

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

Date and Time of Notification:	9/7/2025
Person / Company:	Rebecca Taylor – Litchfield Council
Incident:	Fire at Howard Springs Waste Transfer Station

(a) the incident causing or threatening to cause pollution	Green waste pile caught fire
(b) the place where the incident occurred	Howard Springs Waste Transfer Station
(c) the date and time of the incident	1 July 2025, approx 7:40pm
(d) how the pollution has occurred, is occurring or may occur	A fire broke out (green waste) at the Howard Spring transfer station on 1/7. The fire department called Council's callout officer, needing access, so they cut the padlock. Callout officer attended; they lacked water and manpower, and saw the situation was beyond saving. They asked staff to monitor wind direction and stay alert. Callout officer waited until the fireworks ceased, then, with the situation under control, informed the fire department and left around 11 pm.
(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	In consultation with Senior Station Officer at NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Council completed the following actions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised the public of the fire and restricted acceptance of green waste. • Commenced clean up by carefully separating out the left over remnants into piles and restoring the ground. • Work will be ongoing for a further few weeks as the piles continue to breakdown and cool. • Soil testing to be conducted.
(f) the identity of the person notifying the NT EPA	Rebecca Taylor – Policy and Governance Program Leader Mikaela Baillie – Acting Resource Recovery Program Leader