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Attention: Nick Karimi

Dear Nick

Flagstone City Development Stage 1G Road Traffic Noise Assessment

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) has been commissioned by Peet Flagstone City Pty Ltd (Peet) to conduct an assessment of road traffic noise for Stages 1G of the proposed Flagstone City Development.


The road traffic noise assessment has been undertaken with regard to the *Queensland Development Code – Buildings in a Transport Noise Corridor* (QDC MP4.4). In summary the assessment has concluded:

- Where low set dwellings are constructed at Stage 1G, at least 16 lots will require no additional acoustic treatments and up to 4 dwellings may require Category 1 property treatments.
- All Lots at Stage 1G could require Category 1 property treatments where high-set dwelling are constructed.
- It is to be noted that the shape and form of individual buildings was not known at this time and as such buildings, which could screen road traffic noise, are not included in the noise model. In this regard the noise predictions are considered a conservative assessment of road traffic noise.
- It is recommended that further assessment is undertaken once the building design is known to confirm QDC MP4.4 construction requirements.

The enclosed report details the road traffic assessment methodology, predicted QDC MP4.4 noise categories and recommended building components for the applicable noise category.

Should you have any questions, or require additional assistance, please contact the undersigned at 07 3858 4836 (swalker@slrconsulting.com).

Yours sincerely



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QDC MP4.4 ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

1 Introduction

In 2012, SLR has carried out an acoustic assessment¹ for the Flagstone City Development Project (the Project); however refinement of the proposed lot configurations for Stages 1G has taken place warranting revision of the road traffic noise assessment.

The findings of the original acoustic assessment determined that noise from the Sydney to Brisbane rail line, to the east of the Project, would achieve the relevant rail noise criteria throughout Stage 1G. The Flagstone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is located at least 900 m from Stage 1G and noise emissions from the STP would achieve the assessment criteria at the proposed lots in Stage 1G.

In this regard, further consideration of noise from the rail Line and the STP has not been required for this assessment.

2 Development Description

The subject site is the centre of the city of Greater Flagstone and will incorporate the main city centre for the region located next to the existing Sydney to Brisbane Line (future integrated transport site for passenger bus and rail).

The general lot configuration of Stage 1G, within the Flagstone City Development, is shown on **Figure 1**.

3 Road Traffic Noise Criteria

Road traffic noise assessments undertaken to date, have assumed all roads within the Flagstone City Development would be designated as either State-controlled or designated local government roads.

Residential buildings within a Transport Noise Corridor for State-controlled roads or designated local government roads are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the *Queensland Development Code – Buildings in a Transport Noise Corridor* (QDC MP4.4). It is noteworthy that QDC MP4.4 applies only at the building approval and construction phase.

QDC MP4.4 provides noise categories based on road traffic noise levels forecast 1 m from the facade of a building. The higher the noise category, the more substantial the acoustic design and construction requirements will be in order to achieve an acceptable amenity within the residence.

The noise categories and their corresponding criterion levels applicable to road noise from State-controlled and designated local government roads within the Flagstone City Development are described in **Table 1**.

