



**POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY**

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between Berry and Bomaderry**

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# 1 POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE SUMMARY

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Summary has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Protection of the Environment (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012* (Regulation). In particular, section 153C(a) and clause 98C(1)(h) and (i) or (2)(b) and (c) requires that only certain parts of the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan be made public. This document has been prepared to address this requirement, and to ensure that those relevant sections are made public.

A pollution incident is required to be notified to the EPA if there is a risk of ‘material harm to the environment’, which is defined in section 147 of the POEO Act as:

- a. harm to the environment is material if:
  - i. it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
  - ii. it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and
- b. loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

## 1.1 Authority notification

The Environmental Site Representative, Project Director or the National Environmental Managers will advise the following organisations if the incident ‘causes or threatens to cause material harm to the environment’ immediately in accordance with the POEO Act requirements:

- EPA.
- Ministry of Health (via the Public Health Unit).
- Work Cover Authority.
- Local Authority (i.e. council).
- Fire and Rescue NSW.

**Table 1 Relevant authority contact details**

Organisation	Position	Phone Number
Police, Fire, Ambulance (Fire & Rescue NSW)	Call first if incident presents immediate threat to human health or property	000
EPA	Pollution Hotline	131 555
NSW Ministry of Health, local Public Health Unit (Wollongong Public Health Unit)		02 4221 6700 After hours – 02 4222 500. This is Wollongong Hospital – ask for Public Health Officer on call
SafeWork NSW (WorkCover)		131 050
Local Council	Shoalhaven City Council	02 4429 3111

<sup>2</sup> If the incident may impact on neighbours then it will need to trigger the early warnings assessment and actions

A record of information provided during notification of pollution incidents in accordance with this plan shall be recorded on an external communication summary worksheet.

## **1.2 Community notifications**

Early warnings for affected or potentially affected community members for any pollution incident will be communicated to those members via a door knock process.

For air pollution incidents that may affect community members, those community members may be asked to either close their doors and windows and stay indoors until further notice or to vacate the premises. For water pollution incidents that may affect community members, those community members may be asked to avoid use of the water until further notice.

Downer Seymour Whyte will provide regular updates of any pollution incidents either via letterbox drop, notices in local papers and/or via door knocks as required.