

**Response provided to journalist  
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**Question:**

So will Defence pay for long-term water arrangements for Bullsbrook?

There is the \$55 million program but that has to be split over several communities.

**Response:**

The Australian Government program to supply drinking water includes property owners in the community surrounding RAAF Base Pearce where residents rely on bore water for drinking that is impacted by PFAS, and do not have a town water connection.

Defence has completed an additional round of sampling, and is considering options for the supply of alternative water to properties within the Investigation Area.

Information to be considered in relation to the ongoing supply or withdrawal of bottled water will include:

- Department of Health standards for PFAS in drinking water
- The outcome of the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA)
- Proximity to bores where PFAS has been identified
- Seasonal bore sample data trends

The next community engagement event to update residents on the PFAS Management Area Plan and the provision of alternative water is expected to be held in May 2019.