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## 1.0 SUMMARY

Marshall Day Acoustics Limited (**MDA**) first prepared a noise model for Port Otago in 1994. The noise model has regularly been reviewed to establish the Dunedin City Council (**DCC**) Port Noise Control Boundaries, evaluate future development options and reflect changes in current operations.

Port Otago has engaged MDA to review the Current Port Noise Maps. These are prepared to represent the noise environment for the coming year (2022). Noise monitoring data from the previous year (2021) is used to verify and calibrate the noise model. The Current Port Noise Maps are included in the [Port Noise Management Plan](#).

The noise model was last updated in 2019<sup>1</sup>. There have been no material changes to Port Otago operations in 2021. Silencers have now been fitted to the Rio vessels, which significantly reduces the low frequency noise and removes the 'rumble' effect. However, one residual vessel (the Monte Rosa) is yet to have a silencer fitted. We understand that this vessel may either be leaving the NZ rotation or be fitted with reactive silencers when COVID restrictions allow.

The following report provides a summary of the performance standards and modelling methodology. The Current Port Noise Maps 2021 in Section 4.0 and Appendix D represent the current peak operations period with the Rio Class vessel at Multi Purpose Wharf, before the silencers were installed on the vessels. They are unchanged from the 2019 Maps. This ensures a conservative representation of the noise contours in the coming year.

Note that a glossary of technical terms is included in Appendix A.

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<sup>1</sup> MDA report Rp 002 r01 20190116, dated 1 November 2019



## 2.0 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

### 2.1 Port Noise Standard (NZS 6809: 1999)

Noise from Port Otago is experienced primarily on the landward side of the mean high-water springs, and is managed in accordance with the Dunedin City District Plan. The District Plan provisions have been influenced by New Zealand's Port Noise Standard NZS 6809.

The objective of NZS 6809 is to ensure the long-term compatibility of ports and their neighbours by the application of appropriate land use planning techniques. The Standard recognises the need for ports to operate in an effective manner and provides guidelines to ensure that the adjacent residential communities can co-exist with ports and their associated activities.

The Standard uses the concept of *Inner* and *Outer Control Boundaries* which it recommends be incorporated into planning maps in the District Plan. Each boundary has an associated range of permitted and conditional activities. Furthermore, port companies and port users should implement management plans to manage and monitor noise from their operations, with the aim of progressively reducing noise levels wherever practicable.

The *Inner* and *Outer Control Boundaries* are based around an acoustic parameter called the *Day/Night Level* or  $L_{dn}$  which is measured in dBA. This parameter is essentially the energy average sound level calculated over a 24-hour period. Night-time noise is weighted by adding 10 decibels to reflect the greater sensitivity to noise at night. For NZS 6809, the *Inner* and *Outer Control Boundaries* equate to a predicted noise level over a 5-day period of 65 dBA  $L_{dn}$  and 55 dBA  $L_{dn}$  respectively.

The control boundaries are derived from the noise contours for the predicted peak operations period in the lifetime of the District Plan, which is typically 10 years in the future. The control boundaries are inclusive, following cadastral boundaries.

### 2.2 Operative Dunedin City District Plan

Inner and outer control boundaries are included on planning Map 70, referred to as the 'Port Noise Boundary' and 'Port Outer Control Boundary' respectively. Both operative control boundaries are shown on the current port noise contour maps in Appendix D.

Port Otago activities within the 'Port Noise Boundary' are subject to rule 21.5.2, included in Appendix B. The rule addresses the following four matters:

- Port Noise Management – Adopt best practicable option to minimise port noise emissions in accordance with Appendix 21A
- Port Noise Mitigation – Purchase or acoustically treat noise affected properties in accordance with Appendix 21B
- Port Noise Liaison Committee – Maintain and participate in a Port Noise Liaison Committee in accordance with Appendix 21C
- Port Noise Measurement – Measurement in accordance with NZS 6801 and assessment in accordance with NZS 6809

New residential activities within the 'Port Outer Control Boundary' are subject to identical rules 8.7.2 (xi) and 9.7.2 (ix), reproduced as follows:

*"On any site located between the Port Noise Boundary and the Port Outer Control Boundary at Port Chalmers, as shown on District Plan Maps 65 and 70, any new building to be used for residential activities shall be acoustically insulated from external noise so as to meet an indoor design level of 40 dBA  $L_{dn}$  within any kitchen, dining area, living room, study or bedroom"*

## 2.3 Proposed Second Generation District Plan

The Proposed Second Generation District Plan (2GP) is currently in an appeals version.

Port Otago activities are subject to rule 30.5.4, included in Appendix C. A 'Port Noise Control Area' overlay is used to indicate the outer control boundary. This proposed control boundary is also included in Appendix D.

## 2.4 Port Noise Management

NZS 6809:1999 provides guidance on the development and application of a Noise Management Plan. This is to “*ensure that emissions of noise from port activities is minimised, consistent with practicality, safety and the efficient operation, use and development of the ports*”.

The [Port Otago Noise Management Plan](https://www.portotago.co.nz/about/sustainability/)<sup>2</sup> was updated in early 2020 in-line with best practice. It is available on the Port Otago website here: <https://www.portotago.co.nz/about/sustainability/>.

## 2.5 Port Noise Mitigation

Port Otago has upgraded the acoustic performance of a significant number of dwellings over the last decade. Guidance on the mitigation scheme can also be found on the Port Otago website here: <https://www.portotago.co.nz/about/sustainability/>.

## 3.0 MODELLING METHODOLOGY

### 3.1 Overview

A computer-based noise model is used to predict the 'energy average' noise emissions from the Port over a peak five-day operating period. The model consists of the following parts that must be accurate in order for the noise contours to be reliable:

- **Noise sources**  
The equipment reference noise levels are representative. Measurements have been made of representative Port machinery to determine the sound power levels in the model.
- **Operational scenario**  
The operational assumptions are representative, including the location of sources and their operational duration. These assumptions have been developed, and reviewed, with the Port on a regular basis.
- **Modelling methodology**  
The software takes into account attenuation due to distance, shielding, ground absorption, topography, air absorption and assigns the +10 decibels night weighting for the  $L_{dn}$  index. It enables both individual and cumulative assessment of noise emissions.
- **Calibration**  
The model relies on short-term and long-term monitoring to verify the shape of the overall level of the contours and calibrate the model.

### 3.2 Noise Sources

The noise source data for the model was prepared from measurements carried out of Port of Otago machinery. In some cases, equipment information was supplemented with representative data measured at other Ports (e.g. ships) in order to make it more complete.

In every case, the octave band spectrum of the noise source was measured at a known distance while the equipment undertook several cycles of operation. From this data, the sound power level of

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<sup>2</sup> MDA report Rp 001 20190116, dated 13 March 2020

the equipment was calculated. The calculated sound powers were cross checked against data for similar equipment. Table 1 summarises the sources used in the noise model.

**Table 1: Noise sources used in the operational noise models**

Noise Sources used in Model <sup>1</sup>	Sound Power Level (dB L <sub>WA</sub> )
Cranes, trains	110 – 120
Normal Ships (e.g. log, container, cruise)	105 – 115
<b>Rio Class container ship – without silencer<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>115 – 120</b>
Straddle carriers, log loaders and trucks	100 – 110
Small fork-lifts	90 – 100
Reefer units	85 – 90

<sup>1</sup> Vehicles on public roads are excluded from port noise contours

<sup>2</sup> Monte Rosa (Silencers have now been fitted on all other Rio vessels)

Reactive silencers have now been installed on most of the Rio Class container ships. The reactive silencers have removed the low frequency ‘rumble’ that has caused noise complaints from the community.

