



Australian Super Hornet
Noise Monitoring and
Complaints Handling Strategy
Version 1.2

AMENDMENT CERTIFICATE

Version	Date	Minister's Approval Date	Comments
1.0	November 2011	16 March 2012	Initial issue.
1.1	July 2016	Un-approved	Annual review. Editorial refresh.
1.1	June 2020	n/a	Annual review.
1.2	April 2026	n/a	Annual review. Administrative updates to make current.

V1.1 July 2016

The following items have been reviewed, and where appropriate, changes have been incorporated in this version of the Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy:

- Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan 3.0
- Review of Australian Super Hornet Flying Operations at RAAF Base Amberley August 2015 (Aircraft Noise Ombudsman)
- Air Force Aircraft Noise Communication Strategy
- Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System (NFPMS) operations
- Compliance Audit of Australian Super Hornet Flying Operations at RAAF Base Amberley October 2019 (Aircraft Noise Ombudsman)

All changes in Version 1.1 of this plan are editorial in nature and do not change the methods or strategies originally approved by the Department to monitor aircraft noise and administer noise complaints. A full list of updates is available in Annex B.

V1.1 June 2020

No changes.

V1.2 April 2026

Section “Maintenance of the Strategy” has been updated to bring it in line with [Approval notice - variation 3 - 2008/4410](#)¹, dated 4 December 2023, specifically the amendments to

¹ <https://epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/project-decision/?id=37dd7269-00e0-ed11-a7c7-00224818abd2>

Condition 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D and 8E.

Website references have been updated.

Considerations was given to:

- any changes required to the positioning or number of NFPMS noise measurement terminals, informed through public consultation;
- any changes in Defence policy that affect this strategy; and
- amendments to the strategy as a result of audits of compliance with the Super Hornet conditions of approval.

No further changes were deemed necessary as a result. A full list of updates is available in Annex B.

Annual Review

Year	Date	Reviewer
2016	August 2016	WGCDR Stephen Crawford, A35 HQAC
2020	June 2020	SQNLDR Ken van Raay, PLANSO 23SQN
2026	April 2026	MR Sean Cummins, WGCDR Ashleigh Gomba

Proposals for amendment to this document are to be forwarded to RAAF Amberley Air Base Executive Officer.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions applicable to the Variation to Conditions attached to Approval of the Australian Super Hornet Flying Operations, RAAF Base, Amberley, QLD (EPBC 2008/4410)², and this Strategy:

Approved	A document approved in writing by the Minister.
Department	The Australian Government agency responsible for administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Minister	The Australian Government Minister administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth), including any delegate thereof.

² Webpage link [<https://epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/project-decision/?id=37dd7269-00e0-ed11-a7c7-00224818abd2>]

ENDORSEMENT / APPROVAL

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BACKGROUND

1. The Australian Government announced in March 2007 the acquisition of 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets to replace the F-111 capability at Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Amberley. As part of the introduction of the Super Hornet, Defence conducted a staged environmental assessment process. The key element of this process was the Public Environment Report (PER), completed in December 2009 in accordance with the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The PER identified potential environmental and social issues relating to Australian Super Hornet (ASH) flying operations at RAAF Base Amberley and how these issues will be managed. Note that the 2009 Public Environment Report comprises two documents³:

- a. Draft Public Environment Report for the Flying Operations of the F/A-18F Super Hornet at RAAF Base Amberley
- b. Australian Super Hornet Public Environment Report – Supplementary Report for Flying Operations of the Australian Super Hornet at RAAF Base Amberley November 2009 (EPBC No 2008/4410)

2. In March 2010, after considering the PER, the then Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts approved Super Hornet flying operations at Amberley subject to ten conditions. In 2012, 2014 and 2023 the Department issued variations to the original conditions attached to the approval⁴. Condition 2 requires Defence to implement a Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy approved by the Minister.

