

Comments on Deadline 7 Submissions

With reference to Volume 6 Environmental Statement 6.2.7 Noise April 2023 Revision 1 submitted at Deadline 7, a number of the impacts of noise concern me and also how the applicant has made overall judgements of the noise impact in various locations.

Page 44, paragraph 8.1.3.13 is alarming at best. The fact the noise criterion will be above acceptable levels and create a 'large magnitude impact' I believe is wholly unacceptable. The paragraph that follows on page 44, paragraph 8.1.3.14 states that these noise levels will be breached for '3 weeks'. How can the applicant suggest this is a 'short duration'? Would they be able to tolerate above noise levels for that period of time? Even after the large magnitude impact, the applicant still suggests the noise levels will be 'moderate'. The applicant continues to state 'large magnitude impacts' regarding noise but always trying to play down the impact by stating all works will be 'short'. This plant is not a short term project and noise will be a continuous problem for years during the construction of the plant, operation and decommissioning.

On page 45, paragraph 8.1.3.20 the applicant states there will not be a significant impact on receptors, but this is all weather dependent as the wind, and river, is a great carrier of noise in my experience living in the village of Amcotts for 10 years.

Tables 13, page 46 is alarming for Amcotts residents, particularly for Charmaine where the noise impact at night is predicted to be 'large'. Also, at Inglenook, Amcotts where the noise impact is deemed as 'medium'. This noise could be exacerbated by the direction of the wind. It should be noted that two receptors at either side of Trent side will be impacted by night time noise and all the properties in between.

Page 52, tables 15 and 16, identify noise impacts from unloading RDF and aggregate at the wharf as 'large' at Charmaine, Amcotts and 'medium' at Inglenook, Amcotts.

Page 53, table 17 states unloading RDF at the railhead will have a 'large' noise impact on Inglenook, Amcotts and 'medium' at Charmaine, Amcotts.

Again, page 54, table 18 notes that unloading aggregate at the railhead will have a 'large' noise impact on Inglenook, Amcotts and 'medium' at Charmaine, Amcotts.

The above references to the tables take me on to my main concern when the applicant in table 20, on page 55, states in their overall context and significance of daytime operations will only impact Charmaine, Amcotts in the daytime from small to minor and at night, minor. This summary does not tally with the individual impacts that have been predicted in each table. On more than more two occasions, noise impact was considered 'large' so how can it be concluded the impacts are only going to be small to medium? Inglenook, Amcotts has a broad range of likely noise impacts from small to large. I do not feel this is acceptable that there are so many 'large' impacts in the assessments as this will almost definitely have an impact on the receptors noted and the wider village of Amcotts.