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Good evening to all our Department of Defence colleagues.

We look forward to the visit tomorrow by respective members of the team coming down from Canberra. I have attached a copy of the agenda and background briefing we're proposing to discuss. Copies of the document will available at the meeting.

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I am looking forward to meeting you in person,

Kind regards,  
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Chief Executive Officer

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s47F thanks very much for keeping us in the loop. Much appreciated.

Regards

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Hello s47E(d)

We have received a media inquiry in relation to Avalon airport and PFAS from a journalist by the name of s47F

Please see below our media statement.

### **MEDIA RESPONSE**

*Airservices Australia's has temporarily ceased providing Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service (ARFFS) at Avalon Airport to support staff recently informed of high levels of PFAS detected in drinking water at our leased facilities.*

*The source of the PFAS is unknown at this stage. Airservices has never used fire fighting foam containing PFAS at Avalon.*

*Airservices has notified the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and customers of the*

*closure. Fire Rescue Victoria will service the airport during the temporary closure. Airport users will make their own determination on operating at the airport.*

*Airservices is connecting the ARFFS facility to a new water supply and deep cleaning the station.*

*Our highest priority is protecting the health and well-being of our teams. Airservices' 30 aviation rescue fire fighters and two air traffic controllers stationed at Avalon have been offered expert health advice and free blood testing.*

*Airservices has advised Avalon Airport, Victorian Environment Protection Authority, Barwon Water and relevant Commonwealth Departments that high levels of PFAS were detected in the drinking water.*

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Thanks and Kind Regards

s47F

**HEAD OF PFAS STRATEGY AND DELIVERY**

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Hi all

Thank you for your time yesterday to discuss issues currently being experienced at Avalon Airport. I have provided a summary of the discussion below. Apologies for the length of the email but I hope it provides useful background should you need to brief upwards. Happy to receive any comments or amendments.

#### Overview

Airservices coordinated a meeting of representatives from s47E(d) to provide an update on its response to recently discovered PFAS contaminated drinking water at Avalon Airport which is affecting its operational workforce (Air Traffic Controllers; Aviation Rescue Fire Fighters; and Vehicle technicians). The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update to relevant Commonwealth agencies on Airservices actions and its engagement with various stakeholders, including s47F and Avalon Airport, and to seek advice on whether any other actions were required, especially from an environmental perspective.

#### 1. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves and their respective roles within their agencies.

#### 2. Airservices update

Airservices provided an overview of the current situation and the actions it is taking in response (see below for detail).

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Airservices response summary

- Airservices is a tenant at Avalon Airport providing two services: Air Traffic Control (ATC) and Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services. Airservices has been a tenant since 2005 and has not used PFAS containing foam at the airport.
- About two weeks ago, PFAS was detected in tap water at 5.8mg/L at the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower facility and 3.08mg/L at the Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) facility. The guideline for drinking water and recreational water are 0.07mg/L and 2.0mg/L respectively.
- Airservices notified Avalon Airport, Barwon Water and VIC EPA once results were confirmed.
- Barwon Water advised that its sampling results indicated the issue is limited to the Airport estate.
- Avalon Airport has advised that their testing across the Airport estate detected PFAS at higher levels at certain sites at the northern end of the Airport, upstream from our facility locations.
- Airservices notified its ATC, ARFF, Maintenance Services and Emergency Vehicle

Technician (EVT) teams of the test results and provided alternative water sources to those based at those facilities (e.g. bottled water, portable showers).

- Airservices has notified the following authorities and stakeholders and continues to engage accordingly:
  - Avalon Airport
  - Victorian EPA
  - Departments of Climate Change, Health, Infrastructure and Defence (estate owner)
  - Barwon Water
  - Comcare
  - Civil Aviation Safety Regulator (CASA)
- Airservices' response is being driven by two primary focuses – (i) the physical and mental health and safety of our people; (ii) remediation of the site.

