

# Interim Environmental Management Requirements

**Effective date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

**Applies to:** All tenants, contractors and airport users at Tennant Creek Airport (**Users**)

## 1. Purpose

This document sets out interim environmental management requirements applicable to operations at Tennant Creek Airport (**Interim EMP**).

Whilst Tennant Creek Airport is a federally leased airport, it is a non-core regulated airport and is exempt from the application of the environmental regulation framework as established by the *Airports Act 1996* (Cth) and the *Airport (Environment Protection) Regulations 2026* (Cth).

Environmental management at Tennant Creek Airport is governed by applicable Northern Territory environmental legislation, together with the Tennant Creek Airport Pty Limited (ACN 081 258 344) (the **Airport Operator**)'s environmental policies, procedures, audits, directions and guided by best practice.

As part of the Airport Operator's environmental policies, a Tennant Creek Airport Environmental Management Plan (**EMP**) is currently in development. Once finalised, the EMP will be issued to Users and will be the governing environmental policy document for Tennant Creek Airport, replacing this Interim EMP.

## 2. General environmental obligations

All Users must:

- a. conduct activities in a manner that prevents or minimises environmental harm;
- b. comply with all applicable environmental laws;
- c. comply with this Interim EMP and all reasonable environmental directions or requests for information issued by the Airport Operator;
- d. ensure all employees, subcontractors and visitors comply with these requirements; and
- e. prevent pollution, including contamination of land, water, groundwater or stormwater, arising from their work or activities.

## 3. Environmental risk information and audits

### 3.1. Environmental risk information

All Users must, upon request by the Airport Operator:

- a. provide information about their activities, materials, substances, plant or processes;
- b. answer reasonable questions to assist the Airport Operator in identifying and assessing environmental risks;
- c. notify the Airport Operator of any material change to operations that may increase environmental risk;

- d. notify the Airport Operator if the User becomes aware of a significant environmental incident or environmental non-compliance at the Airport that poses, or has the potential to pose, a risk of environmental harm.

### **3.2. Environmental audits and inspections**

The Airport Operator may:

- a. conduct environmental audits, inspections or reviews of the User's operations, including at lease exits, renewals or at any other times as deemed necessary by the Airport Operator;
- b. request site access, documentation or explanations relevant to environmental performance from a User.

A User must:

- a. make themselves available and cooperate with the Airport Operator during audits and inspections;
- b. provide requested information to the Airport Operator within timeframes specified, or otherwise within reasonable timeframes;
- c. not obstruct or prevent an audit or inspection.

### **3.3. Non-compliances and corrective actions**

Where an environmental audit, inspection or review identifies non-compliance, the User must:

- a. take corrective action within the timeframe specified by the Airport Operator;
- b. implement measures to prevent recurrence;
- c. provide evidence of corrective actions if requested and within the timeframe requested by the Airport Operator.

## **4. Spills, contamination and environmental incidents**

### **4.1. Immediate response**

In the event of a spill, leak, release or contamination event, Users must:

- a. stop the source where safe to do so;
- b. contain the incident to prevent spread;
- c. prevent contaminants from entering stormwater, soil or drainage lines;
- d. carry out initial cleanup where safe and appropriate.

### **4.2. Notification**

Users must immediately notify the Airport Operator of any incident that:

- a. causes or threatens contamination of land, water or stormwater;
- b. involves a significant spill or release of potential contaminant;
- c. requires external assistance or a notification to an environmental authority or regulator;
- d. could reasonably be expected to result in environmental harm.

### **4.3. Incident reporting**

Following an environmental incident requiring notification under requirement 4.2, Users must provide a written incident report (**Incident Report**) to the Airport Operator immediately or within another timeframe as specified by the Airport Operator.

The Incident Report must include details of:

- a. the likely cause of the incident;
- b. the substance(s) involved;
- c. response actions taken;
- d. environmental impacts;
- e. proposed corrective and preventative actions.

#### **4.4. Compliance with directions**

Users must:

- a. comply with all directions issued by the Airport Operator in response to an environmental incident;
- b. undertake any cleanup, investigation, monitoring or other remediation action required or directed by the Airport Operator, the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority or any other environmental authority or regulator;
- c. not recommence affected activities until authorised by the Airport Operator, where applicable.

### **5. Waste, chemicals and stormwater**

Users must:

- a. manage waste, fuels and chemicals to prevent spills, leaks or emissions;
- b. use appropriate storage, bunding and spill containment measures;
- c. ensure no contaminated water, wash-down water or waste is discharged to stormwater;
- d. arrange lawful disposal of all waste, including hazardous waste, using appropriately licensed and competent contractors.

### **6. Noise, dust and emissions**

Users must take reasonable measures to:

- a. minimise noise, dust and emissions;
- b. avoid nuisance impacts to other airport users or surrounding land;
- c. comply with any reasonable mitigation measures directed by the Airport Operator.

### **7. Heritage and Cultural Value**

#### **7.1. Compliance**

Users must comply with and ensure that their agents, contractors, sub-contractors, employees and invitees comply with all laws relating to:

- a. the protection of Aboriginal sacred sites including any previously unidentified heritage material, suspected Aboriginal object, sacred site or other cultural heritage value objects and the conditions of any authority certificates granted to the Airport, details of which will be provided as required; and
- b. the conservation and protection of the Territory's cultural and natural heritage.

It is expected and required that Users make themselves aware of the terms and requirements of all such laws.

## 7.2. Directions

Users must comply with any directions issued by the Airport Operator or relevant authority in relation to heritage protection, investigation or permits arising from an unexpected find or potential interaction with a sacred site.

## 8. Ongoing compliance and transition to the EMP

- a. This Interim EMP will apply until replaced by the Tennant Creek Airport EMP.
- b. Once issued, the EMP will apply as the Environmental Management Framework for the purposes of the airport.
- c. All Users must comply with the EMP from the effective date specified by the Airport Operator.

## 9. Contact details

Environmental incidents, audits or enquiries: [environment@adgnt.com.au](mailto:environment@adgnt.com.au)