

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan - Summary

EPL 10432 Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project

Under Part 5.7 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, 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 TfNSW Environmental Incident Procedure, project staff and sub-contractors will immediately report incidents to the Tweed Sand Bypass Operations Manager or Principal Manager. If either of these persons cannot be contacted, incidents are reported to the State Coordinator Maritime NSW and/or Maritime Duty Officer. If there is any imminent threat to human health or property, emergency services and any persons in danger will be contacted immediately. The Senior Manager Environment & Sustainability (North Region) and/or Director Environment & Sustainability (Regions) will be consulted to determine whether notification to the relevant authorities is required. If none of the listed contacts are available, the most senior staff member available will determine whether notification to the relevant authorities is required. If an incident is determined to be Material Harm, the most senior staff member available will advise who will make notification to the relevant authorities, as detailed below.

Relevant Authority Notification	
If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, notification will be undertaken in the following order ((noting for marine incidents notify the marine response unit relevant to the location of the incident):	
Emergency Services	000
TfNSW State Coordinator Maritime NSW	0491 229 958
TfNSW Marine Pollution Emergency Response (NSW state waters)	(02) 9962 9074
Maritime Safety Qld (Qld state waters)	(07) 5585 1810 (07) 3623 3900
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (outside state waters)	1800 627 484
EPA Environment Line (NSW)	131 555
DES Pollution Hotline (Qld)	1300 130 372
NSW Public Health Unit (North Coast)	1300 066 055 (AH 0428 882 805)
Safe Work NSW	131 050
Tweed Shire Council (Local Authority)	1800 818 326
City of Gold Coast (Local Authority)	1300 465 326
If there is not an immediate threat to human health or the environment, notification will be undertaken in the following order:	
EPA Environment Line (NSW)	131 555
DES Pollution Hotline (Qld)	1300 130 372
Fire and Rescue NSW	1300 729 579
TfNSW State Coordinator Maritime NSW	0491 229 958
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Community Advice Mechanisms

Early warnings for affected or potentially affected community members and businesses for any pollution incident are to

be communicated by methods such as signage in public areas, door knocking, telephone calls, letters, notices (including online platforms), local papers, leaflets and email. The information provided to community members will vary depending on the type of incident and the actions required to minimise harm, and community members may be asked to avoid use of the water until further notice.

Tweed Sand Bypassing will provide regular updates of any pollution incidents either via direct communication, notices in local papers and/or online platforms as required.