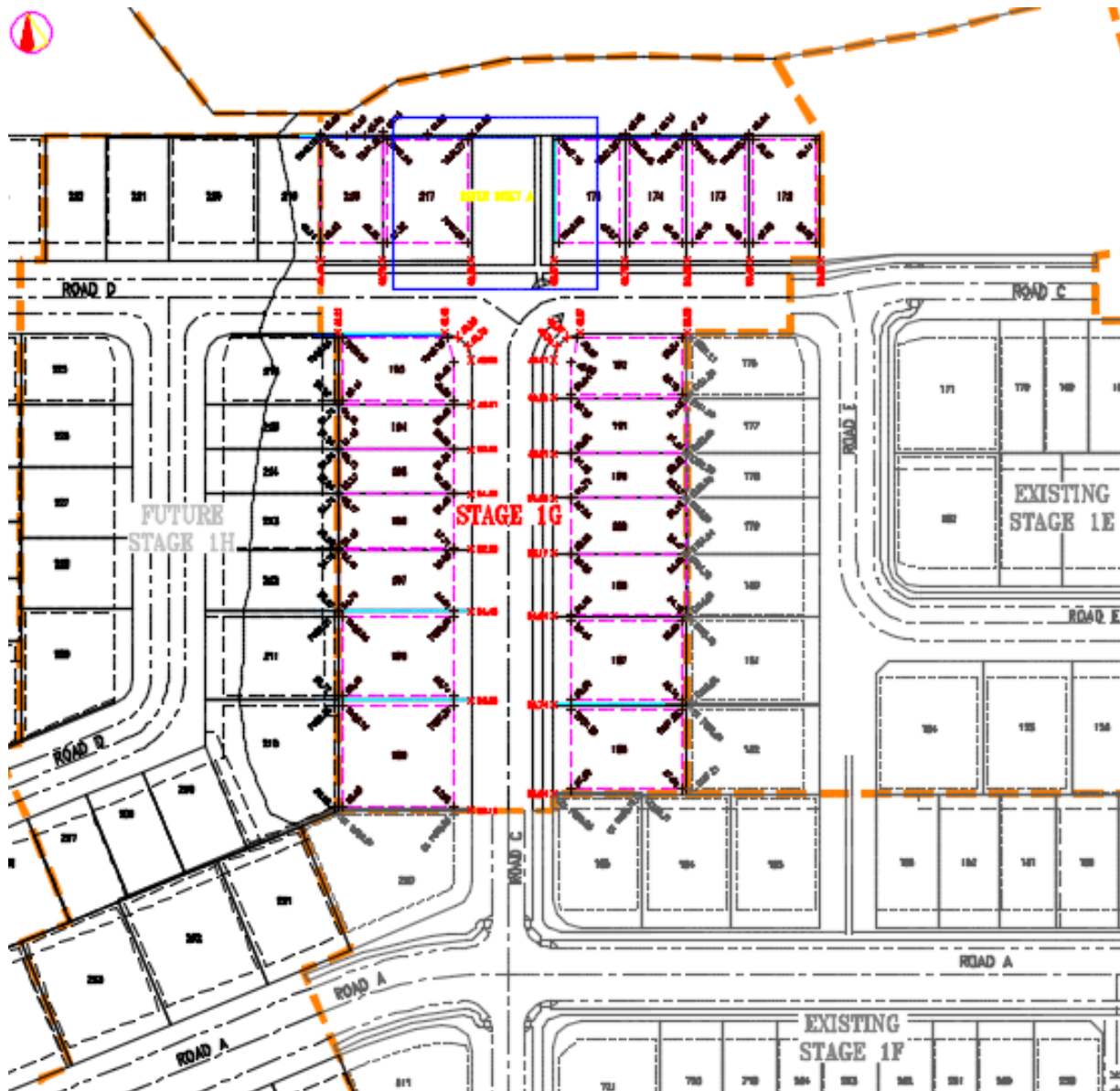
Table 1 QDC MP4.4 Noise Category Levels

Noise Category	Level of Transport Noise for State-Controlled Roads, dBA (LA10(18hour))
Category 4	≥73
Category 3	68 – 72
Category 2	63 – 67
Category 1	58 – 62
Category 0	≤ 57

Note Transport noise is assessed at 1 m from the façade of the proposed or existing building.

¹ SLR Consulting Australia , 2012. Flagstone Development Noise Assessment, document 620.10512-R1, dated 13 August 2012.

Figure 1 Stage 1G Lot Configuration



Note Not to scale.

4 Assessment of Road Traffic Noise

4.1 Methodology

The road traffic noise assessment methodology for Stages 1G of the Project is identical to that detailed in the original acoustic assessment in 2012. The current assessment incorporates the most recent lot configuration as well as updated 3-D topography of the local terrain.

4.2 QDC MP4.4 Assessment

Year 2051 road traffic noise levels for Stages 1G of the Project have been predicted with regards to the QDC MP4.4 noise categories. The QDC MP4.4 noise category for each residential lot in Stage 1G is detailed in the following figures and detailed in **Table 2**.

- **Figure 2** presents the noise categories calculated at 1.8 m above pad level for low-set dwellings,
- **Figure 3** presents the noise categories calculated at 4.6 m above pad level for high-set dwellings.

The building design and construction of the dwellings was not known at the time of the assessment, as such the noise model did not take into account potential road traffic noise shielding from future residential buildings within the development.

It is recommended that dwellings proposed to be built on lots located behind developed lots more exposed to the road network undergo further assessment to confirm if a lower noise category is applicable and therefore a reduction in QDC MP4.4 construction requirements.





