

**Response provided to journalist
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Question:

I'm seeking an update on Wagga PFAS.

When will the Management Area Plan and Ongoing Monitoring Plan for RAAF Wagga be finished - they are due this month and when will the Kapooka human health impact report be released.

Response:

Defence is currently working with stakeholders, including NSW government agencies, to finalise the PFAS Management Area Plan and Ongoing Monitoring Plan for RAAF Base Wagga. Defence anticipates releasing the PFAS Management Area Plan and Ongoing Monitoring Plan for RAAF Wagga before July 2019.

For the Kapooka investigation, Defence is currently undertaking a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) which involves a comprehensive sampling program. The DSI report is expected to be complete in the third quarter of 2019 (between July and end of September). The findings of the DSI will inform an assessment of exposure risks to humans and the environment. The Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment report is expected to be finalised during the fourth quarter of 2019 (between October and the end of 2019).

Defence is mindful of community interest in these reports, and is in the process of planning a community information session to provide an update to the local community on both the RAAF Base Wagga and Kapooka investigations. Event details will be advised once confirmed.