

# **Short Term Monitoring Program**

## Airport West Report, VIC

## Version Control

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Section	Summary

## Glossary of Terms

A	Arrivals
Background noise level (L90)	The sound level in dB(A) that is exceeded 90% of the time
Correlated Noise Event (CNE)	A noise event correlated to an aircraft operation that flew through the capture zone
Correlation Summary	Percentage of captured aircraft operations correlated with noise events recorded by the noise monitor
D	Departures
Day	6:00am to 11:00pm
H	Helicopters
LAmx	Maximum sound level in dB(A)
Local	Operation that departs and arrives at the same airport. Local movements include circuits and training flights.
Movement	An aircraft operation, such as an arrival or departure
Night	11:00 pm to 6:00 am
NFPMS	Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System
Noise Event	A noise that exceeds the threshold sound level for longer than the threshold time that is set
NMT	Noise Monitoring Terminal
O	Overflight i.e. an aircraft movement that flew over the area but did not arrive or depart from the airport of concern
T	Local Operation (Departure and Arrival)
Threshold	Determined level on noise monitor that triggers a noise event when exceeded

For further information on the metrics used in this report refer to Australian Standard 1055.1–1997 “Acoustics – Description and measurement of environmental noise”.

## Airservices Noise Monitoring Program

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## Deployment Purpose

Short term noise monitoring was conducted at Airport West following recommendations made by the community.

The purpose of this report is to provide a technical summary of the recorded aircraft noise and operational data collected at Airport West during November and December 2013.

An explanation of terms used within this report can be found in the Glossary on page 2 of the report.

## Deployment Monitoring Period

14/11/2013 12:00 am – 12/12/2013 12:00 am

## Noise Monitoring Terminal (NMT) Details

Location	Bowes Avenue Community Centre, Airport West, Victoria 3042
Latitude	37° 43' 53.76" S
Longitude	144° 53' 3.94" E
NMT Altitude	259 ft above mean sea level
Capture Zone	2.5 km radius with 8,000 ft (above ground level) height for noise data capture
Threshold Settings	48.0 dB(A) to 60.0 dB(A) depending on time of day

## Airport West Findings

- For more information please refer to Figure 1, Figure 2 and Table 1 on page 4.
- The noise monitor was located in Airport West 1 km to the west of Essendon airport.
- 4,617 movements flew through the capture zone during the reporting period. 3,842 of these were Essendon operations.
- 25% of total operations that flew through the capture zone (as shown in figure 2) were Helicopter movements.
- 961 correlated noise events exceeded 65 dB(A), 30 of these occurred during the hours of night.
- The number of correlated noise events exceeding 65 dB(A) in any one day ranged from 5 to 114.
- Residents of Airport West experienced noise events that exceed 75 dB(A) during the hours of day and night. This occurred 162 times during the reporting period.
- The loudest correlated aircraft noise event with a max level of 95.7 dB(A) was a Fokker 70 Runway 26 Departure.
- There are a high number of non-flight planned helicopter and general aviation operations that depart or arrive at Essendon. For this reason Unknown movements feature prominently in Table 1.
- The correlation summary for all movements was 37%. This is considered to be a lower than average result based on reviews of fixed noise monitoring terminals nationally.

