

# **Pollution Incident Response Management Plan**

Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project August 2023



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### 1. Background

The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) requires the holder of an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) to prepare, keep, test and implement a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP).

Transgrid holds EPL 21753 for extractive activities (category: >100,000 – 500,000 Tonnes annually – and no more than 561,231 Tonnes in total). This figure has been extracted from the Environmental Impact Statement for the earthworks component of the Project. The EPL requires the licence holder to prepare, keep, test and implement a PIRMP.

Transgrid's Senior Environmental Business Partner on the Project is responsible for preparing, testing and updating the PIRMP document. Transgrid's Senior Project Manager is accountable for its implementation.

#### 1.1. Location

The Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection project is located largely within the Kosciuszko National Park adjoining the Snowy 2.0 Main Works site located approximately 30 km east of Tumbarumba, 55km south of Tumut and 90km north-west of Cooma. The local government area (LGA) is the Snowy Valleys Council.

The western end of the transmission line terminates in the Maragle Substation adjoining transmission Line 64 (TL64 or Line 64). The transmission line project (and associated extractive activities) continue for 9km in an easterly direction through the Bago State Forest, into Kosciuszko National Park, across Tumut River/Talbingo Reservoir over Sheep Station Creek Ridge and terminates at its eastern end in Lobs Hole at the Snowy 2.0 Main Works as shown in Figure 1-1.

For the purpose of the EPL, the above location is summarised as Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project Kosciuszko National Park and Bago State Forest, Kosciuszko, NSW 2642 (the Premises).



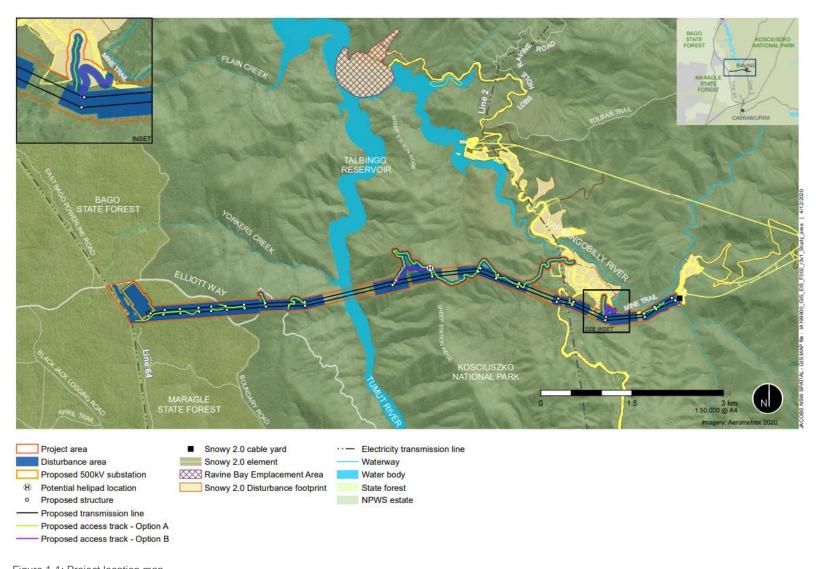


Figure 1-1: Project location map

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# 2. Definitions

Term	Definition		
The Approval	Approval SSI-9717 for the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection project issued by the NSW Dept of Planning and Environment.		
CSSI	Critical State Significant Infrastructure		
CW	Chief Warden		
DPE	New South Wales Department of Planning and Environment		
EAA	Emergency Assembly Area		
EEC	Emergency Evacuation Coordinator		
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
EP	Emergency Plan for the Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection project (Document number: 3200-0645-PLN-026-EP). This Plan is a requirement arising out of the Conditions of Approval for SSI-9717 (the Approval)		
EPL	Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 21753) issued by the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority		
FCNSW	Forestry Corporation of New South Wales		
FRNSW	Fire and Rescue New South Wales		
Immediately	Promptly and without delay		
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee (chaired by Snowy Valleys Council)		
Material harm	Harm to the environment is material if:		
	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.		
	It does not matter that harm to the environment is caused only in the premises where the pollution incident occurs.  (Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997)		
Incident	An incident that occurs in the course of an activity that threatens or causes material harm to the environment.		
NPWS	/S New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service		
NSWEPA	New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority		
NSWFB	New South Wales Fire Brigade		
PFES	Police Fire and Emergency Services		
PIRMP	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan		

