

Appendix 4 NZDF Proposed Noise Management Plan condition (updated post-hearing)

ATTACHMENT 1 – PROPOSED NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN CONDITION (Updated post-hearing)

CONDITION WITH TRACK CHANGES	COMMENTARY / RATIONALE
1. The requiring authority shall prepare a Noise Management Plan (NMP), the primary objectives of which are to:	
a. provide the community with assurance that the level of activity at the Range fits with the modelled contours and that the contours continue to be appropriate; and	<p>While an NMP might serve the purpose of providing the community with assurance, as set out in Hearing 29 I do not consider reference out to a third party, or third parties in this instance, should be reflected in the objectives of the NMP.</p> <p>In terms of the second part of the objective, I refer to Mr Humpheson's evidence regarding the purpose and limitations of the noise contours. As Mr Humpheson explains, the noise contours are intended for land-use planning purposes, and not for determining compliance or setting an activity or event-specific maximum allowable level of noise.</p> <p>Considerable monitoring effort would be required to demonstrate compliance in a manner that was not proportionate to the noise effects at issue. I agree with Mr Humpheson's conclusion that the monitoring-burden required to give effect to this objective would not be a practicable or reasonable requirement to impose on the West Melton Rifle Range.</p>
<p>a. <u>identify management and mitigation measures for noise effects associated with activities at the Range</u></p> <p>b. <u>set out roles and responsibilities for noise management and implementation of the NMP</u></p>	<p>Identify management and mitigation measures</p> <p>And set out roles and responsibilities for noise management and implementation of the NMP are typical requirements of an NMP</p>
c. address the process for complaints and engagement with the community.	
2. The NMP shall cover all firearms and detonation activities at the Range.	
3. The requiring authority shall provide the proposed NMP to Council's Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services (or equivalent position), no later than <u>3-months after it when it releases its decision pursuant to Schedule 1 cl.13 s172 of the RMA, for</u>	<p>Minor amendments to provide a more realistic timeframe and to correctly reference the applicable RMA provisions.</p> <p>While certification is standard for management plans, NZDF has indicated that given the long-</p>

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<p>certification demonstrating that the NMP meets the requirements of these conditions. Within 15 working days, the Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services <u>may request changes shall either confirm in writing that the NMP has been certified, or advise the requiring authority in writing of the changes that need to be made to achieve certification. The requiring authority shall amend the NMP where appropriate, noting why the requested changes were or were not adopted.</u></p>	<p>standing nature of the designation and limited noise effects it does not support a certification process. The amendments respond to this.</p> <p>Compliance and enforcement options are still available under the RMA if the designation conditions are not met.</p> <p>Section 16 of the RMA also applies (as set out in Hearing 17 - Noise).</p>
<p>4. The NMP may be varied by the requiring authority as a result of experience in noise producing events at the Range, or a review may be requested at any time by the Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services to deal with specific issues which have arisen. Any changes shall be provided to the Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services for certification, with a response provided in accordance with the process in Condition 3. above.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>The NMP shall cover at least the following matters:</p>	<p>Appropriate matters are specifically identified below.</p>
<p>a. Practices and procedures to be adopted to ensure the reasonable management of noise generated from the Range, including setting out roles and responsibilities for noise mitigation and management, and measurement/monitoring of noise sources and activities (to inform a future update of the noise contours prepared for the purposes of land-use control) and specifying a monitoring regime.</p> <p>Practices and procedures to be adopted to ensure the reasonable management of noise generated from the Range, including setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roles and responsibilities for noise management • <u>methods and processes for mitigating adverse effects of noise, and</u> • <u>specifying a monitoring of noise sources and activities regime.</u> 	<p>Refer to Mr Humpheson's evidence regarding the practicalities and value in monitoring. This amended condition responds to that and provides for appropriate monitoring to be identified in an NMP (in place of the monitoring envisaged by Condition 1(a)).</p> <p>Proposed condition updated following Hearing 29 to simplify wording and clarify requirements.</p>

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b. <u>The process for community engagement, including input into the development and implementation of the NMP.</u>	In response to matters raised by submitters at Hearing 29.
c. How residents will be given prior notice of forthcoming noisy events – a description of how residents will be informed and using which communication platforms (i.e. a specified webpage, public notice, email, letter drop); the rationale for identifying which events are considered noisy events requiring notification of residents in advance; what information will be shared with residents about the event.	
d. A complaints procedure that records all complaints received by the Range operator, and specifies actions to be taken following receipt of complaints, and recording of any remedial actions taken. Records that protect privacy of individuals shall be accessible to the public e.g. available online at a specified webpage.	
e. The identification of circumstances in which it would be appropriate to initiate a review of the contents of the NMP.	