

Question:

Would Defence be able to provide further information on testing for PFAS in Townsville.

Does Defence know why suburbs including Belgian Gardens, Bohle, Bushland Beach and Rowes Bay are being tested by WSP Australia?

Response:

Defence has engaged WSP Australia as the independent environmental consultant to conduct the detailed environmental investigation into the nature and extent of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on, and in the vicinity of, RAAF Base Townsville.

The investigation will cover an area that is potentially impacted by PFAS based on historical use of aqueous film forming foam at the base and surface and ground water flow.

A notice from WSP was issued, as per council requirements, to advise the community that traffic control measures will be in place at certain times from July through to the end of September whilst sampling is conducted.