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1. **INTRODUCTION**

Herring Storer Acoustics were commissioned to undertake an acoustic assessment of noise emissions associated with the amended layout for the proposed day care centre to be located at Lots 102 and 103 (Nos 13 and 15) Beenyup Road, Byford.

The report considers noise received at the neighbouring premises from the proposed development for compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. This report considers noise emissions from:

- Children playing within the outside play areas of the centre; and
- Mechanical services.

We note that from information received from DWER, the bitumised area would be considered as a road, thus noise relating to motor vehicles is exempt from the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. We note that these noise sources are rarely critical in the determination of compliance. However, as requested by council and for completeness, they have been included in the assessment, for information purposes only.

For information, a plan of the proposed development is attached in Appendix A.

2. SUMMARY

Noise received at the neighbouring premises from children playing in the outdoor areas would comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. However, it is noted that although the proposed facility would open before 7 am (ie during the night period), the outdoor play area would not be used until after 7am.

The air conditioning condensing units have also been assessed to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 at all times. However, it is recommended that the air conditioning condensers be located centrally on the western façade. Additionally, it is recommended that mechanical services installed with low noise night modes.

It is noted that noise associated with cars movements and cars starting are exempt from complying with the Regulations. However, noise emissions from car doors are not strictly exempt from the Regulations. Noise received at the neighbouring residences from these noise sources would with the fencing, as shown on the drawings attached in Appendix A and the restrictions in parking, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5 comply with the Regulatory requirements, at all times.

Thus, noise emissions from the proposed development, would be deemed to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 for the proposed hours of operation.

Notes:

- 1 For this development, the boundary fencing can be colourbond fencing. Fencing to the eastern boundary to be 1.8 metres high, with the northern boundary as shown on Figure 5.1 in Section 5 – Modelling.
- 2 Although the child care would be open before 7am, no outdoor play would be allowed until after 7am.

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3 Air conditioning condensing unit to have night period low noise modes. Air conditioning condensers to be located centrally on the western façade.

4 The parking to be restricted during the night period, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5 – Modelling.

3. **CRITERIA**

The allowable noise level at the surrounding locales is prescribed by the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. Regulations 7 & 8 stipulate maximum allowable external noise levels. For highly sensitive area of a noise sensitive premises this is determined by the calculation of an influencing factor, which is then added to the base levels shown below in Table 3.1. The influencing factor is calculated for the usage of land within two circles, having radii of 100m and 450m from the premises of concern. For other areas within a noise sensitive premises, the assigned noise levels are fixed throughout the day, as listed in Table 3.1.

TABLE 3.1 - BASELINE ASSIGNED OUTDOOR NOISE LEVEL

Premises Receiving	Time of Day	Assigned Level (dB)		
Noise	Time of Day	L _{A10}	L _{A1}	L _{Amax}
	0700 - 1900 hours Monday to Saturday (Day)	45 + IF	55 + IF	65 + IF
Noise sensitive premises: highly	0900 - 1900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Sunday / Public Holiday Day)	40 + IF	50 + IF	65 + IF
sensitive area	1900 - 2200 hours all days (Evening)	40 + IF	50 + IF	55 + IF
	2200 hours on any day to 0700 hours Monday to Saturday and 0900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Night)	35 + IF	45 + IF	55 + IF
Noise sensitive premises: any area other than highly sensitive area	All hours	60	75	80

Note:

L_{A10} is the noise level exceeded for 10% of the time.

LA1 is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time.

L_{Amax} is the maximum noise level.

IF is the influencing factor.

It is a requirement that received noise be free of annoying characteristics (tonality, modulation and impulsiveness), defined below as per Regulation 9.

"impulsiveness"

means a variation in the emission of a noise where the difference between L_{Apeak} and L_{Amax(Slow)} is more than 15 dB when determined for a single representative event;

"modulation"

means a variation in the emission of noise that -

- (a) is more than 3 dB LAFast or is more than 3 dB LAFast in any onethird octave band;
- (b) is present for more at least 10% of the representative assessment period; and
- (c) is regular, cyclic and audible.