These vessels started visiting Port Chalmers on a regular basis in late 2018, which resulted in community noise complaints, primarily due to the low frequency character (i.e. ‘rumble’) produced by the onboard generators.

Port noise is typically broadband in character; however, the Rio Class ships produce disproportionately high levels of low frequency sound energy compared with a normal container ship or other typical port activities. Noise complaints are primarily received at night when people are inside, presumably with the windows shut. Due to the low frequency nature of the noise, Rio Class ships are perceived as significantly louder than other typical container ships.

Port Otago has engaged with Maersk to address the low frequency noise effects. Maersk undertook further measurements and assessments using their own acoustic experts. As a result, each vessel has been fitted with a silencer which has reduced the overall noise level and low frequency component, bringing residual noise levels in line with other typical ships.

Another Rio Class vessel that began visiting Port Otago in 2020 (Monta Rosa) was identified as having a similar low frequency issue. We understand that a reactive silencer is to be fitted to this vessel when COVID restrictions allow.

An additional vessel (Wieland) was also identified as having the low frequency issue. We understand that this vessel will no longer visit Port Otago.

### 3.3 Operational Scenario

The Current Port Noise Maps are produced from the ‘busy 5-day’ operational scenario model, which is updated annually. The Port operational input assumptions are essential to ensure the model reflects the peak 5-day period of maximum cargo throughput or activity.

The modelling assumptions include a description, the number of, and an equivalent ‘on-time’ description for each noise source. The ‘on-time’ operational profile is explained by way of the following four examples, shown in Figure 3 of the Current Port Noise Maps (2019) included in Appendix D:

- Item A2: ‘Ship (Standard Container Vessel)’  
This represents a normal container ship on the Container Terminal Wharf. The sound power level

of each unit is included at a representative location identified in Figure 3. The daytime 'on-time' summary description '100% 9h 2d' indicates that a vessel fitting this description is typically operating/idling 100% of an activity period spanning 9 hours on 2 days (0700 – 2200) during the 5-day modelling period. There is one of these sources included in the model, as denoted in the 'No.' column.

- Item A6: 'Straddle Carriers – B Block (6 off)'  
This represents six straddle carriers operating in the B Block container yard. The cumulative sound power level is for six units evenly distributed over its region of operation shown in Figure 3.
- Item B4: 'Ship (Rio Vessel) pre mitigation (2019)'  
This represents the Rio Class vessel bow out on the Multi Purpose wharf spanning a period of one night and two days, which was standard practice from early 2019 to early 2020. This noise source represents the measured noise source level before the reactive silencers were fitted in late 2019 and early 2020. The model will be updated with reduced noise levels and operational practices once it is confirmed that all Rio Class vessels have been fitted with reactive silencers.
- Item D5: 'Log trucks'  
This represents truck movements between the Beach Street gate and the log yard, where two movements are required for one return trip. The average '5-day movements' for the noise source is split into day (0700-2200) and night (2200-0700) periods to enable application of the night weighting in the  $L_{dn}$  index. The sound power level of one truck is modelled travelling along the line shown in Figure 3 at an average speed of 15km/h. The number of movements is input as 100 truck movements per day for 3 days and none at night over the 5-day peak period.

### 3.4 Modelling Methodology

The noise model has been prepared using SoundPLAN, an internationally recognised computer noise modelling programme. SoundPLAN uses a digital topographical terrain map of the area as its base. Each noise source is located at an appropriate height above the digital map and the software then calculates noise propagation in multiple directions, allowing for buildings, topography, shielding, reflections and meteorological conditions.

The SoundPLAN model uses the calculation algorithms of ISO 9613-2: 1996 'Acoustics – Attenuation of noise during propagation outdoors – Part 2: General method of calculation'. Its accuracy has been established by field trials, including comparisons in New Zealand between predictions and measurements.

The model relies on the following geo referenced base data sourced from DCC (March 2016):

- Topographical contours at 1m intervals
- Cadastral and port noise control boundaries
- Building heights
- Street numbers and names

Port Otago provided high resolution imagery of port operations (2018) and stitched this into publicly available geo referenced aerial imagery (2013). MDA created building footprints by tracing the building outline shown on the geo referenced aerial imagery. DCC attached the building height attribute to the building footprints supplied by MDA.

The noise contours are obtained by computer interpolation between calculated grid points at 10m intervals. The façade noise maps are calculated grid points at 3m intervals, starting at 1.5m above ground level.



### 3.5 Calibration

Four permanent noise monitoring stations are located on the hills overlooking the Port. The monitors are referred to as:

- Scotia St (near 19 Scotia Street)
- Cemetery (in the cemetery - previously referred to as the Careys Bay monitor)
- Henry St (near 3 Henry St, Careys Bay)
- Light Tower 4 (on the western side of the Multi Purpose Wharf)

The noise environment at the Scotia St and Cemetery monitors are controlled by port noise, and therefore, reliably calibrate the noise model. The monitors at Light Tower 4 and Henry Street are used primarily to identify high noise events for noise management purposes.

The noise monitors record summary noise statistics every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. From this, the rolling 5-day L<sub>dn</sub> noise level is calculated and compared to the predicted contours at the two reference points at Scotia St and the Cemetery.

Noise monitoring summary results between 2012 and 2021<sup>3</sup> for the Scotia St and Cemetery monitors are summarised in Table 1 overleaf. An annotated time trace for 2020 and 2021 is included in Figure 1 overleaf.

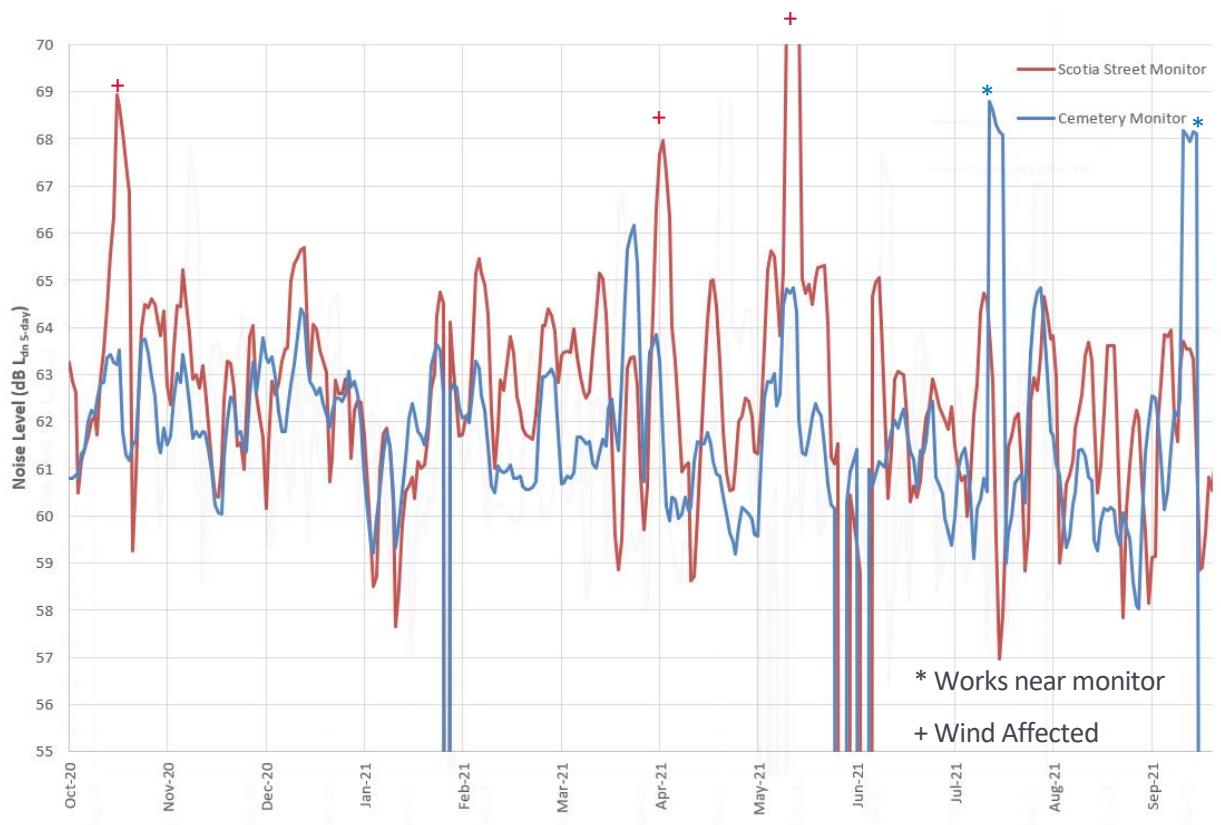
**Table 2: Annual Noise Monitoring Results**

