

**Question:**

Defence response to Professor Mark Taylor's final report into the EPA's handling of the Williamstown PFOS contamination crisis.

**Response:**

Defence is aware of Professor Mark Taylor's Review of the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority's Management of Contaminated Sites report.

Professor Taylor's report made broad recommendations in relation to NSW EPA's management of the contaminated sites. The report's recommendations are largely for consideration by the NSW Government.

Defence is taking a responsible and proactive approach to this issue and is working with Commonwealth, State and local authorities to investigate the possible presence and extent of per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on, and in the vicinity of, some bases.

Defence continues to provide information regarding the environmental investigations to the NSW EPA to ensure they have up-to-date information.