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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Plans for clean-up of Cockle Creek industrial site**

Plans are underway for remediation of the Cockle Creek fertiliser-manufacturing site at Boolaroo, near Newcastle.

The site's owner, Incitec Fertilizers Limited (IFL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Incitec Pivot Limited (IPL), is proposing the remediation works to address historical contamination arising from the site's long industrial history.

The remediation works would return the site to a condition suitable for a range of future uses including residential and open space development.

Members of the public are invited to have their say on the first stage of the remediation proposal, which is on exhibition for comment until close of business, 22 December 2008.

The first stage of remediation works involves the treatment of groundwater in a localised area, which also requires the removal of a contaminated heritage railway gantry.

The proposal documentation is available on the NSW Department of Planning's website ([www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)) and a printed copy can also be viewed at Lake Macquarie City Council, the Nature Conservation Council, and the Department of Planning. An assessment of the potential impacts of the proposal, and recommended strategies for their management, is included in the proposal documentation.

Fertiliser manufacturing at the Cockle Creek site is expected to cease by September 2009 to allow the remediation works to be completed.

When the plant closes, IFL will maintain fertiliser supplies to NSW farmers through the temporary use of the site for distribution. Fertiliser will also continue to be despatched from IPL's distribution centres at Kooragang Island and Port Kembla.

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