Approximate Maximum Cost	Potential Noise Reduction, dB
Scenario 4: Modification to existing transformer & radiator enclosures	\$3.5 million	10 – 20 dB
<b>STO – 99 Macfarlane Avenue, Blairgowrie</b> (Figure 4), Indicative night time noise exceedance 3 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 2 x TXs are located inside building with radiators located outside having partial enclosures and open top. A number of noise sensitive receivers are double or multi-storey.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$7.4 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$4.4 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 3: Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	\$3.8 million	10 – 20 dB
Scenario 5: Modification to existing transformer & radiator enclosures	\$8 million	2 – 15 dB
Scenario 9: Miscellaneous Treatments	Not costed	Up to 5 dB
<b>CRM – 252-258 McLeod Road, Patterson Lakes</b> (Figure 5), Indicative night time noise exceedance 5 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> Two of the TXs are in enclosures with radiators located outside while one of the TXs is located in open with no enclosure.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 3: Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	\$5.6 million	10 – 20 dB
Scenario 9: Miscellaneous Treatments	Not costed	Up to 5 dB
<b>EB – 410-422 Highbury Road, Burwood East</b> (Figure 6), Indicative night time noise exceedance 14 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> Two of the TXs are in enclosures with radiators located outside while one of the TXs is located in open with no enclosure. Some of the noise sensitive receivers adjoining site are double storey overlooking the site.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 3: Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	\$5.6 million	10 – 20 dB

Noise Mitigation Options	Approximate Maximum Cost	Potential Noise Reduction, dB
Scenario 6: Combination of Scenarios 2 & 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$17.8 million	23 ± 5 dB
Scenario 7: Combination of Scenario 3 and 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$14.5 million	15 – 23 dB
<b>FSH – 1 Robinsons Road, Frankston</b> (Figure 7), Indicative night time noise exceedance 8 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 3 x TXs are in open area with no enclosures. Some of the noise sensitive receivers are double storey.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB
<b>GW – 84-86 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley</b> (Figure 8), Indicative night time noise exceedance 6 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> Two of the TXs and radiators are located within enclosures with open top. One transformer is located in full enclosure with the radiator located outside. A number of adjoining noise sensitive receivers are double storey and overlooking the site.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 3: Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	\$5.6 million	10 – 20 dB
Scenario 4: Modification to existing transformer & radiator enclosures	\$5.3 million	10 – 20 dB
<b>MC – 46 White Street, Mordialloc</b> (Figure 9), Indicative night time noise exceedance: 9 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> Two of the TXs are in enclosures with radiators located outside while one of the TXs is located in open with no enclosure. Some of the noise sensitive receivers adjoining site are double storey overlooking the site.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB
Scenario 3: Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure (no existing radiator enclosure)	\$5.6 million	10 – 20 dB
Scenario 6: Combination of Scenarios 2 & 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$14.7 million	23 ± 5 dB

Noise Mitigation Options	Approximate Maximum Cost	Potential Noise Reduction, dB
Scenario 7: Combination of Scenario 3 and 5 (refer to Section 3.3)	\$12 million	15 – 23 dB
<b>NB – 411-427 Nepean Highway, Brighton East</b> (Figure 10), Indicative night time noise exceedance: 7 dB		
<b>Site arrangement:</b> 3 x TXs and radiators in open against substation wall with no enclosure. Site is generally surrounded by single storey noise sensitive receivers. TXs have very high walls on three sides.		
Scenario 0: Do nothing approach (EPA Fines)	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing	0 dB
Scenario 1: Transformer Replacement	\$11.1 million	> 15 dB
Scenario 2: New transformer and radiator enclosures	\$6.6 million	20 ± 5 dB

## 6. Conclusion

GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) has been commissioned by United Energy to undertake a cost feasibility assessment for mitigating noise across various substations throughout Victoria (the Project) as part of an effort on United Energy's part to meet their GED requirements.

GHD has used a high-level desktop approach to review a number of potential mitigation options and costings that may be suitable across many of the substations within the United Energy substation network.

United Energy has supplied GHD with a list of substation sites to include in the assessment. GHD has completed structural design and noise modelling to assess the feasibility of various noise mitigation solutions. GHD also engaged with an external quantity surveyor to obtain an understanding of indicative costs associated with each solution provided.

GHD has provided a range of noise mitigation solutions for each site, along with an indicative decibel reduction and indicative associated costs for United Energy's consideration.

This report is subject to, and must be read in conjunction with, the limitations presented in Section 1.2 and Appendix F and the exclusions, assumptions and qualifications contained in Appendix G and throughout this report.

# Appendices

## **Appendix A** – Structural design sketches

High level design sketches for the following:

- New radiator enclosure.
- New transformer enclosure.
- Modification to existing radiator enclosure.
- Modification to existing transformer enclosure.
- Acoustic perimeter fence Option A: Concrete Wall.
- Acoustic perimeter fence Option B: Steel Perimeter Wall.

**SPECIFICATION:**

**1. DOOR SPECIFICATION:**

- MINIMUM DOOR DEPTH 70MM (NAP SILENTFLO OR SIMILAR)
- MINIMUM DOOR CERTIFIED TO STC 41 (RW41) – (BC IS 50 MM BUT THIS IS ALSO A “QUIET” TRANSFORMER @ ~65DB(A))
- DOOR TO HAVE FITTED AND ADJUSTED FULL-PERIMETER ACOUSTIC SEALS TO MAINTAIN THE ACOUSTIC RATING OF THE DOOR

**2. LOUVRE SPECIFICATION:**

- LOUVRE OPTIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
- SBL2 WITH ACOUSTIC LINED DUCTING MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSERTION LOSS
  - ACRAN CUSTOM ACOUSTIC LOUVRES
  - QFS900 OR QFS1200 QUIET FLOW ACOUSTIC LOUVRES
- VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS TBC BY UNITED ENERGY TO ENSURE THE MITIGATION MEASURES DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE TRANSFORMER

**3. INSULATION SPECIFICATION:**

- LINE INTERNAL SURFACES OF TX ENCLOSURE WALLS WITH INTERNAL ABSORPTIVE LININGS TO CONTROL REVERB AND MINIMISE REFLECTIONS E.G. OVERALL NRC 0.9 WITH AT LEAST 0.5 AT 125 HZ AND 0.7 AT 250HZ OCTAVE BANDS, I.E. VITEROLITE 900 OR SIMILAR.
- LINE INTERNAL SURFACES OF RADIATOR WALLS WITH INTERNAL ABSORPTIVE LININGS TO CONTROL REVERB AND MINIMISE REFLECTIONS E.G. OVERALL NRC 0.9 WITH AT LEAST 0.5 AT 125 HZ AND 0.7 AT 250HZ OCTAVE BANDS, I.E. VITEROLITE 900 OR SIMILAR.
- ALL ROOF TO WALL JOINTS TO BE FULL DEPTH SEALED
- ALL DOORS TO HAVE ACOUSTIC SEALS FITTED AND ADJUSTED FOR OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE
- OIL CONDUITS FROM TX TO RADIATOR AND VICE VERSA TO BE STRUCTURALLY ISOLATED USING COMPRESSIBLE FILL MATERIAL FROM THE ENCLOSURE WALLS AND FULL DEPTH ACOUSTIC SEALS THROUGH WALL.
- ROOF TOP BUSHINGS TO BE STRUCTURALLY ISOLATED USING COMPRESSIBLE FILL MATERIAL FROM THE ENCLOSURE WALLS AND FULL DEPTH ACOUSTIC SEALS THROUGH ROOF.
- ALL GAPS AND JOINTS WELL CAULKED AND SEALED WITH ACOUSTIC RATED MASTIC OR SIMILAR

**4. WALL SPECIFICATION:**

- LINE SENSITIVE RECEIVER FACING SURFACES OF YARD WALLS WITH AN ABSORPTIVE FACADE TO MINIMISE REFLECTIONS E.G. OVERALL NRC 0.9 WITH AT LEAST 0.5 AT 125 Hz AND 0.7 AT 250Hz OCTAVE BANDS, I.E. VITEROLITE 900 OR EQUIVALENT


**ASSUMPTIONS:**

1. SOIL CLASS ASSUMED TO BE H1 SOIL, REQUIRED TO BE CONFIRMED AT EACH INDIVIDUAL SITE
2. DESIGN IS BASED ON A MINIMUM SOIL BEARING CAPACITY OF 75 KPA
3. WIND CLASSIFICATION ASSUMED TO BE A5 (MELBOURNE), WITH AN IMPORTANCE LEVEL OF 2, DESIGN LIFE OF 50 YEARS AND TERRAIN CATEGORY OF 2. PARAMETERS REQUIRED TO BE CONFIRMED AT EACH INDIVIDUAL SITE.
4. TRANSFORMER ENCLOSURE ROOF SLAB DESIGNED FOR 5 KPA PLANT LOADING TO AS1170.
5. 7.5 M X 7.5 M FOOTPRINT OF BUILDING IS NOMINAL AND REQUIRED TO BE CONFIRMED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SITE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING TRANSFORMER SLAB FOOTPRINT
6. NO MECHANICAL VENTILATION CHECKS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND ALLOWANCES FOR VENTILATION/LOUVRES ARE ASSUMED (NOMINAL).
7. OIL AND RAINWATER DRAINAGE (AND SUMPS) HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM SKETCH. NOMINAL ALLOWANCE REQUIRED FOR COSTING
8. ASSUMES SINGLE DWELLING RESIDENTIAL RECEIVERS SURROUNDING SUBSTATION LOCATION
9. MASS ELEMENTS ARE ASSUMED TO CONTROL NOISE TRANSMISSION E.G. MIN RW55
10. INTERNAL ABSORPTIVE LININGS ARE ASSUMED TO CONTROL REVERB AND MINIMISE REFLECTIONS
11. STRUCTURAL VIBRATION IS ISOLATED AND STRUCTURE-BORNE NOISE IS ABLE TO BE MINIMISED

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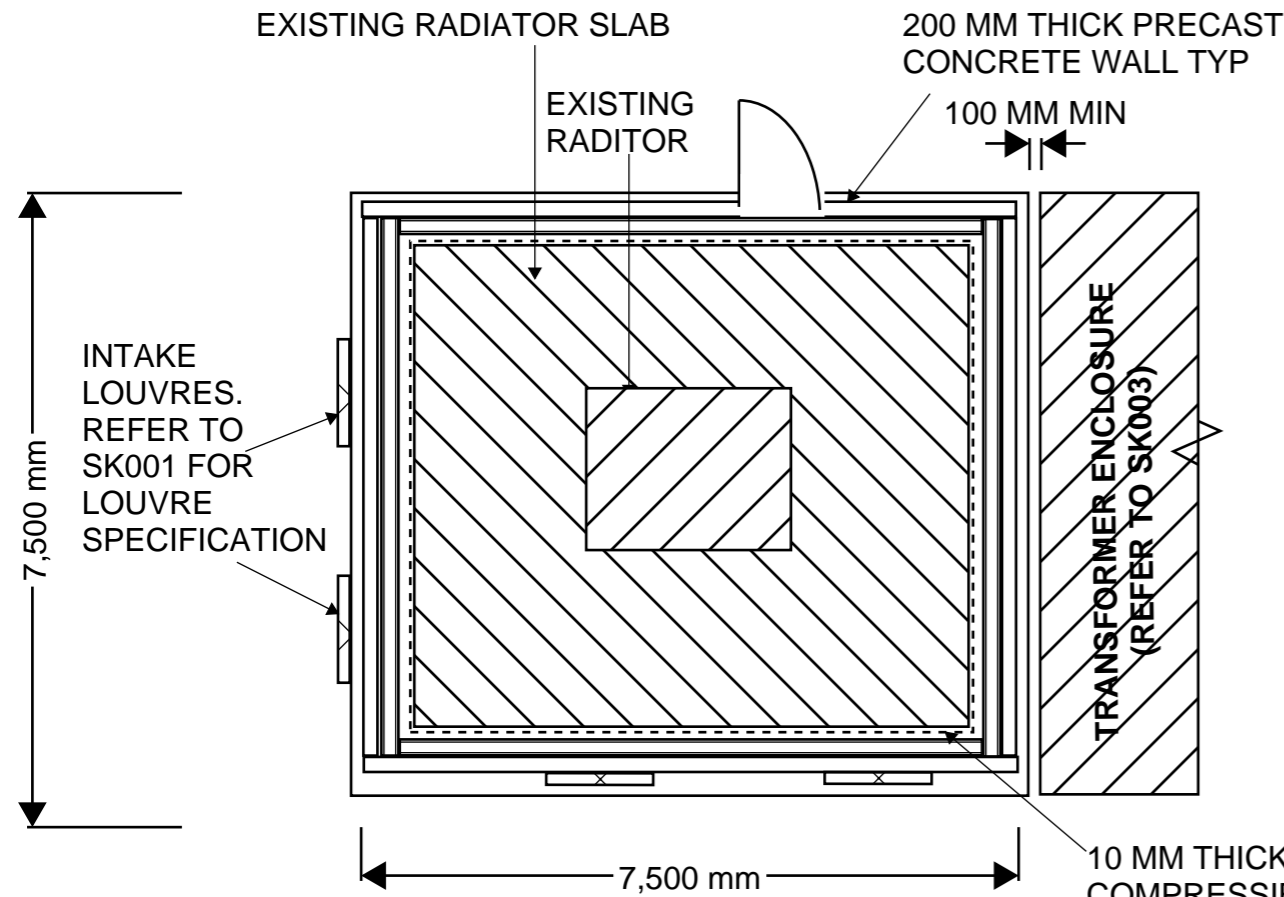
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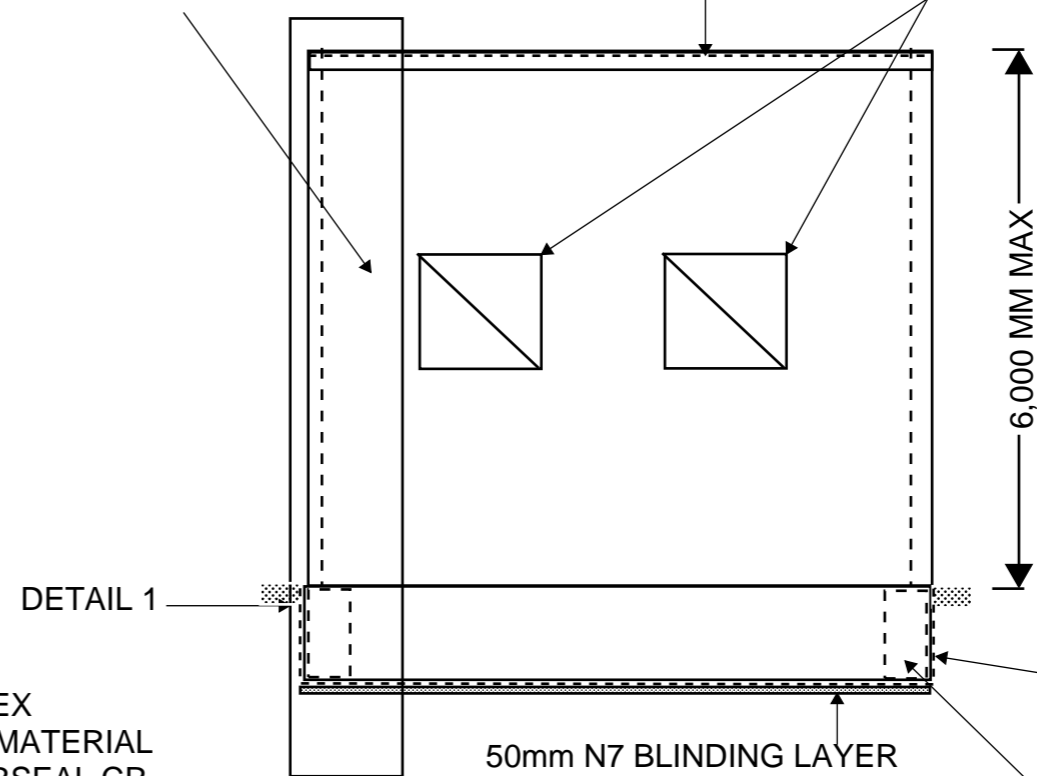
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**STANDARD RADIATOR ENCLOSURE PLAN**

200 MM THICK CONCRETE PRECAST PANELS WITH SL81 MESH. OPENINGS IN PANEL AS REQUIRED. 2N16 (1000 MM LONG) BARS AT ALL RE-ENTRANT CORNERS