Year	Scotia St Monitor (dB L <sub>dn</sub> 5 day)		Cemetery Monitor (dB L <sub>dn</sub> 5 day)	
	Median Period	Peak Period	Median Period	Peak Period
2012	64	68	61	65
2013	62	66	61	65
2014	61	68	61	64
2015	62	67	60	63
2016	62	68	60	64
2017	63	66	61	63
2018	63	68	61	63
2019	63	69	62	65
2020	63	69	62	65
2021 <sup>3</sup>	62	67 <sup>4</sup>	61	65 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Part year to 30 Sep 2021

<sup>4</sup> Periods of wind induced noise or non-port construction work near the monitor have been excluded

**Figure 1: Monitoring Results**



The monitoring trends can be summarised as follows:

- Both the median and peak periods have remained relatively stable since 2012, although peaked in 2019 due to Rio class ships prior to silencer upgrades
- The peak 5-day period is typically 3-4 decibels louder than the median 5-day period at each monitor
- The noise level received at the Scotia St monitor is typically 1-3 decibels louder than at the Cemetery monitor

The 2019 noise model predicted 67 dB L<sub>dn</sub> 5 day at the Scotia Street monitor and 67 dB L<sub>dn</sub> 5 day at the Cemetery monitor. This aligns well with the monitoring data for 2021 and no calibration adjustment is required to align the noise model results.

The results from the monitors and attended noise surveys in 2012 and 2018 have been used to verify the shape of the modelled noise contours at multiple locations. The agreement between predicted and measured contours is generally good ( $\pm 2$  decibels). Note that  $\pm 2$  decibels accuracy is normal and is considered acceptable for environmental noise predictions.

#### 4.0 CURRENT PORT NOISE MAPS

The Current Port Noise Maps are included in Appendix D. The Figures are summarised as follows:

- Figures 1B, 1C: The noise contours at 1.5m above ground level enable comparison with noise survey measurements undertaken in accordance with New Zealand Standard NZS 6801:2008 "*Acoustics – Measurement of environmental sound*" (which is the revision of the 1999 version referred to in rule 21.5.2).
- Figures 2A and 2B: The 3D façade noise map predicts noise levels received at the façades of dwellings. The plan view façade noise maps display the highest noise level received on the

façades. This is useful for considering the noise mitigation requirements in the operative and proposed District Plans in Appendix 21B and Appendix 30B respectively.

- Figure 3: Presents the modelling inputs and assumptions.

The 2020 noise contours are the same as the 2019 noise model. Overall, it is considered that the calibrated current noise model (2021) provides an accurate representation of the Port Otago peak operations period.

## APPENDIX A GLOSSARY OF TERMINOLOGY

<b>NZS 6809:1999</b>	New Zealand Standard NZS 6809:1999 “Acoustics – Port Noise Management and Land Use Planning”
<b>dB</b>	Decibel. The unit of sound level. Expressed as a logarithmic ratio of sound pressure $P$ relative to a reference pressure of $P_r=20 \mu\text{Pa}$ i.e. $\text{dB} = 20 \times \log(P/P_r)$
<b>dBA</b>	The unit of sound level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter (A-weighted) so as to more closely approximate the frequency bias of the human ear.
<b>A-weighting</b>	The process by which noise levels are corrected to account for the non-linear frequency response of the human ear.
<b><math>L_{Aeq}(t)</math></b>	<p>The equivalent continuous (time-averaged) A-weighted sound level. This is commonly referred to as the average noise level.</p> <p>The suffix "t" represents the time period to which the noise level relates, e.g. (8 h) would represent a period of 8 hours, (15 min) would represent a period of 15 minutes and (2200-0700) would represent a measurement time between 10 pm and 7 am.</p>
<b><math>L_{A90}(t)</math></b>	The A-weighted noise level equalled or exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. This is commonly referred to as the background noise level.
<b><math>L_{Amax}</math></b>	The A-weighted maximum noise level. The highest noise level which occurs during the measurement period.
<b><math>L_{dn}</math></b>	The day night noise level which is calculated from the 24 hour $L_{Aeq}$ with a 10 dB penalty applied to the night-time (2200-0700 hours) $L_{Aeq}$ .
<b>Frequency</b>	The number of pressure fluctuation cycles per second of a sound wave. Measured in units of Hertz (Hz).
<b>Hertz (Hz)</b>	Hertz is the unit of frequency. One hertz is one cycle per second. One thousand hertz is a kilohertz (kHz).
<b>Noise</b>	A sound that is unwanted by, or distracting to, the receiver.
<b>Ambient</b>	The ambient noise level is the noise level measured in the absence of the intrusive noise or the noise requiring control. Ambient noise levels are frequently measured to determine the situation prior to the addition of a new noise source.

## APPENDIX B DUNEDIN CITY DISTRICT PLAN, CHAPTER 21 – ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Relevant sections reproduced in part below. Refer to District Plan for full text.

### 21.5.2 Port Noise Management and Noise Mitigation Performance Standards – Port Chalmers

(i) Port Noise Management

The Port Operator shall investigate and adopt the best practicable option to minimise Port Noise emissions; and

The Port Operator shall produce and at all times operate in accordance with a Port Noise Management Plan which shall include but is not limited to the matters set out in **Appendix 21A**.

(ii) Port Noise Mitigation

The Port Operator shall implement a Port Noise Mitigation Plan for the purchase or Acoustic Treatment of Noise Affected Properties which shall include but is not limited to the matters set out in **Appendix 21B**.

(iii) Port Noise Liaison Committee

The Port Operator shall establish, maintain and participate in a Port Noise Liaison Committee which shall operate generally in accordance with the requirements set out in **Appendix 21C**.

(iv) Port Noise Measurement

- a) The measurement of Port Noise shall be in accordance with NZS 6801:1999 Acoustics - Measurement of Sound, and assessment shall be in accordance with NZS 6809:1999 Acoustics - Port Noise Management and Land Use Planning, provided that:
  - i. subject to sub-clause (b)(i) of this clause, the Rating Level described in clause 7.3 of NZS 6809:1999 shall be determined for the sole purpose of defining any  $L_{eq(15\text{ minute})}$  sound level, required for the purposes of **Appendices 21A and 21B**; and
  - ii. adjustments for any special audible characteristic to any  $L_{eq(15\text{ min})}$  made in accordance with clause 7.3 and A6 of NZS 6809:1999 shall, except for audible warning devices, not apply to noise from log and container handling activities.
- b) For the purpose of comparison with noise criteria specified in **Appendix 21B** the following will apply:
  - i. In calculating any  $L_{dn, (5\text{ day average})}$ , one ship visit of up to five days duration, shall be deemed to be one occasion.
  - ii. In assessing any  $L_{eq(15\text{ minute})}$  sound level between 10pm and 7am the following day, one ship visit of up to five days duration shall be deemed to be one occasion.

