



## PFAS INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SNAPSHOT – October 2024

### REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

Remediation works targeting contaminated water, soil and other materials are underway or completed at Swartz Barracks, HMAS *Cerberus*, Jervis Bay Range Facility and RAAF Bases East Sale, Williamtown, Edinburgh, Richmond, Tindal, Wagga, Darwin, Pearce and Townsville.

Remediation works are scheduled to commence in the coming months at HMAS *Albatross*, Blamey Barracks, Lavarack Barracks, Bandiana Military Area and RAAF Bases Darwin and Amberley.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Defence has held 183 information sessions to keep communities informed.

#### Recent events

- 16 October 2024 – RAAF Base Tindal
- 15 October 2024 – RAAF Base Darwin
- 6 August 2024 – RAAF Base Amberley
- 19 June 2024 – HMAS *Cerberus*
- 18 June 2024 – Bandiana Military Area

#### Upcoming events

- Latest information is available on the Defence website.

### KEY STATISTICS

Properties connected to town water **378**

**160** rainwater tanks provided to **117** properties

Community engagement events conducted **183**

**869** properties have water assistance extended from 6 to 8 years

### REMEDIATION

Treated or removed over **160,000** tonnes of contaminated soil

Installed **11** water treatment plants

Treated over **11.5** billion litres of water

### FINANCIAL FACTS

**\$807m** invested to manage, remediate and conduct research

▼ **INCLUDING** ▼  
provided to **\$27m** other government agencies for research into health and remediation

**\$165.4m** allocated in 2024-2025 to manage and remediate PFAS

### ONGOING MONITORING

Defence regularly monitors for PFAS on and around impacted sites. Monitoring results help Defence understand how PFAS is moving in the environment. This information also guides Defence's remediation and management actions.

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Defence collaborates internationally to share its learnings and to ensure the best remedial actions are implemented on its PFAS impacted bases.

Since 2016, Defence has supported trials of new remediation technologies. Trials such as soil stabilisation form part of Defence's remediation approach on some bases.

### RESEARCH FUNDING

- Defence has provided approximately \$26 million in funding for 21 research and technology programs to support PFAS investigation and remediation activities.
- Defence provided over \$27 million in additional funding to other government agencies to support PFAS-related health and remediation research.

