

Questions

The EPA has issued a media release on limiting intake of fish from the Currumbene creek following PFAS testing.

I would be looking to get someone on tape about this this afternoon.

Alternately if this is not possible, just a response statement would be great as a last resort.

My question would be;

Is the department of defence concerned about the advise issued by the EPA today given it comes off the back of the Department of Defence Investigation?

Response to all

As part of the ongoing HMAS Albatross PFAS Investigation, Defence took fish samples from Currumbene Creek. PFAS was detected in some of these samples at varying concentrations.

Defence has been working closely with the New South Wales (NSW) Government throughout the Investigation and has provided the NSW Environment Protection Authority with all sample results. After considering the Defence sample results, the NSW Government PFAS Taskforce recommended that people who frequently catch fish from Currumbene Creek limit their intake of certain species, as a precaution.

Defence is currently preparing an addendum to the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, which will assess the risks to fishers in Currumbene Creek. Defence is committed to keeping the community informed about the investigation findings and will present the results of the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Addendum, to the community, once it is finalised. This addendum is due to be released in mid-2018.