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"tonality"

means the presence in the noise emission of tonal characteristics where the difference between –

- (a) the A-weighted sound pressure level in any one-third octave band; and
- (b) the arithmetic average of the A-weighted sound pressure levels in the 2 adjacent one-third octave bands,

is greater than 3 dB when the sound pressure levels are determined as $L_{Aeq,T}$ levels where the time period T is greater than 10% of the representative assessment period, or greater than 8 dB at any time when the sound pressure levels are determined as L_{Aslow} levels.

Where the noise emission is not music, if the above characteristics exist and cannot be practicably removed, then any measured level is adjusted according to Table 3.2 below.

TABLE 3.2 - ADJUSTMENTS TO MEASURED LEVELS

Where tonality is present	Where modulation is present	Where impulsiveness is present
+5 dB(A)	+5 dB(A)	+10 dB(A)

Note: These adjustments are cumulative to a maximum of 15 dB.

For this development, the closest neighbouring residences of concern to the proposed development, are located around the development. An aerial of the area and neighbouring residences are shown below as Figure 3.1.



FIGURE 3.1 - NEIGHBOURING LOTS

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At the neighbouring residences, as shown above, with the South Western Highway being a major road, the influencing factor has been determined to be +3 dB. Thus, the assigned noise levels would be as listed in Table 3.3.

TABLE 3.3 - ASSIGNED OUTDOOR NOISE LEVEL

Premises Receiving	Time of Day	Assigned Level (dB)		
Noise	Time of Day	L _{A10}	L _{A1}	L _{Amax}
	0700 - 1900 hours Monday to Saturday (Day)		58	68
Noise sensitive	0900 - 1900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Sunday / Public Holiday Day)	43	53	68
premises: highly sensitive area	1000 2200 hours all days (Evoning)	43	53	58
	2200 hours on any day to 0700 hours Monday to Saturday and 0900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Night)	38	48	58

Note:

 $L_{\mbox{\scriptsize A10}}$ is the noise level exceeded for 10% of the time.

 L_{A1} is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time.

 $L_{\mbox{\scriptsize Amax}}$ is the maximum noise level.

4. PROPOSAL

From information supplied, we understand that the child care centre normal hours of operations would be between 0630 and 1830 hours, Monday to Friday (closed on public holidays). It is understood that the proposed childcare centre will cater for a maximum of 90 children: with the following breakdown:

Room 1	0 – 1 years	12 places
Room 2	1 – 2 years	13 places
Room 3	2 – 3 years	13 places
Room 4	2 – 3 years	18 places
Room 5	3 – 5 years	17 places
Room 6	3 – 5 years	17 places

It is noted that although the proposed child care centre would open before 7 am (ie during the night period), the outdoor play area would not be used until after 7am.

For reference, plans are attached in Appendix A.

5. MODELLING

To assess the noise received at the neighbouring premises from the proposed development, noise modelling was undertaken using the noise modelling program SoundPlan.

Calculations were carried out using the DWER's weather conditions, which relate to worst case noise propagation, as stated in the Department of Environment Regulation "Draft Guidance on Environmental Noise for Prescribed Premises". These conditions include winds blowing from sources to the receiver(s).

Calculations were based on the sound power levels used in the calculations are listed in Table 5.1.

TABLE 5.1 – SOUND POWER LEVELS

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ltem	Sound Power Level, dB(A)		
Children Playing	83 (per 10 children)		
Car Moving in Car Park	79		
Car Starting	85		
Door Closing	87		
Air conditioning condensing Unit	2 @ 74		

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Notes:

- Given the number and breakdown of children, acoustic modelling of outdoor play noise was made, based on 70 children playing within the outdoor play areas at the one time, utilising 7 groups of 10 children, sound power levels distributed as plane sources. It is noted that the outdoor play noise associated with children under the age of 2 years is significantly less than for those over 3 years. Thus, given the breakdown of children, the assessment of 70 children would be considered conservative.
- With regards to the air conditioning, we understand that the air conditioning has not been designed at this stage of the development. However, it is recommended that the condensing units be located centrally on the western façade, outside the Cot Room.
- The noise level for the air conditioning has been based on the sound power levels used for previous assessment of child care centres. Although we understand that not all the air conditioning condensing units would be run before 7am, to provide flexibility all air conditioning units are to be installed with night period low noise modes. However, to be conservative, it has been assumed that all condensing units were operating before 7am.
- 4 Modelling has been existing fencings, with the eastern boundary fence being 1.8 metres high; and the fencing to the northern boundary to be as shown on Figure 5.1.
- Modelling shows that noise received at the neighbouring residences from car doors closing would comply with the assigned noise level for the day period. However, to achieve compliance at the residences to the south (ie adjacent residences to the car park) during the night period (ie before 7am), the parking needs to be restricted, as shown on Figure 5.2.
- Noise modelling was undertaken to a number of different receiver locations for each of the neighbouring residences. However, to simplify the assessment, only the noise level in the worst case location, as shown on Figure 3.1, have been listed.