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Term	Definition	
Pollution Incident	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 does not include an incident or set of circumstances involving only the emission of any noise.	
	(Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act 1997)	
the 'Premises'	Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connect Project, Kosciuszko National Park and Bago State Forest, Kosciuszko NSW 2642	
Primary Containment	Passive systems such as spill oil tanks designed to capture and contain oil lost from oil filled equipment and storage areas. The principle of operation of these systems is to contain the oil for timely removal and disposal. Examples of primary containment are sealed transformer bunds, and transformer bunds draining to spill oil tanks with underflow discharge.	
The 'Project'	Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection project	
Project website	<u>Lumea Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection Project   LUMEA™</u> <a href="https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project#environmental-documentation-link">https://www.lumea.com.au/projects/snowy-2-0-transmission-connection-project#environmental-documentation-link</a>	
RFS	Rural Fire Service	



### 3. Notification

A Pollution Incident where there is a risk of material harm (as defined by the POEO Act and reproduced in the Definitions section of this Plan) is required to be notified immediately to the EPA, NSW Health, Fire and Rescue NSW, SafeWork NSW and local council.

In the process of notifying the relevant authorities the following information must be communicated to each authority in accordance with the POEO Act (C 150) during Pollution Incidents causing or threatening material harm:

- 1. The time, date, nature, duration and location of the incident,
- 2. The location of the place where pollution is occurring or is likely to occur,
- 3. The nature, the estimated quantity or volume and the concentration of any pollutants involved, if known,
- 4. The circumstances in which the incident occurred (including the cause of the incident, if known),
- 5. The action taken or proposed to be taken to deal with the incident and any resulting pollution or threatened pollution, if known,
- 6. Other information prescribed by the regulations

The information required to be reported is only that information known to the person notifying the incident when the notification is given. If any of the above information is not known during initial notification but becomes known afterwards, that information must be relayed to the relevant authorities.



#### **Incident Notification Protocol**

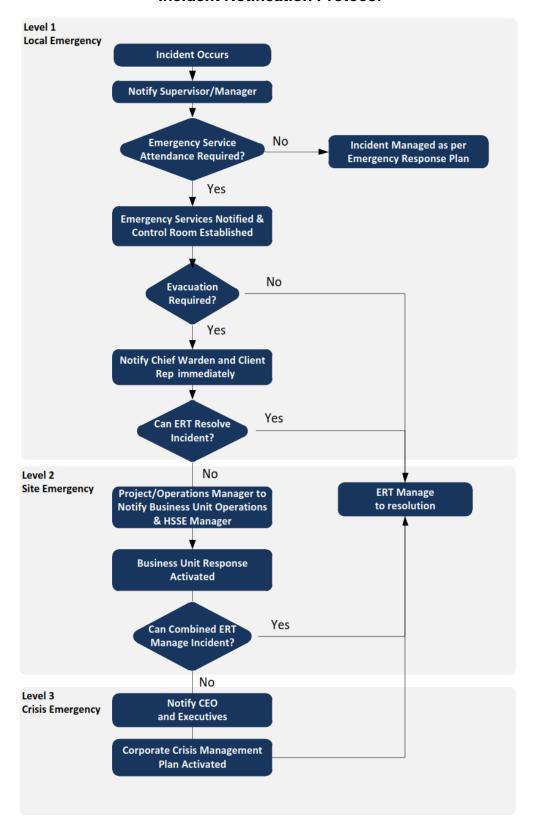


Figure 3-1: UGL Internal Incident Workflow (3200-0645-PLN-026-EP)



### 4. Contact Details

Table 4-1 summarises the names, position titles and 24-hour contact details of the key individuals responsible for managing incident response and notifying the relevant authorities.

