

Consultation report

Who we consulted

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) sought feedback on a new guidance document to help transport operators prepare Transport Emergency Response Plans for road tank vehicles and prime movers transporting liquids and other dangerous goods.

Consultation was conducted through direct meetings, written correspondence and discussion with key stakeholders including the National Bulk Tanker Association and other authorities for dangerous goods transport.

We also promoted the guidance program document for feedback on our 'Have Your Say' platform to over 500 stakeholders involved in the transport of dangerous goods.

What we heard

Stakeholders were generally supportive of the draft and the EPA's intent in preparing it.

In response to feedback, the following changes have been made to the final version for publication:

1. Clarification about how to apply the information included in the document, especially for transporters with more complex transport operations.
2. Incident reporting templates have been compared to those found in the international road dangerous goods code (ADR), and some changes made to reflect this.
3. More detail provided on dividing emergency response plans into a master plan covering common elements for emergency response, and sub-plans for individual incident types.
4. Additional information on psychological support for personnel involved in incidents.
5. Additional templates provided for a master plan for emergency response.
6. Consequential changes to the blank templates to be provided.
7. Minor copyediting and corrections.

Next steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided input to the development of this document.

The document will now be finalised for release.