



EPL 21423 Pollution Monitoring Report – December 2023

Sydney Metro City & Southwest – Line-wide Works

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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Summary

The Sydney Metro City & Southwest (SMCSW) is the second portion of the new standalone rail network known as the Sydney Metro, which is Australia's largest public transport infrastructure project and a priority rail project for the NSW Government. The project will extend Sydney Metro Northwest to the CBD and beyond to Bankstown. The project is being delivered through a suite of contracts for the tunnels, stations, Line-wide infrastructure and systems. Line-wide is a key component of the SMCSW, with works taking place over the full length of the project as shown in Figure 1 below:

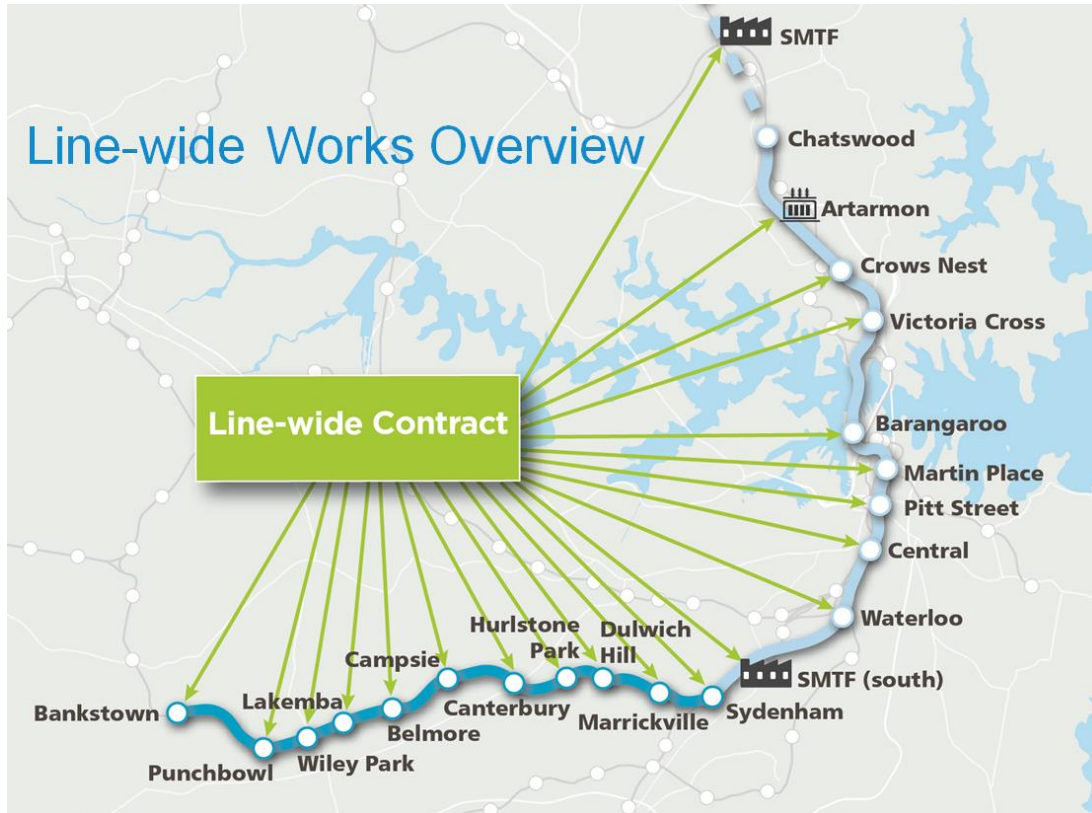


Figure 1: Line-wide Locations

1.2 Scope of this report

CPB Contractors Pty Ltd obtained the Environment Protection Licence (EPL No. 21423) from the NSW Environment Protection Authority for the Line wide (LW) Works on behalf of the Systems Connect CPB and UGL (SCLWW) Joint Venture. The licence is for construction works relating to Rail Systems Activities as defined under Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997 (POEO Act). EPL No. 21423 covers the Line-wide works under CSSI 7400 between Chatswood and Sydenham.

