

**Response Provided to Journalist**  
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**Question:**

I was wondering if Defence had an idea of when the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments will be released? The last information I had was the report would be completed in the first half of 2019. <http://www.defence.gov.au/environment/pfas/Amberley/>

**Response:**

Defence is currently conducting a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) and Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) to evaluate potential PFAS exposure pathways to people, plants and animals within the Investigation Area.

In late November 2018, a revision of the sampling plan for aquatic biota (fish, crustaceans and molluscs) was conducted. Following the review it was determined that additional sampling would be beneficial to improve the sample size and strengthen the data for the assessments.

HHRA and ERA Reports are now expected to be delivered to the community in the second quarter of 2019.