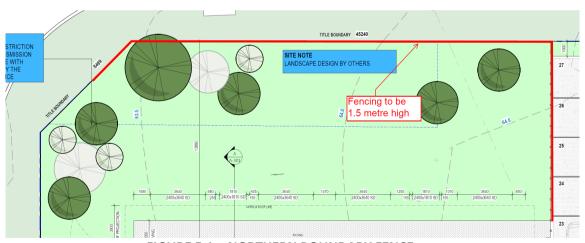


FIGURE 5.1 – NORTHERN BOUNDARY FENCE

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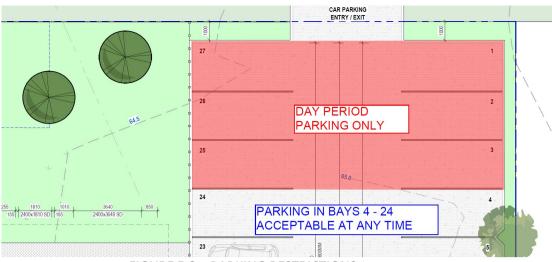


FIGURE 5.2 – PARKING RESTRICTIONS

6. ASSESSMENT

The resultant noise levels at the neighbouring residence from children playing outdoors and the mechanical services are tabulated in Table 6.1.

From previous measurements, noise emissions from children playing does not contain any annoying characteristics. Noise emissions from the mechanical services could be tonal and a +5 dB(A) penalty would be applicable, as shown in Table 6.1. Noise emissions from both outdoor play and the mechanical services needs to comply with the assigned $L_{\rm A10}$ noise levels.

TABLE 6.1 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS FOR LA10 CRITERIA OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS AND MECHANICAL PLANT

	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))		
Neighbouring Premises	Children Playing	Air Conditioning	
North	46	30 (35)	
East	42	11 (16)	
South	44	30 (35)	

⁽⁾ Includes +5 dB(A) penalty for tonality

With regards to noise associated with cars within the parking area, resultant noise levels are tabulated in Tables 6.2 and 6.3. It is noted that noise emissions from a moving car being an L_{A1} noise level, with noise emissions from cars starting and doors closing being an L_{Amax} noise level.

Based on the definitions of tonality, noise emissions from car movements and car starts, being an L_{A1} and L_{AMax} respectively, being present for less than 10% of the time, would not be considered tonal. Thus, no penalties would be applicable, and the assessment would be as listed in Table 6.2 (Car Moving) and Table 6.3 (Car Starting). However, noise emissions from car doors closing could be impulsive, hence the +10dB penalty has been included in the assessment.

TABLE 6.2 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS LA1 CRITERIA CAR MOVING

Neighbouring Premises	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))
North	41
East	43
South	39

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TABLE 6.3 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS LAmax CRITERIA **CAR STARTING / DOOR CLOSING**

	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))			
Neighbouring Premises	Car Starting		Door Closing	
	Day Period	Night Period	Day Period	Night Period
North	48	45	49 [59]	46 [56]
East	45	45	46 [56]	46 [56]
South	39	39	41 [51]	41 [51]

^[] Includes +10 dB(A) penalty for impulsiveness.

Tables 6.4 to 6.10 summarise the applicable Assigned Noise Levels, and assessable noise level emissions for each identified noise.