The licence describes monitoring and reporting requirements for the LW Works, and specifically provides discharge criteria for water treatment plant and sediment basin discharge water quality.

This EPL Pollution Monitoring Report provides the results of all pollution monitoring required to be measured or monitored by the licensee of EPL 21423 as required by Section 66 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) and with reference to EPA Publication Requirements for publishing pollution monitoring data (Environment Protection Authority, 2013)

EPL 21423 can be found by following the link below to the EPA's website:

<https://apps.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/Detail.aspx?instid=21423&id=21423&option=licence&searchrange=licence&range=POEO%20licence&prp=no&status=Issued>

2. Reporting Requirements

Under the POEO Act, holders of Environment Protection Licences (licensees) must publish or make pollution monitoring data available to members of the public. The POEO Act Section 66 requires

“Conditions requiring monitoring, certification or provision of information, and related offences

- 1) **Monitoring** The conditions of a licence may require —
 - a) monitoring by the holder of the licence of the activity or work authorised, required or controlled by the licence, including with respect to—
 - i) the operation or maintenance of premises or plant, and
 - ii) discharges from premises, and
 - iii) relevant ambient conditions prevailing on or outside premises, and
 - iv) anything required by the conditions of the licence, and
 - b) the provision and maintenance of appropriate measuring and recording devices for the purposes of that monitoring, and
 - c) the analysis, reporting and retention of monitoring data.
- 2) **False or misleading information** A holder of a licence who supplies information, or on whose behalf information is supplied, to the appropriate regulatory authority under the conditions of the licence is guilty of an offence if the information is false or misleading in a material respect.”

The primary objective of the pollution monitoring reporting requirements is that members of the public have access to the results of all pollution monitoring (which a licence specifies must be carried out) in a way that is meaningful to them. Data for the Sydney Metro Line wide Works is presented on a monthly sampling period.

The monitoring data that must be published and/or made available on request is any data that is obtained as a result of a monitoring condition on a licence that relates to air, water (surface or groundwater), noise and/or land pollution. The data to be published or provided is limited to data that relates to pollutants generated, discharged or emitted from the licensed premises. Any data that may appear to be missing is because there is no discharge, or the level of pollutant is below the detection level of the measurement instrument.

It is possible from time to time that incorrect data may be published in good faith. As soon as practicable after the licensee becomes aware that the published pollution monitoring data is incorrect or misleading, licensees must then publish a correction log to correct this data that is incorrect or misleading (refer to Section 8).

Table 1: Summary of the monitoring requirements of EPL 21423

EPL Condition	Requirement	Report Reference
M2.1	For each monitoring/discharge point or utilisation area specified below (by a point number), the licensee must monitor (by sampling and obtaining results by analysis) the concentration of each pollutant specified in Column 1.	Section 3
M4.1	The licensee must monitor noise and vibration from construction work and especially during work undertaken out of hours specified in Condition L4.1	Section 4
M4.4	Noise and vibration monitoring as directed by an authorised officer of the EPA	Section 4
M5.1	The licensee must monitor and record temperature, humidity, wind direction, wind velocity and rainfall at either the project weather station, or through analysis of equivalent weather information obtained from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology	Section 6
M7.5	In response to noise and vibration complaints	Section 7

3. Water Quality (Condition M2.1)

EPL#21423 Condition M2.1 requires that water quality monitoring will be undertaken for discharge points specified in EPL Condition P1 for the concentration limits identified in EPL Condition L2.4 and for the pollutants identified in EPL Condition M2.2.

Systems Connect had only one discharge point active in December 2023. Discharge Point 2 was not active during December 2023. Discharge Point 3 which is located immediately south of the water treatment plant, was active during December 2023. Construction water is treated by the water treatment plant before being discharged to the stormwater pit.

