

QUESTION

HMAS Albatross and Jervis Bay Firing Range

Would it be possible to get an update on where investigations are at re the toxic fire foam contamination at the above sites?

My understanding is that another community meeting may be coming up, and there should be some idea by now on the extent of the possible contamination.

ANSWER

HMAS Albatross

Work has commenced on detailed site investigations at HMAS Albatross and the draft reports from the initial sampling are currently under review. As Defence receives verified results, it will make these results available to relevant landholders and state authorities.

Community consultation will occur at HMAS Albatross in mid September 2016. The community consultation will provide information on the investigations and next steps. This will enable the community to ask questions and for Defence to work with the local residents to allay concerns.

Defence remains committed to being open and transparent with local communities during the investigations.

Jervis Bay

Defence is working with management of Booderee National Park and the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council to arrange appropriate access to identified test sites in Jervis Bay Territory.

Defence will make verified test results available to the community when these are available in October 2016.