

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 over \$10,000.

For further details refer to Abigroup AR702 Environmental Incidents and Emergencies.

Relevant Authority Contact Details:

Organisation	Name	Position	Phone Number
Police, Fire, Ambulance	Fire & Rescue NSW	Call first if incident presents immediate threat to human health or property	000
EPA	-	Pollution Hotline	131 555
Public Health Unit	-	Port Macquarie NC PHU	6588 2750
WorkCover	-	-	131 050
Local Council	-	Nambucca Shire Council	6568 2555
SES	-	-	132 500
Poisons Information	-	-	131 126
Hazardous Waste Contractor	-	Transpacific- Cleanaway	13 1 339
Electricity	-	Country Energy	132 357
Gas	-	Elgas	1300 362 389
Telephone	-	Telstra	132 000
Water	-	Nambucca Shire Council	(02) 6568 2555

Community Notifications

Warnings for affected or potentially affected community members for any pollution incident will be communicated to those members via a door knock process.

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 to 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. Further updates will be provided either via letterbox drop, notices in local papers and/or via door knocks as required.