#### People Actions

- We continue to provide support to our teams impacted by the issue including regular communications, Employee Assistance program and specialist health advice.
- Face-to-face briefings for affected ARFFS, ATC and EVT teams took place on 27 & 28 October at Melbourne Airport (EVTs) and the Avalon Fire Station and Tower facilities. This included expert advice (s47F [REDACTED] from University of Queensland) and a Q&A session.
- Our ATC, ARFFS and our EVT teams who work at Avalon have been advised blood tests are available through either the University of Queensland (UQ) or a provider of their choice.
- We are currently working with UQ to arrange blood testing to take place at Avalon Airport in a non-Airservices leased site later this week.
- We are in the process of identifying former staff who have previously worked at Avalon to ensure they are notified and provided information and support in relation to PFAS results.
- We are providing regular updates as to what is happening at site, what support is available and responding to questions and concerns.
- On Friday 28 October, to support our people, a decision was made to reduce the ARFF service to nil category and advise our fire fighters to not attend the station to complete testing and cleaning activities. Our ATC service has continued to operate.

#### Remediation Actions

- Mains water has been disconnected from the ARFF station and replaced with a connection to clean tank water.
- ARFF Station pipes have been flushed to remove residual PFAS and further water samples have been taken post flush. Test results are expected back on Wednesday 2 November
- Deep cleaning has occurred at both ATC and ARFF and swab samples were taken today to identify PFAS on surfaces.
- Hot water systems are being replaced this week at ARFF and ATC facilities.
- Mains water is being disconnected from the ATC tower and reconnected to clean tank water on Thursday 3 November. Following this connection, the system will also be flushed and retested for PFAS.
- Fire trucks at Avalon will be transported to Melbourne on Thursday for cleaning and testing to ensure PFAS removal.
- Alternative accommodation requirements are being explored including alternate sites at Airport, use of caravans, use of the mobile control tower etc.
- An occupational hygienist is being engaged to consolidate all testing results, assess the

site and determine any further mitigations or controls.

- We are working with Avalon Airport to identify timelines and approach to permanent replacement of infrastructure (e.g. pipes) to support safety of our people and provision of services.

Please let me know if this does not accurately reflect the conversation.

Regards

s47F

Chief Customer Experience and Strategy Officer

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Hi all

We have received a media enquiry regarding PFAS at Avalon Airport. Below is our draft response (which is still a work in progress as you can see from some of my comments in yellow). I thought I would share with you sooner rather than later given the deadline.

s47E(d)

Please let me know if you have any concerns or suggestions.

Regards

s47F

**DRAFT – NOT FINAL**

**JOURNALIST:** s47F

**DEADLINE:** Tuesday AM (first thing)

**MEDIA REQUEST:**

I'm just touching base about the PFAS issue involving firefighters and air traffic controllers at Avalon Airport.

The United Firefighters Union's aviation branch secretary s47F has told me he's personally seen seven or eight test results from affected firefighters who've shared their data with him.

He says all are considerably higher than background community levels. And one firefighter has PFAS levels that are 15 times higher than what they were about a year ago, when the person was last tested.

I'm hoping you can answer the following questions.

**- Have there been any early indications about the source of the water contamination? And do you have a sense yet of what will be required to permanently fix the problem?**

Avalon Airport, the owner of the site at our leased premises, is best-placed to answer



this question.

Airservices Australia has never used fire fighting foam containing PFAS at Avalon Airport.

**- Can Airservices comment generally, with due respect for privacy, about the levels that have been detected in affected workers?**

Airservices is not a health expert and defers to the advice of the Department of Health on these matters. Our highest priority is protecting the health and well-being of our staff. Airservices' 30 aviation rescue fire fighters and two air traffic controllers stationed at Avalon have been offered expert medical and mental health advice and free blood testing at the University of Queensland, Envirolab, or a provider of their choice. Our staff are also receiving regular communications and briefings on the situation and support options available to them.

s47E(d)

**- What process was used to clean the fire station and trucks?**

Airservices embarked on a comprehensive sampling, flushing and cleaning program since PFAS was first detected.

At Airservices' facilities at Avalon Airport, the drinking water taps are now PFAS-free, with clean, tank-supplied water. Regular monitoring is ongoing.

An independent occupational hygienist has visited the site and confirmed all remediation steps implemented are comprehensive and best practice.

