

Pollution Incident Response Management Plan Public Information - Homebush Depot

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1 Background

1.1 Who we are

Ausgrid delivers a safe and reliable electricity supply to more than 1.7 million homes and businesses across Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter regions. The business and our predecessors have been supplying electricity since 1904.

Our network area covers 22,275 square kilometres and includes more than 200 large electricity substations, 30,000 small distribution substations, 500,000 power poles and almost 50,000 km of below and above-ground electricity cables.

On 1 December 2016 the NSW Government entered into a partnership with Australian Super and IFM Investors to operate the network under a long-term lease.

1.2 Our environmental commitment

We are committed to community safety and meeting the needs of a growing energy market by effectively operating our assets, maintaining our infrastructure and finding better ways to plan for the future.

As part of our emergency planning we include the areas of environmental protection and due diligence. Ausgrid depots are an integral part of Ausgrid's operations and are located throughout our network area.

In 2012, the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* was amended and the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (Pollution Incident Response Management Plans) Regulation 2012* was gazetted.

One of the outcomes of this amendment was a requirement for all holders of an environment protection licence to prepare and implement a pollution incident response management plan and make information related to reporting and communicating with the community publicly available.

More information about our commitment to the environment is available on Ausgrid's website:

www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Environment

2 Site information

The site is located on the corner of Pomeroy Street and Underwood Road, Homebush (refer to Figure 1).

The site is currently operating and providing services for field operations. Activities at the site include truck and equipment storage, office tasks, mechanic and vehicle workshops, oil storage and handling and waste storage.

Figure 1 Ausgrid's Homebush Depot location



3 Communicating with the community

Whilst an emergency event is very unlikely, Ausgrid has in place emergency response procedures which would be coordinated with the Emergency Services. These procedures include notifying the relevant authorities immediately and communicating with the affected community.

3.1 Notifying relevant authorities

In the event of an incident which material harm to the environment is caused or threatened, Ausgrid will immediately notify the following authorities:

Authority	Contact number
Environment Protection Authority	131 555
SafeWork NSW	131 050
NSW Fire and Rescue	000 1300 729 579 for non life threatening emergencies
Strathfield Council	9748 9999
Camperdown Public Health Unit (Sydney South West AHS)	9515 9420 1300 066 055

3.2 Communicating with the community

Information about Ausgrid's scheduled activities at the site will be delivered to the surrounding neighbours either via an Ausgrid representative, an emergency services representative or a letter box drop, depending on the urgency of the update.

In the case of a major emergency, Ausgrid will provide early warnings to the authorities and the community, where possible. This information will be updated as new information becomes available.

If the situation escalates to a point where evacuation is necessary, then Ausgrid will convey this message to the surrounding neighbours. The residents will then make their own decision on whether to follow this advice. The Police or other Emergency Services are responsible for the evacuation of residents.

Information may also be communicated via social media (via Ausgrid's Twitter or Facebook pages) if it will be of benefit to the community.

3.3 Contact us

The community can also contact Ausgrid using the following channels.

- 24 hour Emergency Contact number – 13 13 88
- General enquires – 13 13 65