New England Highway bypass at Scone

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

In the event of pollution incidents described above, the Scone Bypass project team will seek immediate assistance from the Director Environment Operations to determine whether notification to the relevant authorities is required. Environment Branch will make the notification to the required Authorities.

If the Director Environment Operations is not available Scone Bypass project team will contact the Environment Manager, Regional Projects Office who will advise and assist with immediate contact of the 24 hour EPA Environment Line and other Authorities as listed below, directly.

### Relevant Authority Notification

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then:

- EPA 131 555
- Ministry of Health (Tamworth) (02) 6764 8000
- WorkCover 131 050
- Local Authority (Upper Hunter Shire Council) (02) 6540 1100

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- Ministry of Health (Tamworth) (02) 6764 8000
- WorkCover 131 050
- Fire and Rescue 1300 729 579

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 creek 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 by the Scone Bypass project team.