



## **Australian Bay Lobster Producers Extract from Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Revised September 2025**

This extract of the Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been prepared in accordance with the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) requirements that only the following sections of the plan be made publicly available:

- procedures for contacting the "relevant authorities"
- procedures for communicating with the community
- excluding any personal information within the meaning of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

A copy of the full PIRMP is maintained at the premises to which the relevant licence relates and is readily available to the persons responsible for implementing the plan and to an authorised officer of the EPA on request.

### **Definition of 'pollution incident' as taken from the EPA guidelines for the preparation of PIRMPs 2022 is as follows:**

*"pollution incident* means an incident or set of circumstances during or as a consequence of which there is or is likely to be a leak, spill or other escape or deposit of a substance, as a result of which pollution has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur. It includes an incident or set of circumstances in which a substance has been placed or disposed of on premises, but it does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise.

A pollution incident is required to be notified if there is a risk of 'material harm to the environment', which is defined in section 147 of the POEO Act as:

(a) harm to the environment is material if:

- (i) it involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial, or
- (ii) it results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (or such other amount as is prescribed by the regulations), and

(b) loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment.

### **Details of the mechanisms for providing early warnings and regular updates to the owners and occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the premises to which the licence relates or where the scheduled activity is carried on:**

The works on-site are not considered hazardous enough to have an immediate impact upon surrounding land owners should a pollution event occur. It is the responsibility of the Managing Director to assess the level of impact of the pollution event, and in cooperation with the relevant authorities, notify surrounding land owners of the event.

The Managing Director will determine the most appropriate means of contacting potentially affected community including door knocking, letter box drops, notifications placed on the ABLP website or local media.

Information provided to community would depend on the incident but could include:

- Description of the incident
- Status of the incident
- Response actions
- Actions to minimise harm

ABLP will provide written notification to the EPA within 7 days of the date on which the incident occurred.

Incident contact details of each relevant authority referred to in section 148 of the POPEO Act:

Organisation	Contact Number
<b><i>If incident presents an immediate threat to human health or property</i></b>	
Emergency Services	000
<b><i>If incident does not require an initial combat agency, or once the 000 call has been made ABLP will notify the relevant authorities in the following order:</i></b>	
EPA North Coast Regional Office, Grafton PO Box 498 Grafton NSW 2460	131 555 02 6640 2500
NSW Ministry of Health Lismore Office PO Box 498, Lismore, 2480	A/H 0428 882 805 02 6620 7585 or 1300 066 055
SafeWork NSW	131 050
Fire & Rescue NSW Tweed Fire Control PO Box 816 Murwillumbah NSW 2484	000 02 6671 5500
Tweed Shire Council PO Box 816 Murwillumbah NSW 2484	Emergency A/H – 1800 818 326 02 6670 2400
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. GPO Box 3090, Canberra ACT 2601	1800 920 528 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
NSW Fisheries - Tweed Heads Office 20 River Terrace Tweed Heads 2485	1800 043 536