

Response provided to journalist
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QUESTION

I have just received information that both Townsville City Council and The Queensland Department of Environment are yet to receive a report regarding groundwater sampling at RAAF Base Townsville.

In an article published earlier this month we reported: "The Defence Department is expected to release the full report after it has been reviewed by the State Government and Townsville City Council this month." As such:

When will Townsville City Council and EHP receive this report from Defence and how long will they have to review it?

RESPONSE

Defence is currently undertaking a quality assurance review of the draft report. Once finalised the results will be communicated to the immediate stakeholders, Defence Base personnel, Queensland government agencies and the Townsville City Council. The timeframe for reviewing will be guided by those groups.

Following those consultations Defence will then release the results and the proposed investigation program to the general public. A date for the public release of the results is not yet available. Defence is working to undertake the consultation as a priority.