Airservices' actions included:

- Reserve truck stock hoses flushed and tested
- Flush and clean of the overhead drop tank on trucks
- A deep clean at ARFFS station
- Cleaning completed of truck and engine-bay floor
- Bottled water and alternative shower amenities provided
- Facilities connected to clean tank water
- Replacement of taps and sinks
- Replacement of fire station washing machine
- Replacement of kettles, pots, pans and cutlery
- Replacement of shower heads
- Replacement of water pipes to exterior ARFFS building
- Installation of a backflow prevention device fitted to the supply line of the water tanks
- Replacement of mattress protectors
- Replacement of uniforms
- Chemical clean of fire station air conditioner filter

**- I understand swab testing is being done to confirm the cleaning was effective. Do you have those results yet and if so can you share them?**

Airservices' surface swab testing at the ARFFS fire station showed no risk to human health.

**- Would you like to comment on the cease work notice that was issued?**

Airservices has responded quickly and thoroughly to protect its people and provide a safe work environment as detailed above. s47E(d)

**- What day did the fire station recommence operations?**

Airservices' Avalon ARFFS Station returned to service on 22 November 2022.

Many thanks.

Cheers, s47F

s47F

**External Communications Specialist**

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**Date:** Thursday, 27 April 2023 11:45:02 AM

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**OFFICIAL**

Good morning s47F

s47F wanted me to get back to you regarding the AES and Masterplan

The Directorate of Environmental Planning, Assessment and Compliance within the Department of Defence have reviewed the Avalon Airport Environmental Strategy and Master Plan, and has no comments or objections at this stage.

Thank you for having given us the opportunity to review and comment prior to the public consultation process, in accordance with the lease.

Regards

s47E(d)  
Estate Property Officer – South East Zone  
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Good morning s47E(d) and s47E(d)

I trust you had a great weekend.

By the way of an update, please see attached final AES prior to going out to Public Consultation.

If you have any queries please advise.

Thanks & Kind Regards,

s47F

Chief of Property

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Good morning s47E(d)

I trust you are both well.

I just wanted to reach out and provide you with an update pertaining to the Airport Environment Strategy (AES) and Master planning.

s47G

Prior to going out to public consultation, I am providing a draft for your review and comments. I am happy to discuss any areas where required.

In relation to the Master Planning, I wanted to share the preliminary

land concept plan prior to you attending the site visit. s47G

I had to share the concept plan via Dropbox as the file was too large to email, you should have this in your inbox.

I am happy to discuss any queries you may have pertaining to the preliminary plan prior to your visit.

Please feel free to call, if and where required.

Thanks & Kind Regards,

s47F

Chief of Property

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## OFFICIAL

Hi s47F

Thank you for your email forwarding on your draft Masterplan for comment. We support s47E(d) and his team and have forwarded your email to him to take the lead on responding.

As to the material on Arcadis, probably my main observation is that such experience as is listed for key personnel, has been drawn from work with other consultancies or employment.

We regret that we are not in a position to make recommendations for environmental consultants. As you may know, the environmental reports for our sites are available on our website: [PFAS Investigation and Management Program | About | Defence](#).

Regards

s47E(d)  
Director PFAS Policy  
PFAS Investigation and Remediation  
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Good afternoon, s47E(d)

I hope this email finds you well.

By the way on an introduction, my name is s47F, and I am the Chief Operations Officer at Avalon Airport. For background, I have previously been liaising with s47E(d) and s47E(d) pertaining to the Environmental Strategy and PFAS related matters. I have been advised by the team that you are now the point of contact from a DoD environmental perspective, hence my introduction.

Following on from the Masterplan briefing, please see attached updated AES for your review and comment (prior to proceeding with the 90-day public consultation process). Please also see attached prior communications from Defence pertaining to DoD consultation.

I have also attached an email provided by Arcadis Environmental outlining their Defence and Regulatory experience.

s47G



We are not obligated to use Arcadis for ongoing testing, therefore if you have any recommendations on any Defence preferred Environmental consultants, we would like to approach them for additional quotations and required scope.

In relation to the AES, if you have any queries please advise and we will revert accordingly.