Discharge limits in condition L2.4 are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: L2.4 Concentration Limits

Identifier	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Oil and Grease	Copper (mg/L)	Iron (mg/L)	Nickel (mg/L)	Zinc (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)	Nitrate (mg/L)
Point 3	7.0 - 8.5	25	None Visible	0.008	0.3	0.007	0.021	2.4	10.6

To address the concentration limits specified in EPL Condition L2.4 and M2.2, monthly discharge water monitoring data for December 2023 has been provided in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Monthly Discharge Water Monitoring Data – December 2023

Pollutant	Identifier	Date	Unit of Measure	Sample Method	Results	Comments	
pH	Discharge Point 3	1/12/2023 to 31/12/2023	pH	In-situ	7.5 - 7.9	Compliant	
		18/12/2023		Grab	7.93	Compliant	
Turbidity		1/12/2023 to 31/12/2023	NTU	In-situ	0.5 – 1.7	Compliant	
		18/12/2023		Grab	0.8	Compliant	
Oil and Grease		18/12/2023		Visible	Grab	Not visible	Compliant
Copper				mg/L	Grab	0.002	Compliant
Iron				mg/L	Grab	<0.05	Compliant
Nickel				mg/L	Grab	<0.001	Compliant
Zinc				mg/L	Grab	<0.005	Compliant
Ammonia				mg/L	Grab	0.02	Compliant
Nitrate	mg/L			Grab	2.98	Compliant	

4. Noise and Vibration (Condition M4.1)

EPL#21423 Condition M4.1 requires that the licensee conducts noise and vibration monitoring of construction work, particularly during works outside of the hours specified in Condition L4.1.

Condition L4.1 state that unless permitted by another condition of this licence, construction works and activities must:

- a) only be undertaken between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday;
- b) only be undertaken between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Saturday; and
- c) not be undertaken on Sundays or Public Holidays.

4.1 Noise Monitoring (M4.1)

Table 4: Monthly Noise Monitoring – December 2023

Date	Location	Detailed Monitoring Location	NCA	Predicted Noise Level (dB(A))	Measured L_{Aeq} (dB(A))	Comments
3/12/2023	Northern Connection	1-3 Gordon Avenue, Chatswood	CDS_03	68	55	Below predicted noise level, LW works compliant

4.2 Vibration Monitoring (M4.1)

No vibration monitoring was undertaken by Systems Connect for EPL #21423 in December 2023.

5. Noise and Vibration (Condition M4.4)

EPL#21423 Condition M4.4 requires that the licensee must undertake noise and vibration monitoring as directed by an authorised officer of the EPA.

5.1 Noise Monitoring (M4.4)

Systems Connect was not directed by an authorised officer of the EPA to undertake noise monitoring in December 2023.

5.2 Vibration Monitoring (M4.4)

Systems Connect was not directed by an authorised officer of the EPA to undertake vibration monitoring in December 2023.

6. Weather (Condition M5.1)

EPL #21423 Condition M5.1 requires that the licensee must monitor and record temperature, humidity, wind direction, wind velocity and rainfall at either the project weather station, or through analysis of equivalent weather information obtained from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. Monitoring must:

- a) be representative of each catchment;
- b) be undertaken prior to any works that may cause sediment to leave the premises; and
- c) continue to be operated until soil disturbance activities cease at the premises and the site has been stabilised.

Meteorological data is not considered to be pollution data and therefore does not have to be published. However, the meteorological data is published with the pollution monitoring data to provide additional context to the water discharge data.

The nominated Australian Bureau of Meteorology weather station for the project is Sydney (Observatory Hill) {station 066214}.

Temperature, humidity and rainfall observations are from Sydney (Observatory Hill) {station 066214}.

Wind observations are from Fort Denison {station 066022}.