Table 4-1 Emergency Contact Details

Site Location Details				
Site / Project	Snowy 2.0 Transmis	Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection project (C/o Maragle Substation)		
Address		Intersection Elliott Way and Powerline Road, Nurenmerenmong, NSW 2649  (or UGL Lobs Hole Assembly Area - 818 Lobs Hole Ravine Rd, Cabramurra, NSW 2629)		
Location Description	Electrical substation	Electrical substation south of the above-named intersection		
Latitude?	35°47'40.42"S	Longitude	148°19'2.33"E	

Contact	Contact Number	Alternative Number
Transgrid Emergency	1800 027 253	-
Emergency Services – 000	(or 112 from a mobile) - Fire / Ambulance	e / Police
Fire Brigade	000	112
Fire and Emergency Services	13 13 17 Hazardous Materials Response (HAZMAT)	-
State Emergency Service	132 500	(02) 4251 6111 (Head Office)
Ambulance	000	112
Police	000	112
Fire Station Tumbarumba 36 Winton St.	(02) 5942 9066	-
Relevant Authorities to rep	ort incidents to	
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Environment Line 131 555	-
Snowy Valleys Council (Tumut) Duty Officer	1300 275 782	-
Snowy Monaro Regional Council (Cooma) General	1300 345 345	-
NSW Ministry of Health (Goulburn/Albury)	(02) 4824 1837	(02) 6080 8900 (a/hrs)

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Contact	Contact Number	Alternative Number	
Duty Public Health Officer (on call)			
SafeWork NSW	13 10 50 – 24 hour	-	
Dept of Planning & Environment	Major Projects Portal	-	
Dept of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	1800 110 395 environment.compliance@dcceew.gov.au	-	
Neighbours who may be affected by an incident			
Snowy Hydro Limited	1800 766 333 – 24 hour	(02) 6453 2888 (Main Office/Enquiries)	
National Parks and Wildlife Services	1800 629 104 – 24 hour	(02) 6450 5550	
Forestry Corporation of NSW	(02) 9872 0111	1800 564 4825 Log haulage enquiries (02) 6947 3911 Tumut Office	
Future Generation Joint Venture (FGJV)	1800 766 992	-	



### 5. Communicating with Neighbours and the Local Community

Adjacent neighbours/ properties will be directly notified (by telephone) by the Chief Warden (CW) upon first becoming aware of an incident with the potential to affect them. Contact details of the adjacent properties are provided in Table 4-1. Regular updates may be provided via local radio and/or television and/or the relevant local councils. Refer Table 5-1 for a suggested list of radio and television agencies.

Properties further afield will be notified that an incident has occurred as deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Maintenance and/or Senior Sustainability and Environment Manager.

Table 5-1 Media contact numbers

Radio media			
ABC 702 Radio	02 8333 1234   139 994		
96.3 Tumut	(02) 6947 9100		
94.1 Gundagai & Talbingo Adelong	(02) 6947 9100		
104.9 Triple M (Riverina 1152)	133 353   (02) 9367 1000		
FM 96.3 Sounds of the Mountains	(02) 6947 9100		
89.3 2GLF	(02) 9822 8893		
95.3 Smooth FM (formerly Vega)	13 59 50		
954 AM 2UE	131 332   131 283		
2GB	(02) 8514 9500   131 873		
107.9 2WG Tumut	133 353		
	(02) 9367 1000		
Kick FM	(02) 4720 3891		
Ethnic Radio (Radio Australia)	(02) 9755 7938		
SWR 99.9 FM	(02) 9676 3999		
Television media			
Channel 10	(02) 9650 1010		
Channel 9	(02) 9906 9999		
Channel 7	(02) 8777 7777		
ABC Television	(02) 8333 2137		
SBS Television	1800 500 727		
Ethnic TV (UBI World TV)	(02) 9776 2222		
Local Council			
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	1300 345		
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council	1300 459 689		