

Lachlan Valley Way (MR56) – Walls Junction Realignment

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

For any above pollution incidents Roads and Maritime staff will seek immediate assistance from the RMD Environment Manager, the Regional Environment Manager or Principle Manager Environment Operations.

Environment Branch will make the notification to the required Authorities.

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 EPA Environment Line and other Authorities as listed below, directly.

Relevant Authorities notification order

- **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 emergency services first** 000
 - EPA environment line 131555
 - The Ministry of Health 4824 1837 (or 6080 8900 a/h)
 - WorkCover Authority 131050
 - Local Authority (Yass Valley Shire Council) 6226 1477

- **If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment**
 - **call EPA environment line first** 131555
 - Local Authority (Yass Valley Shire Council) 6226 1477
 - The Ministry of Health 4824 1837 (or 6080 8900 a/h)
 - WorkCover Authority 131050
 - Fire and Rescue NSW 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 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 to the Lachlan Valley Way – Walls Junction realignment Environment Management Plan.