3. In April 2016, the Department approved version 3.0 of the Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan (ASH NMP). That plan introduced a holistic approach to managing all fast jet operations at RAAF Base Amberley rather than managing Super Hornet noise in isolation, and updated the evolving nature of Super Hornet operations. At the time of writing the approved ASH NMP is version 4.0, which is the version applicable to the rest of this document.

Purpose

4. To describe the Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy by which Air Force will comply with Condition 2 of the environmental approval issued under the EPBC Act for Super Hornet flying operations at RAAF Base Amberley.

Scope

5. This strategy describes:

³ The final PER (comprising the draft report and supplementary report) can be accessed from the [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations) website [https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations].

⁴ Conditions of approval [https://epbcpbpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/project-decision/?id=37dd7269-00e0-ed11-a7c7-00224818abd2] can be accessed from the [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations) website [https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations]

- a. how Air Force will monitor Super Hornet flights and aircraft noise
- b. how Air Force will compare actual measured Super Hornet noise levels with those predicted in the PER
- c. how Air Force will compare actual flight paths and procedures with those described in the ASH NMP
- d. protocols to receive, record, report and respond to noise enquiries about Super Hornet flying operations
- e. a consultation and communication program that seeks to engage local people and groups about Air Force flying operations at RAAF Base Amberley, including aircraft noise issues
- f. how this strategy and resultant reports will be made available to the public
- g. the review and update process to which this document will be subjected

Relationship to other plans

6. This strategy is one of four required by the Minister as a condition of approval for Super Hornet flying operations at RAAF Base Amberley. The other three plans and their relationship to this strategy are:

- a. **Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan (Condition 1).** This plan describes:
 - (1) planned Super Hornet flying operations from RAAF Base Amberley, including the number and timing of aircraft movements and the design of flight paths and flight procedures to reduce aircraft noise effects
 - (2) how Super Hornet flying operations that do not conform to planned operations will be managed
 - (3) how the RAAF will address potential impacts from aircraft noise to non-work related activities on the Base
 - (4) a communications strategy
 - (5) the review and update process for the document.
- b. **Australian Super Hornet Noise Mitigation and Complaint Resolution Strategy (Condition 3).** This strategy outlines how Air Force established an independent body to resolve complaints about aircraft noise and assess compliance with the ASH NMP.
- c. **Australian Super Hornet Air Quality Monitoring Plan (Condition 4).** This plan outlines how Defence will monitor air quality and implement mitigation measures should levels exceed air quality objectives.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED SUPER HORNET FLYING OPERATIONS

7. Air Force will conduct Super Hornet flying operations at RAAF Base Amberley to achieve the following two objectives:

- a. provide initial conversion training to aircrew learning to operate the aircraft
- b. conduct operational training for qualified aircrew.

8. The majority of Super Hornet flights will be conducted at RAAF Base Amberley. The remaining activity will be flown during exercises or on military operations at other locations around Australia or overseas.

9. Super Hornet operations will only be conducted on Runway 15/33. Runway 04/22 will only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as an emergency or when Runway 15/33 is obstructed.

SUPER HORNET NOISE MONITORING

10. A Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System (NFPMS) was installed at RAAF Base Amberley in 2009. The purpose of the NFPMS is to:

- a. identify noise emissions associated with all military aircraft operations at the Base
- b. assist Defence to manage aircraft noise exposure over land in the vicinity of the Base
- c. provide information on aircraft noise emissions to the public in a format that is easy to read and understand.