### Appendix 21A. Port Noise Management Plan

#### 1. Minimum port noise management plan provisions

The Port Noise Management Plan required by **Rule 21.5.2 (i)** must contain the following:

- i. Port Noise Management Plan objectives.
- ii. Detailed procedures for the implementation of **Rule 21.5.2**, including the Port Noise Mitigation Plan outlined in **Appendix 21B** and the establishment and maintenance of a Port Noise Liaison Committee outlined in **Appendix 21C**.
- iii. A list of Port Noise Liaison Committee functions.
- iv. Procedures for recommendations of the Port Noise Liaison Committee to be considered and determined by the Port Operator.



- v. Noise modelling, noise monitoring, auditing and reporting procedures.
- vi. Complaint handling procedures.
- vii. Procedures for achieving noise reduction through port operational procedures and staff and contractor training.
- viii. Procedures for alterations to the Port Noise Management Plan.

## 2. Minimum monitoring and reporting requirements

- i. The Port Operator shall maintain at its expense sound level monitoring equipment to ensure the continuous measurement of port noise emanating from port related activities occurs twenty four hours a day and seven days a week.
- ii. The Port Operator shall provide the results of sound level monitoring to Council and the Port Noise Liaison Committee in a summary form showing Leq, calculated Ldn sound exposure and all attended Lmax levels not less than four times a year. Significant port noise emissions shall be highlighted and correlated with port activity and wind speed and wind direction data.
- iii. When sound level monitoring indicates that port noise may be exceeding 65 dBA Ldn (5 day average) or 65 dBA Leq (15 min, 10pm - 7am) at noise affected properties that are not shown on the Port Noise Contour Map as eligible for mitigation under Section 1 of **Appendix 21B**, the exceedance shall be recorded, investigated and reported to the Port Noise Liaison Committee. The investigation shall identify as far as possible those noise affected properties receiving port noise at or above such levels.
- iv. The Port Operator must produce and include in the Port Noise Management Plan a port noise contour map based on a current busy 5 day operating scenario. The contour map must be updated at least on an annual basis or when a change to port operations is likely to affect the levels of port noise received in Residential 1 Zone. Port noise contours shall be modelled at 1dB intervals between 55 Ldn and 70 Ldn.
- v. To ensure the accuracy of the Port Noise Contour Map the Port Operator shall perform field verification of calculated sound exposure levels and assessed Leq (15 min) levels of port noise at the agreed monitoring points identified in the Port Noise Management Plan.
- vi. Those noise affected properties confirmed as eligible for mitigation under Section 1 of **Appendix 21B** shall be identified on the Port Noise Contour Map.
- vii. The Port Operator shall maintain an acoustic certificate register. A copy of the register and acoustic certificates for noise affected properties shall be supplied to Council. Copies of the register and acoustic certificates shall also be held at the offices of the Port Operator and the Dunedin City Council and made available to members of the public on request.
- viii. The Port Operator shall make available to the Port Noise Liaison Committee or Council on request all information the Port Operator has as to noise and meteorological conditions.
- ix. When a noise complaint is received, the Port Operator will immediately advise the Dunedin City Council (if the complaint is not received through the Dunedin City Council).
- x. The Port Operator shall maintain a register of noise complaints and report the details of complaints and any action taken to investigate and resolve complaints to the Port Noise Liaison Committee at the earliest opportunity.
- xi. Copies of the Port Noise Management Plan are to be held at the offices of the Port Operator and the Dunedin City Council and made available to members of the public on request.

### **Appendix 21B. Port Noise Mitigation Plan** (not reproduced in full here)

### **Appendix 21C. Port Noise Liaison Committee** (not reproduced in full here)

## APPENDIX C SECOND GENERATION DISTRICT PLAN, CHAPTER 30 – PORT

### Rule 30.5 Land Use Performance Standards

#### 30.5.4 Port Noise Management

1. For all port activity, the Port Operator at Port Chalmers must:
  - a) develop a noise management and noise mitigation plan for Port Chalmers to provide for noise minimisation, mitigation of the effects of port noise and community liaison;
  - b) investigate and adopt the best practicable option to minimise port noise emissions, including specific measures to reduce the occurrence of loud, single noise events (including those associated with handling containers and logs);
  - c) produce and, at all times, operate in accordance with a port noise management plan, which must include, but is not limited to, the matters set out in **Appendix 30A**;
  - d) implement and annually update a port noise mitigation plan for the purchase or acoustic treatment of noise affected properties, which must include, but is not limited to, the matters set out in **Appendix 30B**; and
  - e) establish, maintain and participate in a port noise liaison committee, which must operate in accordance with the requirements set out in **Appendix 30C**.
2. Port activity that contravenes the performance standard for Port Noise Management is a non-complying activity.

### Appendix 30

The following must be observed in relation to any measurements or assessments of port noise required by these Appendices:

1. Unless stated otherwise, port noise must be measured in accordance with NZS 6801:2008 Acoustics – Measurement of Environmental Sound and assessed in accordance with NZS 6809:1999 Acoustics – Port Noise Management and Land Use Planning, provided that:
  - a) subject to Rule 9.3.6.7.a, the rating level described in clause 7.3 of NZS 6809:1999 Acoustics - Port Noise Management and Land Use Planning must be determined for the sole purpose of defining any Leq (15 min) sound level, required for the purposes of **Appendices 30A** and **30B**; and
  - b) adjustments for any special audible characteristics to any Leq (15 min) made in accordance with clause 7.3 and A6 of NZS 6809:1999 exclude audible warning devices.
2. For the purpose of comparison with noise criteria specified in **Appendix 30B** the following apply:
  - a) in calculating any Ldn (5 day average), one ship visit of up to five days duration will be deemed to be one occasion; and
  - b) in assessing any Leq (15 min) sound level between 10pm and 7am the following day, one ship visit of up to five days duration will be deemed to be one occasion.

### Appendix 30A. Port Noise Management Plan

#### 30A.1 Minimum port noise management plan provisions

The Port Noise Management Plan required by **Rule 30.5.4** must contain the following:

1. Port Noise Management Plan objectives;
2. detailed procedures for the implementation of **Rule 30.5.4**, including the Port Noise Mitigation Plan outlined in **Appendix 30B** and the establishment and maintenance of a Port Noise Liaison Committee outlined in **Appendix 30C**;

3. a list of Port Noise Liaison Committee functions;
4. procedures for recommendations of the Port Noise Liaison Committee to be considered and determined by the Port Operator;
5. noise modelling, noise monitoring, auditing and reporting procedures;
6. complaint handling procedures;
7. procedures for achieving noise reduction through port operational procedures and staff and contractor training; and
8. procedures for alterations to, and the annual update of, the Port Noise Management Plan.