300 PFC WALER (TOES DOWN)



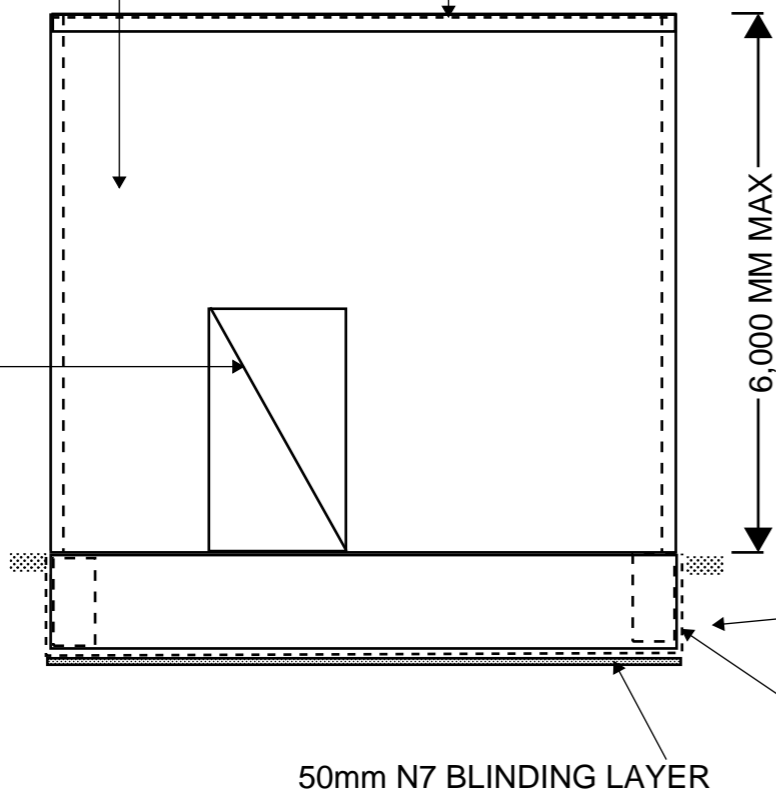
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300 PFC WALER (TOES DOWN)

920 WIDE X 2400 HIGH ACOUSTIC/FIRE RATED NAP SILENTFLO DOORS (OR EQUIVALENT). REFER TO SK001 FOR DOOR SPECIFICATION,



**STANDARD RADIATOR ENCLOSURE NORTH ELEVATION**

10 THICK PLATE, PANEL CLIP M20 8.8/S BOLT INTO CAST IN FERRULE AT 500 MM CRS (NOM)

300 PFC WALER (TOES DOWN)

N20 DOWEL (600 LONG), MIN. 2 PER PANEL

1100mm x 900 mm TYP STRIP FOOTING FOR ALL WALLS WITH 4N16 BARS (TOP AND BOTTOM) AND N12-300 CRS LIGS

50mm N7 BLINDING LAYER

200 MM

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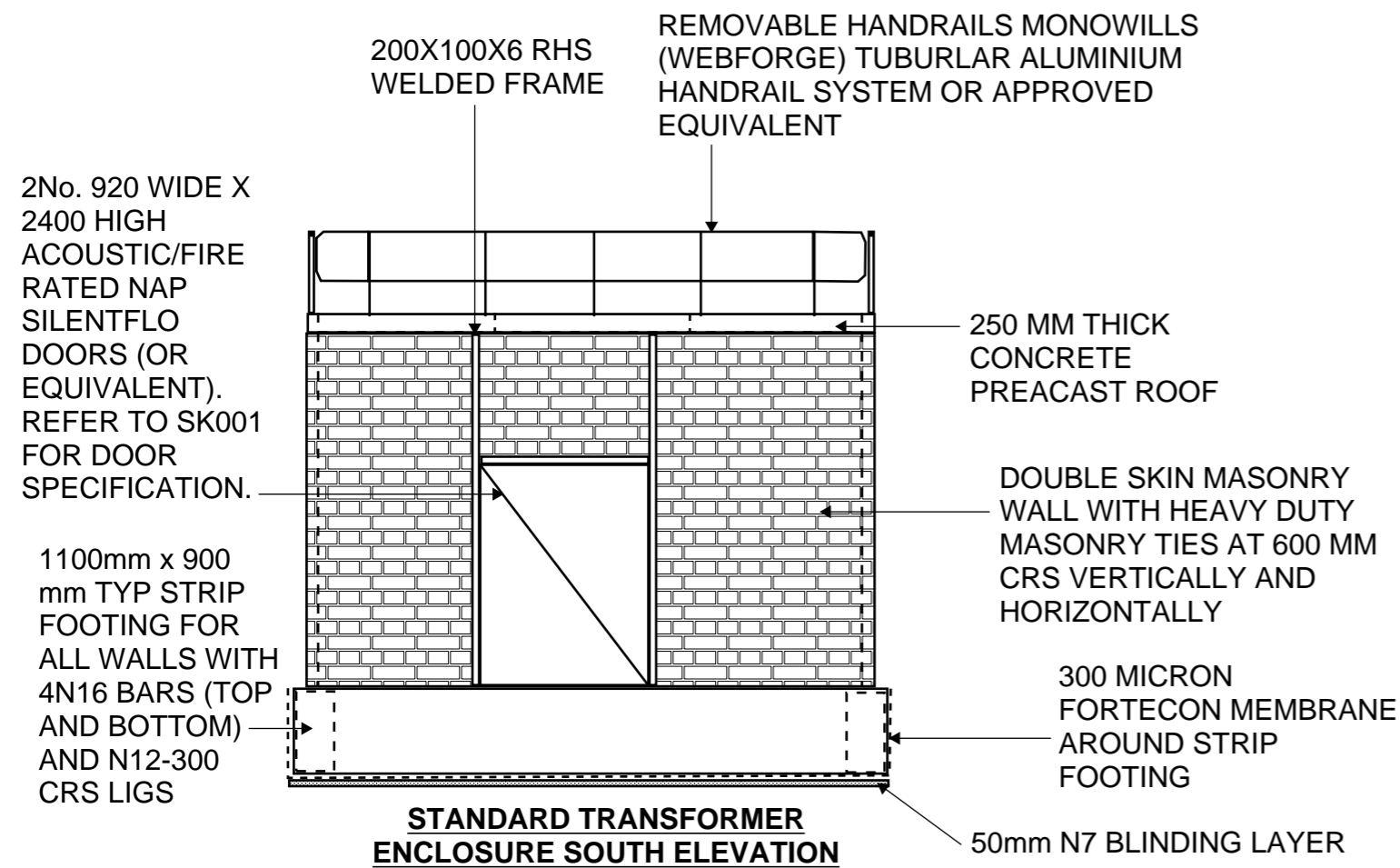
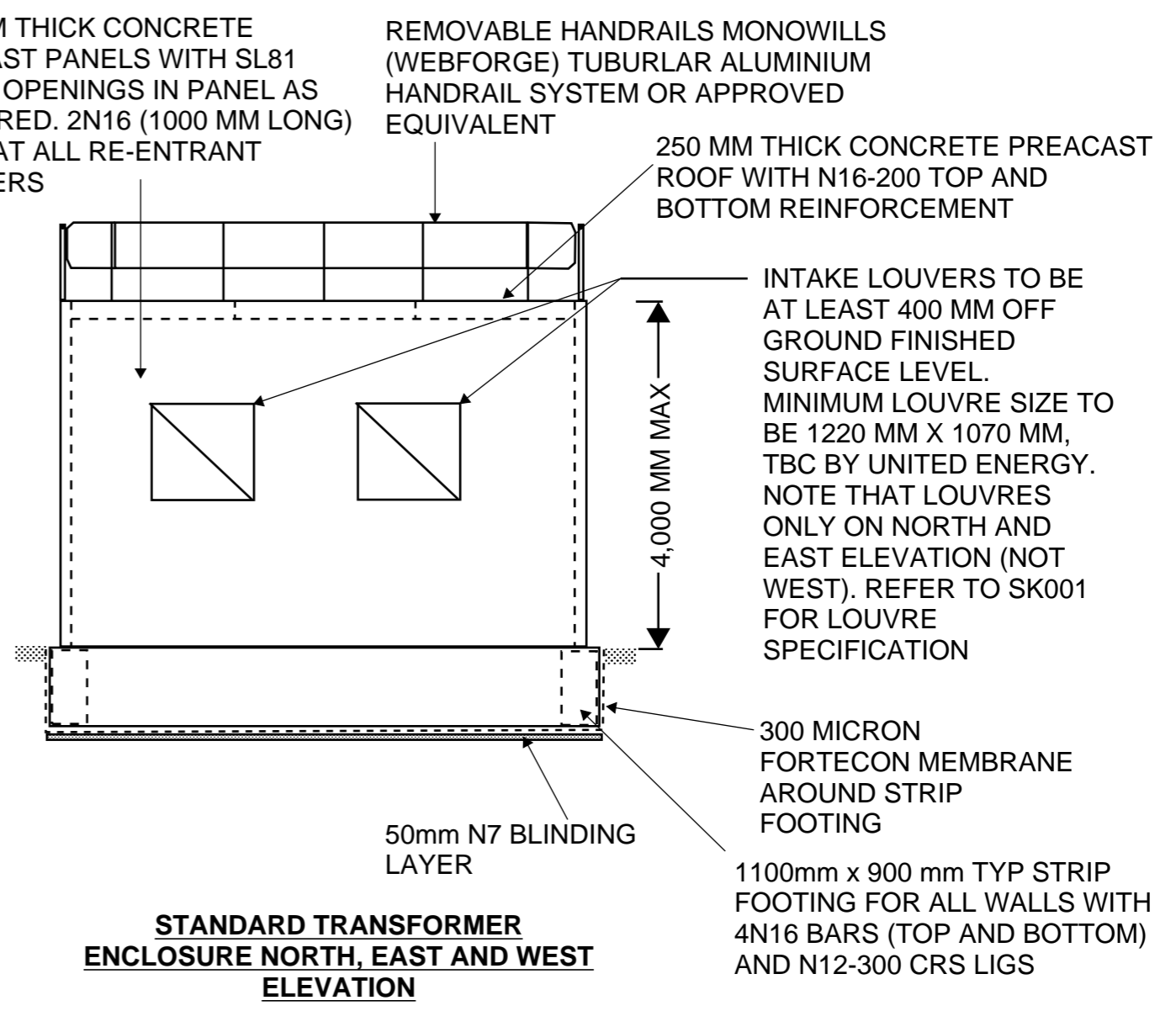
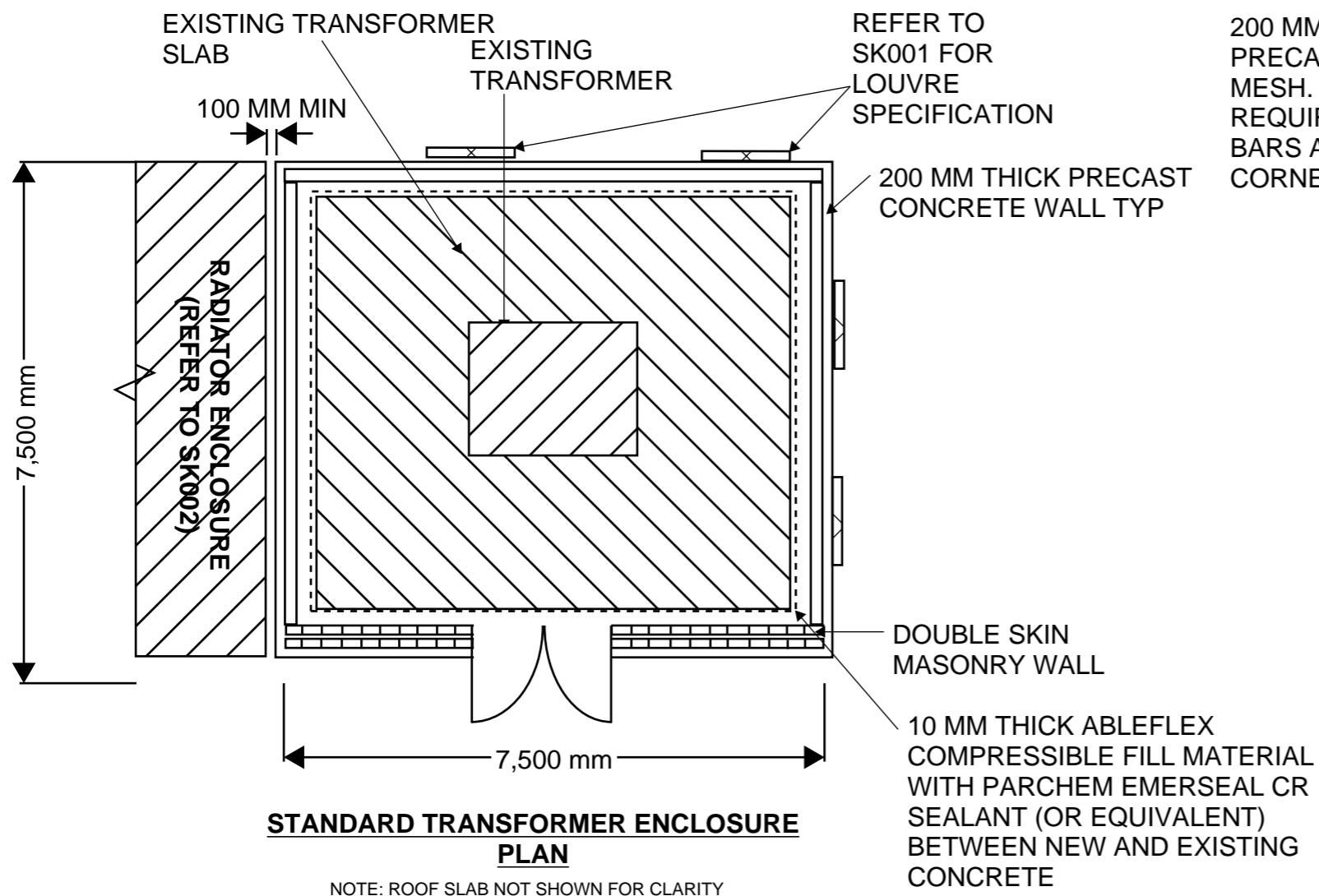


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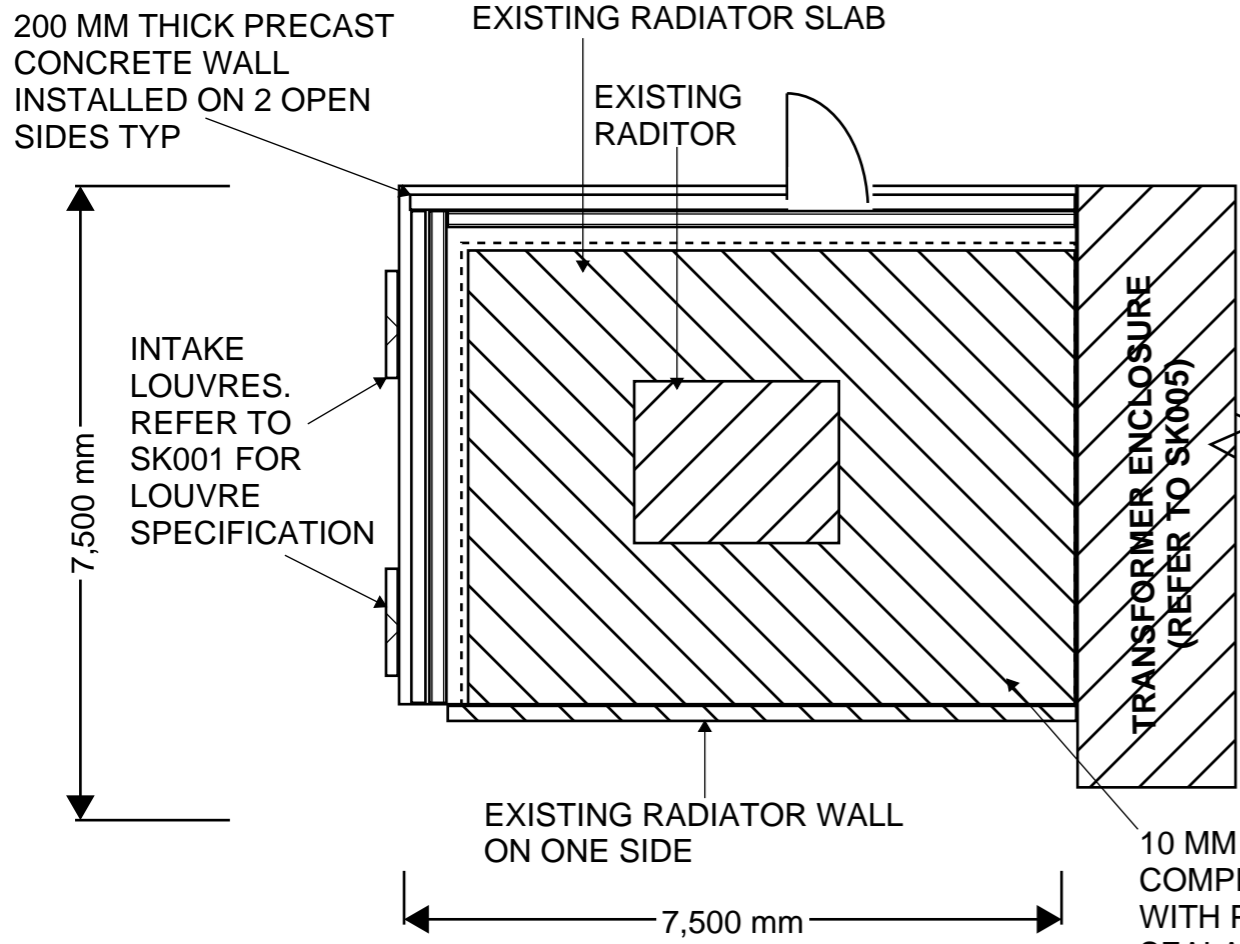


