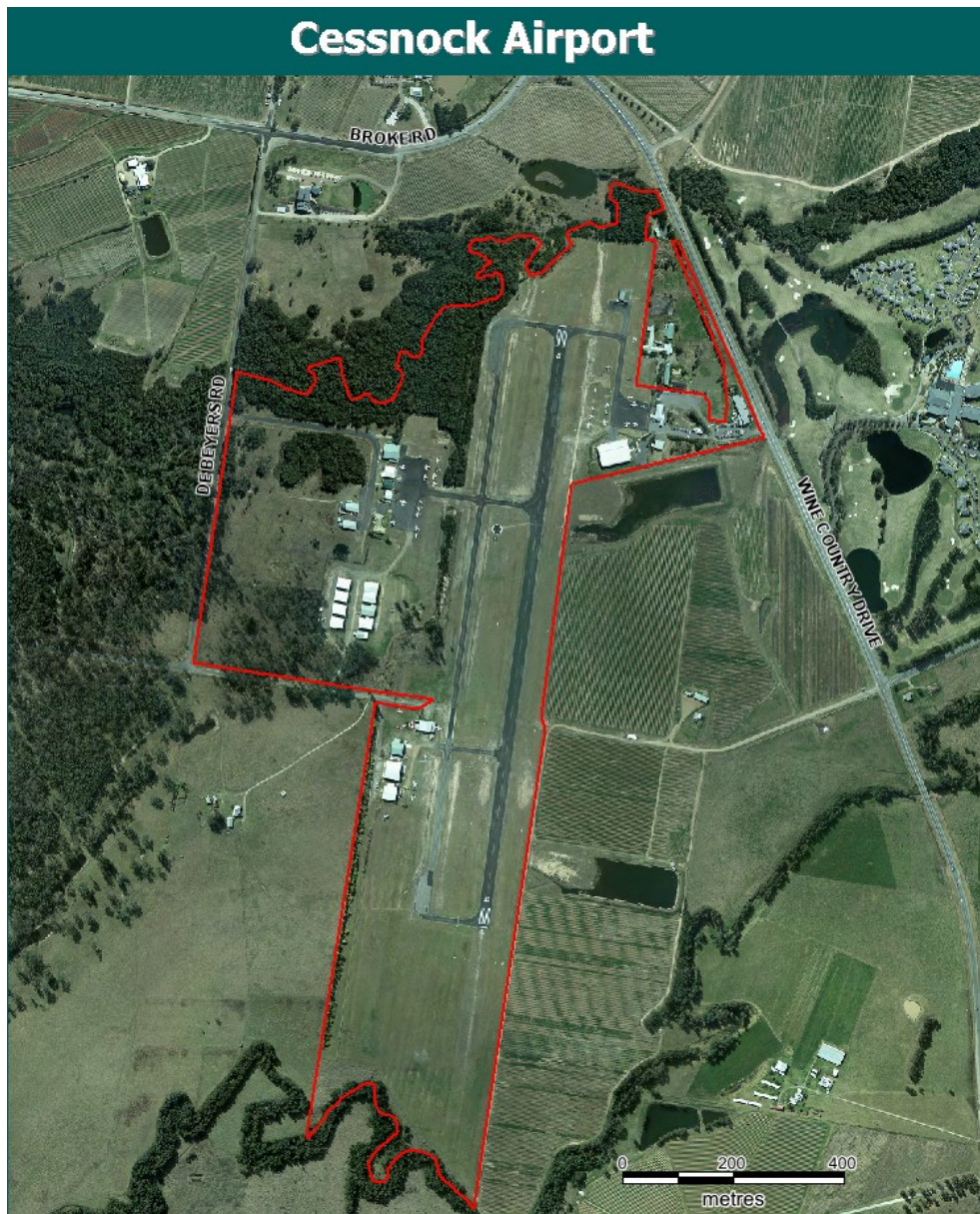


# Cessnock Aerodrome

## Helicopter Activities Pollution Incident Response Management Plan

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## 1. Purpose and Scope

This Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP) has been developed to describe Cessnock Airport's response to a potential incident in line with the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act.

The PIRMP covers helicopter activities (movements) at Cessnock Airport covered by Environmental Licence No 20317.

## 2. Process

### 2.1. Definition of Pollution Incident

A 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 1997:

*(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.*

### 2.2. Types of Incidents and Responses

There are two types of potential incidents relating to helicopter activities (movements):

1. Non-pollution incidents – such as noise.
2. Pollution incidents – involving harm to human safety and/or damage to the environment or property.

The appropriate responses these types of incidents are as follows:

Non-pollution (noise) incidents:

- Contact Air Services Australia

Pollution incidents:

- Refer to (and follow the) Cessnock Airport Emergency Procedures.

### 2.3. Likelihood of Hazards

The controlled nature of the helicopter activities (movements) permitted under the licence at Cessnock Airport has been assessed as a low risk in accordance with the POEO risk assessment tool.

### 2.4. Communicating with Neighbours and Local Community

Contact details for the Cessnock Airport Operations Coordinator are published on Council's website and included on signage at the airport.

In the event of a non-pollution (noise) incident, contact details for Air Services Australia are available on their website.

In the event of a pollution incident notifications will occur in accordance with the Cessnock Airport Emergency Procedures.

