



## acoustic studio

# MONTHLY REPORT CITY & SOUTHWEST ACOUSTIC ADVISOR

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### Ongoing Issue - Covid-19 pandemic

During June 2020 the NSW government continued to ease some of the restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. TSE site inspections resumed. However, the situation continues to affect noise and vibration impacts and the availability or suitability of options for mitigation. For example:

- Large numbers of people continued to work from home. It is therefore likely that residential receivers were more sensitive to daytime construction noise.
- Respite offers such as movie or dinner vouchers were not suitable at this time. People may also have been more reluctant to take up Alternate Accommodation.
- Some works took place under Orders made allowing some construction to be extended into Saturday afternoons, Sundays and Public Holidays.

The AA has continued to work with Sydney Metro, DPIE, contractors and the ER to implement appropriate responses to manage these impacts and fulfil the requirements of the Conditions of Approval. In addition to the risks, the Covid-19 situation continues to present some opportunities. For example, workplaces were expanded and more hours made available for noisier works at Central Station, when patron numbers were low.

## **Acoustic Advisor Activity**

- Review and endorsement of
  - o TSE Victoria Cross Evening Spoil Haulage
  - LWW Portion 3 Chatswood early access works
  - TSE Victoria Cross Evening Spoil Haulage update
  - CSM Construction Noise and Vibration Monitoring report August '19 to January '20
  - TSE completion of requirements under Condition E34
- Review and endorsement of out of hours work (OOHW) applications and extensions for
  - MP-ISD Removal of Plant from site
  - o LWW mid-week possession Northern Connection
  - Chatswood Residual Land Geotechnical Investigations
  - o LWW Surry Hills / Waterloo BPS Early Works Services Investigation/Survey
  - MP-ISD Bulkout Sundays (subject to modification of Condition E46)
- Attendance at Sydney Metro meetings with DPIE, and meetings with TSE and CSM contractors.

## Inspections, audits and site visits

- CSM Central Station works
- TSE Northern sites (Chatswood, Victoria Cross, Blues Point, Martin Place South)
- Martin Place USP works

## Monitoring status

 Real-time noise and vibration monitoring (with real-time access) ongoing at TSE, CSM, SSJ, and Martin Place USP sites.

## Noise and vibration complaints

Noise and vibration complaints from TSE, CSM, SMU – dealt with appropriately by contractors.

#### Initiatives

None

## Non-compliances, incidents and events

None

## Ongoing and upcoming environmental risks

- Excavation at Pitt Street North, Martin Place (USP and TSE works) and Victoria Cross south.
- Progressive removal of acoustic sheds from station sites.

## Recommendations (incl auditing):

None.