### 30A.2 Minimum monitoring and reporting requirements

1. The Port Operator must maintain, at its expense, sound level monitoring equipment to ensure the continuous measurement of port noise emanating from port related activities 24 hours a day and seven days a week.
2. The Port Operator must provide the results of sound level monitoring to Council and the Port Noise Liaison Committee in a summary form showing Leq, calculated Ldn sound exposure and all attended Lmax levels not less than four times a year. This monitoring must:
  - a) highlight significant port noise emissions and correlate these with port activity and wind speed and wind direction data; and
  - b) include attended Lmax readings taken during night time at sites in residential zones (including within Careys Bay) while container handling is taking place at Port Chalmers. These results must be presented as a continuous graphical record of 15 minute samples of dBA levels recorded and presented on a 1 second by 1 second basis and include annotations indicating the types of port activities observed to be causing the maxima shown on the graphs.
3. When sound level monitoring indicates that port noise may be exceeding 65 dBA Ldn (5 day average) or 65 dBA Leq (15 min, 10pm - 7am) at noise affected properties that are not shown on the Port Noise Contour Map as eligible for mitigation under **Appendix 30B.1**, the exceedance must be recorded, investigated and reported to the Port Noise Liaison Committee. The investigation must identify as far as possible those noise affected properties receiving port noise at or above such levels.
4. The Port Operator must produce and include in the Port Noise Management Plan a port noise contour map based on a current busy 5 day operating scenario. The contour map must be updated at least on an annual basis or when a change to port operations is likely to affect the levels of port noise received in surrounding parts of the Township and Settlement, Rural Residential 2, Recreation, Industrial, Port Chalmers Principal Centre or the Hill Slopes Rural zones. Port noise contours must be modelled at 1dB intervals between 55 Ldn and 70 Ldn.
5. To ensure the accuracy of the Port Noise Contour Map, the Port Operator must perform field verification of calculated sound exposure levels and assessed Leq (15 min) levels of port noise at the agreed monitoring points identified in the Port Noise Management Plan.
6. Those noise affected properties confirmed as eligible for mitigation under **Appendix 30B.1** must be identified on the Port Noise Contour Map.
7. The Port Operator must maintain an acoustic certificate register. A copy of the register and acoustic certificates for noise affected properties must be supplied to Council. Copies of the register and acoustic certificates must also be held at the offices of the Port Operator and the Dunedin City Council and made available to members of the public on request.
8. The Port Operator must make available to the Port Noise Liaison Committee or Council on request all information the Port Operator has as to noise and meteorological conditions.

9. When a noise complaint is received, the Port Operator will immediately advise the Dunedin City Council (if the complaint is not received through the Dunedin City Council).
10. The Port Operator must maintain a register of noise complaints and report the details of complaints and any action taken to investigate and resolve complaints to the Port Noise Liaison Committee at the earliest opportunity.
11. Copies of the Port Noise Management Plan are to be held at the offices of the Port Operator and the Dunedin City Council and on their respective websites, and made available to members of the public on request.

**Appendix 30B. Port Noise Mitigation Plan** (not reproduced in full here)




**Appendix 30C. Port Noise Liaison Committee** (not reproduced in full here)

#### **APPENDIX D CURRENT PORT NOISE MAPS**




- Figure 1B Peak Operations Period pre mitigation (1.5m elevation, 5 decibel intervals)
- Figure 1C Peak Operations Period pre mitigation (1.5m elevation, 1 decibel intervals)
- Figure 2A Façade Noise Map pre mitigation (plan view, 5 decibel intervals)
- Figure 2B Façade Noise Map pre mitigation (3D perspective, 1 decibel intervals)
- Figure 3 Model 5-day Operational Scenario






Buildings:

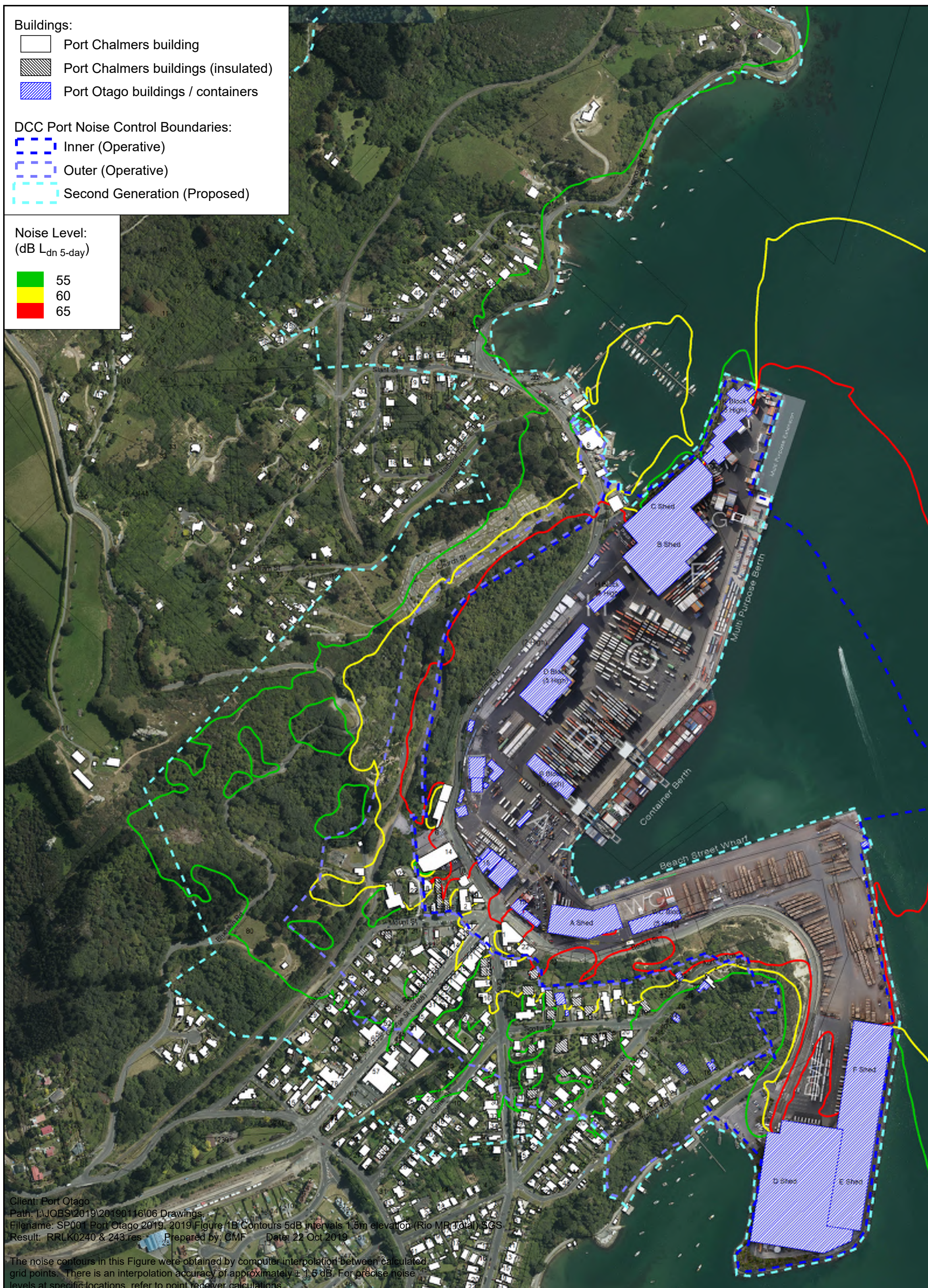
-  Port Chalmers building
-  Port Chalmers buildings (insulated)
-  Port Otago buildings / containers

DCC Port Noise Control Boundaries:

-  Inner (Operative)
-  Outer (Operative)
-  Second Generation (Proposed)

Noise Level:  
(dB L<sub>dn</sub> 5-day)

-  55
-  60
-  65






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The noise contours in this Figure were obtained by computer interpolation between calculated grid points. There is an interpolation accuracy of approximately  $\pm 1.5$  dB. For precise noise levels at specific locations, refer to point receiver calculations.



