



## ATP Noise Management Policy

### Application

This policy applies to all areas directly controlled by Australian Technology Precinct Management Limited (“**ATP**”) at the Australian Technology Park (“**the Park**”).

### Object of policy

The objects of this policy are to:

- regulate sounds emitted from the Park and minimise any adverse impacts on surrounding residents and the environment;
- ensure appropriate sound control steps are taken to ensure sound levels are monitored and controlled to minimise adverse impacts and ensure compliance with the Liquor Administration Board (“**LAB**”) noise criteria & ATP Internal Criteria;
- ensure the community is given notice of events, including any pre-event activities, that may have potential to impact on the surrounding area and ensure complainants are given contact details for the responsible ATP Event Managers;
- ensure complaints are assessed promptly and prompt action is taken when necessary with a response to be provided to the complainant;

### Policy:

#### Details of event and request for approval from ATP:

Hirers are to provide full details to ATP before entering into an event contract with the Hirer providing details as follows:

- a schedule providing a timetable and description of sound amplification for rehearsals and the event and at any other times for approval by ATP;
- a schedule detailing all amplified sound sources including amplifiers, speakers, sound, audio visual, and other related equipment (“**the Equipment**”) including a floor plan showing the proposed location and orientation of those items
- contact details for the Audio Operator / Audio Company engaged by the Hirer as this person will need to be contacted by the ATP Event Manager prior to the event to ensure that they are also aware of ATP’s noise management requirements and procedures.

### Approval by ATP

ATP may give approval unconditionally, conditionally, or refuse, a request for sound amplification at particular times or of particular types requested by the Hirer if it considers the proposal may breach the LAB Criteria or the ATP Internal Criteria (see later in this policy for details of these criteria).

If ATP gives approval, or partial approval, for sound amplification then the following conditions will apply and must be complied with by the Hirer:

- the sound amplification may only occur between particular time periods specified by ATP;
- if ATP requires at any time, before, during or after the Event while the Equipment is in use, ATP including its qualified contractors/consultants, may directly control the Equipment to ensure compliance with this policy;
- there must be only one point of control for the output of the Equipment unless ATP has provided written consent for each additional point of control in which case the Hirer will need to comply with strict conditions concerning each point of control approved by ATP;
- the Hirer pay for ATP’s acoustic consultant(s) to monitor sound levels in accordance with ATP’s requirements during the Event, internally and externally, including at selected residential boundaries .

ATP may also impose other conditions including, but not limited to:

- the Equipment be fitted with any noise limitation device(s) that ATP specifies;

**Only items included on the approved schedule and floor plan, to the extent approved, will be allowed by ATP. Any proposed additions on event day will be refused.**

#### Notice & contact details

- neighbouring residents will be advised in writing in advance of any large event involving amplified sound/music and provided with details on how to provide feedback and/or complaints and including contact telephone numbers of the relevant ATP Event Manager to be present at the event.

#### Monitoring & Control

- The LAB noise control criteria must be complied with as follows:
  - *The LA10 noise level emitted from the venue must not exceed the background noise level in octave band centre frequency (31.5Hz – 8Hz) by more than 5dB between 7.00am and 12 midnight Friday and Saturday, 7.00am and 10.00pm Sunday to Thursday at the boundary of any affected residence;*
  - *The LA10 noise level emitted from the venue shall not exceed the background noise level in octave band centre frequency (31.5Hz – 8 Hz) between 12 midnight and 7.00am Friday and Saturday, 10.00pm and 7.00am Sunday to Thursday at the boundary of any affected residence.*
  - *Notwithstanding compliance with the above, the noise from the licensed premises shall not be audible within any habitable room in any residential premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 07:00am Friday and Saturday, 10.00pm and 7.00am Sunday to Thursday.*
  - *Interior noise levels which still exceed safe hearing levels are in no way supported or condoned by the board.*

- *This is a minimum standard. In some instances the Board may specify a time earlier than midnight on weekends and 10.00pm on weeknights in respect of the above condition.*
- *For the purpose of this condition the LA10 can be taken as the average maximum deflection of the noise emission from the licensed premises.*

**“the LAB Criteria”**

- the ATP’s internal noise criteria must be complied with to ensure compliance with the LAB criteria. Internal noise limits are presently set as follows:

**Internal Noise Level Criteria – L<sub>10</sub>**

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Octave Band Centre Frequency (dB)</b>								<b>dBA</b>	<b>dB(C)</b>	
	<b>31.5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1k</b>	<b>2k</b>	<b>4k</b>			<b>8k</b>
<i>Pre 10pm</i>	93	98	98	93	90	88	82	82	91	95	102
<i>10pm - midnight</i>	91	96	96	91	88	86	80	80	89	93	100

The above criteria are subject to continual evaluation by the acoustic consultants engaged by the ATP and may be varied from time to time to ensure compliance with the LAB Criteria.

**“the ATP Internal Criteria”**

- the Hirer must comply with all conditions specified in the event contract and under this policy

Response to complaints & advice from acoustic consultants

- an ATP Event Manager must be present at the Park during events to ensure prompt action can be taken to deal with any complaint or any potential breach of the LAB criteria or the ATP Internal Criteria;
- ATP will act immediately to reduce sound levels if notice is received from an acoustic consultant monitoring sound levels of an event that the LAB Criteria or the ATP Internal Criteria are exceeded;
- In the event of any non-compliance with the terms of this policy or the Event Contract by the Hirer that may result in the LAB Criteria or the ATP Internal Criteria being breached then ATP will take immediate action.

## Reporting

- Reports are to be obtained by ATP from acoustic consultants as soon as practicable after an event involving amplified sound
- Any recommendations from the acoustic consultants are to be considered by ATP as part of its ongoing responsibility to minimise adverse amenity impacts and ensuring continuing compliance with the LAB noise control conditions
- ATP must keep a register of complaints specifying details of any complaint including the name of the complainant, the details of the event (date, times, name, venue space) and how the complaint was dealt with.

## Additional controls for events

The following apply to events at the Park unless ATP gives written authorisation for variations:

- speakers must be directed to point down towards the audience to reduce sound levels at the roof;
- the amplification system and speakers should be set up for surround sound so that the sound does not have to rely on travelling from the front of the room to the back.
- sufficient time should be set aside by Hirers to ensure that all necessary testing may be undertaken to ensure the noise level conditions and this policy will not be breached.
- during an event and while there is amplified sound all doors that have direct access to outside must be closed with access to the venue through internal entrance doors (such as entering the Exhibition Hall via Bay 9 glass doors)
- sufficient security must be engaged to ensure compliance with this policy and the event contract;
- only one audio system per venue with one master gain control. I.e. No additional PA Systems are permitted. This includes games, rides, amusements etc. Additional audio systems (i.e. fold back monitors) are permitted only with prior written approval from ATP.
- no amplified or other sound is permitted after 11.55pm on Friday and Saturday and 9.55pm Sunday to Thursday

- no music, amusements, games, PA systems, entertainment,, activities etc. are allowed outside of the venue at any time.
- during rehearsals, sound levels are to be increased gradually from low to high but at no stage should levels exceed the above stated levels.
- the acoustic consultant must be present at all times during rehearsal and event.

This policy is subject to continuing review by ATP as considered necessary.