Table 2 Predicted QDC MP4.4 Noise Category at each Lot in Stage 1G

Lot	QDC MP4.4 Noise Category	
	Low Set Dwelling	High Set Dwelling
172	0	1
173	0	1
174	0	1
175	0	1
186	1	1
187	0	1
188	0	1
189	0	1
190	0	1
191	0	1
192	0	1
193	0	1
194	0	1
195	0	1
195	1	1
196	1	1
197	1	1
198	1	1
199	1	1






Note: Category 1 only applies up to approximately 6m from lot boundary and therefore Category 0 criteria (rather than Category 1) are likely to apply to the actual dwelling built on the lot.



Legend

-  Lot Outline
-  Road Surface
-  Elevation line
-  Stage Boundary

**Noise level
LA10(18hr) dB(A)**

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
|  | <= 57 | - Category 0 |
|  | 57 < | <= 62 - Category 1 |
|  | 62 < | <= 67 - Category 2 |
|  | 67 < | <= 72 - Category 3 |
|  | 72 < | - Category 4 |

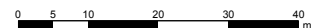
620.10512 - Appendix A Figure 2

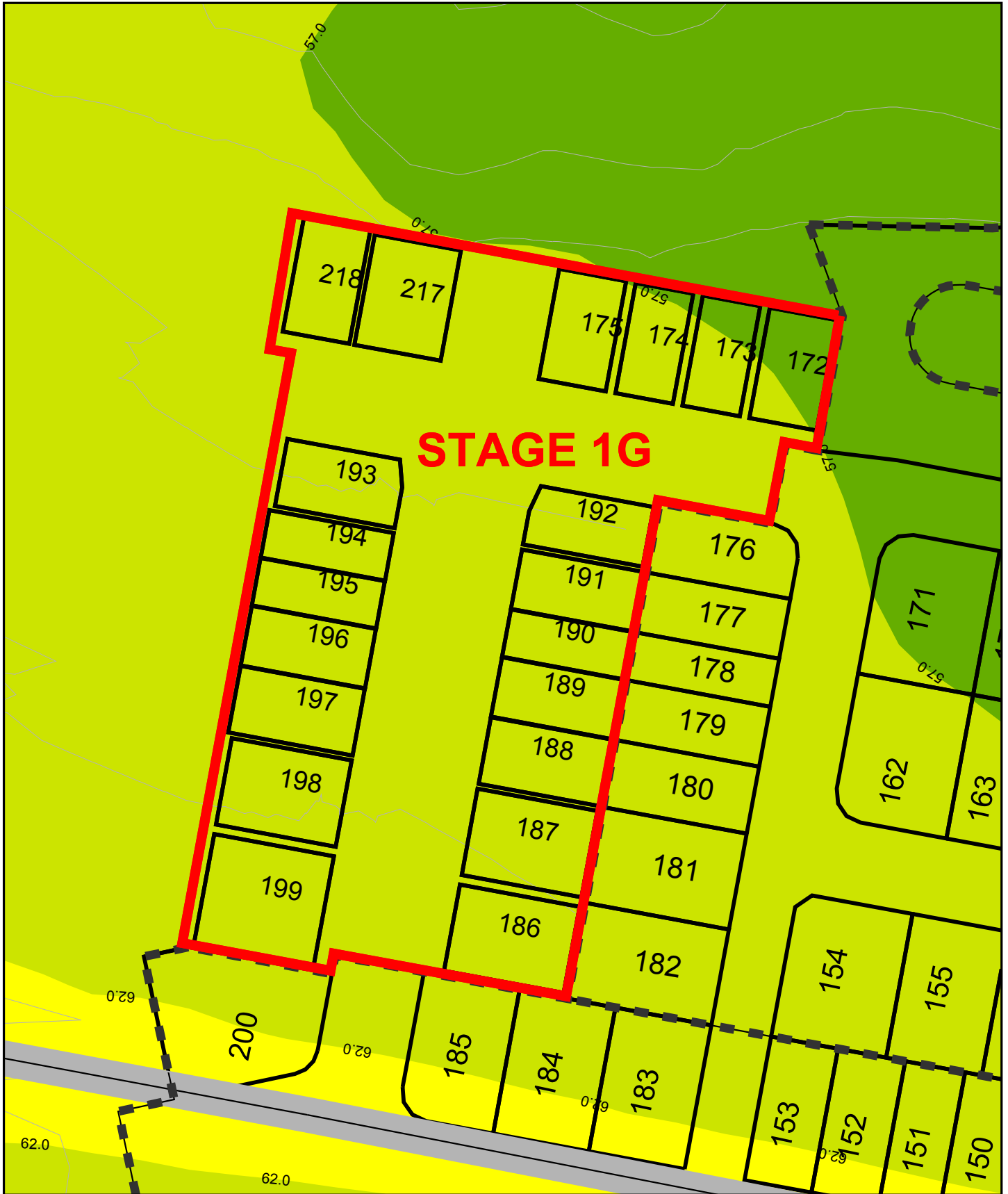
**Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels
Year 2051 - Noise Contour Map
at 1.8 m above ground**

Note: Predicted noise levels include a +2.5dBA facade correction.







