

REPORT POLLUTION IN THE COOKS RIVER

Introduction

Help make the Cooks River beautiful. Report all pollution using the 2 step CooksEye plan.

- STEP 1. notify the pollution incident to the relevant agency as soon as possible
- STEP 2. report the incident and the notification to our CooksEye pollution line

What to record

Time, date, location

Your location is important as well as the location of what you saw. For example, you might have been crossing the river on a footbridge and seen a discharge coming from a stormwater drain. The location of the footbridge and the drain are important.

State of the tide, weather

River level, direction of tidal flow, wind direction, recent or current rainfall

Observations

- floating pollutants eg oil slick [type of pollutant, rainbow colours, extent of slick]
- suspected source of pollutant, eg drain, broken drum, sewerage inspection chamber
- odour, associated material eg toilet paper
- affected wildlife eg birds, fish [species, numbers, condition]

Photographs

Photographs are very useful.

STEP 1 Notify the relevant agency

Phone numbers of relevant agencies are listed below. Keep them in your mobile phone so you can notify immediately. When speaking to the agency, ask for the name of the staff member you speak to and what action will be taken, eg an investigation, a return phone call to you. Make a note of the time of your call. Offer to send photographs.

Agency 24 hour contact details

- **NSW Government Environment Line 24/7** 131 555
- **Sydney Water sewage leaks 24/7** 132 090
- **Local Councils 24/7**

Bankstown	9707 9999	Marrickville	9335 2222
Burwood	9911 9911	Rockdale	9562 1666
Canterbury	9789 9300	Strathfield	9748 9999
		Sydney	9265 9333

STEP 2 Report to our CooksEye pollution line

Email your report, with your name and contact details, all of the above information and your photographs to CRVA's Water Quality Co-ordinator – cookseye.cooksriver@gmail.com
You can also call CRVA's CooksEye line - **CooksEye** 0401 639 996

Other useful contacts

- Australian Seabird Rescue - sick and injured pelicans 0431 282 238
- WIRES - injured native animals 1300 094 737
- Ausgrid - bats on electricity wires 131 388