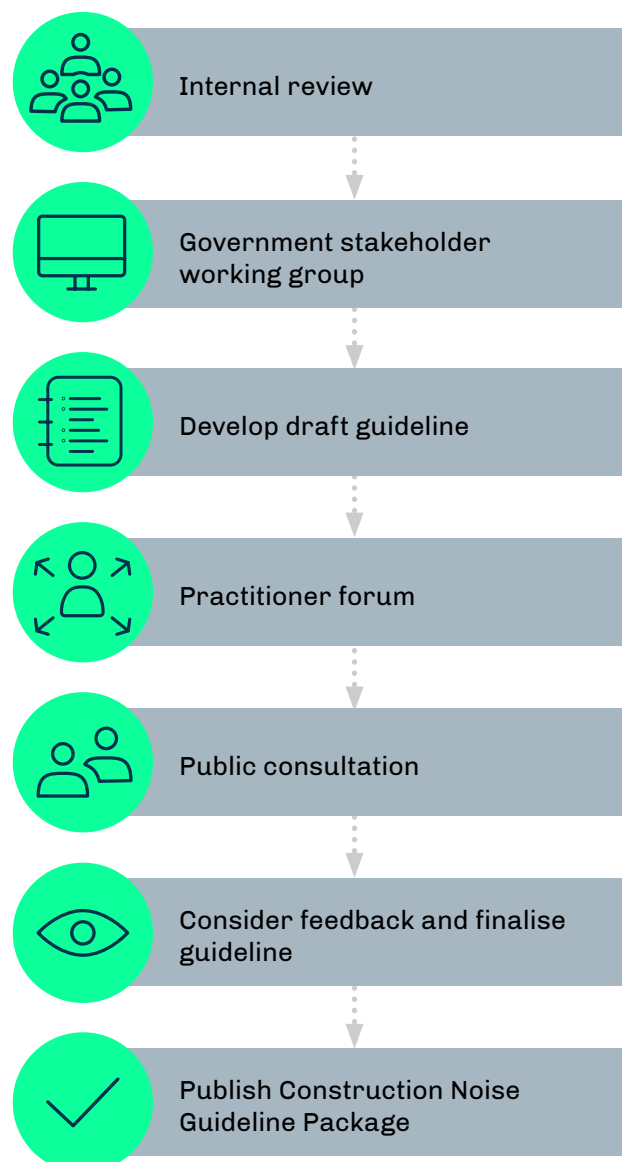


# Draft Construction Noise Guideline: public consultation preliminary summary July 2021

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) held a public consultation on the draft Construction Noise Guideline between 18 January and 30 April 2021.

## What was the consultation process?

The public consultation was conducted so community members, industry and government stakeholders could give the EPA feedback on the draft Construction Noise Guideline. The process for developing the Construction Noise Guideline is shown below. The EPA is now considering feedback and will seek clarification or carry out further consultation, as appropriate, before finalising the guideline.



## How did we engage?

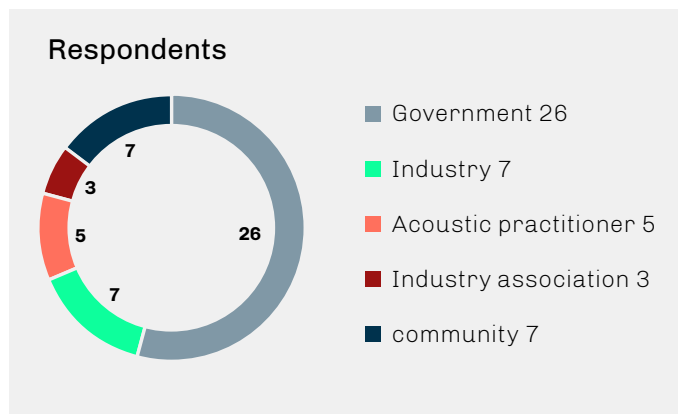
We used many methods to engage with our stakeholders, including:

- notification emails
- letters
- presentations
- website
- social media
- direct communication
- web surveys.



## Who did we hear from?

We heard from a number of different stakeholders from different areas.



## What did we hear?

We heard a diverse range of feedback from our stakeholders. Key themes included simplifying the document's structure, layout and readability and showing how the CNG fits in with other NSW Government documents, policies and guidelines. For example, environment protection licences and other agency guidance on construction.

Some comments focused on how different regulators can use the document, for example councils and state government agencies and there were requests for clarification on terms such as 'reasonable' and 'feasible'.

There was significant feedback regarding community impacts from sleep disturbance, vibration and blasting as well as comment on noise management levels, construction working times, calculation methods for predicting noise and strategies construction project owners can use to mitigate noise.

Some stakeholders requested to increase the levels of noise permitted while others told us of a need for tighter, more prescriptive controls on work.

Other feedback sought further guidance or case studies on how project owners can engage effectively within the proposed community engagement framework, or on smaller scale works.

## What are the next steps?

We are reviewing in detail every submission we received.

We will prepare a submissions report that will address both the comments made and how the EPA will consider and address them when finalising the Construction Noise Guideline.

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