Scale 1:1078










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-  Road Surface
-  Elevation line
-  Stage Boundary

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LA10(18hr) dB(A)

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|  | 67 < | <= 72 - Category 3 |
|  | 72 < | - Category 4 |

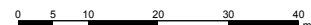
620.10512 - Appendix A Figure 3

**Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels
Year 2051 - Noise Contour Map
at 4.6 m above ground**

Note: Predicted noise levels include a +2.5dBA facade correction.



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5 QDC MP4.4 Requirements

Consistent with the 2012 noise assessment, noise barriers have not been included in the designed to mitigate road traffic noise as they are not considered to be in-line with the Flagstone City Development design requirements. Alternative mitigation methods such as building treatments are to be investigated as the preferred option.

The noise reduction performance to be achieved through the various components of a proposed residential dwelling is measured in terms of the R_w value. The minimum R_w values to be achieved for each component of the buildings external envelope, for each of the QDC MP4.4 noise categories, are shown in **Table 3**. Note there are no lots predicted to be Noise Category 2, 3 or 4.

Table 3 Minimum Noise Reduction Performance for Building Components

Noise category	Minimum Transport Noise Reduction For Habitable Rooms	Building External Envelope Component	Minimum R_w required for each component
Category 4	40	Glazing	43
		External Walls	52
		Roof	45
		Floors	51
		Entry doors	35
Category 3	35 dBA	Glazing	38 (where total area of glazing for a habitable room is greater than 1.8m ²) 35 (where total area of glazing for a habitable room is less than or equal to than 1.8m ²)
		External walls	47
		Roof	41
		Floors	45
		Entry doors	33
		Category 2	30 dBA
Category 1	25 dBA	External walls	41
		Roof	38
		Floors	45
		Entry doors	33
		Glazing	27 (where total area of glazing for a habitable room is greater than 1.8m ²) 24 (where total area of glazing for a habitable room is less than or equal to than 1.8m ²)
Category 0	No additional acoustic treatment required – standard building assessment provisions apply.	External walls	35
		Roof	35
		Entry doors	28

QDC MP4.4 provides acceptable forms of construction to achieve the minimum R_w performance for each component of the building's external envelope. Those constructions have been reproduced in **Appendix B**.

It is noted that for construction purposes, where more than one noise category for a common facade is triggered, a consistent construction detail for a building component based upon the higher required R_w performance should be used.

It is acceptable to use materials other than those presented in QDC MP4.4 with manufacturer's specifications that, in combination, achieve the minimum R_w value for the relevant building component and applicable noise category.

It may also be possible to further refine the QDC MP4.4 accepted forms of constructions based on the actual building dimensions, preferred construction materials, and the predicted noise levels based on the methodology contained within Australian Standard 3671:1989 *Acoustics – Road traffic noise intrusion – Building siting and construction* (AS 3671).

It is highly likely that an alternative solution (to adopting the QDC MP4.4 noise category/constructions) will result in a reduced R_w requirement and subsequently a reduced construction cost to the applicant/developer.

6 Conclusions

This report describes the results of a road traffic noise assessment undertaken for Stages 1G of the proposed Flagstone City Development in accordance with the QDC MP4.4.

The Flagstone City Development 3D SoundPLAN noise model was updated, with the final lot configurations for Stages 1G, to predict the road traffic noise levels at the site for the planning horizon (year 2051) traffic volumes.

Based on the noise modelling, the predicted noise levels and the subsequent corresponding noise categories at the future development lots have been identified. The minimum noise reduction performance of each building component for the noise categories have been presented in **Table 3**. All lots have been assessed to either require no acoustic treatment or would be not more than Noise Category 1 for both the ground and first floors.

Examples of acceptable forms of construction for the building components as described in QDC MP4.4 are shown in **Appendix B**. It is acknowledged that other acceptable forms of construction, which may result in reduced construction costs, could be determined using AS 3671.

