

Cooks River Environmental Assessment and Education Project

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Date:
2. Assessment Officer:
3. Assessment Number:

PROPERTY DETAILS

4. Company Name:
5. Property Address: Number Street:
6. Suburb:
7. Postal Address:
8. Phone No : 9. Fax No :
10. Contact Person: 11. Position:

CONTACT PERSON DETAILS

12. Contact Person Lives in Catchment? YES NO
13. Age of Contact Person 15-30 30-50 50+
14. In which country were you born? [specify]

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATIONS

15. Nature of Business:
16. How many full-time, part-time and casual employees do you have?
17. What percentage of your employees are from countries other than Australia?
<25% 25-50% 50-80% >80%
18. What are the main language(s) spoken?
19. Property File No:
20. PIN:
21. ANZSIC Code:

NOTE: SOME QUESTIONS ARE SIMPLE YES/NO, FOR THE OTHERS PLEASE CHOOSE THE ANSWER MOST RIGHT FOR YOU.

2. KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. Where does rainwater go?
 - a. To the sewerage system for treatment, then to the ocean
 - b. To stormwater drains then directly to the Cooks River
 - c. To stormwater drains, then to a treatment plant, then to the Cooks River
2. How is water disposed of in Sydney?
 - a. In one system which transports and treats all water before it goes to the ocean
 - b. In two systems, one for sewer and one for rainwater
 - c. Don't know
3. What should go down a stormwater drain?
 - a. Any liquids (e.g. rainwater, oils, paints, solvents, food scraps)
 - b. Only rainwater, litter, leaves, and soil
 - c. Only rainwater and sewage
 - d. Only rainwater
4. Which drains should be connected to the stormwater system?
 - a. Kitchen sink
 - b. Indoor floor drains
 - c. Forecourt drains
 - d. Wash bay/wash area drains
5. How does stormwater get polluted?
 - a. Rain washes litter and waste materials into drains and rivers
 - b. People hosing or sweeping waste and spills into drains
 - c. People not taking action to stop all pollutants entering the drain system
 - d. All of the above
6. What do you think polluted stormwater can do to the Cooks River and Botany Bay?
 - a. Nothing
 - b. Kill fish and cause health risks
 - c. Cause long term harm to the environment and ultimately the community
 - d. Both b and c.
7. How many industrial/commercial business drain to the Cooks River (and from there to Botany Bay)?
 - a. 100
 - b. 1000
 - c. 10,000
 - d. 100,000
8. Are you aware that there are now significant penalties for failing to comply with environmental legislation?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

9. How sure are you that your business is operating fully within the environmental laws?
 - a. Sure
 - b. Fairly sure
 - c. Unsure

10. Are you aware that many businesses save money and enjoy benefits from improving their environmental performance?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes, but I do not know of any direct examples
 - c. Yes, I know a little but I would like to know more

3. VALUES QUESTIONS

1. How important to you and your family are Sydney's rivers and coast?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Not important

2. What is your opinion of the Cooks River?
 - a. A polluted urban drain, not worth saving
 - b. A degraded river which has value and needs a major clean up
 - c. A river in reasonable condition with need for improvement in some areas
 - d. No opinion

3. How important to you and your family are fishing, boating, swimming or otherwise using the Cooks River and Botany Bay?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Not important

4. How important is the appearance of the Cooks River and Botany Bay to you and your family?
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Not important

5. How concerned are you and your family about the impact of pollution on the animals and plants of the Cooks River and Botany Bay?
 - a. Very concerned
 - b. Concerned
 - c. Not concerned

6. What do you see as the biggest source of water pollution in the Cooks River and Botany Bay?
 - a. Industrial/commercial sites
 - b. Rain runoff from residential areas
 - c. Construction activities
 - d. Littering and dumping of rubbish

7. Who is responsible for 'Bringing the Cooks River to Life'?
 - a. Council
 - b. Business and the community
 - c. Sydney Water, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and other state agencies
 - d. Everybody.

4. SKILLS QUESTIONS

1. What would you need or like to better manage your environmental responsibilities?
 - a. Information on services and products
 - b. On-going support from Council
 - c. Brochures, posters, and other products
 - d. All of the above
 - e. Non of the above
2. What organisation would you look to for this information or support?
 - a. Industry associations
 - b. Companies offering environmental services
 - c. Council
 - d. Sydney Water, DEC or State government
3. Do you have any training programs to keep your staff informed of their environmental obligations?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Yes, but I would like assistance with training/awareness if it is available
 - c. No
 - d. No, but I would like assistance with training/awareness if it is available.
4. What would you be prepared to do to 'Bring the Cooks River to Life'?
 - a. Read and act on relevant information regarding cleaner production and make changes to your business
 - b. Optimise business practices and inform staff of their environmental responsibility
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Nothing
5. What commitment are you willing to give to enable staff access to environmental training if it were provided?
 - a. Allow time away from their usual work activities on the day/evening
 - b. Share costs of training
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Non of the above (I am not prepared to make allowances for training activities)