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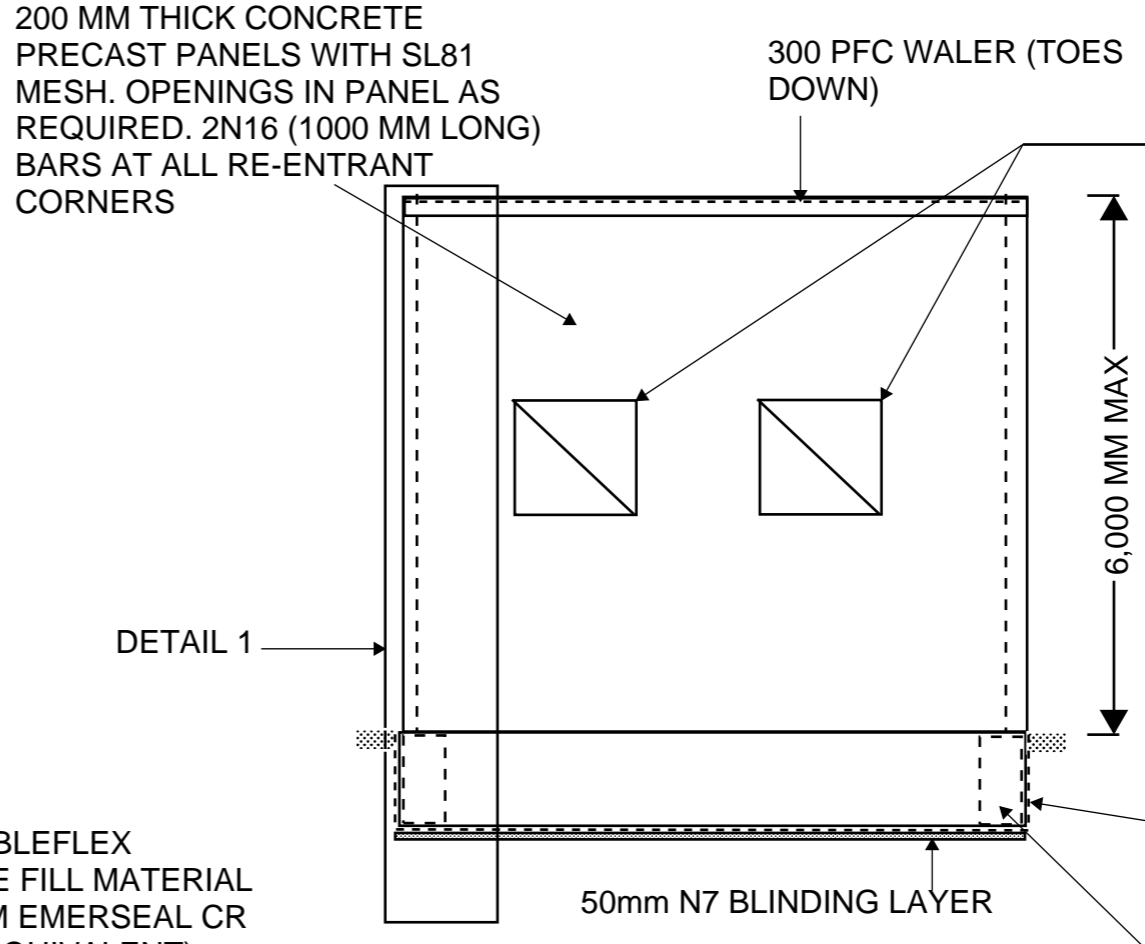
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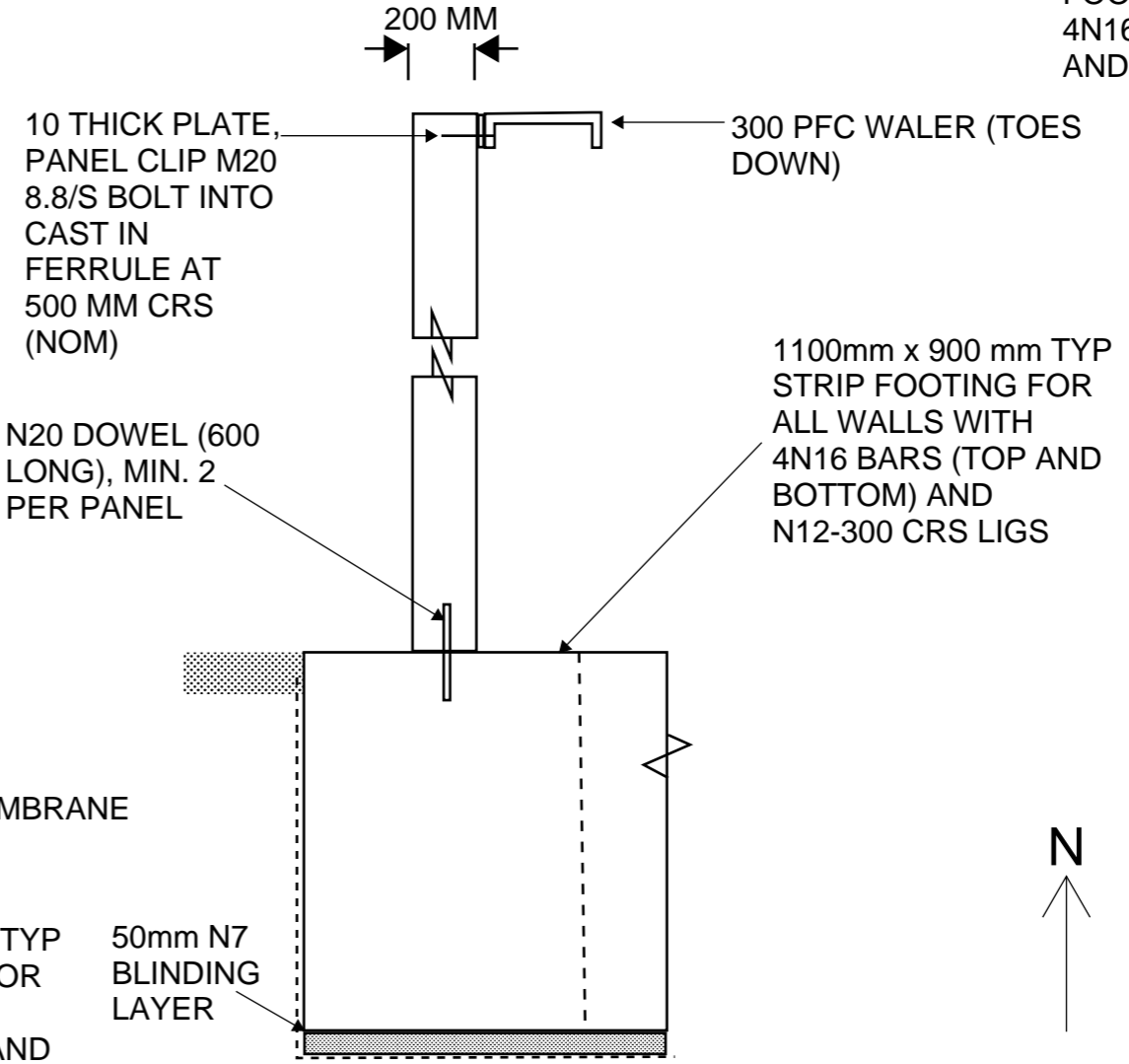
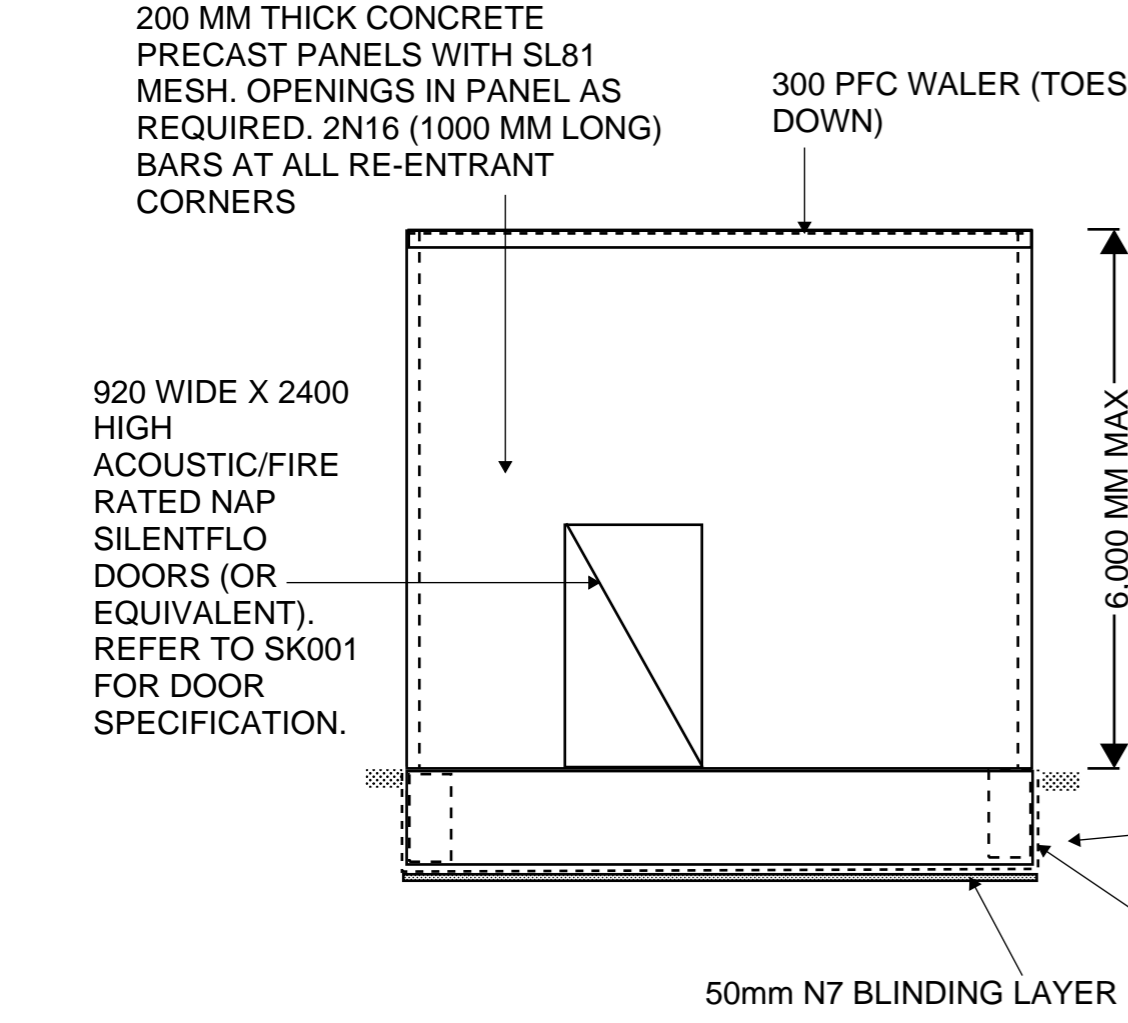
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1100mm x 900 mm TYP STRIP FOOTING FOR ALL WALLS WITH 4N16 BARS (TOP AND BOTTOM) AND N12-300 CRS LIGS



**NOTE:**  
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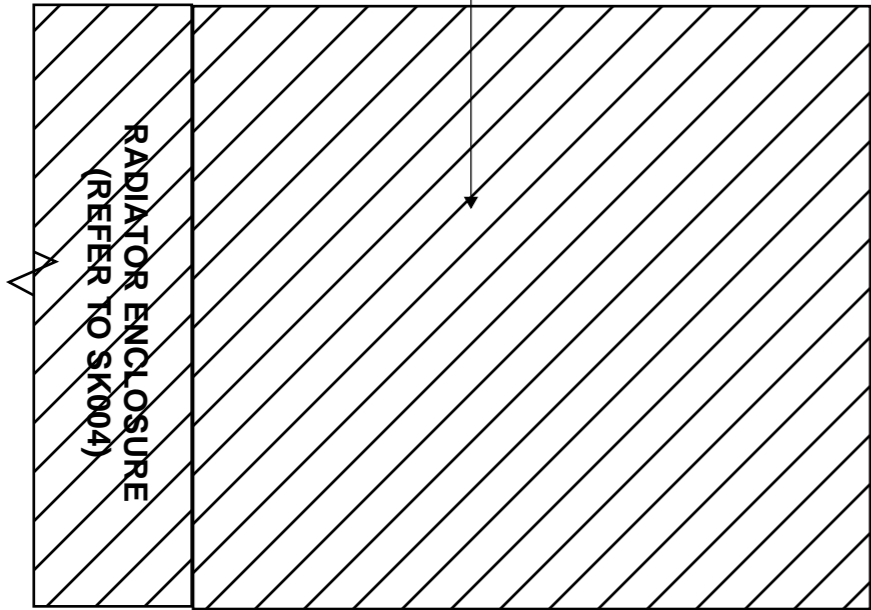
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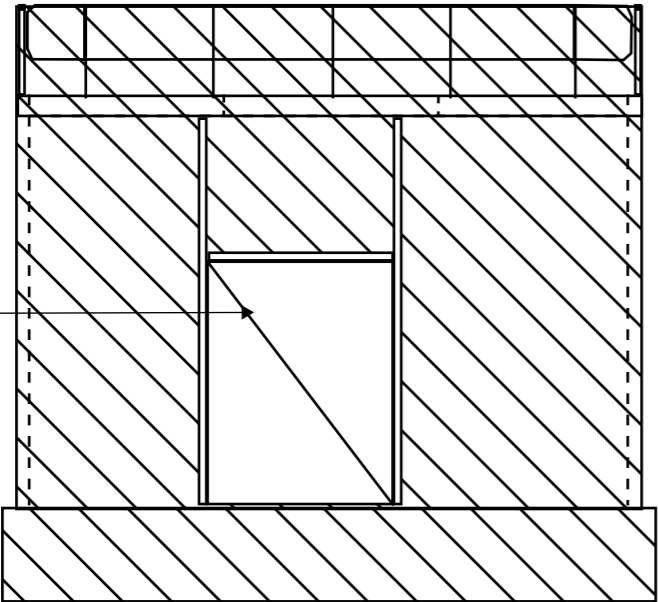
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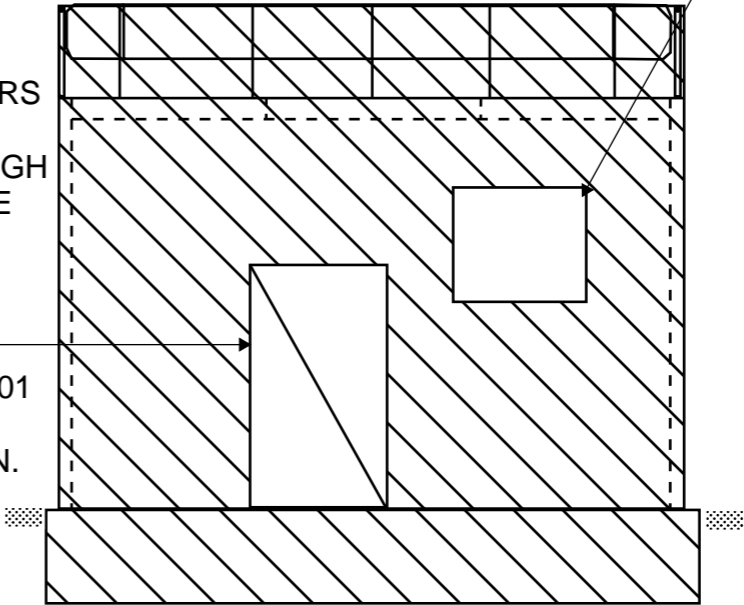
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EQUIVALENT).  
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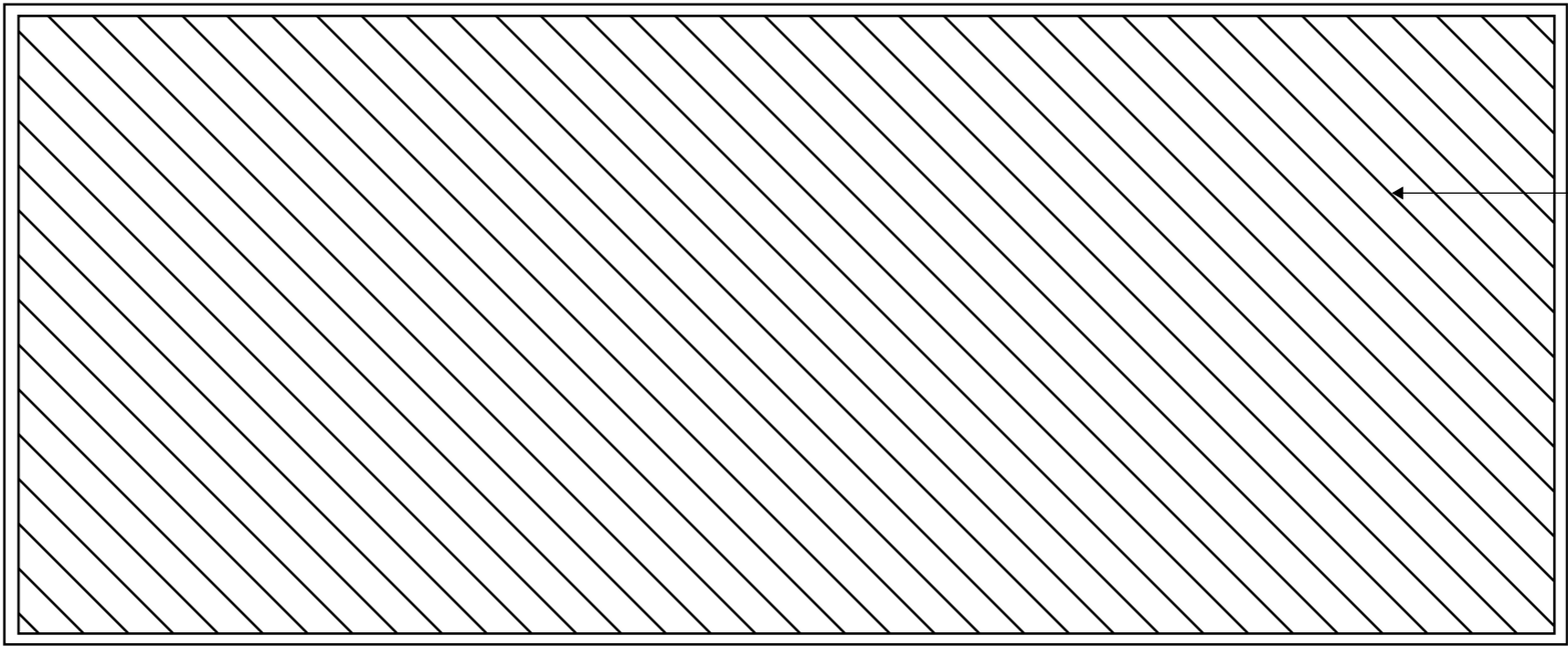


