

**Questions:**

Katherine's new water treatment add-on was flown in to Darwin early yesterday.

<http://www.katherinetimes.com.au/story/4950279/water-treatment-plant-jets-in/?cs=1459>

What is the process now?

How much does it cost?

**Response:**

The interim water treatment plant to assist in reducing PFAS concentrations in the bore water component of the Katherine town water supply was flown from the United States via commercial aircraft into Darwin on Monday 25 September 2017.

Transportation of the plant into Katherine has now been completed and works will soon commence to connect and construct the sections of the plant, which arrived in two 53 feet shipping containers.

Once the plant has been established, it will undergo a commissioning process that is expected to occur by the end of October and will begin treating water shortly after.

The approximate cost for the water treatment plant, its transportation, installation and operation for the next year is \$4 million.

Defence will continue to work with the Katherine community and the Northern Territory Government as it investigates and implements strategies to reduce PFAS exposure.