

- 1. What is the Department of Defence's response to this announcement?**
- 2. Will Defence be seeking to Shine Lawyers has indicated that it would prefer to settle out of court for the benefit of its clients - is this an option you will be working towards also?**

Response to Q1 and Q2:

Defence has no comment in relation to any potential legal action other than to note that Defence deals with any claim in accordance with the Attorney-General's *Legal Services Direction 2005* (Cth).

- 3. When will Defence release the Human Risk Assessment study to the people of Oakey? Can you provide an exact date that the public can expect this?**

Response to Q3:

Defence is currently finalising the human health risk assessment and the ecological risk assessment. These are due to be finalised in August and September 2016 respectively. The results of both assessments will assist Defence and the Queensland government to determine next steps. Defence will keep the community updated of the likely release date of these reports.