

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS ACT 1997

Publication of Exemption Granted under section 284

THE following exemption is published by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in accordance with section 284 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. Section 284 of the Act provides that the EPA may exempt a person or class of persons from a specified provision of the Act or the regulations under the Act in an emergency.

LISA CORBYN,
Assistant Director-General (Operations)
Environment Protection Authority

Dated: 16 February 2000.

Time: 11.25 a.m.

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Order Granting Exemption under section 284

BY this order the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), in the circumstances of an emergency, grants to any person who collects, stores, transports or disposes of the asbestos contaminated waste resulting from the fire at the Moree Wool Appraisal Centre, 24 Morton Street, Moree ("the premises"), an exemption from compliance with clause 29 (4)(b) of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 1996. The exemption is granted under s.284 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act") subject to the following conditions:

- (a) This exemption takes effect immediately upon the signing of this Order and expires on 30 March 2000 unless otherwise varied or revoked.
- (b) All asbestos contaminated waste arising from the fire at the premises must be wetted and maintained in a wet condition during collection, storage, transportation and disposal so as to prevent the emission of dust:
- (c) In wetting the asbestos contaminated waste, the wetting process must not cause any emission of dust or lead to any discharge of polluted water.

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