

SECTION 14 INCIDENT REPORT (*Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*)

Date and Time of Notification:	01/09/2026 16:00PM
Person / Company:	Mikaela Baillie, Resource Recovery Program Leader, Litchfield Council
Incident:	Controlled burns, Howard Springs WTS
(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Bushfire from neighbouring bushland was threatening to jump into WTS boundary so NTFRS conducted backburning inside WTS
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Howard Springs Waste Transfer Station
(c) the date and time of the incident	11:00AM
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	From approx. 7:00 am, NTFRS was responding to a bushfire on Crown land adjacent to HSWTS and conducted a controlled burn along the site perimeter. At approx. 11:00 am, the fire risked spreading into HSWTS due to hot, dry and windy conditions. NTFRS conducted further controlled burns inside the WTS to contain the fire and protect operational areas.
(e) the attempts made to prevent, reduce, control, rectify or clean up the pollution or resultant environmental harm caused or threatening to be caused by the incident	NTFRS conducted controlled burns along the northern and north-eastern interior of HSWTS to reduce fuel loads and prevent the uncontrolled bushfire from impacting waste storage and operational areas. The fire was contained to vegetation, with no waste materials or infrastructure impacted and no clean-up required.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Mikaela Baillie, Resource Recovery Program Leader, Litchfield Council