11. The NFPMS is a computer based system that correlates aircraft noise with aircraft flight track data from air traffic control systems. The NFPMS operated by Defence is the same system used to monitor noise near major airports in Australia (such as Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney) and overseas (at Denver, Heathrow, and San Francisco). The monitors are very sensitive (for example, it can sometimes measure buses, trucks and loud cars), so the information from the noise monitor is compared to Defence's internal flight tracking information. If the timing of a noise event matches with an aircraft's activity, that noise is attributed to the aircraft and will appear in the NFPMS reports. The NFPMS collects noise and flight path data 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTs)

12. Four permanent NMTs are located on the Base at the end of each runway and four temporary NMTs are located off-Base within the community. The initial placement of the off-Base NMTs was informed by NFPMS optimisation requirements (aircraft flight paths, site access and provision of power) and agreed with local interest groups during the Australian Super Hornet PER consultation period. A map depicting the current location of NMTs can be found in the NFPMS reports which are published on the [Defence Aircraft Noise](https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/aircraft-noise)⁵ website (under Noise monitoring and reporting). The community NMTs have been installed at the following sites:

- a. Willowbank Lawn Cemetery
- b. Kholo Botanical Gardens, Muirlea
- c. Walloon Primary School
- d. the Christian Outreach Centre, Yamanto.

13. The number and location of NMTs can be altered as required, up to a maximum total of ten but must be in place for a period of not less than 12 months in order to provide sufficient data for accurate report compilation. The number and location of NMTs must comply with the operating requirements of the NFPMS to ensure the efficient collection of noise data. Should additional NMTs be added to enhance the system, Defence will consult the Amberley Consultative Working Group (ACWG) in determining the locations. The ACWG includes Federal, State and Local Government representatives, the Queensland Department of Education and Training, community leaders and interested members of the local community.

⁵ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/aircraft-noise>

Aircraft noise reports

14. Defence will publish quarterly and annual NFPMS noise reports on the [Noise Monitoring and reporting](#)⁶ and [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](#)⁷ websites, respectively, to provide the community with information about aircraft noise at RAAF Amberley.

15. There are a large number of descriptors which describe aircraft noise, Defence currently uses the Number Above (NA) system. This parameter provides an average daily number of aircraft noise events above a certain L_{max} dB(A) level. L_{max} is the single event maximum A-weighted sound level reached during an aircraft movement.

16. An NFPMS report will provide the following metrics:

- a. average 24 hour L_{Aeq};
- b. quarterly average L_{Aeq};
- c. L_{max} (low, high and average) for departures, arrivals and circuits, and
- d. total and average N70, N85 and N95 noise events.

17. The L_{max} levels reported on will be N70, N85 and N95 where the N70 parameter represents the daily average number of aircraft noise events greater than an L_{max} of 70 dB(A), N85 for average aircraft noise events greater than 85 dB(A) etc. The N70 parameter is used as 70 dB(A) is the level where speech communication can be disrupted by aircraft noise.

18. The NFPMS accurately records all military fast jet movements. However due to technical and operational limitations of the NFPMS and the Secondary Surveillance Radar, it is not possible to identify all Super Hornet movements. The ASH Annual Noise Reports will contain detailed explanations of how the data has been collected and validated.

19. With the approval of ASH NMP V3.0 and then V4.0, Air Force has moved from the current platform centric approach to managing fast jet noise holistically at RAAF Amberley. Air Force will manage Super Hornet and Growler movements within the currently agreed cap of 7700 movements annually. Other fast-jet operations from Amberley will also be required to comply with the approved flight path and temporal restrictions described in ASH NMP V4.0.

20. The ASH Annual Noise Reports are to validate Super Hornet noise modelling and demonstrate compliance with the ASH NMP.

Compliance

21. Aircraft noise monitoring and reporting has been conducted since Jan 2010. The Aircraft Noise Ombudsman's audit of ASH operations in Jun 2015⁸ validated the accuracy of

⁶ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/aircraft-noise/noise-monitoring-reporting>

⁷ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations>

⁸ Available from the Australian Super Hornet flying operations website

[<https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations>]

the noise modelling published in the PER and assessed Air Force was compliant with the undertakings specified in the ASH NMP.

22. Under the terms of the approved Strategy V1.0, demonstrating compliance with PER noise modelling was sufficient grounds to cease or reduce aircraft noise monitoring and reporting. Defence is planning to continue monitoring for the foreseeable future. Defence will continue to compile an Annual Super Hornet Noise Report which will be published and tabled at the ACWG.