Table 5: Monthly Weather Data – December 2023

Date	Minimum temp (°C)	Maximum temp (°C)	Rainfall (mm)	9am Temp (°C)	9am relative humidity (%)	9am wind direction	9am wind speed (km/h)	3pm Temp (°C)	3pm relative humidity (%)	3pm wind direction	3pm wind speed (km/h)
1/12/2023	17.9	26.6	0.4	22.9	75	SW	7	25.6	63	ESE	20
2/12/2023	19.8	27.2	0	21.4	83	S	7	24	81	ESE	15
3/12/2023	15.6	26.7	12.6	20.3	87	WNW	9	25.6	61	SSE	26
4/12/2023	18.7	26.2	0.6	19.4	87	WNW	11	25	60	E	19
5/12/2023	17.2	28.5	0.2	23.6	73	NNE	13	27.5	64	E	15
6/12/2023	21.4	26.8	0	23.7	76	S	17	25.7	64	SE	19
7/12/2023	18.9	26.5	0	23.2	79	NNE	13	25.8	72	E	17
8/12/2023	20.3	29.5	0	25.5	77	ESE	9	27.5	76	ENE	20
9/12/2023	22.6	40	0	29	70	E	11	31.2	54	SE	15
10/12/2023	20.3	27.6	1.2	21	100	SSW	20	26.8	76	S	15

11/12/2023	20.7	29.4	0	24.8	84	E	2	28.7	68	ESE	19
12/12/2023	21.5	29.3	0	25.9	79	ESE	11	28.8	64	E	22
13/12/2023	20.4	29.2	0	25.4	83	NE	13	29.1	69	ENE	28
14/12/2023	21.9	38.9	2.2	27.1	77	N	9	38.7	23	W	33
15/12/2023	21.1	28.3	0	25.1	69	SE	11	26.1	62	E	20
16/12/2023	19.7	35.3	0	24.6	75	W	15	31.9	45	E	20
17/12/2023	20.4	28.5	0	22.3	77	E	19	27.5	56	E	26
18/12/2023	20.3	29	0	23.9	83	ESE	9	27.8	72	E	19
19/12/2023	23.4	33.5	0	25.1	91	WNW	6	32.2	53	N	22
20/12/2023	18.2	18.5	9.2	18.3	98	S	31	17.3	98	SSW	30
21/12/2023	16.4	22	22.2	18.4	98	SSW	24	21.8	69	SSW	33
22/12/2023	16.2	25.6	2	20.6	65	SSW	15	25	41	SSE	28
23/12/2023	16.5	25.9	3.2	20	87	SSW	9	25.2	63	ESE	20
24/12/2023	19.7	24.4	0.4	21.1	81	ESE	15	21.1	98	ENE	15
25/12/2023	17.9	27.9	23.4	20.5	98	WNW	7	27.1	74	E	19
26/12/2023	20.4	29.7	0.6	23.8	90	SW	15	24.3	86	E	11
27/12/2023	19.8	26.3	0.2	23	79	SSW	15	17.2	95	WSW	4
28/12/2023	17	29.5	10.2	22.7	74	W	13	27.5	48	ESE	20
29/12/2023	19.6	26.6	0	23.8	86	SSE	7	25.3	79	E	15
30/12/2023	19.2	27.7	0	22.7	68	S	7	25.9	63	ESE	20
31/12/2023	17	21.6	9.6	19.4	77	SSE	15	20.8	70	ESE	17

7. Noise and Vibration (Condition M7.5)

EPL#21423 Condition M7.5 requires that in the event of a noise and vibration complaint the licensee must include an offer to the complainant to undertake attended noise or vibration monitoring at their premises if:

- i) any investigation referred to in this condition identifies works or activities being undertaken on the licensed premises as the likely source of the complaint; and
- ii) the licensee is not in possession of noise monitoring data representative of the complainant's location and of the subject works and activities being undertaken on the licensed premises.

7.1 Noise Monitoring (M7.5)

Noise monitoring was not undertaken in response to a complaint in December 2023.

7.2 Vibration Monitoring (M7.5)

Vibration monitoring was not undertaken in response to a complaint in December 2023.

8. Correction log

It is possible from time to time that incorrect data be get published in good faith. As soon as practicable after the licensee becomes aware that the published pollution monitoring data is incorrect or misleading, licensees must then publish a correction log to correct this data that is incorrect or misleading.

There are no matters included in the correction log for this reporting period.