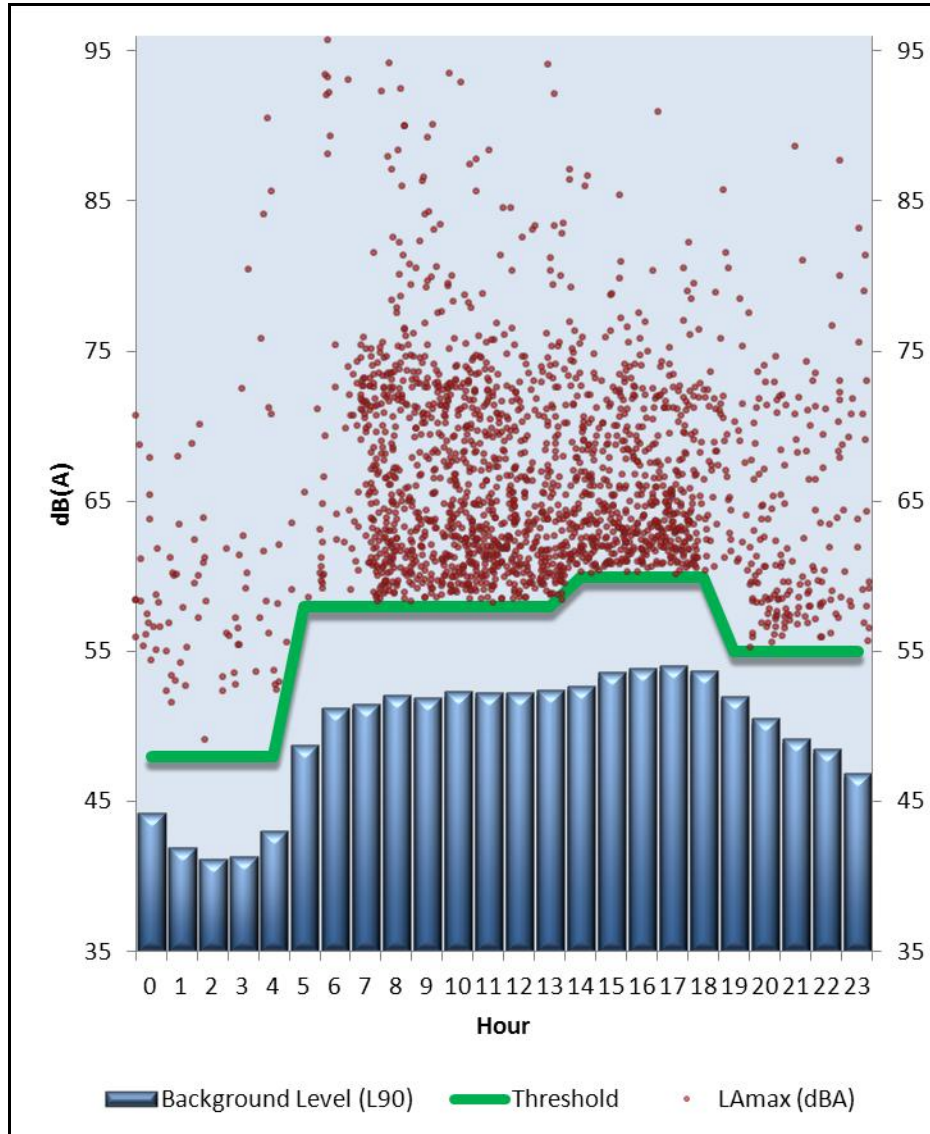


FIGURE 1: AIRPORT WEST NOISE SUMMARY  
14/11/2013 12:00AM – 12/12/2013 12:00AM

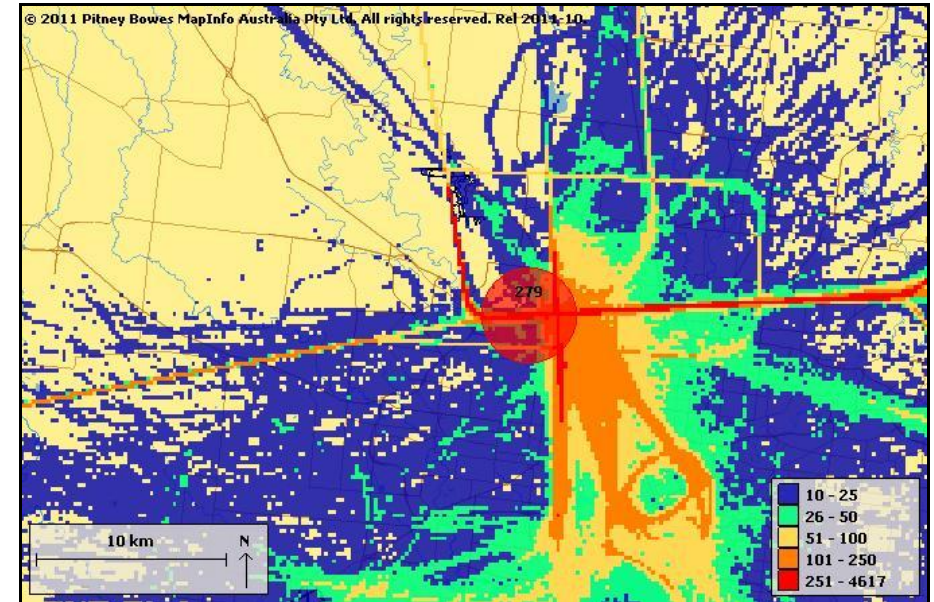


FIGURE 2: OPERATIONS THAT TRAVERSED AIRPORT WEST

TABLE 1: TOP 10 MOST CORRELATED AIRCRAFT TYPES OVER THE AIRPORT WEST NOISE MONITORING TERMINAL

Aircraft Type	Airport	Operation Type	RWY	No. Correlated Noise Events	LAmax dB(A)		Highest No. CNE in One Day
					Average	Maximum	
Unknown (H)	EN	T	HE	233	62.6	78.3	22
Unknown (H)	EN	D	HE	195	63.8	80.3	15
Boeing 737-800 (J)	ML	A	34	160	72.2	82.3	33
Unknown (H)	EN	A	HE	132	63.3	94.1	12
Unknown (U)	EN	D	17	101	63.1	77.5	13
Airbus A320 (J)	ML	A	34	91	70.6	76.9	19
Boeing 767-300 (J)	ML	A	34	66	73.1	81.4	13
Beechcraft Super King Air (T)	EN	D	17	64	61.6	80.9	7
Embraer 190 (J)	ML	A	34	51	70.2	75.5	11
Unknown (U)	EN	A	17	39	63.2	73.2	8

Aircraft Category: Jet (J), Turboprop (T), Propeller (P), Helicopter (H), Unknown (U)

Operation Type: Arrival (A), Departure (D), Local Operation (T), Overflight (O)

Airport: Essendon (EN), Melbourne (ML)