23. Should Air Force decide to cease noise monitoring and reporting, Air Force will forward an updated Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy to the Minister for approval.

SUPER HORNET COMPLAINTS HANDLING STRATEGY

24. Air Force has an established noise enquiry / complaints handling process in operation at RAAF Base Amberley. To minimise the noise impact on local communities, Air Force Instructions and RAAF Amberley Standing Instructions will detail the appropriate guidance to be undertaken by aircraft captains, air traffic personnel and maintenance personnel to minimise aircraft noise. These documents also outline the procedures to be followed upon the receipt of noise enquiries.

25. On receipt of a noise enquiry, the Defence Switchboard will direct the call to the Air Base Operational Centre (ABOC) during working hours or RAAF Amberley Duty Member (DM) out of hours. The ABOC Operations Clerk or DM will complete a Record of Aircraft Noise Complaint, including specific details as follows:

- a. full name and contact details of the complainant
- b. time and date of the incident
- c. details of the complainant's location (preferably a Lat/Long if available)
- d. number (and type, if known) of aircraft, altitude and heading
- e. any other details the complainant may wish to provide
- f. whether the complainant requests further action.

26. Complaints may also be received through the internet via the RAAF website address: <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/aircraft-noise>.

27. The noise enquiry will be referred to the ABOC for investigation. The ABOC will contact the complainant within two working days to discuss the event that caused the noise enquiry. Investigations into noise complaints should be completed within 28 working days from when the complaint was recorded. The ABOC will contact the complainant as soon as practicable, but no later than 28 days from when the complaint was recorded. If the complaint requires further action or Defence believes the matter warrants further investigation, the matter may be passed to 82 Wing to assist with investigations. Defence has a range of mitigation and resolution options available to deal with the noise enquiry. These options include, but are not limited to:

- a. contacting the complainant to discuss the matter
- b. reviewing 82 Wing procedures
- c. implementing additional avoidance measures on operating units
- d. establishing a Noise Sensitive Area.

28. The final notification of the outcome of the investigation conducted by Base Management will include:

- a. information on the option of referring the complainant for independent review in accordance with Condition 3 (see paragraph 6.b.)
- b. an offer to refer the complaint for independent review in accordance with Condition 3, provided that the complainant provides written consent for that referral.

29. If the complainant requests referral for independent review and provides written consent, Base Management will refer all relevant materials on the complaint for independent review in accordance with the Australian Super Hornet Noise Mitigation and Complaint Resolution Strategy (Condition 3).

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy

30. The current Australian Super Hornet Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy is to be made available to the public through the [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](#)⁹ website, and within three months of the Minister approving a revised plan.

Noise monitoring report publication

31. Defence will publish NFPMS quarterly reports on the [Defence Aircraft Noise](#)¹⁰ website (under Noise monitoring and reporting) within three months of report finalisation.

32. Defence will publish each Annual Super Hornet Noise Report on the [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](#)¹¹ website within three months of report completion.

Public consultation

33. The Amberley Consultative Working Group (ACWG) provides a mechanism for consultation with Federal, State and Local Government representatives, the Queensland Department of Education and Training, community leaders and interested members of the local community. Groups interested in joining the ACWG may contact RAAF Base Amberley for information.

34. Minutes of the ACWG meetings are to be made available on the [Australian Super Hornet flying operations](#)¹² website.

⁹ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations>

¹⁰ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/aircraft-noise>

¹¹ <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations>

¹² <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations>

MAINTENANCE OF THE STRATEGY

Internal reviews

35. The document is to be reviewed as required and at least every five years by RAAF Base Amberley Senior Australian Defence Force Officer or their delegate, in consultation with relevant Force Element Group and other applicable stakeholders.

36. The strategy review is to consider:

- a. any changes required to the positioning or number of NFPMS noise measurement terminals, informed through public consultation;
- b. any changes in Defence policy that affect this strategy; and
- c. amendments to the strategy as a result of audits of compliance with the Super Hornet conditions of approval.

