

**Questions:**

I've got a media request regarding the upcoming construction at Randwick Barracks, Bundock st.

The publication has been contacted by a number of residents in and around Bundock St who are concerned about the expansion of the barracks. Construction of the extra compound will require substantial construction as well as heavy machinery movements in and out of the barracks.

Their concern is for the considerable amount asbestos and possible PFOS/PFOA contamination on the site.

How can the DOD reassure residents that known contaminants will be remediated properly so as not to endanger the surrounding neighbourhood? This includes tracking in and out from the heavy machinery.

**Response:**

Defence is committed to undertaking facilities projects in a manner which is safe and consistent with Defence's environmental obligations. Defence recognises its responsibility to manage the environmental impacts of its activities and complies with relevant environmental legislation.

As such, a contamination study has been conducted within Randwick Barracks, consistent with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines.

The study did not detect asbestos, and the concentration of contaminants of potential concern, including PFAS, were below the adopted human health investigation and screening levels for commercial and industrial land use, indicating a low risk to construction workers and future users at the site.

Any excavated material requiring off-site disposal will be assessed in accordance with the NSW EPA Waste Classification Guidelines.

To inform the community of the project, Defence convened two local community information sessions in early January 2018 addressing the proposed works at Randwick Barracks.

Pending Parliamentary approval, construction is expected to commence mid this year.