

POLLUTION INCIDENT RESPONSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The following summarises the approach taken by Murray Irrigation to manage pollution incidents that involve our assets, the environment, customers and staff.

1. If an incident has occurred involving a Murray Irrigation asset and / or activity and the situation is potentially life threatening call 000.
2. Any person wishing to report an incident involving Murray Irrigations' assets and / or activity must call the 24 hour emergency phone number 1300 657 313.
3. The Murray Irrigation staff member will assess the situation and if required, implement the appropriate emergency plans.
4. Murray Irrigation will escalate the incident as necessary and notify stakeholders based on the information received.
5. Murray Irrigation adheres to the NSW State Emergency Management Arrangements, meaning that key emergency service organisations such as NSW Police, Fire and Rescue NSW and the SES may be the controlling authority depending on the nature of the incident.

The Murray Irrigation Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PRIMP) is implemented in the event of a pollution incident where it is determined that there is a risk of material harm to the environment. This includes incidents that involve actual or potential harm to health or safety of human beings or harm to ecosystems that is not trivial.

In the event of a pollution incident Murray Irrigation is required to immediately notify the following authorities in accordance with the requirements of the *Protection of the Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2011*:

- NSW Environment Protection Authority
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- NSW Ministry of Health – Albury Region
- NSW Workcover Authority
- Local Shire Councils (Berrigan, Jerilderie, Conargo, Murray, Deniliquin, Wakool)

Other key stakeholders that may need to be notified by Murray Irrigation in the event of pollution incidents are:

- State Water
- NSW Office of Water
- NSW Department of Primary Industries
- NSW Roads and Traffic Authority
- NSW Police
- NSW State Emergency Service (SES)

Murray Irrigation utilises the following methods of communication, appropriate to the circumstances, to inform the community and customers of the incident:

- 'Talking Water'
- Telephone calls
- SMS
- UHF radio
- Door knocking
- Website