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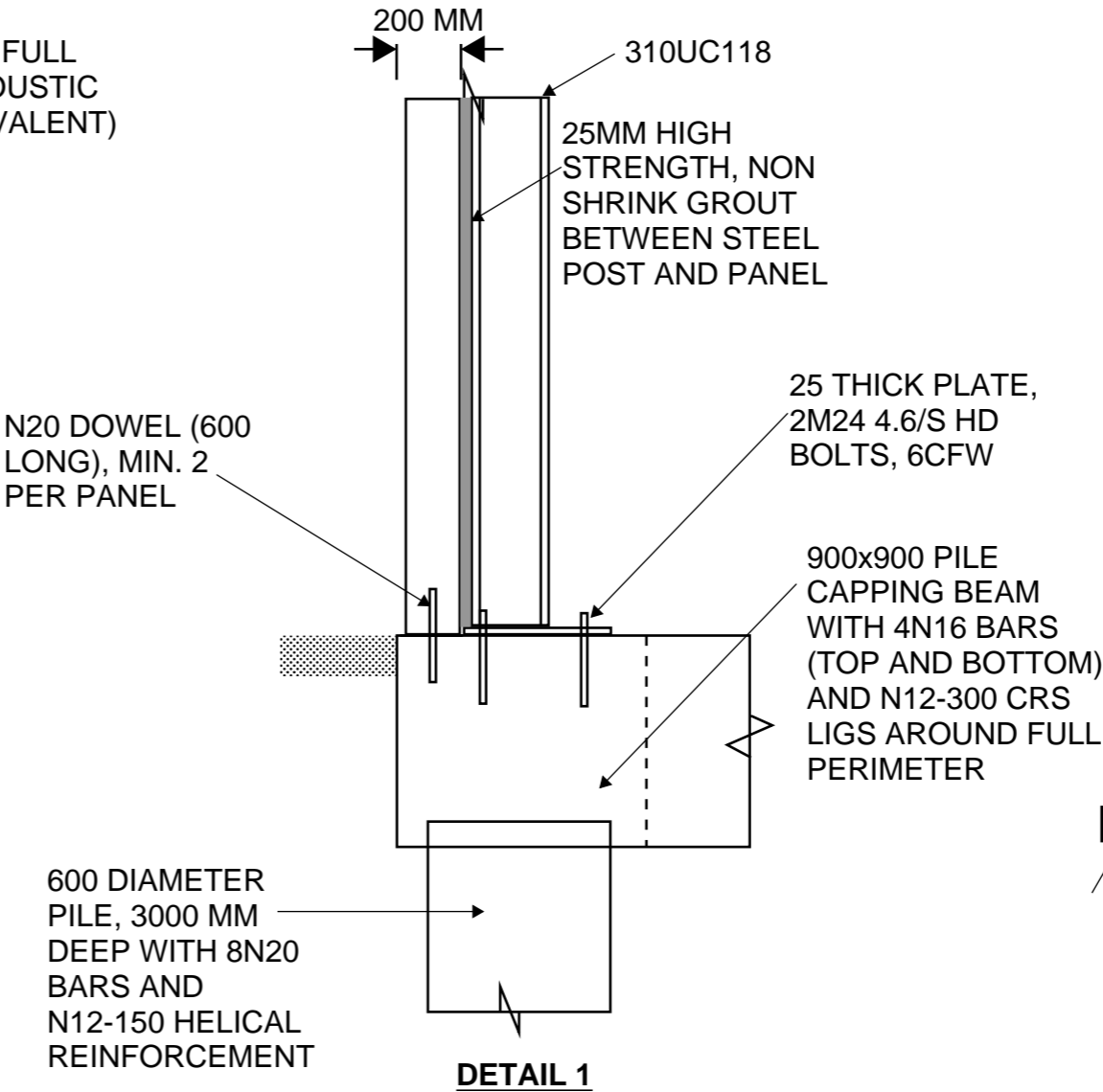
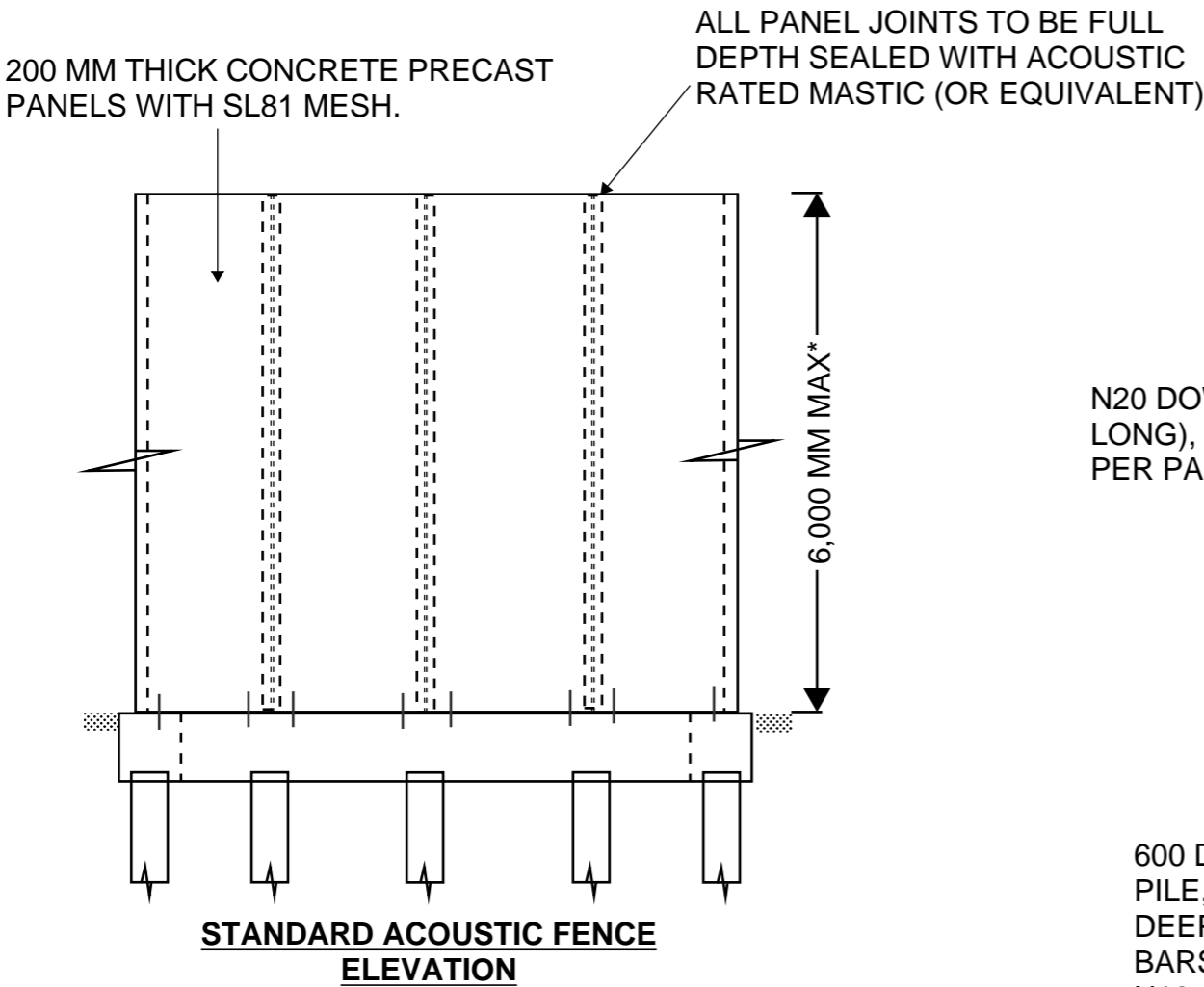
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NOTE:  
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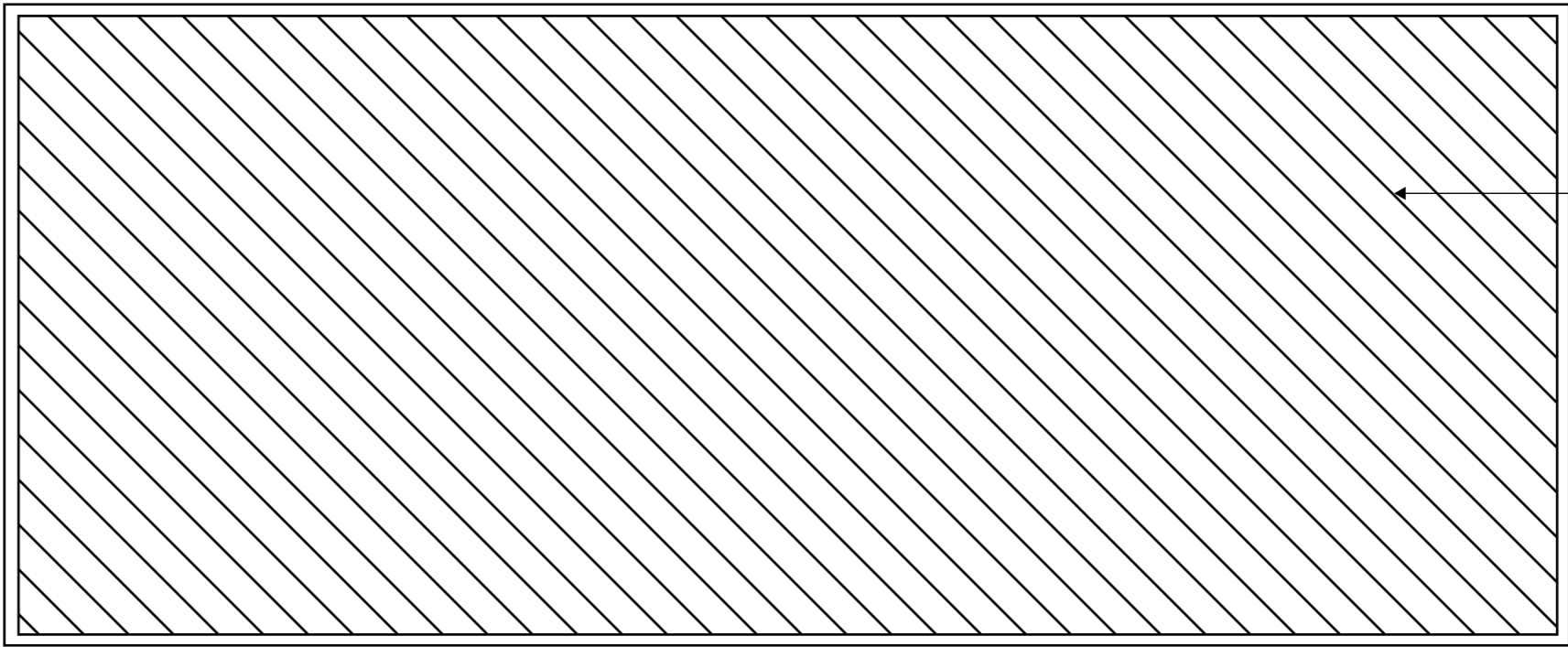
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**NOTE:**

1. WALL HEIGHTS CAN VARY FOR EACH SITE I.E. 3M WALL, 4M WALL, 5M WALL AND 6M WALL (EACH WALL DESIGN AS SHOWN ON SK006).

2. LINE WALL ALONG FULL AREA WITH ABSORPTIVE LININGS TO MINIMISE NOISE REFLECTIONS (REFER TO WALL SPECIFICATION ON SK001)

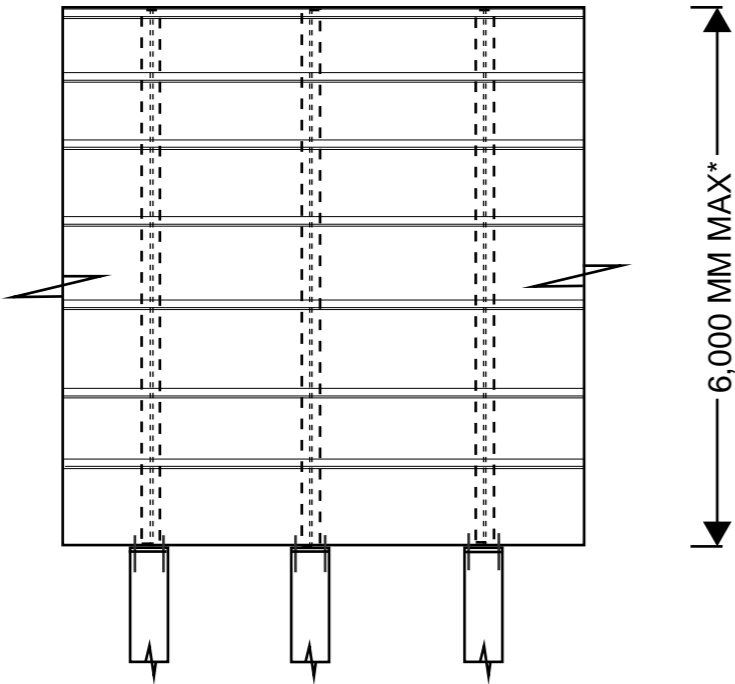
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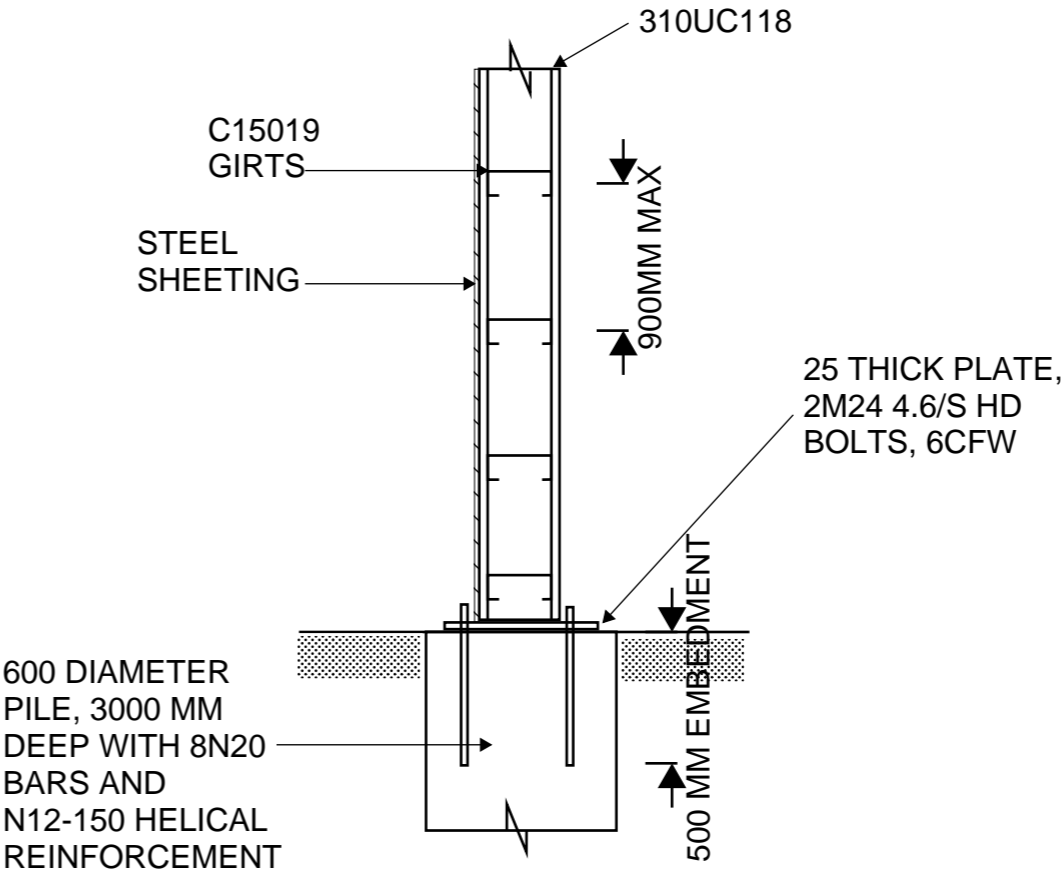
NEW SUBSTATION  
PERIMETER FENCE  
(WHERE  
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TO TYPICAL  
ELEVATION

