

Response provided to journalist  
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**Question:**

I wanted to gauge how much, if any remediation work is going on at the Oakey Aviation Base.

It could be an opportunity to shoot the work happening on and around the base to showcase what's being done.

**Response:**

Thank you for your enquiry. At this stage Defence does not have remediation works at Oakey progressed to a stage where suitable vision is available for a proposed shoot. Once available, Defence would welcome the opportunity to show the remediation works that will occur in the near future.

At Oakey, Defence is currently:

- planning to excavate sediment from drains on-base at Army Aviation Centre Oakey and to stockpile the sediment for subsequent treatment. It is anticipated that works to excavate drains on-base will commence in November 2016 and then expanded to off-site drains.
- undertaking groundwater and surface water trials. These trials are in the design phase with the technology anticipated to be on-site in early 2017, provided the initial design is determined to be effective.
- undertaking solidification trials and about to commence soil stabilisation trials utilising AACO source material.

Defence is currently finalising the Oakey Environmental Investigation and has to date released the Oakey Environmental Site Assessment and the Human Health Risk Assessment.

On Wednesday 9 November 2016 Defence will release the Ecological Risk Assessment at community briefings to be held in Oakey.

These environmental investigations will provide Defence with the site-specific information needed to determine the best management and remedial options.