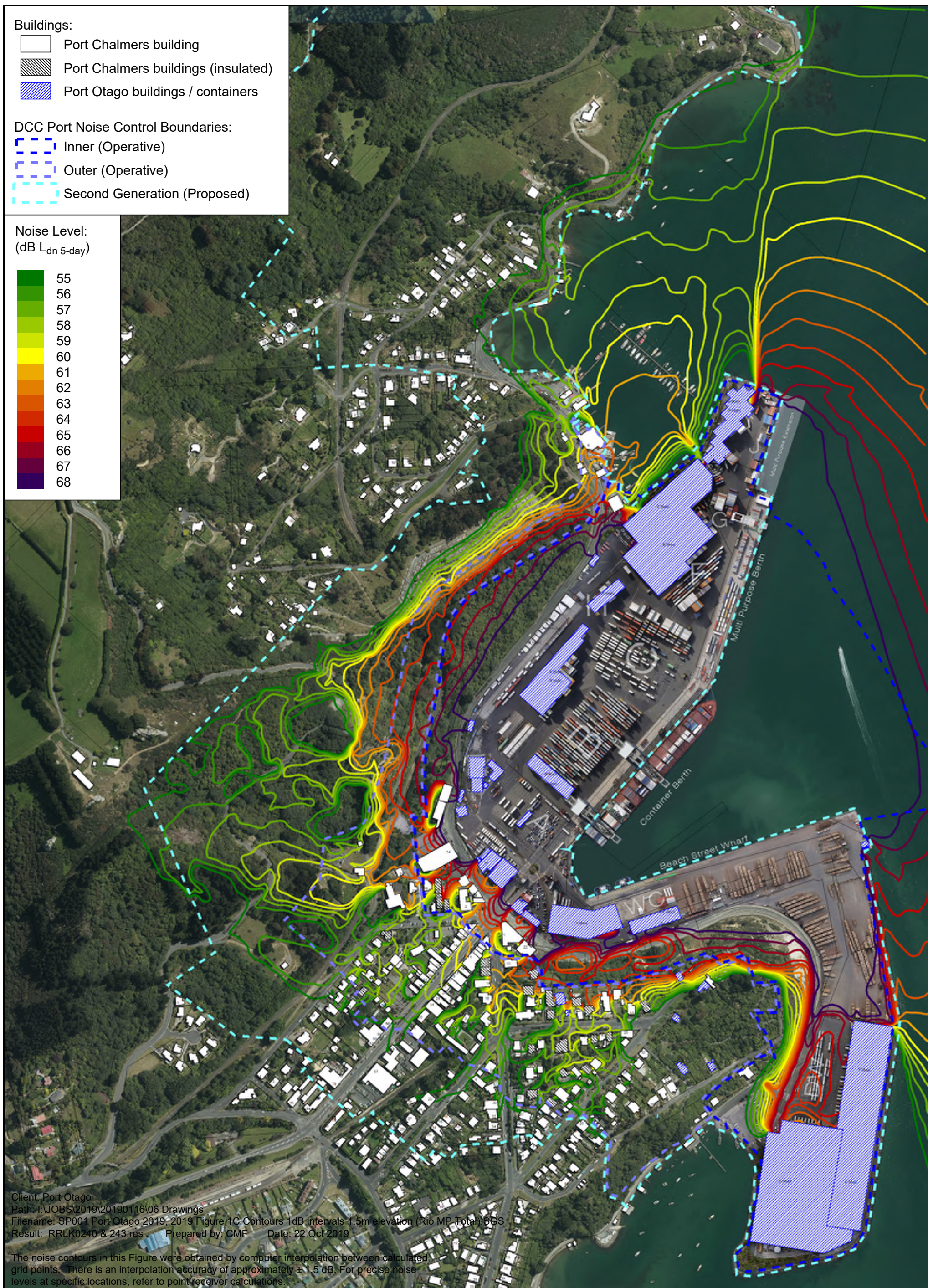
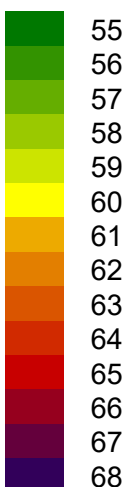
# Buildings:

-  Port Chalmers building
-  Port Chalmers buildings (insulated)
-  Port Otago buildings / containers

# DCC Port Noise Control Boundaries:

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-  Second Generation (Proposed)

