

Questions:

1. Has the Point Cook site still got PFOS?
2. What is the Defence Department doing to clean it up?
3. Has the Defence Department declined to offer blood tests to Point Cook workers who were exposed or potentially exposed to PFOS and PFAS?

Response:

In 2015, Defence completed remediation works at the former fire training areas at RAAF Base Williams-Point Cook. PFAS was treated at this site. Defence continues to monitor groundwater at the base.

Defence will commence further contamination investigations in coming months at the base but these are not directly linked to PFAS and are to support base redevelopment activities. If future testing at the site identifies PFAS at levels of concern, these findings will be used to inform mitigation strategies to minimise PFAS exposure.

Further information on the Point Cook remediation can be found at www.defence.gov.au/id/PointCook

Currently, the Australian Government is not offering free or subsidised blood tests to Defence personnel or their families unless they have previously lived or worked in the Williamstown (NSW) or Oakey (QLD) investigation areas.