### 2.5. Minimising Harm to Persons on Site

To minimise harm from a non-pollution (noise) incident, Council has incorporated "Fly Neighbourly Guidelines" into its adopted Cessnock Airport Operational Policy and User Guidelines.

In the event of a pollution incident, harm to persons on the site will be minimised in accordance with the Cessnock Airport Emergency Procedures.

### 2.6. Training, Testing and Review

There is a very low risk of a pollution incident occurring.

Council will review, updated (if required) and test this PIRMP at least once in every 12-month period.

Staff will be trained in the PIRMP and appropriate records maintained in Council's corporate system. A copy of this plan will be kept on site at Cessnock Airport.

### 3. Contact Details

#### Personnel responsible for the site

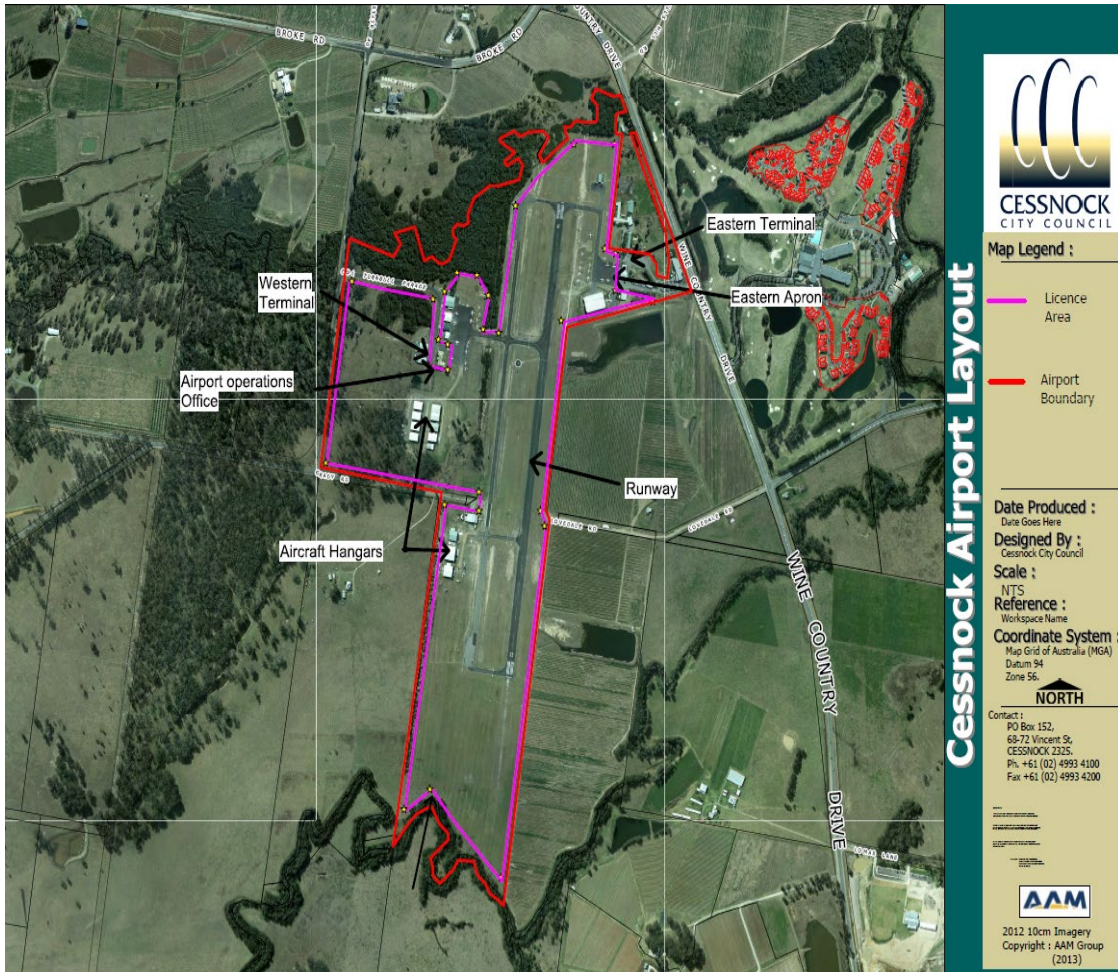
<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Airport Operations Coordinator	Tony Allan	0401 107 557
Airport Reporting Officer	Varies	Contact Airport Operations Coordinator or Refer to Cessnock Airport Operational Policy & User Guidelines
After Hours Calls and Emergencies	Varies	0401 107 557

#### Notification of external parties

<b>Title</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Emergency Services Police Fire Ambulance	000
Air Services Australia	1300 301 120
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	131 757
EPA	Environmental Line 131 555
NSW Health	Public Health Unit, Hunter new England Health, Newcastle Office 02 4924 6477
Work Cover	13 10 50
Cessnock City Council	Customer Service 02 4993 4300
Fire & Rescue NSW	(not an emergency) 02 4991 4150

## 4. Maps

### Licence Area and Airport Boundary





## 5. Revision History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
10 Sept 2015	Plan desktop tested by Chris Eddy and Bronwyn Rumbel	No changes required.
17 March 2020	Plan desktop tested by Tony Allan and Steven Burgess	No Changes required.