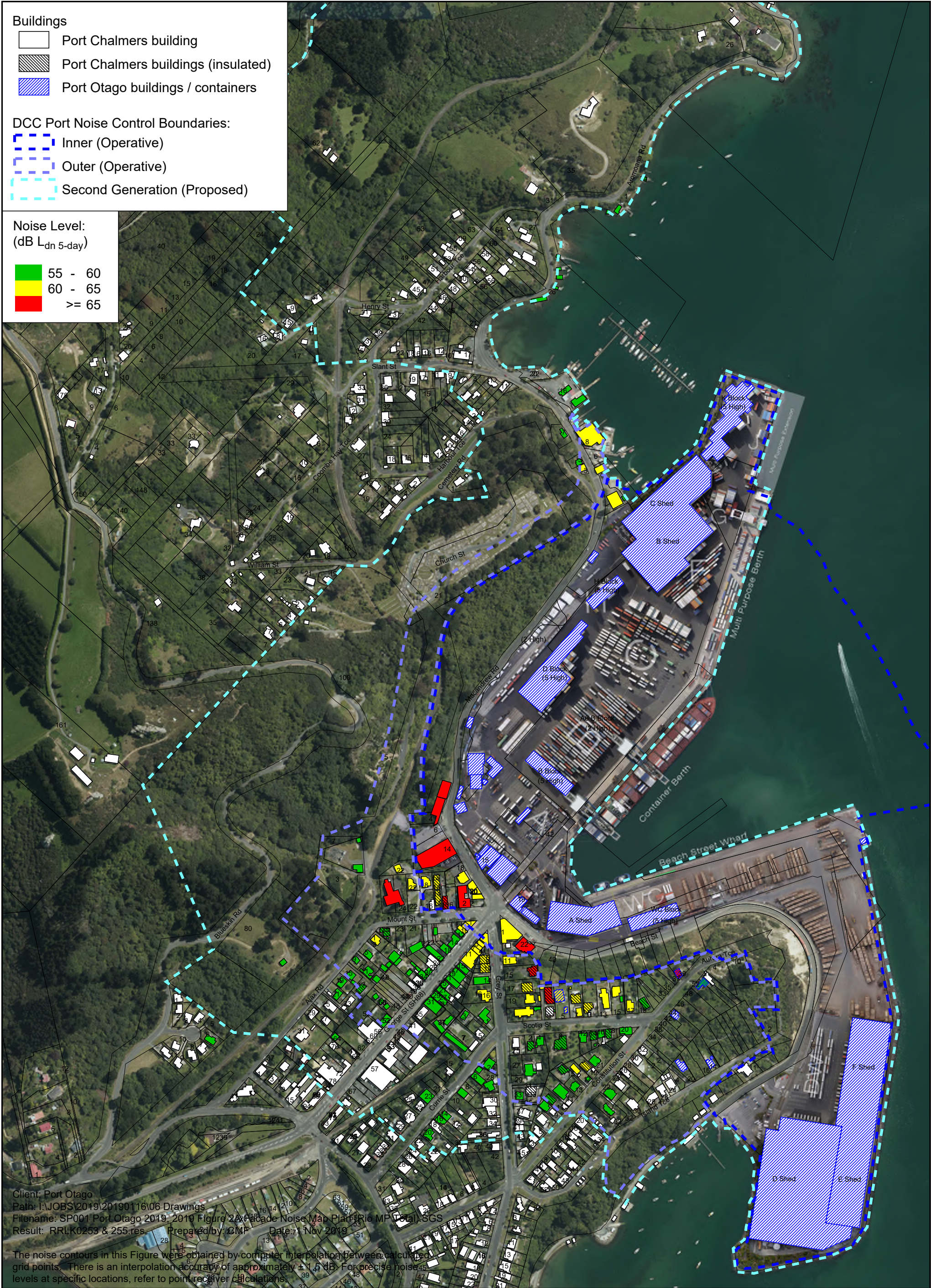
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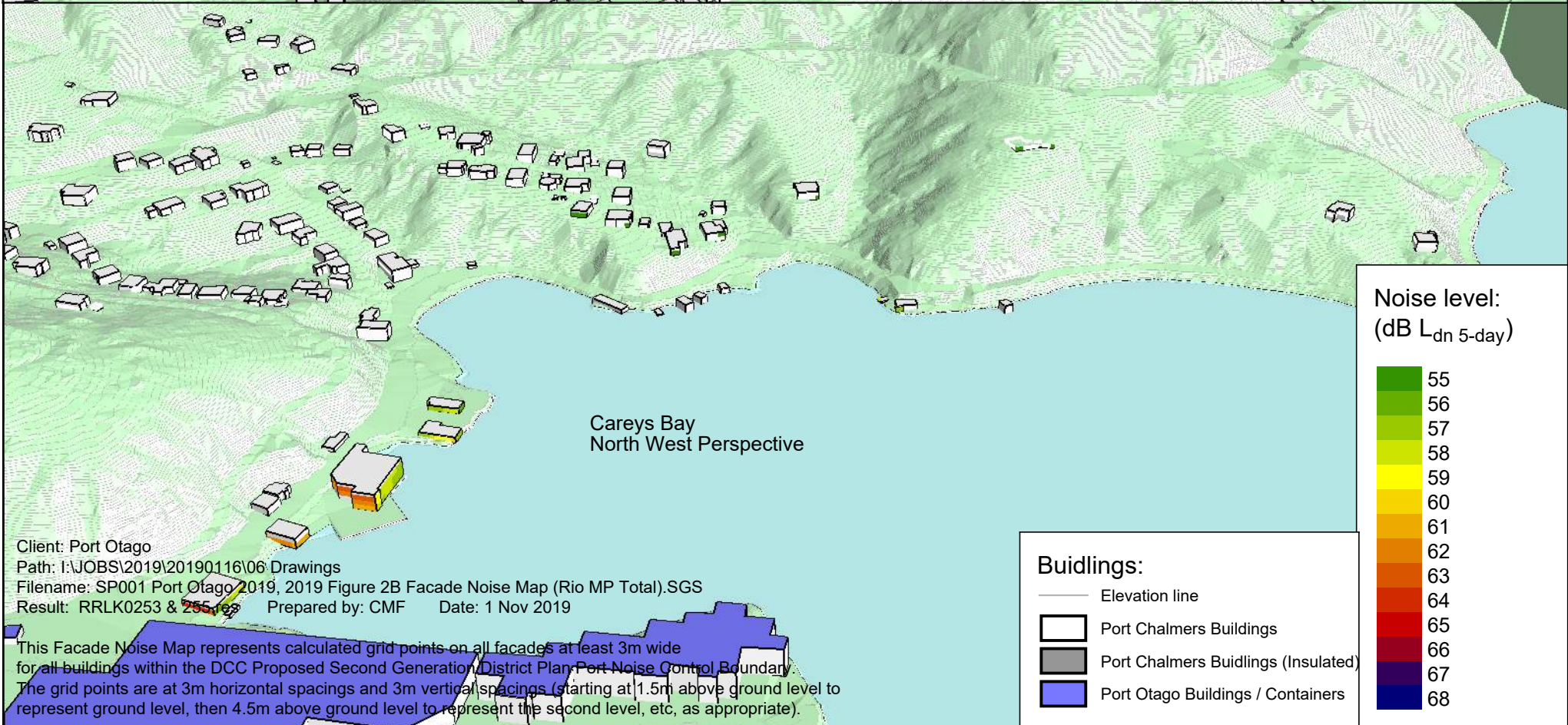
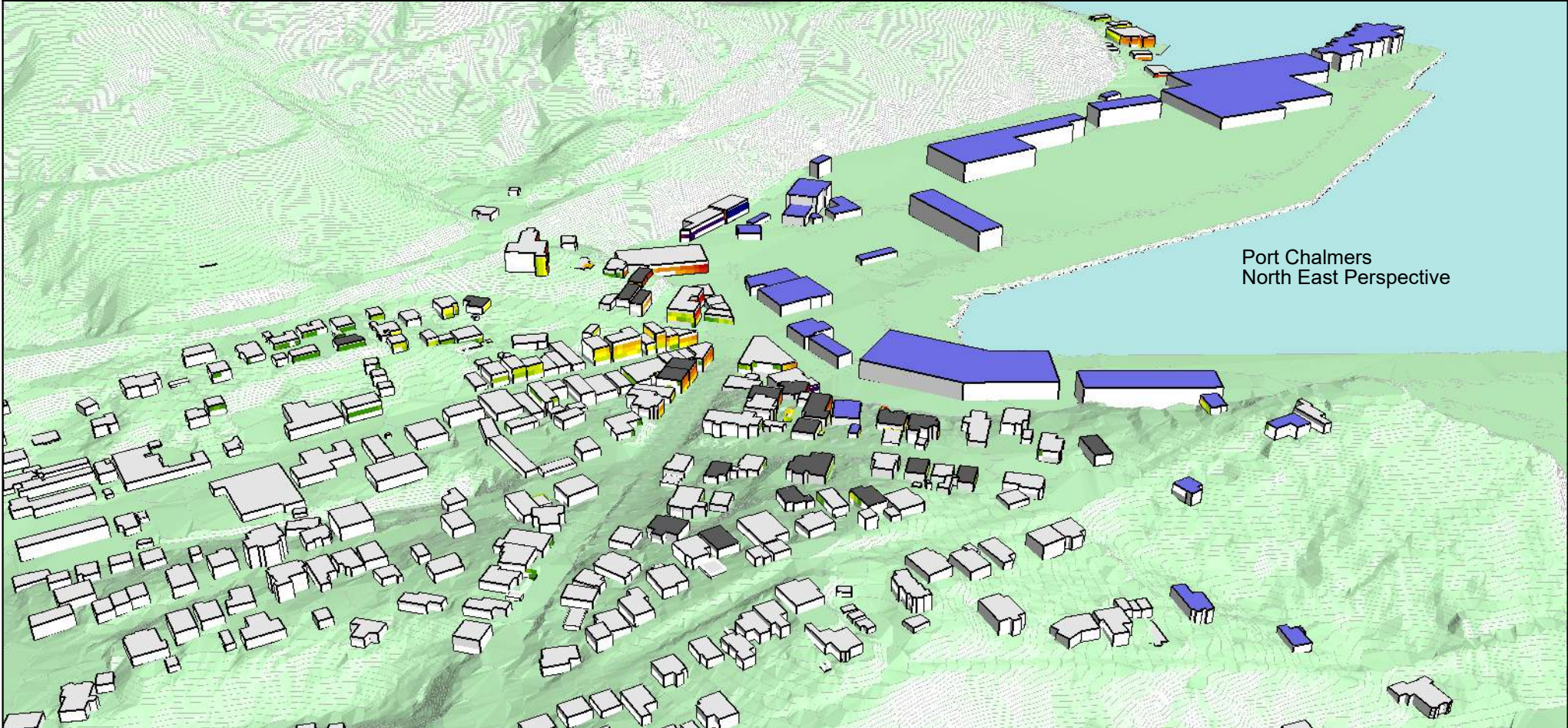
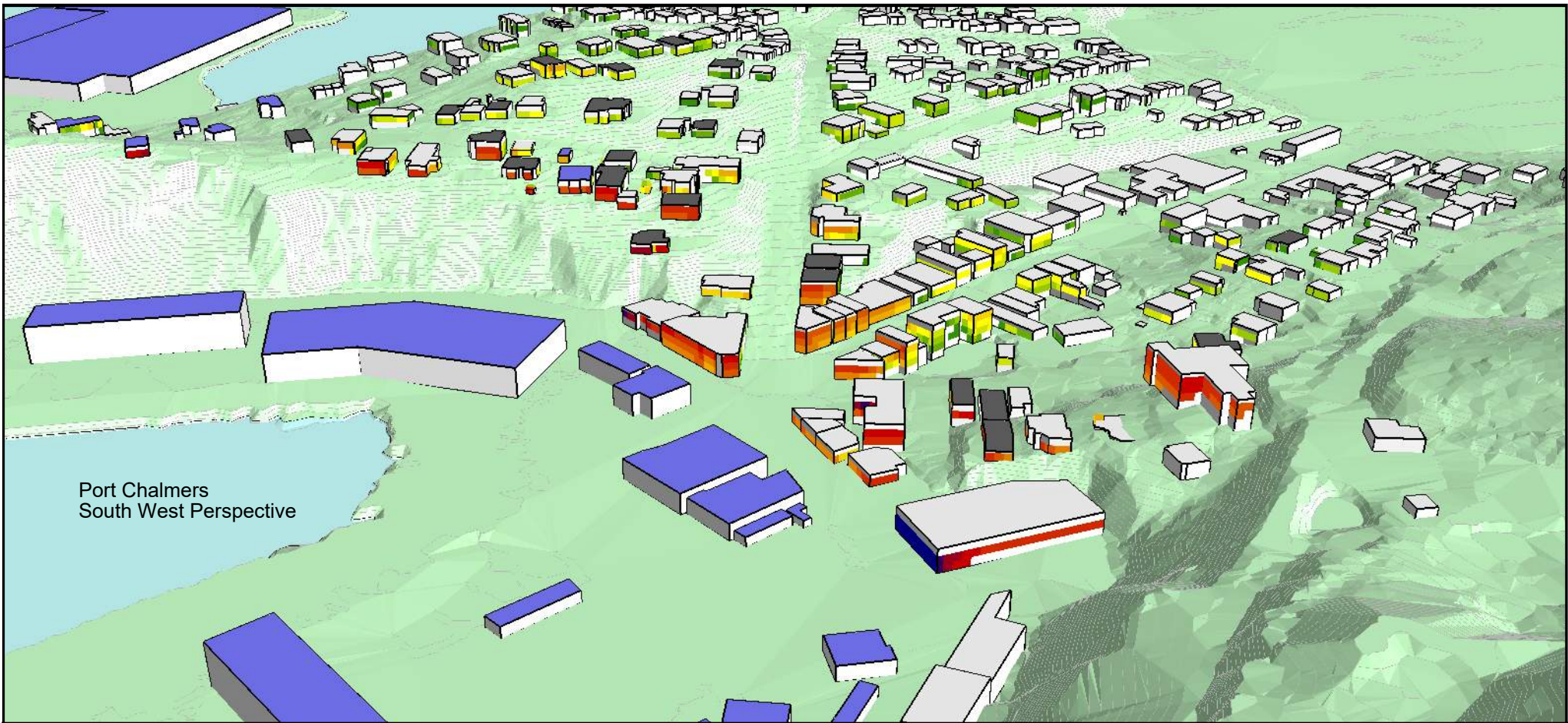
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## Key:

