

**Response provided to journalist
10 August 2017**

Questions:

What testing has the EPA/Defence carried out of surface water in Fullerton Cove this year?

Have these results been considered in the determination of the investigation area boundaries?

If positive readings well above relevant safety standards have not been considered enough to warrant extending the investigation area boundaries, can you explain why?

What efforts have EPA/Defence made to provide precautionary advice to people living outside the investigation area who may be unaware their properties are impacted by PFAS contamination?

Response to all:

Defence has conducted sampling of surface water, sediment and biota (finfish, crustaceans, algae and invertebrate species) at Fullerton Cove this year as part of the 2017 Stage 2B Environmental Investigation.

The sampling results as part of the investigation, including at Fullerton Cove, are provided to the NSW EPA. The NSW EPA is responsible for defining the Investigation Area surrounding RAAF Base Williamstown.

Defence provides regular updates to the local community both inside and outside of the investigation area about the progress of the investigation through:

- letter box drops
- email
- community information sessions
- walk-in sessions
- the PFAS Investigation and Management Program website.