



**COMMUNICATING WITH NEIGHBOURS and the LOCAL COMMUNITY
IN THE EVENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT.**

[POEO Act clause 98C(1)(i)]

Whilst the Moly-Cop Waratah site is considered a low risk site, and therefore is not required to be registered as a Major Hazard Facility under Workcover requirements, there remains the potential for smaller scale environmental incidents to occur. In the event that an incident has occurred that could potentially adversely alert or harm the local community, a notification of the event, including updates needs to be communicated to affected or potentially affected persons.

Moly-Cop Waratah have an existing legal obligation to report to the relevant authorities (including Emergency Services, EPA, Hunter New England Health, and Workcover.) incidents that have, or could, cause material environmental harm. It is therefore anticipated that any incident for which Community Notification is required will have already triggered the involvement of the Emergency Services.

As described in the Newcastle City Disaster Plan (known as “Displan” and available on the Newcastle City Council website), the Emergency Services have at their disposal a variety of methods with which to alert the community of issues that could impact upon their wellbeing. These methods include public address loudspeakers fitted to vehicles, radio and TV announcements, widespread telephone messaging capability, and others.

All hazards and potential incidents that have been identified as possibilities on the Moly-Cop Waratah site, including potential affected areas, have been assessed to be within the response capability of the Emergency Services and Newcastle City “Displan” framework.

Due to the extensive experience and capability of the Emergency Services, Moly-Cop Waratah rely upon those services to make Community Notification if, when, and how they deem appropriate. The Moly-Cop Waratah site maintains a 24hr telephone line (0249 740 371), published in the local White Pages, to allow enquiries and updates from community members.

After an Emergency incident, Moly-Cop Waratah may issue an additional communication direct with the Community to give further details to the Community as to the cause and response to the incident.

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