NOTIFICATION OF OBSOLETE POLICY DIRECTIVE
PD2011_030 Powered Air Purifying Respirator – CLD500

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KEY INFORMATION
The First Receivers (healthcare workers at a hospital with a decontamination facility) have insufficient experience to be expected to don and doff Powered Air Purifying Respirator – CLD500 in a mass casualty situation. Training is also insufficient to maintain experience.

Decontamination for self-presenting patients at hospitals is able to be carried out using two (2) distinct methodologies and techniques. These are dry decontamination and wet decontamination. The decision on which method to use must be made at the time of the incident. Removal of clothing alone by the self-presenter (assuming that the skin has been covered) reduces contamination by 75-90%\(^1\). The use of Powered Air Purifying Respirator – CLD500 is not required with these techniques. Facilities perform either of these processes until the arrival of FRNSW. Additionally where appropriate some facilities utilise a First Receiver Kit which contains a negative pressure respirator - SEA Halo butyl full face mask with filters.

Consequently The Powered Air Purifying Respirator – CLD500 have been decommissioned and are no longer in use. These have been returned to the State Medical Stockpile.

First Responders (fire fighters, police officers, HAZMAT and qualified ambulance officers) respond and wear a higher level of personal protective equipment.

\(^1\) Australian Clinical Guidelines for Acute Exposures to Chemical Agents of Health Concern: A Guide for Emergency Department Staff, 2015