At this stage of the development, the shape and form of residential dwellings is unknown and therefore building structures are not included in the noise model. Consequently, it is recommended that dwellings proposed to be built on lots located behind developed lots more exposed to the road network undergo further assessment to confirm if a lower noise category is applicable and therefore a reduction in QDC MP4.4 construction requirements.

QDC MP4.4 ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Schedule 2

Component of building's external envelope	Minimum R_w	Acceptable forms of construction
Glazing	43	Double glazing consisting of two panes of minimum 5mm thick glass with at least 100mm air gap and full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i> .
	38	Minimum 14.38mm thick laminated glass, with full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i> ; OR Double glazing consisting of one pane of minimum 5mm thick glass and one pane of minimum 6mm thick glass with at least 44mm air gap, and full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i>
	35	Minimum 10.38mm thick laminated glass, with full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i> .
	32	Minimum 6.38mm thick laminated glass with full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i> .
	27	Minimum 4mm thick glass with full perimeter <i>acoustically rated seals</i>
	24	Minimum 4mm thick glass with standard weather seals

Component of building's external envelope	Minimum R_w	Acceptable forms of construction
External walls	52	Two leaves of clay brick masonry, at least 270mm in total, with subfloor vents fitted with noise attenuators.
	47	Two leaves of clay brick masonry at least 110mm thick with: (i) cavity not less than 50mm between leaves; and (ii) 50mm thick mineral insulation or 50mm thick glass wool insulation with a density of 11kg/m ³ or 50mm thick polyester insulation with a density of 20kg/m ³ in the cavity. OR Two leaves of clay brick masonry at last 110mm thick with: (i) cavity not less than 50mm between leaves; and (ii) at least 13mm thick cement render on each face OR Single leaf of clay brick masonry at least 110mm thick with: (i) a row of at least 70mm x 35mm timber studs or 64mm steel studs at 600mm centres, spaced at least 20mm from the masonry wall; and (ii) Mineral insulation or glass wool insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 11 kg/m ³ positioned between studs; and (iii) One layer of plasterboard at least 13mm thick fixed to outside face of studs. OR Single leaf of minimum 150mm thick masonry of hollow, dense concrete blocks, with mortar joints laid to prevent moisture bridging.

Component of building's external envelope	Minimum R_w	Acceptable forms of construction
	41	Two leaves of clay brick masonry at least 110mm thick with cavity not less than 50mm between leaves OR Single leaf of clay brick masonry at least 110mm thick with: (i) a row of at least 70mm x 35mm timber studs or 64mm steel studs at 600mm centres, spaced at least 20mm from the masonry wall; and (ii) mineral insulation or glass wool insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 11 kg/m ³ positioned between studs; and (iii) One layer of plasterboard at least 10mm thick fixed to outside face of studs OR Single leaf of brick masonry at least 110mm thick with at least 13mm thick render on each face OR Concrete brickwork at least 110mm thick OR In-situ concrete at least 100mm thick OR Precast concrete at least 100mm thick and without joints.

Component of building's external envelope	Minimum R_w	Acceptable forms of construction
	35	Single leaf of clay brick masonry at least 110mm thick with: (i) a row of at least 70mm x 35mm timber studs or 64mm steel studs at 600mm centres, spaced at least 20mm from the masonry wall; and (ii) One layer of plasterboard at least 10mm thick fixed to outside face of studs OR Minimum 6mm thick fibre cement sheeting or weatherboards or plank cladding externally, minimum 90mm deep timber stud or 92mm metal stud, standard plasterboard at least 13mm thick internally.
Roof	45	Concrete or terracotta tile or sheet metal roof with sarking, <i>acoustically rated plasterboard</i> ceiling at least 13mm thick fixed to ceiling joists, cellulose fibre insulation at least 100mm thick with a density of at least 45kg/m ³ in the cavity. OR Concrete or terracotta tile or sheet metal roof with sarking, 2 layers of <i>acoustically rated plasterboard</i> at least 16mm thick fixed to ceiling joists, glass wool insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 11kg/m ³ or polyester insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 20kg/m ³ in the cavity.
	41	Concrete or terracotta tile or metal sheet roof with sarking, plasterboard ceiling at least 10mm thick fixed to ceiling joists, glass wool insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 11kg/m ³ or polyester insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 20kg/m ³ in the cavity. OR Concrete suspended slab at least 100mm thick.
	38	Concrete or terracotta tile or metal sheet roof with sarking, plasterboard ceiling at least 10mm thick fixed to ceiling cavity, mineral insulation or glass wool insulation at least 50mm thick with a density of at least 11 kg/m ³ .