EXISTING  
SUBSTATION SITE

**STANDARD PERIMETER ACOUSTIC FENCE**



**STANDARD ACOUSTIC FENCE  
ELEVATION**



**DETAIL 1**

**NOTE:**  
1. WALL HEIGHTS CAN VARY FOR EACH SITE I.E. 3M WALL, 4M WALL, 5M WALL AND 6M WALL (EACH WALL DESIGN AS SHOWN ON SK006).  
2. LINE WALL ALONG FULL AREA WITH ABSORPTIVE LININGS TO MINIMISE NOISE REFLECTIONS (REFER TO WALL SPECIFICATION ON SK001)

**FOR COSTING**

	TRANSFORMER AND RADIATOR ENCLOSURE		
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ACOUSTIC OPTION 3:  
ALTERNATIVE ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE

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## **Appendix B** – Acoustic treatment cost estimates

Cost estimates provided by Wilde and Woollard Quantity Surveyors:

No pre-existing enclosures:

- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - New Radiator Enclosure Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - New Transformer Enclosure Feasibility Cost Plan

Pre-existing enclosures:

- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Existing Radiator Enclosure Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Existing Transformer Enclosure Feasibility Cost Plan

Precast barrier fence:

- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Precast Perimeter Fence (3 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Precast Perimeter Fence (4 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Precast Perimeter Fence (5 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Precast Perimeter Fence (6 m) Feasibility Cost Plan

Steel barrier fence (Alternative):

- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Steel Perimeter Fence (3 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Steel Perimeter Fence (4 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Steel Perimeter Fence (5 m) Feasibility Cost Plan
- United Energy Acoustic Treatment - Steel Perimeter Fence (6 m) Feasibility Cost Plan

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 - OPTION A  
NEW RADIATOR ENCLOSURE



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 Allowance for remedial works to existing radiator slab	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum
3 Allowance for isolation works to existing radiator slab	item	1	30,000	30,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
4 900 Wide x 1100 deep strip footing including excavation, 50 thick N7 blinding layer, 4N16 bars top and bottom, N12-300 cts ligs and membrane	m	30	600	18,000	Excludes formwork
5 10 Thick acoustic expansion joint between new and existing concrete	m	30	25	750	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>63,750</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
6 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, re-entrant bars, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	180	450	81,000	Assumed 6000 high
7 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new walls including adhesion	m2	180	475	85,500	Assumed 6000 high
8 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	32	50	1,600	Assumed 16 panels
9 300 PFC waler beam to perimeter including hot dip galvanising and fixing	m	30	350	10,500	
10 1250 x 1250 Fantech sound bar louvre (SBL2)	no	4	4,000	16,000	
11 Allow to acoustically seal wall penetrations for conduits between transformer and radiator	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>196,600</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
12 920 Wide x 2400 high acoustic / fire rated door including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	7,500	15,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>15,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
13 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
14 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
15 Rounding				650	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,650</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>6,446 \$</b>	<b>361,000</b>	
16 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		55,000	Running Costs
17 Extra over for limited access		20%		84,000	Provisional Sum
18 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		125,000	Provisional Sum
19 Allow for staging		10%		63,000	Provisional Sum
20 Design contingency		5%		35,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12,911 \$</b>	<b>723,000</b>	
21 Contract Contingency		5%		37,000	Variations
22 Regional locality allowance		5%		38,000	Allow average rate
23 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		24,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14,679 \$</b>	<b>822,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
24 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
25 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
26 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
27 Project Contingency		2%		20,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>18,125 \$</b>	<b>1,015,000</b>	

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SCENARIO 1 - OPTION A  
NEW RADIATOR ENCLOSURE



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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Areas</b>					
Standard Radiator Enclosure	m2	56			
<b>Total GFA</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>			

**Assumptions**

- a The above estimate is based on Sketches SK001, SK002 from GHD dated 26th September 2019
- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes 6m high enclosure
- d Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- e Average rate of 5% for regional locality allowance has been allowed. This will vary depending on site location
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- b Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- c Out of hours works
- d Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 - OPTION B  
NEW TRANSFORMER ENCLOSURE



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

3/12/2019

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 Allowance for remedial works to existing transformer slab	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum
3 Allowance for isolation works to existing radiator slab	item	1	30,000	30,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
4 900 Wide x 1100 deep strip footing including excavation, 50 thick N7 blinding layer, 4N16 bars top and bottom, N12-300 ligs and membrane	m	30	600	18,000	
5 10 Thick acoustic expansion joint between new and existing concrete	m	30	25	750	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>63,750</b>	
<b>Roof</b>					
6 250 Thick plain grey precast concrete roof including N16-200 bars top and bottom and acoustic sealant	m2	56	550	30,800	
7 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber to existing roof including adhesion	m2	56	500	28,000	Assumed 7500 x 7500 x 4000 high enclosure
8 Allow for waterproofing to roof slab	m2	56	75	4,200	
9 Allow for rainwater goods including, downpipes, sumps, guttering, etc.	m2	56	50	2,800	
10 Allow for site drainage	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
11 Removable monowills tubular handrails to roof perimeter	m	30	600	18,000	
12 Allow to acoustically seal roof penetrations	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>105,800</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
13 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, re-entrant bars, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	90	450	40,500	Assumed 4000 high
14 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new walls including adhesion	m2	120	475	57,000	Assumed 4000 high
15 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	32	50	1,600	Assumed 16 panels
16 Double brick skin wall including heavy duty masonry ties	m2	30	600	18,000	Assumed 4000 high Excluding brick patterns
17 1250 x 1250 Fantech sound bar louvre (SBL2)	no	4	4,000	16,000	
18 Allow to acoustically seal wall penetrations for conduits between transformer and radiator	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>135,100</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
19 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
20 200x100x6 RHS welded door frame	m	20	400	8,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>33,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
21 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
22 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
23 Rounding				350	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,350</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7,554</b>	<b>\$ 423,000</b>	
24 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		64,000	Running Costs
25 Extra over for limited access		20%		98,000	Provisional Sum
26 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		147,000	Provisional Sum
27 Allow for staging		10%		74,000	Provisional Sum
28 Design contingency		5%		41,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15,125</b>	<b>\$ 847,000</b>	

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
29 Contract Contingency		5%		43,000	Variations
30 Regional locality allowance		5%		45,000	Allow average rate
31 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		29,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>17,214</b>	<b>\$ 964,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
32 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
33 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
34 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
35 Project Contingency		2%		23,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b> (Excluding GST)	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>20,714</b>	<b>\$ 1,160,000</b>	
<b>Areas</b>					
Standard Transformer Enclosure	m2	56			
<b>Total GFA</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>			

#### Assumptions

- a The above estimate is based on Sketches SK001, SK003 from GHD dated 26th September 2019
- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes 4m high enclosure
- d Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- e Average rate of 5% for regional locality allowance has been allowed. This will vary depending on site location
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

#### Exclusions

- a Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- b Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- c Out of hours works
- d Goods and services tax (GST)

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SCENARIO 2 - OPTION A  
MODIFICATION TO EXISTING RADIATOR ENCLOSURE



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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 Allowance for remedial works to existing radiator slab	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum
3 Allowance for isolation works to existing radiator slab	item	1	30,000	30,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
4 900 Wide x 1100 deep strip footing including excavation, 50 thick N7 blinding layer, 4N16 bars top and bottom, N12-300 cts ligs and membrane	m	15	600	9,000	
5 10 Thick acoustic expansion joint between new and existing concrete	m	15	25	375	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>54,375</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
6 Allowance for remedial works to existing radiator walls	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
7 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, re-entrant bars, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	90	450	40,500	Assumed 6000 high
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new and existing walls including adhesion	m2	180	475	85,500	Assumed 6000 high
9 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	16	50	800	Assumed 8 panels
10 300 PFC waler beam to perimeter including hot dip galvanising and fixing	m	30	350	10,500	
11 1250 x 1250 Fantech sound bar louvre (SBL2)	no	4	4,000	16,000	
12 Allow to acoustically seal wall penetrations for conduits between transformer and radiator	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>175,300</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
13 920 Wide x 2400 high acoustic / fire rated door including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	7,500	15,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>15,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
14 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
15 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
16 <i>Rounding</i>				325	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,325</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5,893 \$</b>	<b>330,000</b>	
17 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		50,000	Running Costs
18 Extra over for limited access		20%		76,000	Provisional Sum
19 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		114,000	Provisional Sum
20 Allow for staging		10%		57,000	Provisional Sum
21 Design contingency		5%		32,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>11,768 \$</b>	<b>659,000</b>	
22 Contract Contingency		5%		33,000	Variations
23 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
24 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		21,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12,732 \$</b>	<b>713,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
25 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
26 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
27 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
28 Project Contingency		2%		18,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16,143 \$</b>	<b>904,000</b>	

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Areas</b>					
Standard Radiator Enclosure	m2	56			
<b>Total GFA</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>			

**Assumptions**

- a The above estimate is based on Sketches SK001, SK004 from GHD dated 26th September 2019
- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes 6m high enclosure
- d Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- e Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- f Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- g Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- b Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- c Regional locality allowance
- d Out of hours works
- e Goods and services tax (GST)

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SCENARIO 2 - OPTION B  
MODIFICATION TO EXISTING TRANSFORMER ENCLOSURE



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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 Allowance for remedial works to existing transformer slab	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum
3 Allowance for isolation works to existing radiator slab	item	1	30,000	30,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>45,000</b>	
<b>Roof</b>					
4 Allowance for remedial works to existing transformer roof	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum
5 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber to existing roof including adhesion	m2	56	500	28,000	Assumed 7500 x 7500 x 4000 high enclosure
6 Allow to acoustically seal penetrations in existing roof	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>45,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
7 Allowance for remedial works to existing transformer walls	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining existing walls including adhesion	m2	120	475	57,000	Assumed 7500 x 7500 x 4000 high enclosure
9 Form opening in existing enclosure wall	item	1	1,500	1,500	Assumed at low level
10 1250 x 1250 Fantech sound bar louvre (SBL2)	no	4	4,000	16,000	
11 Allow to acoustically seal wall penetrations for conduits between transformer and radiator	item	1	2,000	2,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>96,500</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
12 Remove existing pair of doors including frame and hardware	no	2	1,500	3,000	
13 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>28,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
14 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
15 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
16 Rounding				500	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,500</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	
17 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		45,000	Running Costs
18 Extra over for limited access		20%		69,000	Provisional Sum
19 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		104,000	Provisional Sum
20 Allow for staging		10%		52,000	Provisional Sum
21 Design contingency		5%		29,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>10,696</b>	<b>\$ 599,000</b>	
22 Contract Contingency		5%		30,000	Variations
23 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
24 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		19,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>11,571</b>	<b>\$ 648,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
25 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
26 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
27 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
28 Project Contingency		2%		17,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>14,964</b>	<b>\$ 838,000</b>	

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SCENARIO 2 - OPTION B  
MODIFICATION TO EXISTING TRANSFORMER ENCLOSURE



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Areas</b>					
Standard Transformer Enclosure	m2	56			
<b>Total GFA</b>	<b>m2</b>	<b>56</b>			

**Assumptions**

- a The above estimate is based on Sketches SK001, SK005 from GHD dated 26th September 2019
- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes 7.5m x 7.5m x 4m high enclosure
- d Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- e Assumes existing doors are replaced with doors of the same size
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Stormwater drainage including connections
- b Structural alterations
- c Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- d Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- e Regional locality allowance
- f Out of hours works
- g Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (6m HIGH)



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

3/12/2019

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 900 x 900 pile capping beam including excavation, 4N16 bars top and bottom and N12-300 cts ligs	m	40	500	20,000	Assumed min. 10m x 10m fence enclosure
4 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>44,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
5 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	5,700	114,000	
6 Extra over 25 thick high strength grout between column and wall	no	20	600	12,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>126,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
7 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	240	450	108,000	
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new precast fence including adhesion	m2	240	475	114,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
9 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	40	50	2,000	Assumed 20 panels
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>224,000</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
10 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
11 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
12 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
13 Rounding				0	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,000</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>\$ 504,000</b>	
14 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		76,000	Running Costs
15 Extra over for limited access		20%		116,000	Provisional Sum
16 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		174,000	Provisional Sum
17 Allow for staging		10%		87,000	Provisional Sum
18 Design contingency		5%		48,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25,125</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,000</b>	
19 Contract Contingency		5%		51,000	Variations
20 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
21 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		32,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27,200</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
22 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
23 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
24 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
25 Project Contingency		2%		26,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32,175</b>	<b>\$ 1,287,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 33,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

**Assumptions**

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- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- d Regional locality allowance
- e Out of hours works
- f Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (5m HIGH)



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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 900 x 900 pile capping beam including excavation, 4N16 bars top and bottom and N12-300 cts ligs	m	40	500	20,000	Assumed min. 10m x 10m fence enclosure
4 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>44,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
5 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	4,800	96,000	
6 Extra over 25 thick high strength grout between column and wall	no	20	500	10,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>106,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
7 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	200	450	90,000	
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new precast fence including adhesion	m2	200	475	95,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
9 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	40	50	2,000	Assumed 20 panels
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>187,000</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
10 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
11 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
12 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
13 Rounding				0	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,000</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11,175 \$</b>	<b>447,000</b>	
14 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		68,000	Running Costs
15 Extra over for tight access		20%		103,000	Provisional Sum
16 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		155,000	Provisional Sum
17 Allow for staging		10%		78,000	Provisional Sum
18 Design contingency		5%		43,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22,350 \$</b>	<b>894,000</b>	
19 Contract Contingency		5%		45,000	Variations
20 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
21 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		29,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24,200 \$</b>	<b>968,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
22 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
23 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
24 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
25 Project Contingency		2%		23,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29,100 \$</b>	<b>1,164,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

**Assumptions**

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- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- d Regional locality allowance
- e Out of hours works
- f Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (4m HIGH)



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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 900 x 900 pile capping beam including excavation, 4N16 bars top and bottom and N12-300 cts ligs	m	40	500	20,000	Assumed min. 10m x 10m fence enclosure
4 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>44,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
5 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	3,800	76,000	
6 Extra over 25 thick high strength grout between column and wall	no	20	400	8,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>84,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
7 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	160	450	72,000	
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new precast fence including adhesion	m2	160	475	76,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
9 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	40	50	2,000	Assumed 20 panels
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>150,000</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
10 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
11 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
12 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
13 Rounding				0	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,000</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>\$ 388,000</b>	
14 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		59,000	Running Costs
15 Extra over for tight access		20%		90,000	Provisional Sum
16 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		135,000	Provisional Sum
17 Allow for staging		10%		68,000	Provisional Sum
18 Design contingency		5%		37,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19,425</b>	<b>\$ 777,000</b>	
19 Contract Contingency		5%		39,000	Variations
20 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
21 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		25,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21,025</b>	<b>\$ 841,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
22 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
23 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
24 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
25 Project Contingency		2%		21,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25,875</b>	<b>\$ 1,035,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 26,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

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- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- d Regional locality allowance
- e Out of hours works
- f Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (3m HIGH)



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 900 x 900 pile capping beam including excavation, 4N16 bars top and bottom and N12-300 cts ligs	m	40	500	20,000	Assumed min. 10m x 10m fence enclosure
4 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>44,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
5 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	2,900	58,000	
6 Extra over 25 thick high strength grout between column and wall	no	20	300	6,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>64,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
7 200 Thick plain grey precast concrete wall including SL81 mesh, acoustic seals and paint finish	m2	120	450	54,000	
8 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new precast fence including adhesion	m2	120	475	57,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
9 600 Long N20 dowel bars	no	40	50	2,000	Assumed 20 panels
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>113,000</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
10 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
11 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
12 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
13 Rounding				0	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,000</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8,275</b>	<b>\$ 331,000</b>	
14 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		50,000	Running Costs
15 Extra over for tight access		20%		77,000	Provisional Sum
16 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		115,000	Provisional Sum
17 Allow for staging		10%		58,000	Provisional Sum
18 Design contingency		5%		32,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>\$ 663,000</b>	
19 Contract Contingency		5%		34,000	Variations
20 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
21 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		21,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17,950</b>	<b>\$ 718,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
22 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
23 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
24 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
25 Project Contingency		2%		18,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22,725</b>	<b>\$ 909,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 23,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

**Assumptions**

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- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard lump sum contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- d Regional locality allowance
- e Out of hours works
- f Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ALTERNATIVE ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (6m HIGH)