37. Reviews are to occur with 'Track Changes' function engaged. All reviews must be provided to the Environment Manager in Air Force Headquarters before being sent for signature of the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer.

38. A revised plan must be submitted to the Department, unless the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. In this case the approval holder **must**:

- a. notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the revised plan;
- b. provide the Department with an electronic copy of the plan marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the revised plan;
- c. provide the Department with an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the revised plan;
- d. provide the Department with the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the Action in accordance with the plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact;
- e. provide written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the plan (plan implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department;
- f. implement the revised plan from the plan implementation date; and
- g. for the life of the approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.

39. Otherwise, the last approved plan **must** be implemented until the Minister approves

the revised plan, at which point the revised plan **must** be implemented. The revised plan **must** be published on the Australian Super Hornet flying operations¹³ webpage within three (3) months of being approved.

External reviews

40. To comply with Condition 5 of the EPBC Act approval, an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval was conducted by the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO) in 2015. The ANO found that Defence was meeting the intent of the conditions and is managing aircraft noise effectively. The report is available in the Australian Super Hornet flying operations¹⁴ webpage.

41. The ANO conducted a second audit of Defence's compliance in 2019. The ANO considered that Defence had complied with the intent of the conditions of approval in relation to managing the effects of aircraft noise on the community and the environment. However, it also identified that Defence had some work to do to establish effective systems to facilitate the necessary administrative, records management and reporting frameworks required to substantiate its performance against the conditions. Further, the ANO considered that Defence had generally complied with the intent of the Noise Monitoring and Complaints Handling Strategy, versions V1.0 and V1.1.

42. In accordance with the EPBC Act approval Condition 7, the Minister may request specific revisions to this strategy at any time, should the Minister believe it is necessary or desirable for the better protection of the environment.

Record keeping

43. Accurate records substantiating all activities associated with the implementation of this strategy must be maintained. These records must be made available upon request from the Department and may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval.

¹³ [Australian Super Hornet flying operations | Defence \[https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations\]](https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations)

¹⁴ [Australian Super Hornet flying operations | Defence \[https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations\]](https://www.defence.gov.au/about/accessing-information/environmental-compliance-reports/australian-super-hornet-flying-operations)

ANNEX A — DESCRIPTION OF NOISE METRICS USED IN NFPMS REPORTS

Noise Metric	Description
dB	The Sound Pressure Level (SPL) expressed on a logarithmic scale.
dB(A)	The A-weighted dB which is frequency adjusted to replicate the sound detected by the human ear.
L _{Amax}	The single event maximum A-weighted sound level reached during an aircraft movement.
Number Above (NA)	The NA contour for an airport represents the number of noise events occurring greater than a particular dB(A) level over a specified time period. As example, the N70 contour depicts the number of aircraft noise events above 70 dB(A) for an average day.

ANNEX B — DETAILS OF PLAN UPDATES**Version 1.2, April 2026**

All changes are in reference to the last Approved version, 1.0.

Document Reference	Change	Justification
Section AMENDMENT CERTIFICATE	New section that describes background of changes to this version of the Strategy.	To improve record keeping.
Paragraph 1, 2	Paragraphs edited and merged together for brevity, clarity.	Simplification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 3	Minor rewording, addition of historical context..	Minor rewording.
Paragraph 4.	Removed – redundant text that restates requirements of the Conditions of Approval.	Redundant text removed.
Paragraph 5.	Minor rewording.	Minor rewording.
Paragraph 6	Removed paragraph as text was restating conditions of approval and was unnecessarily descriptive. The commitment that Air Force to have in place effective mechanisms to consult with individuals, community groups, and organisations is addressed in new paragraph 33.	Redundant text removed. Commitments moved to another section; no overall change to commitments.
Paragraph 7	Minor rewording.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 8	Minor rewording.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.

