

Questions:

I'm writing a story about the report into PFAS chemicals found in the ground and surface water at the RAAF base site in Townsville. I understand the report is due to be published on the 9th of May.

- Are you able to confirm the publish date?
- Will the people who attend a Defence community consultation session scheduled for that same day in Townsville have access to the report?
- Will there be any other opportunities for the Townsville community to consult or ask questions about the report after this session on the 9th?

Response:

The findings of the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI), into per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on, and in the vicinity of, RAAF Base Townsville will be published on 9 May 2018.

A hardcopy of the report will be available at the Townsville community walk-in session.

Take-home factsheets on the release of the report will also be distributed. The RAAF Base Townsville PFAS Investigation and Management Project Team will be available on the day to discuss the findings of the report with the community.

Members of the community can attend the community walk-in session on 9 May 2018 anytime between 11:00am and 6:30pm at the Burdekin Room, Mercure Townsville, 166 Woolcock Street, Currajong.

Should a member of the Townsville community desire further consultation or discussion, they can contact the RAAF Base Townsville Hotline on 1800 842 122, or email : Townsville.Defence@WSPGroup.com

The complete report will be published online, the morning of the community walk-in session, at: <http://www.defence.gov.au/environment/pfas/Townsville/publications.asp>

As the environmental investigation progresses, Defence will hold further community events to present the findings of the investigations and answer any questions from the community.

In the event a member of the media would like to discuss the findings of the report with a Defence representative, interviews can be scheduled ahead of time by emailing: media@defence.gov.au