TABLE 6.4 – ASSESSMENT OF LA10 NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS **OUTDOOR PLAY (DAY PERIOD)**

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
North	46	48	Complies
East	42	48	Complies
South	44	48	Complies

TABLE 6.5 – ASSESSMENT OF LA10 NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS **AIR CONDITIONING**

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
North	35	38	Complies
East	16	38	Complies
South	35	38	Complies

TABLE 6.6 – ASSESSMENT OF LA1 NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS **CAR MOVEMENTS**

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
North	41	48	Complies
East	43	48	Complies
South	39	48	Complies

TABLE 6.7 – ASSESSMENT OF LAMAX DAY PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS **CAR STARTING**

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
North	48	68	Complies
East	45	68	Complies
South	39	68	Complies

TABLE 6.8 – ASSESSMENT OF L_{Amax} NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS **CAR STARTING**

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level	
North	45	58	Complies	
East	45	58	Complies	
South	39	58	Complies	

TABLE 6.9 – ASSESSMENT OF L_{Amax} DAY PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR DOOR

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level	
North	59	68	Complies	
East	56	68	Complies	
South	51	68	Complies	

TABLE 6.10 – ASSESSMENT OF Lamax NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR DOOR

Location	Assessable Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
North	56	58	Complies
East	56	58	Complies
South	51	58	Complies

7. CONCLUSION

Noise received the neighbouring residences from the outdoor play area would comply with day period assigned noise level, with the existing fencing, the eastern boundary fence being 1800mm high and a fence to the northern boundary, as shown on Figure 5.1.

The air conditioning condensing units have also been assessed to comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* at all times. However, it is recommended that the air conditioning condensers be located on the western façade. Additionally, it is recommended that mechanical services design be reviewed for compliance with the Regulatory requirements.

It is noted that noise associated with cars movements and cars starting are exempt from complying with the Regulations. However, noise emissions from car doors are not strictly exempt from the Regulations. Noise received at the neighbouring residences from these noise sources also complies with the Regulatory requirements at all times with the parking restriction, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5 – Modelling.

Thus, noise emissions from the proposed development, would be deemed to comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* for the proposed hours of operation, with the inclusion of the mitigation as outlined above.

Notes:

- For this development, the boundary fencing can be colourbond fencing. Fencing to the eastern boundary to be 1.8 metres high, with the northern boundary as shown on Figure 5.1 in Section 5 Modelling.
- 2 Although the child care would be open before 7am, no outdoor play would be allowed until after 7am.
- Air conditioning condensing unit to have night period low noise modes. Air conditioning condensers to be located centrally on the western façade.
- The parking to be restricted during the night period, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5 Modelling.

APPENDIX A

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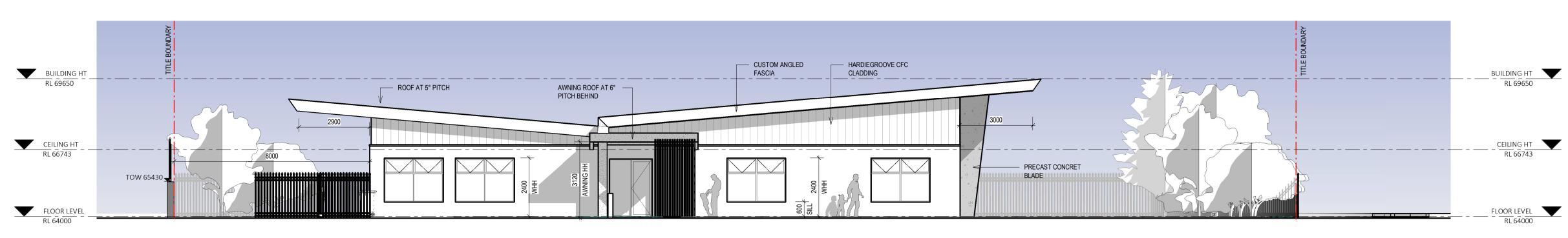


