

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Summary



Belford to Golden Highway Project - EPL #21420

Preamble

ACCIONA has been engaged by Transport for NSW (TFNSW) to upgrade the New England Highway and the Golden Highway to a dual carriageway between Belford and the intersection between the New England Highway and the Golden Highway.

Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No 21420 was issued to the Project by the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Pollution incident response management plans (PIRMPs) are required to be developed by all holders of environment protection licences in accordance with section 153A of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act).

The Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (B2GH_PIRMP) has been prepared to comply with the requirements under Part 5.7A of the Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act 1997 and Chapter 4 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) (General) Regulation 2022. This summary provides the information to be made publicly available on the ACCIONA Project website as required by Clause 74 Subsection (3) of the Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) (General) Regulation 2022.

Pollution Incidents

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 exceeding \$10,000.

In the event of such a pollution incident occurring at the or in relation to the Project, ACCIONA will notify the relevant authorities immediately upon becoming aware of such pollution incident.

Relevant Authority Contact Details:

Organisation	Name	Phone Number
Police, Fire, Ambulance	Call first if incident presents immediate threat to human health or property	000
EPA	-	131 555
TfNSW	-	132 213
SafeWork NSW	-	131 050
Singleton Council	-	02 6578 7290
NSW Fire and Rescue	-	1300 729 579
NSW Ministry of Health (Newcastle)	-	02 4924 6477
Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries and Aquaculture)	-	(02) 4980 9200 (Hunter)
Office of Water	-	1800 353 104
Bushfire Information Line	-	1800 679 737

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SES	-	132 500
Poisons Information	-	131 126
WIRES	-	1300 094 737
Electricity	Ausgrid	131 388
Gas	Jemena Gas	131 909

When notifying authorities that a pollution incident has occurred, the following information must be provided:

- The time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident
- The location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur
- The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known
- The circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known)
- The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known.

The information required to be given when notifying authorities is the information known to the person completing the notification of the incident at the time required.

If the information required to be included in a notice of a pollution incident under items c), d) and e) is not known when the initial notification is made but becomes known afterwards, that information must be notified immediately after it becomes known.

Community Notifications

Warnings for affected or potentially affected community members for any pollution incident will be communicated to those members via an TfNSW approved notification.

For landowners immediately neighbouring the project a direct phone call and/or door knock will be the primary method of contact.

Initial contact will be made via direct phone call or doorknock (using sorry we missed you notices) depending on spread of pollution and timeframe for cleanup, further updates will be provided either via letterbox drop, notices in local papers or via local radio or door knocks or phone call as required.

Where feasible the use of variable message boards on the New England Highway and Golden Highway may be used to notify commuters of a pollution incident.

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 vacate the premises.

For water pollution incidents that may affect community members, including downstream users, the community may be asked to avoid use of the water until further notice.