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 or property damage of an amount over $10,000.

In the event of a potential pollution incident causing or threatening material harm, and in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Environmental Incident Classification and Reporting Procedure, project staff will seek immediate assistance from the RM Operational Environment and Safety Manager, Regional Environment Manager, Director Environment Operations or Environment Manager Performance Improvement to determine whether notification to the relevant authorities is required.

If the environment staff listed above are not available, RMD staff will contact their regional Maintenance Delivery Manager who will advise and assist with immediate contact of the 24 hour Environment Line and other Authorities as listed below, directly.

### Relevant Authority Notification

If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service should be contacted first for emergency assistance

- **Call Fire and Rescue first** 000 then:
  - EPA 131 555
  - Local Authority (Port Macquarie Hastings Council) 02 6581 8111
  - NSW Public Health (Port Macquarie) 02 6588 2750 or 0439 882 752
  - Safework NSW 131 050

If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment:

- **Call EPA Environment Line first** 131 555 then:
  - Local Authority (Port Macquarie Hastings Council) 02 6581 8111
  - NSW Public Health (Port Macquarie) 02 6588 2750 or 0439 882 752
  - Safework NSW 131 050
  - Fire and Rescue 02 9265 2999

### Community Advice Mechanisms

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 or fire, those neighbours will be asked to close their doors and windows and stay indoors until further notice unless Fire & Rescue direct otherwise.

Regular updates of environmental issues will be undertaken and communicated to the local residents by Roads and Maritime Team.