

**Question:**

Is the Defence Department planning to supply homes with contaminated bores neighbouring the Tindal RAAF Base with rainwater tanks?

**Response:**

Defence has adopted a precautionary approach and is providing alternative sources of drinking water to eligible residents located in close proximity to the base who do not have a town water connection, and rely on the use of a bore for drinking water.

Defence will also provide water to residents if drinking water is sourced from a rainwater tank that contains, or has contained, bore water in the past. Defence may also provide drinking water to residents in other exceptional circumstances.

Defence is considering supplying eligible households with rainwater tanks. Each household's drinking water requirements will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Questions regarding water quality should be directed to the Northern Territory Power and Water Corporation.

Further information regarding the investigation at RAAF Base Tindal can be found at:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/ID/PFOSPFOA/DefenceSitesPending.asp>

The Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority fact sheet pertaining to Per- and poly- fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) in the Katherine Region can be found at:

[https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/384266/PFAS\\_FAQ.pdf](https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/384266/PFAS_FAQ.pdf)