- Point Noise Source
- Line Noise Source
- Area Noise Source
- Point Receiver
- Cadastral Boundary
- Port Chalmers Buildings
- Port Chalmers Buildings (Insulated)
- Port Otago Buildings / Containers

Item	Model Source Description	No.	Location dgm + Z (m)	Site activities 'on-time'		Vehicle to/from site		
				Day (07-22)	Night (22-07)	Day (07-22)	Night (22-07)	km/hr
A Container Terminal - CT Wharf (Inner Wharf)								
A1	Ship (Rio Vessel) post mitigation (2020)	1	35	100% 8h 2d	100% 9h 1n	-	-	-
A2	Ship (Standard Container Vessel)	1	25	100% 9h 2d	-	-	-	-
A3	Cruise Ship	1	25	100% 11h 1d	-	-	-	-
A4	Container Cranes B & C - ZPMC	2	40	100% 8.5h 4d	100% 9h 1n	-	-	-
A5	Straddle Carriers - Ship Exchange	8	3	100% 8.5h 4d	100% 9h 1n	-	-	-
A6	Straddle Carriers - B Block (6 off)	1	3	70% 12h 3d	-	-	-	-
A7	Side Loader - Washpad/H/D Blocks	3	3	50% 15h 5d	25% 9h 3n	-	-	-
A8	Side Loader - Woodchip Block (WC)	2	3	50% 8h 5d	25% 8h 3n	-	-	-
A9	Side Loader - T Block	2	3	50% 8h 5d	-	-	-	-
A10	Side Loader - B Block	1	3	25% 15h 4d	-	-	-	-
A11	Side Loader - Container Repair	1	3	35% 8h 5d	-	-	-	-
A12	Side Loader - K Block	1	3	50% 8h 4d	50% 8h 2n	-	-	-
B Multipurpose Berth (Outer Wharf)								
B1	Ships (Standard Container Vessel)	1	25	-	100% 8h 1n	-	-	-
B2	Container Cranes - ZPMC	2	40	-	100% 8h 1n	-	-	-
B3	Straddle Carriers	6	3	-	100% 8h 1n	-	-	-
B4	Ship (Rio Vessel) pre mitigation (2019)	1	35	100% 8h 2d	100% 9h 1n	-	-	-
C Yard Operations - Road, Rail and Depot								
C1	Refrigerated Containers Block A (200 off chilled)	1	2.4	50% 15h 5d	50% 9h 5n	-	-	-
C2	Refrigerated Containers Block C (400 off frozen)	1	2.4	33% 15h 5d	33% 9h 5n	-	-	-
C3	Pre Trip Inspection Containers (60 off)	1	2.4	25% 7h 5d	25% 9h 5n	-	-	-
C4	Trains	1	3	-	-	7/d 5d	3/n 5d	8
C5	Trucks	1	2	-	-	100/d 3d	-	15
C6	Straddle Carriers	4	3	70% 15h 3d	70% 1h 3n	-	-	-
D Beach Street Wharf - Logs								
D1	Log Ship	1	15	100% 15h 3d	100% 9h 3n	-	-	-
D2	Excavators	4	3	80% 15h 3d	80% 9h 3n	-	-	-
D3	Log Loaders ship unloading	2	3	80% 15h 3d	80% 9h 3n	-	-	-
D4	Log Loaders truck unloading	2	3	80% 12h 3d	-	-	-	-
D5	Log Trucks	1	2	-	-	100/d 3d	-	15
D6	Log Butting Tractor	2	2	80% 15h 3d	80% 9h 3n	-	-	-
D7	High Stackers	1	2	80% 15h 5d	80% 9h 3n	-	-	-
E Shed A								
E1	Forklift - A shed outside	2	1	50% 9h 3d	50% 1h 3n	-	-	-
E2	Trucks	1	2	-	-	12/d 3d	0	15
E3	Cruise Ship	1	25	100% 11h 2d	-	-	-	-
F Sheds B and C								
F1	Forklift - W of B shed outside	2	1	75% 8h 3.5d	-	-	-	-
F2	Forklift - N of C shed outside	2	1	75% 9h 3d	75% 1h 3n	-	-	-
G Sheds D, E and F								
G1	Trucks	1	2	-	-	40/d 3d	-	15
G2	Trains	1	3	-	-	2/d 3d	2/n 3n	8
G3	Forklift - Train	2	2	33% 4h 3d	-	-	-	-
G4	Forklifts - D shed	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
G5	Straddle Carriers	1	3	50% 8h 3.5d	-	-	-	-
G6	Straddle Carrier D Shed transfers (5 off)	1	3	100% 1.5h 2d	100% 0.5h 2n	-	-	-

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