I have also cc'd in our Work, Health, Safety and Environmental Manager s47F to assist with any environmental queries.

Looking forward to coordinating a time to visit you to run through further.

Thanks & Kind Regards,

s47F

Chief Operations Officer

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Hi s47E(d)

Further to our discussion, attached is our informal letter of notification of information pertaining to a PFAS contamination event at Avalon Airport within certain potable water supply points.

As I mentioned we are mobilising quickly and actively (also working closely with Airservices Australia) to address the matter and mitigate our risks. Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of all staff and tenants.

We are undertaking the following:

- Blocking access to all potable water taps and shower in the 5 affected locations
- Installation 5,000 litre water tanks to each site (to be truck filled with Barwon Water Authority water).
- We will flush all plumbing and will not reopen access until we get 0.0 PFAS readings
- We are removing all known, suspected, contamination sites in the areas including unused building, pumps, slabs and soil and safely disposing/storing (in accordance with environmental guidelines) within the estate
- We are replacing all affecting original (pre-1960) fibrous cement water mains from the water storage tanks through to Airservices location with new high pressure water mains
- We have offered medical support and testing for all staff

Importantly the impacted sites do not have public access. The terminal and business parks precinct are not impacted in any way. It is business as usual in these precincts and operations.

We expect there may be some media interest in this matter. It would be appropriate for you to accordingly briefing your Departmental superiors and the Minister's office. We are happy to provide additional information and context as an when required.

I trust this briefing provides you with the required information and gives you comfort as our lessor that we are operating in a transparent, effective and safety focused manner.

Regards,

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Chief Executive Officer

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25 October 2022

Mr s47E(d)  
Director Property Management – Estate Licensing and Leasing  
Department of Defence  
PO Box 7925  
**CANBERRA BC ACT 2610**

Dear Mr s47E(d)

**URGENT**  
**Avalon Airport (Airport) - Hangar 5 (Premises) - Identification of contaminated water**  
**Licence Agreement - Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)**  
**commencing 1 April 2019 (Licence)**

I refer to the discussions with you on 25 October 2022.

I confirm on behalf of Avalon Hangars Pty Ltd (**AHP**) that on Monday 24 October 2022 we received results showing that water in five water taps in Airport premises detected per-and-polyfluoroalkyl substances (**PFAS**) in excess of health guideline values.

One of the water taps that detected exceedances of PFAS in excess of health guidance values is located within the Premises.

As you may be aware, PFAS has been present on the Airport land for some time, including at the Premises, due to its legacy use in fire-fighting foam. In this respect, there are PFAS monitoring programs in place at the Airport, usually in relation to PFAS in soil and surface water. As far as we are aware this is the first time that PFAS has been tested for, and found, within the drinking water supply at an Airport.

Our priority is the wellbeing of all Airport users, including our licensees, and we are treating this matter with utmost importance to reduce any risk to our tenants, licensees, employees and Airport users.

Given this, while we are undertaking further investigations to identify the source of the contamination, we strongly recommend not using the tap water at the Premises. We are arranging alternative water supply arrangements for the Premises until the issue is rectified. I will be in contact today with details of these supply arrangements.

Please be assured that we have every intention of discharging all of our statutory duties and obligations in relation to this issue, and are of the view that we remain in compliance with all such requirements at this time.

To this end, we have also provided notice of the contamination to:

- the Victorian Environment Protection Authority;
- WorkSafe Victoria; and
- the Victorian Department of Health.



Further information relating to PFAS can be found in the Commonwealth Government health guidance materials at: <https://www.pfas.gov.au/about-pfas/affects>.

Finally, we confirm that:

- exceedances of PFAS above health guidance criteria were not detected in water points inside the terminals, with the result that staff and visitors to that part of the Airport have not been exposed; and
- upon completion of the investigations noted above, we are committed to cleaning-up and remediating affected land, buildings and pipelines under our management and control at the Airport to the extent they are impacted by, or contributing to, the relevant contamination.

We are looking to rectify the issue as quickly as possible.

