Ashby Dry Dock

Emergency Incident Response Procedures

Under *Part 5.7 of the POEO Act*, there is a duty to notify each relevant authority (identified below) of a pollution incident, where material harm to the environment is caused or threatened. Material harm includes actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial or that results in actual or potential loss (refer definitions) or property damage of an amount over $10,000.

For the above pollution incidents Roads & Maritime staff will seek immediate assistance from the RM, Operation Environmental & Safety Manger, the Regional Environmental Manger or Principal Manager Environmental Operations.

Environmental Branch will make the notification to required Authorities. If the environmental staff listed above are not available, RM staff will contact their Manager Fleet Services who will advise and assist with immediate contact of the 24 hour EPA Environmental Line and other Authorities listed below directly.

**Relevant authorities’ notification order**

**If there is an immediate threat to human health or the environment:**
- call Fire and Rescue first 000
- EPA 131 555
- Ministry of Health (Lismore PHU) 6620 7500
- SafeWork 131 050
- Local Authority (Clarence Valley Council) 6643 0200

**If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment:**
- call EPA first 131 555
- Local Authority (Clarence Valley Council) 6643 0200
- Ministry of Health (Lismore PHU) 6620 7500
- SafeWork 131 050
- Fire and Rescue 1300 729 579

Regional Maintenance, Ashby Dry-Dock Contact Number 6645 2118

Early warnings for affected or potentially affected community members for any pollution incident are to be communicated by methods such as doorknocking, letters, signs, notices, local papers, leaflets, etc. (minimum of letter box drop and sign on premises that is readable by public when gates are locked.)

For air pollution incidents such as dust, those neighbours will be asked to close their doors and windows and stay indoors until further notice.

For water pollution incidents that may affect neighbours who could access the river waters, those neighbours will be asked to avoid use of the water until further notice.

Regular updates of environmental issues will be undertaken and communicated to the local residents according the Ashby Environment Management Plan.