

**Response provided to journalist
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Question

Can you please clarify at what time the human health report will be published?

Also, have residents of the JBT been offered blood testing?

Why have specific dietary advice restrictions been put on fish and food farmed from waters where PFAS was detected at HMAS Albatross, but these specific measures aren't in place for Wreck Bay?

Response

The Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment report is due to be finalised and published on the Defence Jervis Bay investigation website by the end of 2018. Once the report is finalised, Defence will hold a community information session to present the findings to the Jervis Bay community.

Defence is not a health authority, therefore it provides all sampling results to the relevant state and territory agencies for them to determine if precautionary dietary advice is required to minimise PFAS exposure. Questions regarding this advice at Jervis Bay should be directed to the ACT Government.

The Commonwealth Department of Health's Voluntary Blood Testing Program, Epidemiological Study and additional dedicated mental health and counselling services are offered in the Williamtown, Oakey and Katherine investigation areas, where detailed environmental investigations and human health risk assessments have been conducted and the extent of contamination and the exposure pathways are well understood.