



POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Public Version

Cobar Waste Facility

In accordance with the requirements introduced by the Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011 and the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plan) Regulation 2012, Cobar Shire Council has prepared a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) for the operations of the Cobar Waste Facility, located at 900 Mulya Road, Cobar

The Pollution Incident Response Management Plan contains details of processes Cobar Shire Council has put in place to mitigate the likelihood of a pollution incident occurring together with details as to how a pollution incident will be managed, reported and communicated.

The objectives of this Plan are to:

- reduce the likelihood of a pollution incident occurring at the facility through the identification of risks and the development of planned actions to minimize and manage those risks
- ensure comprehensive and timely communication about a pollution incident to all staff or contractors who may be attending the premises, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), other relevant authorities specified in the Act (such as NSW Ministry of Health, SafeWork NSW, and Fire and Rescue NSW) and people outside the facility who may be affected by the impacts of the pollution incident
- ensure that the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan is implemented by trained staff, identifying persons responsible for implementing it, and ensuring that the plan is regularly tested for accuracy, currency and suitability
- provide guidance on how to respond to an environmental pollution incident and how to record and report such an event

Contact Information for the Immediate Notification of a Pollution Incident:

Under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 it is a requirement that all pollution incidents, where material harm to the environment is caused or threatened, are

reported to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire & Rescue NSW, SafeWork NSW and the local Council immediately.

If the incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property, 000 will be called first as Fire & Rescue NSW, the NSW Police and the NSW Ambulance Service are the first responders, as they are responsible for controlling and containing incidents.

If the incident does not require an initial combat agency, but material harm to the environment is caused or threatened, notification to the following authorities in the listed order should occur.

* NSW Environment Protection Authority Environment Line - 131 555

* Ministry of Health - 68799500

* SafeWork NSW - 131 050

* Cobar Shire Council - 68365888

* Fire & Rescue NSW –68362720

Communicating with Neighbours and the Community

Early warning and regular updates to owners and occupiers of premises who may be affected by an incident occurring at the Cobar Waste Facility will be notified as follows:

Properties Surrounding the Facility:

Council will make preliminary contact with all owners and occupiers of properties adjoining the Cobar Waste Facility to establish the most suitable means of effecting communications with them in the event of a major pollution incident occurring.

Should a major pollution incident occur, residents will be notified immediately and may be further contacted by emergency service representative, such as in a case where evacuation or critical safety actions are considered necessary

Broader Community:

Depending on the nature, scale and timing of the incident, Council will also place routine notices and updates on its website and provide information via the local media, including radio stations and television services.

Further Information:

The Pollution Incident Response Management Plan has been developed to comply with legislative obligations and this should not be construed as an indication of increased pollution risk from the operations of the Cobar Waste Facility. For further information regarding the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan please contact Council directly by phoning 68365888 during business hours.