Paragraph 9	Minor rewording.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 10	Update to remove cap on number of Super Hornet flights occurring at RAAF Amberley. Instead of 60% of Super Hornet flights conducted there, the figure has been removed and wording provided to acknowledge most Super Hornet activity will occur at Amberley.	Update to reflect approved changes to the rate of flying effort at RAAF Amberley. Although this is an increase and would otherwise represent a material change, an increase was first approved in the Noise Management Plan V3.0 when the cap was raised to 70%. Then, in V4.0 there are no restrictions on what proportion of Super Hornet activity can take place at Amberley. Hence this change is an update to reflect an already approved change, and does not constitute a new or increased impact.
Paragraph 11	Minor rewording.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 12	Minor rewording.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraphs 13	Descriptive text modified to improve understanding of NFMPs operation.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraphs 13	Text removed: "NFPMs reports are produced quarterly and enable the validation (or otherwise) of the Super Hornet noise modelling and compliance with the Super Hornet Noise Management Plan." This text is superseded by new paragraphs 14 and 20, which restate the commitments made.	Removal of text now covered by other areas. No change to any commitments.
Paragraphs 13	Removal of text: "An NFPMs report will provide the following metrics: a. average 24 hour LAeq; b. quarterly average LAeq; c. LAmax (low, high and average) for departures,	Relocation of commitments; addition of explanatory text.

	arrivals and circuits, and d. total and average N70, N85 and N95 noise events.” This has been moved to new paragraph 16. New paragraphs 14, 15, 17 - 20 added with explanatory text for the aircraft noise monitoring infrastructure and reporting. Paragraph 19 added to state “The Annual Super Hornet Noise Reports are to validate Super Hornet noise modelling and demonstrate compliance with the ASH NMP.”	
Paragraph 14	Minor rewording. Removed commitment to provide public with the ability to filter noise and flight path data. This ability was additional to the approved Strategy and has been removed for security reasons.	Clarification of text without change to any approved commitments.
Paragraph 15	Minor rewording and shuffling of text to do with NFPMS locations and consulting community, now covered by new paragraphs 13 and 33.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 16	Removed text: “NFMPS reports will be produced on a quarterly basis for the duration of the noise monitoring activity”. This text is replaced in new paragraphs 14 and 30. Responsibility for data management and publishing is assigned to Defence.	Removal of text now covered by other areas. No change to any commitments.
Paragraph 16	Removed text: “The collection, evaluation and reporting of data collected from the NFPMS is to be performed by Defence contractors under the responsibility of Defence Support Group (DSG). DSG is to make the quarterly reports available via the DSG website.” This text is redundant and prescriptive. The NFPMS requirements are covered in detail throughout the document; the details of how the data will be managed does not need to be explicitly stated and is Defence’s responsibility by default..	Removal of redundant text.
Paragraph 17	Removed commitment that RAAF Amberley Air Base Executive Officer is to coordinate the compilation of an Annual Super Hornet Noise Report. This commitment is made in new paragraphs 14 and 30 instead. ABXO responsibility has been replaced with Defence responsibility.	Removal of text now covered by other areas; responsibilities updated. No change to any commitments.

