M1 Pacific Highway Upgrade Kariong to Somersby Ancillary Site

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 a potential pollution incident causing or threatening material hard, and in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Environmental Incident Classification and Reporting Procedure, Kariong to Somersby staff will seek immediate assistance from the Principal Manager 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 Kariong to Somersby staff will contact the Environmental Manager, Hunter Region 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

If there is an immediate threat to human health or the environment:	
call Fire and Rescue first	000
then:	
EPA	131 555
Ministry of Health (Central Coast LHD)	4320 2111
SafeWork NSW	131 050
Local Authority (Gosford City Council)	4325 8222
If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment:	
call EPA first	131 555
then:	
Local Authority (Gosford City Council)	4325 8222
Ministry of Health (Central Coast LHD)	4320 2111
SafeWork NSW	131 050
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 by the Roads and Maritime Kariong to Somersby staff.