

Questions:

I attended a public forum at the end of August and was told there might be preliminary results from testing the wetlands in early October.

Can we please get an update on the study findings and any further testing planned for later this year?

Response:

At the Community Walk-in Session held at Forest Hill Primary School in August 2017, Defence presented the findings of the preliminary investigations and outlined the sampling plan for the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI).

The DSI is currently underway and will involve sampling of the Gumly Gumly Wetlands as well as other areas surrounding RAAF Base Wagga. The DSI is expected to continue until early 2018.

Defence is committed to providing the local community with detailed updates on the environmental investigation.

Defence will hold another community session to present the findings of the DSI towards the end of the first quarter of 2018.

Once finalised, the findings from the DSI will be reported to the relevant government agencies, regulatory bodies and the local community.