Paragraph 17	Removed commitment that the Annual Super Hornet Noise report compares the NFPMS quarterly reports with the Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan. This commitment is made in new paragraph 20 instead.	Removal of text now covered by other areas. No change to any commitments.
Paragraph 17	Removed text: “The Annual Super Hornet Noise Reports are to evaluate the accuracy of noise modelling undertaken for the PER and monitor compliance with the Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan.” Replaced by new paragraph 20.	Removal of text now covered by other areas. No change to any commitments.
Paragraph 18	Removed text: “Annual Super Hornet Noise Reports will be tabled at the Amberley Consultative Working Group (ACWG).” Replaced by new paragraph 22.	Commitment moved to different paragraph.
Paragraph 18	Moved descriptive text regarding operation of Amberley Consultative Working Group (ACWG) to new paragraph 33.	Commitment moved to different paragraph.
Paragraph 18	Removed text: “the Annual Super Hornet Noise Reports and minutes of the ACWG meetings are to be made available on the RAAF Amberley internet website”. Annual noise reports will still be made available at the new Aircraft Noise website, as updated in new paragraphs 14 and 32. The ACWG meeting minutes are now covered in paragraphs 33 and 34.	Removal of text now covered by other areas. No change to any commitments.
Paragraph 18	Removed text: “Defence estimates the current methodology produces an accuracy rate greater than 90%”. Noise monitoring methodology and accuracy is subject to change and addressed in annual reports.	Removal of extraneous text previously included in addition to approved requirements.
Paragraph 19	Reworded to reflect that the original commitment has been met, that aircraft noise monitoring and reporting has validated the accuracy of the noise modelling published in the PER and established compliance with the undertakings specified in the Australian Super Hornet Noise Management Plan.	Necessary update to reflect history of progress on meeting this commitment.

Paragraph 20	Reworded to reflect that although the conditions for monitoring and reporting have been met, Defence will continue the monitoring and reporting program. Retains commitment to compile an Annual Super Hornet Noise Report which will be published and tabled at the ACWG.	Necessary update to reflect history of progress on meeting this commitment. An extension of the original commitment, by continuing noise monitoring and reporting even though it has met the criteria for cessation.
Paragraph 21	Reworded; no change to substance.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 22	Minor updates; no change to substance.	Update of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 23	Minor updates; no change to substance.	Update of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 24	Streamlining of text that removes some redundancy in relation to location of complainant (covered in new para 24).	Text streamlined without changes to any commitments.
Paragraph 24	Noise enquiries referred to Air Base Operational Centre instead of relevant squadron. Process description updated to reflect current practice; no change to original requirements.	Change in roles and responsibilities with no impact to outcomes.
Paragraph 24	Text updated to include “The ABOC will contact the complainant within two working days to discuss the event that caused the noise enquiry.” (see new para 26).	This is an addition that reflects current practice without impacting outcomes.
Paragraph 24	Rewording around timeframes for contacting complainants and whose responsibility this is; no change to timeframes themselves.	Change in roles and responsibilities with no impact to outcomes.
Paragraph 24	Rewording around taking further action on complaints, to clarify 82 Wing can assist but is not responsible. ABOC retains responsibility for investigations.	Clarification of roles and responsibilities with no impact to outcomes.
Paragraph 24	Minor rewording around resolution options.	Minor rewording.

Paragraph 25	Minor rewording.	Minor rewording.
Paragraph 27	Minor rewording to enhance clarity; update of website locations.	Clarification of text without change to any commitments.
Paragraph 28.	Removed. Access to copies of the Strategy detailed in new paragraph 30; copies now provided via the website instead of telephone requests.	Updated method of obtaining copies of the Strategy; commitment to provide public access to copies retained.
Section COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	New paragraphs 33 and 34. Added text to describe public consultation through the ACWG. Text moved here regarding tabling of ACWG minutes.	Rearranged wording of original commitments without change to their substance.
Section MAINTENANCE OF THE STRATEGY	Updated to bring in line with Approval notice - variation 3 - 2008/4410 ¹⁵ , dated 4 December 2023, specifically the amendments to Condition 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D and 8E. Annual reviews changed to as required or at least every five years.	Required to maintain compliance with updated Conditions of Approval. Changing annual review periods will not have a new or increased impact on the environment as noise management is now embedded within standard operating procedures which are subject to continual monitoring and improvement.
Section MAINTENANCE OF THE STRATEGY	Updated External Reviews section to reflect history of compliance.	Required to keep strategy up to date.
ANNEX A	Removed.	No longer relevant; provided cross-referencing to a redundant definition of Condition of Approval 2. The Strategy retains all commitments previously made.

¹⁵ <https://epbcpublicportal.environment.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/project-decision/?id=37dd7269-00e0-ed11-a7c7-00224818abd2>