

Response provided to journalist
18 November 2016

Questions:

I'm following up on reports defence would hold meetings with members of the public this week re the elevated chemical readings measured at the RAAF base. Can you share details of those meetings? Will defence be approaching residents directly, or is the onus on locals to approach you?

Response to all:

The key findings from the Preliminary sampling program were released publicly on 8 November 2016. Defence will be holding two community walk-in session on the 29 November 2016 to provide local residents and business owners with an opportunity to discuss the planned environmental investigation into per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on and in the vicinity of, RAAF Base Townsville.

Details for this event are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 29 November 2016

Session 1 Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Session 2 Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Venue: Rowes Bay Room Room, Seagulls Resort 74 The Esplanade, Townsville

RSVP: 1800 365 414 or PFASDefenceCoordination@golder.com.au **before Monday 28 November 2016**

The Department of Defence will provide brief presentations throughout each session.

Session 1 presentation commences at 1:30pm. Session 2 presentation commences at 5:30pm.

Light refreshments will be provided at all sessions. If you would like to attend, **please RSVP to ensure adequate catering.**

If you have any questions about the community information sessions or the investigation, please contact 1800 365 414 or email PFASDefenceCoordination@golder.com.au

Defence notified relevant landowners the outcome of the report prior to the report's release and will continue to engage with the community throughout the investigation via a number of print and online avenues, including a dedicated project website, direct mail and factsheets.