



KURNELL COMMUNITY UPDATE

Ampol would like to acknowledge the Gweagal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands where the Ampol Kurnell Terminal is located, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Enforceable undertaking

We would like to inform the community that Ampol has entered into an enforceable undertaking with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) after the waste water treatment plant in Kurnell was inundated by floodwaters and overflowed, causing hydrocarbon-impacted floodwaters to enter into the surrounding environment at Kurnell on 7 April 2022.

Ampol accepts full responsibility for all contributing factors to the incident that were within our control, and deeply regrets the impact the incident has had on the Kurnell community and the environment.

In response to the incident, Ampol undertook clean-up works to remediate the impacted lands and waterways.

The enforceable undertaking requires Ampol to pay \$700,000 to fund the following four (4) projects:

- \$220,000 to Sutherland Shire Council for the construction of a new children's playground at Marton Park.
- \$150,000 to Sutherland Shire Council for the construction of a new outdoor gym at Marton Park.

- \$180,000 to Greater Sydney Landcare to provide an educational program, involving research and water sampling activities in the Kurnell area, to local school students.
- \$150,000 to National Parks & Wildlife Service to undertake a program to remove invasive weeds and restore native species in the Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

Stormwater improvement project

Site preparation has started for the preliminary works of the stormwater improvement project. The project will include the installation of new pump stations, additional stormwater retention capabilities and the construction of a levee wall around the waste water treatment plant (WWTP). This will provide increased protection against the potential impact of stormwater and has been endorsed by the NSW EPA.

A laydown area is being established and dust screens will be installed along sections of the terminal perimeter fence. A small number of oleander trees will be removed from the area to the north of the WWTP to allow for the levee wall.

The project is due for completion by the end of 2024. We will keep you updated of our progress.

Wharf maintenance

Residents may notice increased activity on the wharf and surrounding waters during November and December as we carry out testing and maintenance on our sub berth line system. Work will include the use of a commercial diving vessel, a barge, pumps and a small crane.

Quibray Bay

Ampol will be conducting a new program of work to understand the health of the mangroves in Quibray Bay.

The objective is to assess the area and advise next steps. The assessment will take approximately six months to complete.

We have engaged environmental consultants WSP to lead the study and they will be supported by a panel of NSW EPA approved third-party, mangrove ecologists and marine scientists, who are leaders in their respective fields.

Results of the investigation of wharf drain at Silver Beach

An investigation by WSP into petroleum like odour from the wharf drain at Silver Beach has been completed.

The investigation concluded the water and air coming out of the wharf drain presents no risk to human health or the marine aquatic ecosystem, as concentrations of hydrocarbon are barely detectable. It also found any sheen and dark colour of the water that may be observed are likely from the natural environment linked to processes such as plant / animal material and iron breakdown.

As a result of the study, we will be relining a section of underground stormwater pipeline within the terminal. Once complete, ongoing monitoring of the wharf drain will be conducted to check this measure is working. This approach has been endorsed by the NSW EPA.

The project will start in November and is expected to take approximately six months to complete. We will keep you updated of our progress.

Incident notification platform

The platform has been established to provide residents and the community with initial alerts and information in the event of a major incident at the terminal.

If you would like to be part of this program, simply scan the QR code and complete the form or fill out a form available at the Kurnell Village Post Office.



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If you have any questions, feedback, or wish to report a complaint, please contact our community relations team.



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