

Response provided to journalist  
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**Question**

I understand the NSW Government has been informed that Defence will be carrying out a PFAS investigation at the Kapooka Army Base near Wagga Wagga in the second half of 2018.

What information are you able to provide on the investigation, when it will get underway and will residents living in the vicinity of the base be included in the investigation?

Will there be any public meetings to alert the community know of the investigation and its scope?

**Response**

The Department of Defence has been proactive in initiating an environmental program to investigate and manage per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on, and in the vicinity of, Defence sites as a result of the historical use of legacy firefighting foam.

After reviewing the available information, it has been determined that an environmental investigation is required at and in the surrounding area of Blamey Barracks (Kapooka).

Defence will hold a community information session in early August to provide the local community information about the investigation commencement, processes and expected timeframes. Once confirmed, the details of the information session will be made publically available in local print advertisements and on the Defence PFAS Investigation and Management Program website.