

Question:

Regarding Defence paying water bills in Williamtown.

Is that proposed for Katherine residents as well?

Response:

This initiative is limited to residents living within the Williamtown management area, which is the subject of NSW Government precautionary health advisories.

The initiative is targeted at ensuring that all residents living in the Williamtown management area can live consistently with the NSW Government's long-term precautionary health advice that was issued following the completion of Defence's environmental investigation.

In particular, the initiative is to assist residents that may have supplemented their water usage through the use of private bores, as the use of groundwater is subject to health advisories from the NSW Government.