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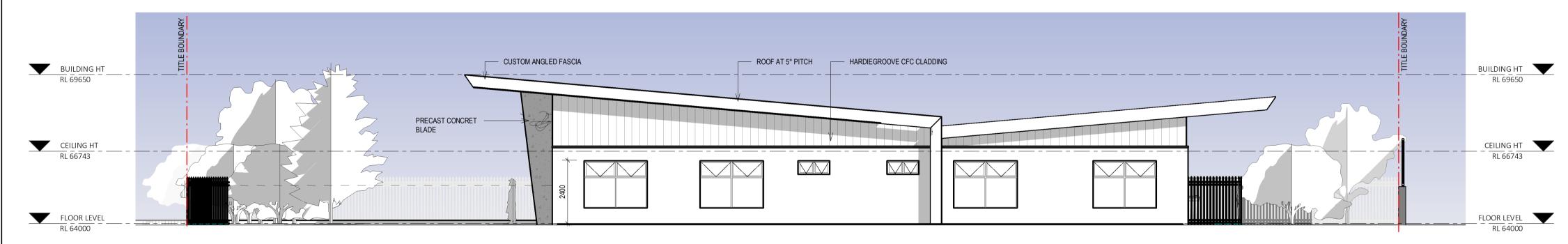
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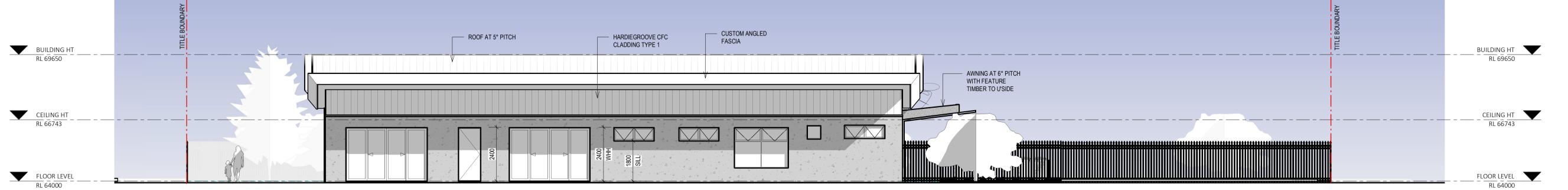


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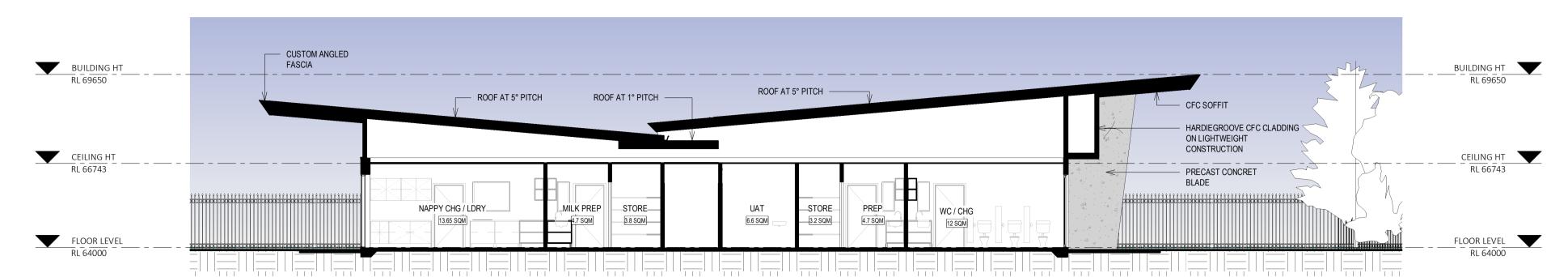
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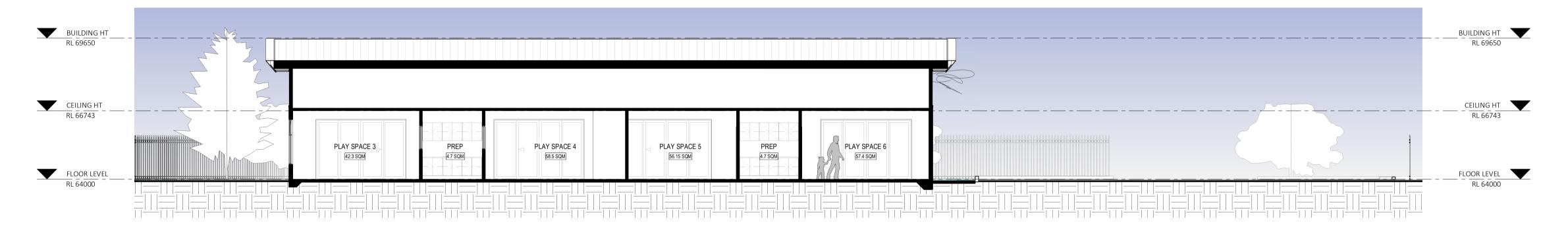
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