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed 10m x 10m enclosure Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>24,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
4 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	6,000	120,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>120,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
5 Steel sheet wall cladding comprising 2 layers of 1 BMT sheeting, C150 steel wall girts, 120kg/m3 insulation, sub framing and capping	m2	240	470	112,800	
6 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new steel fence including adhesion	m2	240	475	114,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>226,800</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
7 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
8 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
9 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
10 <b>Rounding</b>				200	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,200</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12,025</b>	<b>\$ 481,000</b>	
11 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		73,000	Running Costs
12 Extra over for tight access		20%		111,000	Provisional Sum
13 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		167,000	Provisional Sum
14 Allow for staging		10%		84,000	Provisional Sum
15 Design contingency		5%		46,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24,050</b>	<b>\$ 962,000</b>	
16 Contract Contingency		5%		49,000	Variations
17 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
18 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		31,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26,050</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
19 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
20 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
21 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
22 Project Contingency		2%		25,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 31,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Alternative Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

**Assumptions**

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- b The above estimate has been revised based on GHD comments received 9th October 2019
- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for cranes and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
- d Regional locality allowance
- e Out of hours works
- f Goods and services tax (GST)

UNITED ENERGY - ACOUSTIC TREATMENT PROJECT  
SCENARIO 1 & 2 - OPTION C  
ALTERNATIVE ACOUSTIC PERIMETER FENCE (5m HIGH)



FEASIBILITY COST PLAN - REV 2

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed 10m x 10m enclosure Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>24,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
4 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	5,100	102,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>102,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
5 Steel sheet wall cladding comprising 2 layers of 1 BMT sheeting, C150 steel wall girts, 120kg/m3 insulation, sub framing and capping	m2	200	470	94,000	
6 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new steel fence including adhesion	m2	200	475	95,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>189,000</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
7 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
8 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
9 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
10 <b>Rounding</b>				0	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,000</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10,625</b>	<b>\$ 425,000</b>	
11 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		64,000	Running Costs
12 Extra over for tight access		20%		98,000	Provisional Sum
13 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		147,000	Provisional Sum
14 Allow for staging		10%		74,000	Provisional Sum
15 Design contingency		5%		41,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21,225</b>	<b>\$ 849,000</b>	
16 Contract Contingency		5%		43,000	Variations
17 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
18 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		27,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22,975</b>	<b>\$ 919,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
19 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
20 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
21 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
22 Project Contingency		2%		22,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b> (Excluding GST)	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,114,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M</b> (Excluding GST)	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 28,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Alternative Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

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- c Assumes footing system and structural steel does not require to be fixed to existing structure
- d Assumes minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure
- e Assumes industry standard contract completed in a single stage
- f Assumes adequate access for craneage and other buildability issues
- g Pricing accuracy within +/-30%
- h Provisional Sum allowances as stated above

**Exclusions**

- a Upgrade of existing building structure
- b Diversion / upgrade of existing services
- c Cost escalation past a date of 12 months from the date of this estimate
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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed 10m x 10m enclosure Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>24,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
4 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	4,100	82,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>82,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
5 Steel sheet wall cladding comprising 2 layers of 1 BMT sheeting, C150 steel wall girts, 120kg/m3 insulation, sub framing and capping	m2	160	470	75,200	
6 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new steel fence including adhesion	m2	160	475	76,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>151,200</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
7 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
8 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
9 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
10 <b>Rounding</b>				800	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,800</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>\$ 368,000</b>	
11 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		56,000	Running Costs
12 Extra over for tight access		20%		85,000	Provisional Sum
13 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		128,000	Provisional Sum
14 Allow for staging		10%		64,000	Provisional Sum
15 Design contingency		5%		36,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18,425</b>	<b>\$ 737,000</b>	
16 Contract Contingency		5%		37,000	Variations
17 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
18 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		24,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19,950</b>	<b>\$ 798,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
19 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
20 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
21 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
22 Project Contingency		2%		20,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b> (Excluding GST)	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24,775</b>	<b>\$ 991,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M</b> (Excluding GST)	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 25,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Alternative Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

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Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate (\$)	Total (\$)	Comments
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>					
1 Allowance for hazardous materials / contaminated soil removal	item	1	20,000	20,000	Provisional Sum
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>20,000</b>	
<b>Substructure</b>					
2 No allowance for remedial works to existing substation	note				
3 600 Diameter pile x 3000 deep including 8N20 Bars and N12-150 helical reinforcement	no	20	1,200	24,000	Assumed 10m x 10m enclosure Assumed piles at 2m centres
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>24,000</b>	
<b>Columns</b>					
4 310 UC 118 Steel column including base plate, grout, holding down bolts and connections	no	20	3,200	64,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>64,000</b>	
<b>External Walls</b>					
5 Steel sheet wall cladding comprising 2 layers of 1 BMT sheeting, C150 steel wall girts, 120kg/m3 insulation, sub framing and capping	m2	120	470	56,400	
6 Pyrotek Viterolite 900 non-combustible sound absorber wall lining to new steel fence including adhesion	m2	120	475	57,000	Assumed to full extent of fencing enclosure
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>113,400</b>	
<b>External Doors</b>					
7 1840 Wide x 2400 high pair of acoustic / fire rated doors including frame, acoustic seals and hardware	no	2	12,500	25,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>25,000</b>	
<b>External Services</b>					
8 Allow for connection to the existing substation earthing grid	item	1	15,000	15,000	Provisional Sum - As advised by GHD
9 Allow for isolation works between new / existing structure and equipment including resilient hangers, vibration pads, etc.	item	1	50,000	50,000	Provisional Sum
10 <b>Rounding</b>				600	
<b>Sub-Total</b>				<b>65,600</b>	
<b>Sub-Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>\$ 312,000</b>	
11 Allow for builder's preliminaries		15%		47,000	Running Costs
12 Extra over for tight access		20%		72,000	Provisional Sum
13 Allow for works within a live HV substation		25%		108,000	Provisional Sum
14 Allow for staging		10%		54,000	Provisional Sum
15 Design contingency		5%		30,000	
<b>Sub-Total Expected Tender</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15,575</b>	<b>\$ 623,000</b>	
16 Contract Contingency		5%		32,000	Variations
17 Regional locality allowance				Excluded	
18 Cost Escalation to Tender		3%		20,000	12 Months
<b>Total Construction Costs</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16,875</b>	<b>\$ 675,000</b>	
<b>Other Project Costs</b>					
19 Professional fees	item			150,000	As advised by GHD
20 Allow for geotechnical site investigation	item			18,000	Provisional Sum
21 Allow for authority headworks and changes	item			5,000	Provisional Sum
22 Project Contingency		2%		17,000	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21,625</b>	<b>\$ 865,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST PER M (Excluding GST)</b>	<b>m</b>			<b>\$ 22,000</b>	Average m rate allowing for minimum 10m x 10m fencing enclosure

Description of Work	Unit	Qty	Rate	Total	Comments
			(\$)	(\$)	
<b>Lengths</b>					
Standard Alternative Perimeter Acoustic Fence (Assumed)	m	40			
<b>Total Length</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>40</b>			

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## **Appendix C** – Overall site cost calculations

**Table C-1 Cost per unit for different costed noise mitigated options**

Index	Noise mitigation option (NMO)	Unit cost type	Unit cost
NMO 1	Transformer replacement	Cost per transformer	\$3,700,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
NMO 2	New transformer enclosure	Cost per transformer	\$1,160,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
NMO 3	New radiator enclosure	Cost per radiator enclosure	\$1,015,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
NMO 4	Modification to existing transformer enclosure	Cost per transformer enclosure	\$838,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
NMO 5	Modification to existing radiator enclosure	Cost per radiator enclosure	\$904,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
NMO 6	Acoustic perimeter wall	Cost per metre length	\$22,000 - \$33,000 <sup>(3)</sup> , breakdown includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 m high <sup>(4)</sup>, \$22,000 – \$23,000</li> <li>- 4 m high <sup>(4)</sup>, \$25,000 - \$26,000</li> <li>- 5 m high <sup>(4)</sup>, \$28,000 - \$30,000</li> <li>- 6 m high <sup>(4)</sup>, \$31,000 - \$33,000</li> </ul>

**Notes**

1. Indicative cost provided by United Energy for transformer replacement and sound enclosure. Refer to Section 3.2.2 for further discussion.
2. For detailed cost breakdown, refer to the Quantity Surveyor's cost estimates presented in Appendix B.
3. Cost estimate range represents costing for 3 – 6 m high acoustic perimeter wall constructed from steel or concrete.
4. Cost estimate range represents costing for a steel vs concrete perimeter wall. Refer to the detailed costing in Appendix B. Refer to Section 3.2.7 for details of the acoustic perimeter wall construction.

**Table C-2 Overall site cost calculation summary for sites CFD to FSH**

Noise mitigation scenario	Noise Mitigation Options (NMOs) Table C-1	Maximum unit cost	Overall noise mitigation scenario cost estimates for different substation sites <sup>(3)</sup> Highlighted cells indicate applicable scenarios for each site (refer to site matrix in Appendix E)						
Substation Sites	----	----	CFD	EL	SR	STO	CRM	EB	FSH
Number of transformers (TXs)	----	----	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Approximate site perimeter length	----	----	128 m	152 m	224 m	240 m	300 m	341 m	322 m
Scenario 0 – Do Nothing Approach	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing						
Scenario 1 – Transformer Replacement	NMO 1	\$3,700,000 per transformer	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$7,400,000	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000
Scenario 2 – New transformer and radiator enclosures	NMO 2 NMO 3	\$2,175,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$4,350,000	\$4,350,000	\$4,350,000	\$4,350,000	\$6,525,000	\$6,525,000	\$6,525,000
Scenario 3 – Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure	NMO 4 NMO 3	\$1,853,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$3,706,000	\$3,706,000	\$3,706,000	\$3,706,000	\$5,559,000	\$5,559,000	\$5,559,000
Scenario 4 – Modification to existing transformer and radiator enclosures	NMO 4 NMO 5	\$1,742,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$3,484,000	\$3,484,000	\$3,484,000	\$3,484,000	\$5,226,000	\$5,226,000	\$5,226,000
Scenario 5 – Acoustic perimeter wall	NMO 6	\$33,000 per unit length	\$4,224,000	\$5,016,000	\$7,392,000	\$7,920,000	\$9,900,000	\$11,253,000	\$10,626,000
Scenario 6 – Combination of scenarios 2 & 5	NMO 2 NMO 3 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$8,574,000	\$9,366,000	\$11,742,000	\$12,270,000	\$16,425,000	\$17,778,000	\$17,151,000

Noise mitigation scenario	Noise Mitigation Options (NMOs) Table C-1	Maximum unit cost	Overall noise mitigation scenario cost estimates for different substation sites <sup>(3)</sup> Highlighted cells indicate applicable scenarios for each site (refer to site matrix in Appendix E)						
Substation Sites	----	----	CFD	EL	SR	STO	CRM	EB	FSH
Number of transformers (TXs)	----	----	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Approximate site perimeter length	----	----	128 m	152 m	224 m	240 m	300 m	341 m	322 m
Scenario 7 – Combination of scenarios 3 & 5	NMO 4 NMO 3 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> (2)	\$7,034,000	\$7,658,000	\$9,530,000	\$9,946,000	\$13,359,000	<b>\$14,425,000</b>	\$13,931,000
Scenario 8 – Combination of scenarios 4 & 5	NMO 4 NMO 5 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> (2)	\$6,812,000	<b>\$7,436,000</b>	\$9,308,000	\$9,724,000	\$13,026,000	\$14,092,000	\$13,598,000
Scenario 9 – Miscellaneous treatments	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>
Scenario 10 – Receiver treatments	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>

**Notes:**

- Maximum unit cost calculated is based on the summation of unit costs for each relevant NMOs. Refer to Table C-1 for unit cost for each NMO.
- Estimated overall cost for this scenario is the arithmetic summation of estimated costs for each individual noted scenario. Hence unit cost is not relevant.
- Example calculations are provided below representing site cost estimate calculations for all scenarios. The example calculations are for the CFD site.
  - Scenario 1: \$7,400,000 = 2 (no. transformers) x \$3,700,000 (unit cost per transformer)
  - Scenario 2: \$2,175,000 (maximum unit cost) = \$1,160,000 (unit cost NMO 2) + \$1,015,000 (unit cost NMO 3), then site cost estimate is \$4,350,000 = 2 (no. transformers) x \$2,175,000 (unit cost per transformer)
  - Scenario 5: \$4,224,000 = 128 m (approximate site perimeter length) x \$33,000 (unit cost per length)
  - Scenario 6: \$8,574,000 = \$4,350,000 (site specific cost estimate for scenario 2) + \$4,224,000 (site specific cost estimate for scenario 5)

**Table C-3 Overall site cost calculation summary for sites GW to NB**

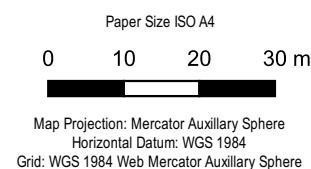
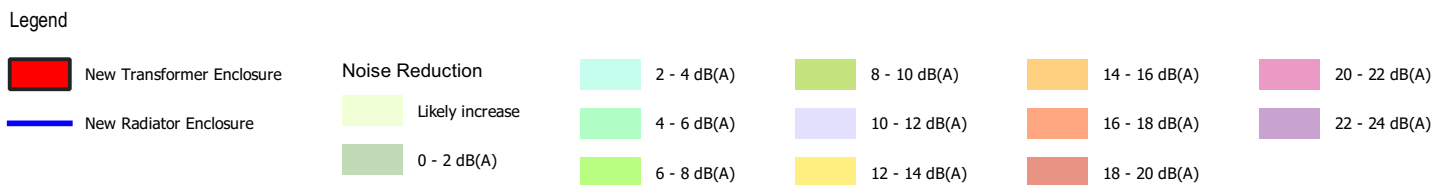
Noise mitigation scenario	Noise Mitigation Options (NMOs) Table C-1	Maximum unit cost	Overall noise mitigation scenario cost estimates for different substation sites <sup>(3)</sup> Highlighted cells indicate applicable scenarios for each site (refer to site matrix in Appendix E)		
<b>Substation Sites</b>	----	----	<b>GW</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>NB</b>
Number of transformers (TXs)	----	----	3	3	3
Approximate site perimeter length	----	----	321 m	245 m	125 m
Scenario 0 – Do Nothing Approach	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	\$8,000 initial \$390,000 \$195,000 / day ongoing		
Scenario 1 – Transformer Replacement	NMO 1	\$3,700,000 per transformer	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000
Scenario 2 – New transformer and radiator enclosures	NMO 2 NMO 3	\$2,175,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$6,525,000	\$6,525,000	\$6,525,000
Scenario 3 – Modification to existing transformer enclosure & new radiator enclosure	NMO 4 NMO 3	\$1,853,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$5,559,000	\$5,559,000	\$5,559,000
Scenario 4 – Modification to existing transformer and radiator enclosures	NMO 4 NMO 5	\$1,742,000 <sup>(1)</sup> per transformer	\$5,226,000	\$5,226,000	\$5,226,000
Scenario 5 – Acoustic perimeter wall	NMO 6	\$33,000 per unit length	\$10,593,000	\$8,085,000	\$4,125,000
Scenario 6 – Combination of scenarios 2 & 5	NMO 2 NMO 3 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$17,118,000	\$14,610,000	\$10,650,000
Scenario 7 – Combination of scenarios 3 & 5	NMO 4 NMO 3 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$13,905,000	\$11,929,000	\$8,809,000

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Number of transformers (TXs)	----	----	3	3	3
Approximate site perimeter length	----	----	321 m	245 m	125 m
Scenario 8 – Combination of scenarios 4 & 5	NMO 4 NMO 5 NMO 6	<i>Not relevant</i> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$13,572,000	\$11,596,000	\$8,476,000
Scenario 9 – Miscellaneous treatments	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>
Scenario 10 – Receiver treatments	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not relevant</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>	<i>Not costed</i>
Notes: 1. Maximum unit cost calculated is based on the summation of unit costs for each relevant NMOs. Refer to Table C-1 for unit cost for each NMO. 2. Estimated overall cost for this scenario is the arithmetic summation of estimated costs for each individual noted scenario. Hence unit cost is not relevant. 3. Example calculations are provided below representing site cost estimate calculations for all scenarios. The example calculations are for the GW site. – Scenario 1: \$11,100,000 = 3 (no. transformers) x \$3,700,000 (unit cost per transformer) – Scenario 2: \$2,175,000 (maximum unit cost) = \$1,160,000 (unit cost NMO 2) + \$1,015,000 (unit cost NMO 3), then site cost estimate is \$6,525,000 = 3 (no. transformers) x \$2,175,000 (unit cost per transformer) – Scenario 5: \$10,593,000 = 321 m (approximate site perimeter length) x \$33,000 (unit cost per length) – Scenario 6: \$17,118,000 = \$6,525,000 (site specific cost estimate for scenario 2) + \$10,593,000 (site specific cost estimate for scenario 5)					

## **Appendix D** – Noise modelling contours

Noise modelling contours for the following sites:

- FSH, 1 Robinsons Road, Frankston
- CFD, 50 Neerim Road, Caulfield South
- EL, 314 Kooyong Road, Elsternwick
- SR, 110 Highett Road, Highett
- CRM, 252-258 McLeod Road, Patterson Lakes
- GW, 84-86 Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley
- NB, 411-427 Nepean Highway Brighton East



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














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New Transformer and Radiator Enclosure**

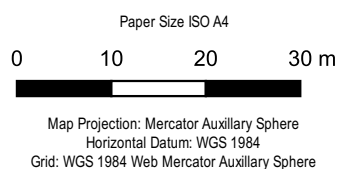
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**FIGURE D-1**



#### Legend

	Existing Enclosure		Noise Reduction		2 - 4 dB(A)		8 - 10 dB(A)		14 - 16 dB(A)		20 - 22 dB(A)
	Acoustic Perimeter Wall		Likely increase		4 - 6 dB(A)		10 - 12 dB(A)		16 - 18 dB(A)		22 - 24 dB(A)
			0 - 2 dB(A)		6 - 8 dB(A)		12 - 14 dB(A)		18 - 20 dB(A)		



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**Acoustic Perimeter Wall**

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FIGURE D-2



#### Legend

<span style="color: red;">—</span> Existing Enclosure	<b>Noise Reduction</b>	<span style="background-color: #90EE90;"> </span> 4 - 6 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #D8BFD8;"> </span> 10 - 12 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #FFA07A;"> </span> 16 - 18 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #DDA0DD;"> </span> 22 - 24 dB(A)
<span style="color: blue;">—</span> Acoustic Perimeter Wall	<span style="background-color: #90EE90;"> </span> 0 - 2 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #FFFF00;"> </span> 6 - 8 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #FFD700;"> </span> 12 - 14 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #FF4500;"> </span> 18 - 20 dB(A)	<span style="background-color: #800080;"> </span> 24 - 26 dB(A)
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Map Projection: Mercator Auxiliary Sphere  
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Grid: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere



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**EL Substation  
Acoustic Perimeter Wall**

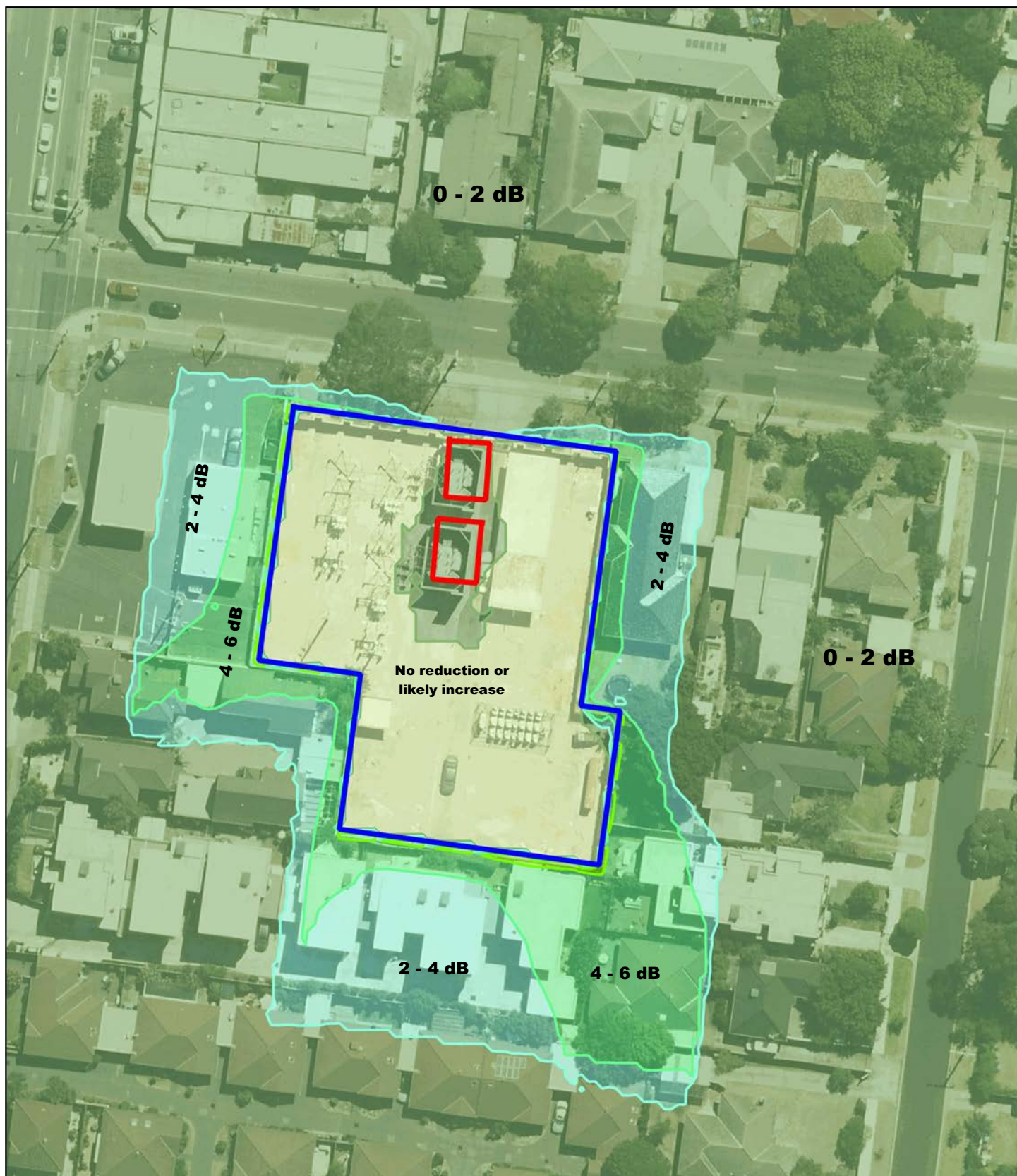
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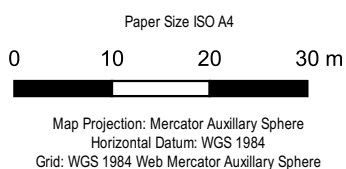
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<span style="color: red;">■</span> Existing Enclosure	<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> Noise Reduction	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> 2 - 4 dB(A)	<span style="color: yellowgreen;">■</span> 8 - 10 dB(A)	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> 14 - 16 dB(A)	<span style="color: pink;">■</span> 20 - 22 dB(A)
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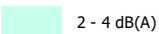
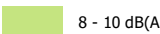




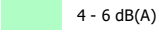
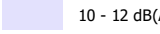


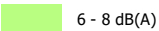
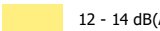
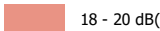
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#### Legend

	Existing Enclosure		CRM-Reduction		2 - 4 dB(A)		8 - 10 dB(A)		14 - 16 dB(A)		20 - 22 dB(A)
	Acoustic Perimeter Wall		Likely increase		4 - 6 dB(A)		10 - 12 dB(A)		16 - 18 dB(A)		
			0 - 2 dB(A)		6 - 8 dB(A)		12 - 14 dB(A)		18 - 20 dB(A)		

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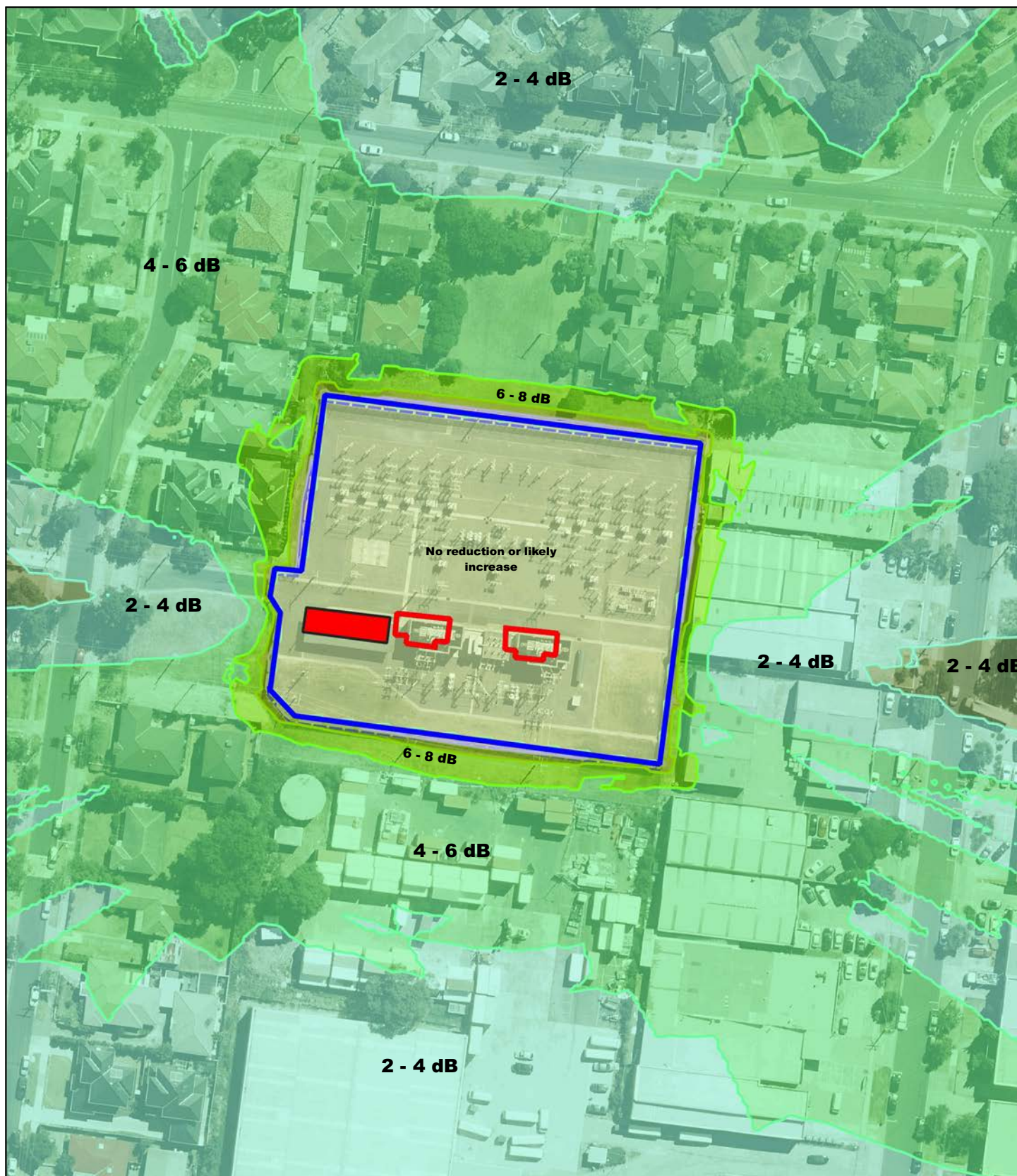
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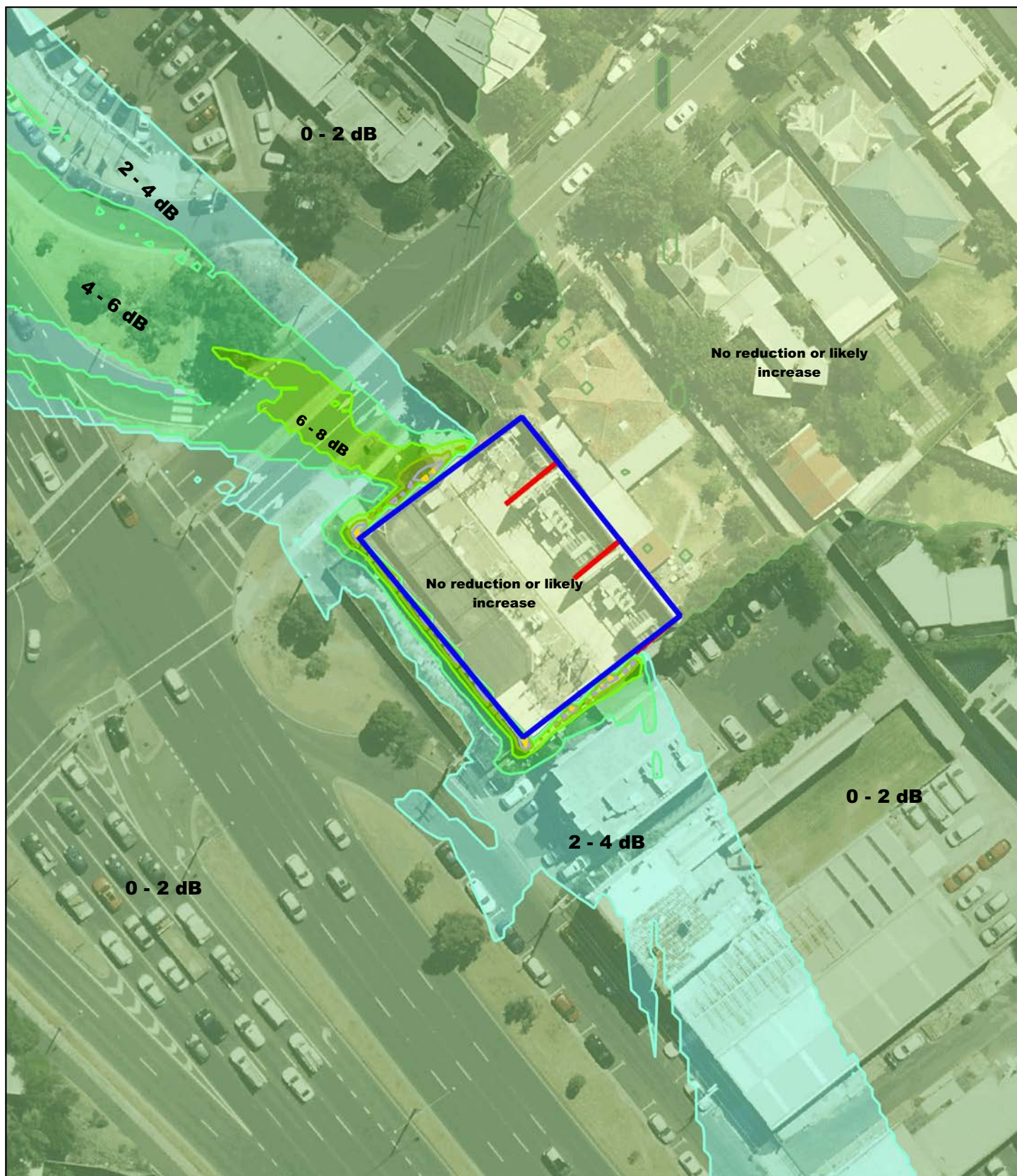
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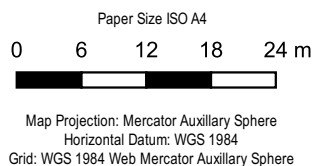
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FIGURE D-6



#### Legend

	Existing Enclosure		Noise Reduction		2 - 4 dB(A)		8 - 10 dB(A)		14 - 16 dB(A)		20 - 22 dB(A)
	Acoustic Perimeter Wall		Likely increase		4 - 6 dB(A)		10 - 12 dB(A)		16 - 18 dB(A)		
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# **Appendix E** – United Energy site details Excel™

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Provided Information (from 'Input Data' tab)					GHD Notes					Address	Site Image	Site classification	Noise sensitive receivers	Substation Zone	Noise sensitive Zone	Distance to receivers (m)
Site Code	Net	Number of TXs according to client	Construction Year	Exceed. (dB)	General Notes	Radiator Notes	TX - No enclosure	TX - Some enclosure	TX - Inside building							
CFD	UE	2	2007	10	2 TX	Adjacent to TX	No enclosures.	-	-	50 NEERIM Road, CAULFIELD SOUTH		Metropolitan	48 Neerim Rd to the west Premises along Miriam St to north and north west Premises along Neerim Road to the south	Residential	Residential	0 - 40 m
EL	UE	2	1963	5	2 TX	Adjacent to TX, inside enclosure.	-	individual high wall enclosures, no roof	-	314 Kooyong Rd, ELSTERNWICK		Metropolitan	Adjoining northern and eastern residential premises Western and north western premises along Kooyong Road	Residential	Residential	0 - 30 m
SR	UE	2	1964	9	2 TX	Adjacent to TX, inside enclosure.	-	individual high wall enclosures, no roof	-	110 Highett Rd, HIGHETT		Metropolitan	Southern receivers (388 - 390 Bluff Road) Eastern receivers (1142 Highett Road and premises along Jillian Ave) Northern and western across Highett and Bluff Rd)	Residential	Residential	0 - 30 m