Please contact me on s47F or email s47F if you have queries, concerns or issues you wish to raise in relation to this matter. I would of course be happy to meet to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

s47F

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

20 November 2022

s47E(d)

Director Property Leasing  
Estate & Infrastructure Group,  
Infrastructure Division - Department of Defence

s47E(d)

### **Avalon Airport (Airport) - Identification of contaminated water**

Dear s47E(d)

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the detection of elevated levels of per-and-polyfluoroalkyl substances (**PFAS**) in tap water at Airservices premises at Avalon Airport.

We wanted to update you as to the proposed remediation activities that we will be undertaking as you obviously have a key role as the ultimate owner of the freehold.

Our board approved the following actions which were, and are continuing to be, undertaken in relation to those premises which we control:

- we closed off access to affected water points on or in our land and buildings and arranged for alternative water sources to be connected. The connection to the original source will only be reinstated once the issue has been rectified;
- we disconnected all relevant building plumbing under our control from the mains and reconnected them to new tanks filled with water not containing PFAS;
- we flushed the water supply plumbing in the building systems under our control and tested for PFAS until such time as acceptable levels had returned;
- we are continuing investigations into the source of the contamination; and
- upon completion of investigations, we will clean-up and remediate the affected land, buildings and pipelines under our management and control at the Airport where they are impacted by, or contributing to, the relevant contamination, to the extent necessary to comply with applicable requirements.

While Airservices is responsible for the provision of mains water and associated infrastructure for the Fire Station and ATC Tower, we will continue to work collaboratively with Airservices to both identify the source of any contamination and to undertake any remediation that might need to occur, particularly where it is located on land leased or owned by Airservices.

Once we have completed all investigations and have in place the proposed scope of any works, we will revert to you with that scope of work for your review and approval given your role as owner and counterparty in relation to the Airport site.



Our priority is the wellbeing of all Airport users, including our tenants, and we are continuing to treat this matter with utmost importance to reduce any risk to our tenants, licensees, employees, and Airport users. Please make contact with myself if you have queries, concerns or issues you wish to raise in relation to this matter. I would of course be happy to meet to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,

s47F

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Chief of Property & Infrastructure  
Avalon Airport

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Hi s47F [redacted], I've read the attached documents. Thank you for sharing. Defence will review the documents and get back to you after the Commonwealth's position on this matter is



determined.

s47E(d)

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Good evening s47E(d)

I trust you are well.

Following our discussion, please see attached copy of the **Draft EPA NTI** and **Avalon Airports response letter to the Draft NTI (2023-01-23)** for your review and understanding.

I also re-attached the EPA's latest response (*EPA C1292*) in reply to our letter (*2023-01-23*), along with a draft we have prepared in response to EPA C1292.

By the way of an update, the draft response (*Word Doc as attached*) to C1292 has not been forwarded to the EPA, as we are yet to understand DoD's position to this matter.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please advise and we will revert accordingly.

In the interim, if you require any further correspondence please advise.

Thanks & Kind Regards,

s47F

Chief of Property

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Thank you.

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Cheers s47E(d)  
Will do. Once we receive the Notice, we'll issue a response and copy DoD (you in) and send all relevant material.

Thanks for your prompt response and support.

Thanks,  
s47F

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Hi s47F I've read the letter attached. Thank you. Please expedite providing me a copy of the draft notice from EPA, and a copy of AAAPL's feedback on the draft notice. Okay?

s47E(d)

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Dear s47F

## LEASE OF AVALON AIRPORT

1. Thank you for your correspondence of 25 and 26 October 2022 advising Defence of the identification of PFAS at Avalon Airport. Your early engagement on this issue is appreciated. Given the importance of this issue I would be grateful if you can continue to keep Defence informed of any developments or key findings as they become available.
2. In acknowledgement of the unique jurisdictions of the site, we standby to engage in future discussions with regards to planning, environmental, approvals and reporting.
3. I would like to extend Defence's support to your organisation in sharing our experience and lessons learned in dealing with PFAS at a number of Defence sites. Should you or your representative wish to pursue this offer please contact s47E(d), Director Policy and Governance who can be contacted on s47E(d) or at s47E(d).

Yours sincerely

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