Provided Information (from 'Input Data' tab)					GHD Notes					Address	Site Image	Site classification	Noise sensitive receivers	Substation Zone	Noise sensitive Zone	Distance to receivers (m)
Site Code	Net	Number of TXs according to client	Construction Year	Exceed. (dB)	General Notes	Radiator Notes	TX - No enclosure	TX - Some enclosure	TX - Inside building							
STO	UE	2	1976	3	2 TX	Hard to tell from satellite images	non acoustic enclosure tin wall/gate	-	-	99 Macfarlane Ave/Langdon Ave/Bakewell Ct, BLAIRGOWRIE		Metropolitan	Adjoining residential premises	Residential	Residential	0 - 30 m
CRM	UE	3	1976	5	Looks like 3 TX	adjacent to buildings/TXs	1 TX with no enclosure	-	2 TX inside buildings. Radiators outside buildings.	252-258 McLeod Rd - opp Illawong Crt, PATTERSON LAKES		Metropolitan	Adjoining western premises along Kalan Court South eastern premises along Daniel Close Premises along McLeod Road (North and east)	Public Use Zone	Residential	10 - 20 m
EB	UE	3	1967	14	3 TX	adjacent to buildings/TXs	1 TX with no enclosure	-	2 TX inside buildings. Radiators outside buildings.	410-422 Highbury Rd/opp Bowen Court, BURWOOD EAST		Metropolitan	Adjoining residential premises to the west, south and east. Residential premises across Highbury Road	Residential	Residential	0 - 30 m

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Site Code	Net	Number of TXs according to client	Construction Year	Exceed. (dB)	General Notes	Radiator Notes	TX - No enclosure	TX - Some enclosure	TX - Inside building	Address	Site Image	Site classification	Noise sensitive receivers	Substation Zone	Noise sensitive Zone	Distance to receivers (m)
FSH	UE	3	1967	8	3 TX	adjacent to TXs	No enclosures.	-	-	1 Robinsons Rd/Frankston-Flinders Rd, FRANKSTON		Metropolitan	Residential premises to north and east Accommodation units to the south Premises along Frankston-Flinders Road to the west	Residential	Residential	10 - 25 m
GW	UE	3	1963	6	3 TX	adjacent to TX/buildings	-	2 TX inside high walled enclosure. Radiators inside enclosures	1 TX inside building. Radiator outside building	84-86 Bogong Ave, GLEN WAVERLEY		Metropolitan	Residential premises to west, north, south west and north west.	Residential	Residential	0 - 50 m
MC	UE	3	1958	9	3 TX	adjacent to TX/buildings	1 TX with no enclosure	-	1 TX inside building. Radiator outside building	46 White ST, MORDIALLOC		Metropolitan	Residential premises surrounding site	Residential	Residential	0 - 25 m
NB	UE	3	1992	7	Only 2 TX visible	adjacent to TX	-	2 TX with 3 walled enclosure.	-	411-427 Nepean Highway, BRIGHTON EAST		Metropolitan	Residential premises to the east and north east along Clonaig Street	Public Use Zone	Residential	0 - 38 m

Site Code	Scenario 0 Do Nothing Approach	Scenario 1 Transformer Replacement	Scenario 2 New Transformer & New Radiator Enclosure	Scenario 3 Modification to transformer enclosure and new radiator enclosure	Scenario 4 Modification to existing transformer & existing radiator enclosure	Scenario 5 Acoustic Perimeter Wall	Scenario 6 Combination of Scenarios 2 & 5	Scenario 7 Combination of Scenarios 3 & 5	Scenario 8 Combination of Scenarios 4 & 5	Scenario 9 Miscellaneous Treatments	Comments/Justification
	Ind. Noise reduction 0 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 dB >	Ind. Noise reduction 20 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 2 – 15 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 23 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction < 5 dB	
CFD	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	<p>Transformers and radiators in open against substation with no enclosure. Some of the receivers are double storey. Site has about 3 m high boundary wall.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be suitable. Scenario 3 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures. Scenario 4 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures. Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction at all receivers as a standalone mitigation. Scenario 6 - Additional high perimeter fence is expected to provide notable reduction due to distance of transformer and adjoining receiver to the wall. This options in combination with the new enclosures is expected to be sufficient. This option will also reduce risk of likely noise from other sources on site. Scenario 7 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed. Scenario 8 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed. Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments not expected to achieve the reduction required given the significant exceedance.</p>
EL	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	<p>Transformers and radiators are located within partial enclosures with open top. Exceedance at this site is relatively minor. A number of noise sensitive receivers are double or multi-storey. Site has existing high boundary wall.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient Scenario 2 - New enclosure design likely sufficient, however may not be reasonable given transformers are partially enclosed. Scenario 3 - Not relevant to this site as both Transformer and radiator in partial enclosure. Scenario 4 - Modification to enclosure may be sufficient, however likely require additional mitigations such as combined options. Scenario 5 - Acoustic Fence will not provide sufficient reduction by itself given double storey receivers and existing high transformer enclosure walls. Scenario 6 - Not relevant as transformers are located in an existing enclosure Scenario 7 - Not relevant as both the transformer and radiator are located in an existing enclosure Scenario 8 - Modification to enclosure plus perimeter fence would be suitable. This option is technically preferred over Scenario 4, as it will reduce risk of likely noise from other sources on site. Scenario 9 - Unlikely to achieve the reduction required without significant modifications and hence not reasonable.</p>
SR	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	<p>Transformers and radiators are located within partial enclosures with open top. Site is surrounded by multiple double storey receivers overlooking site. Site has existing high solid boundary wall.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient Scenario 2 - New enclosure design likely sufficient, however may not be reasonable given transformers are partially enclosed. Scenario 3 - Not relevant to this site as both Transformer and radiator in partial enclosure. Scenario 4 - Modification to enclosure may be sufficient, however likely require additional mitigations such as combined options. Scenario 5 - Acoustic Fence will not provide sufficient reduction by itself given the significant exceedance and location of receivers. Scenario 6 - Not relevant as transformers are located in an existing enclosure Scenario 7 - Not relevant as both the transformer and radiator are located in an existing enclosure Scenario 8 - Modification to enclosure plus perimeter fence would be suitable. This option is technically preferred over Scenario 4, as it will reduce risk of likely noise from other sources on site. Scenario 9 - Unlikely to achieve the reduction required without significant modifications and hence not reasonable.</p>

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	Ind. Noise reduction 0 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 dB >	Ind. Noise reduction 20 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 2 – 15 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 23 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction < 5 dB	
STO	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	<p>Transformers are located inside building with radiators located outside within partial enclosures with open top. Exceedance at this site is relatively minor. A number of noise sensitive receivers are double or multi-storey.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design will likely achieve reduction, however not considered a cost effective solution given the small exceedance. Scenario 2 - New enclosure design will achieve the reduction. However it is not considered a cost effective solution given minor exceedance. Scenario 3 - Modification to transformer enclosure and new radiator enclosure is will be sufficient. This option is effective solution as it controls noise at source. Scenario 4 - Modification to existing transformer and radiator enclosure will likely be enough to achieve the reduction. Likely effective solution as it controls noise at source. Scenario 5 – Perimeter fence expected to achieve the reduction required. Scenario 6,7,8 - Not expected to be required as individual Scenarios 3,4 and 5 are expected to be satisfactory without the additional acoustic perimeter wall. Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments may achieve the reduction required. Although this option is feasible however not recommended as preferred solution without detailed site investigation.</p>
CRM	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	<p>Two of the transformers are in enclosures with radiators located outside. One transformer is located in open with no enclosure.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be for the one transformers located in open area. Scenario 3 - Modification of the existing enclosure and new radiator enclosure would be required for the two transformers with enclosure This option however will need to be adopted in combination with Scenario 2. Scenario 4 - Not relevant to this site. Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction required at double storey receivers. Scenarios 6,7,8 - Additional fence not likely to achieve significant acoustic benefit due to double storey receivers. Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments may achieve the reduction required. Although this option is feasible however not recommended as preferred solution without detailed site investigation.</p>
EB	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	<p>Two of the transformers are in enclosures with radiators located outside. One transformer is located in open with no enclosure. Some of the noise sensitive receivers adjoining site are double storey overlooking site.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk) Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be for the one transformers located in open area. Scenario 3 - Modification of the existing enclosure and new radiator enclosure would be required for the two transformers with enclosure This option however will need to be adopted in combination with Scenario 2. Scenario 4 - Not relevant to this site. Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction required at double storey receivers. Scenarios 6 &amp; 7, Additional acoustic perimeter fence will reduce the risk of likely noise from other sources on site as well as assist with the overall reduction of noise from site given significant reduction required, close proximity of receivers and potential low ambient noise. Scenarios 8 - Not relevant to this site. Scenario 9 - Unlikely to achieve the reduction required without significant modifications and hence not reasonable.</p>

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	Ind. Noise reduction 0 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 dB >	Ind. Noise reduction 20 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 10 – 20 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 2 – 15 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 23 ± 5 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction 15 – 23 dB	Ind. Noise reduction < 5 dB	
FSH	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	<p>Transformers are in open area with no enclosures and with minor shielding. Some of the noise sensitive receivers are double storey.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk)  Scenario 1 -Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient  Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be suitable.  Scenario 3 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures.  Scenario 4 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures.  Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction required due to distance of the transformers to the perimeter and double storey receivers.  Scenario 6 - Additional fence not likely to achieve significant acoustic benefit due to distance of the transformers to the perimeter.  Scenario 7 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed.  Scenario 8 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed.  Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments not expected to achieve the reduction required given the significant exceedance.</p>
GW	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	<p>Two transformers and radiators are located within enclosures with open top. One transformer is located in full enclosure with the radiator located outside . A number of adjoining noise sensitive receivers are double storey and overlooking the site.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk)  Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient  Scenario 2 - New enclosure design likely sufficient, however may not be reasonable given transformers are partially enclosed.  Scenario 3 - Modification of the existing enclosure and new radiator enclosure would be required for the one transformers with enclosure This option however will need to be adopted in combination with Scenario 4.  Scenario 4 - Modification of the existing enclosures would be required for the two partial enclosures. This option however will likely need to be adopted in combination with Scenario 3.  Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction required due to distance of the transformers to the perimeter and double storey receivers.  Scenario 6,7,8 - Additional fence not likely to achieve significant acoustic benefit due to distance of the transformers to the perimeter and double storey receivers.  Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments not expected to achieve the reduction required given the significant exceedance.</p>
MC	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	<p>Two of the transformers are in enclosures with radiators located outside. One transformer is located in open with no enclosure. Some of the noise sensitive receivers adjoining site are double storey overlooking site.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk)  Scenario 1 - Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient  Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be for the one transformers located in open area.  Scenario 3 - Modification of the existing enclosure and new radiator enclosure would be required for the two transformers with enclosure This option however will need to be adopted in combination with Scenario 2.  Scenario 4 - Not relevant to this site.  Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction required at double storey receivers.  Scenarios 6 &amp; 7, Additional acoustic perimeter fence will reduce the risk of likely noise from other sources on site as well as assist with the overall reduction of noise from site given significant reduction required, close proximity of receivers and potential low ambient noise.  Scenarios 8 - Not relevant to this site.  Scenario 9 - Unlikely to achieve the reduction required without significant modifications and hence not reasonable.</p>
NB	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	<p>Transformers and radiators in open against substation wall with no enclosure. Site generally surrounded by single storey noise sensitive receivers. Transformers have very high walls on three sides.</p> <p>Scenario 0 - EPA fines (high risk)  Scenario 1 -Transformer replacement and re-design likely sufficient  Scenario 2 - New transformer and radiator enclosure would be suitable.  Scenario 3 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures.  Scenario 4 - Not relevant as no existing enclosures.  Scenario 5 - Acoustic perimeter fence not expected to achieve the reduction at all receivers as a standalone mitigation.  Scenario 6 - Additional fence not likely to achieve significant acoustic benefit due to existing high walls.  Scenario 7 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed.  Scenario 8 - Not relevant as transformers and radiators not enclosed.  Scenario 9 - Miscellaneous treatments not expected to achieve the reduction required given the significant exceedance.</p>

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*The Cost Estimate has been prepared for the purpose of supporting a business case by United Energy to apply to the AER for funding to enable noise reduction works across the United Energy substation network and must not be used for any other purpose.*

*The Cost Estimate is a preliminary estimate only. Actual prices, costs and other variables may be different to those used to prepare the Cost Estimate and may change. Unless as otherwise specified in this report, no detailed quotation has been obtained for actions identified in this report. GHD does not represent, warrant or guarantee that the [works/project] can or will be undertaken at a cost which is the same or less than the Cost Estimate.*

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*The opinions, conclusions and any recommendations in this report are based on information obtained from, and testing undertaken at or in connection with, specific sample points. Site conditions at other parts of the site may be different from the site conditions found at the specific sample points.*

*Investigations undertaken in respect of this report are constrained by the particular site conditions, such as the location of buildings, services and vegetation. As a result, not all relevant site features and conditions may have been identified in this report.*

*Site conditions (including the presence of hazardous substances and/or site contamination) may change after the date of this Report. GHD does not accept responsibility arising from, or in connection with, any change to the site conditions. GHD is also not responsible for updating this report if the site conditions change.*

## **Appendix G** – Assumptions and qualifications

The following assumptions and qualifications were made as part of this assessment report.

### **General**

- The assessments and proposed indicative design solutions in this report are high level only and require further detailed investigations prior to construction.
- This report only considers acoustic and structural factors and other disciplines such as electrical, mechanical, and geotechnical have not been considered and as such these solutions should only be regarded as conceptual and require further detailed investigations and design using multi-disciplinary option assessments prior to construction.
- The indicative enclosure designs noted in this report, have not taken into consideration the site specific ventilation requirements at each substation facility.
- The indicative enclosure designs noted in this report, have not taken into consideration the site specific transformer and radiator requirements at each substation facility, including clearance and any site specific constraints.
- Existing transformer enclosures are assumed to be brick or heavy masonry with heavy roof. No modular or lightweight wall construction is assumed.

### **Client supplied information**

- As the scope of the exercise was limited to providing generic solutions, with no solution being specific for one particular site, a range of United Energy inputs and design assumptions were required and were relied on by GHD to provide the various design solutions. Inputs Provided by United Energy included:
  - Structural drawings of an example zone substation
  - An Excel file containing site names and indicative night time noise exceedance levels
  - Advice on the types of substation scenarios to consider:
    - Regional substations
    - Urban substations
    - CBD substations
  - Substation aerial imagery

### **Structural Design**

- The soil class at each United Energy site was assumed to be class H1 soil or better. The solutions provided may not be relevant for 'Class P' sites (problem site).
- The soil bearing capacity at each site was assumed to be 75 kPa or greater.
- All sites were assumed to be within 70 km of the Melbourne CBD allowing for an A5 wind classification, a design life of 50 years, and a terrain category 2 as per the Australian Standard AS1170.2 – Wind Design.
- All new transformer enclosure roof slabs were designed for a 5 kPa plant loading as per the Australian Standard AS1770.
- The footprint of new transformer and radiator enclosure designs were a nominal 7.5 m x 7.5 m however the final footprint will require confirmation for each site, and will be subject to the existing site specific footprint. GHD notes a number of substation sites in the assessment have differing enclosure dimensions to that considered in this high level assessment.

## Acoustic Assessment

- The acoustic assessment has been undertaken using an existing worst case scenario noise level from an existing zone substation to represent noise levels across all transformer locations where sites are known to currently be in exceedance of their site specific noise criteria.
- Details of the assessment are based on United Energy provided transformer specifications, layouts, and dimensions.
- Simplified noise modelling was undertaken based on indicative scenarios noted above with assumptions outlined in this section and Section 4.2.
- Proposed mitigation options were established based on a high level review of sites, consultation with United Energy, and GHD's experience on similar sites.
- A detailed noise assessment for each site including site visits and measurements has not been carried out for this desktop assessment and would be required in order to sufficiently characterise noise emissions from each site and allow for appropriate tailored solutions to be developed.
- This assessment provides indicative high level mitigation options that are reasonably expected to reduce noise from each relevant site. The indicative solutions outlined in this report shall not be construed as detailed mitigation options for incorporation at each site.
- This assessment was based on site details and existing exceedance levels provided by United Energy. GHD has not undertaken any site visits or any detailed assessment of the sites. GHD does not have site specific information on where the exceedance in noise level has been measured from or what receivers are currently affected at each location.
- For the purpose of this indicative assessment, GHD has assumed that noise levels from each site are controlled by Transformer and/or radiator noise emissions and therefore have provided options aimed at a reduction in noise level from these two noise sources.
- For existing transformer enclosures, walls and roofs are assumed heavy and have sufficient sound transmission loss and are therefore site noise is not assumed emitted from wall or roof elements.
- There are a number of substations with existing radiator enclosures. United Energy has advised that typically these have a wall on two of their four sides (oil splash and fire barrier). Two new radiator acoustic walls may be built at these locations to enclose the radiator on all four sides. The existing wall may require removal and reinstallation should their overall heights not met the minimum acoustic requirements, however this would be assessed on a site-by-sites basis and therefore has not been costed in this assessment.
- Vibration isolation pads separating the transformer from the foundation slab. Replacement or installation of these isolation pads is a feasible solution however it is a significantly complex task and planning and pre works would need to be undertaken prior to this occurring and therefore has not been costed in this assessment.

### ***Cost estimation***

- The cost estimate for a modification of the existing enclosures, does not include associated costs for demolition and removal of existing services, labour cost and making good of the enclosure.
- A number of provisional sums have been included in the cost estimations for each type of mitigation option, see Sections 3.2.1 through 3.2.7. These provisional sums are based on Wilde and Woollard (Quantity Surveyors) and GHD's experience together with workshopped discussions with United Energy staff.

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