



## Ongoing Monitoring Plan 2025

### Bandiana Military Area

#### KEY POINTS

- Defence has updated the PFAS Ongoing Monitoring Plan for Bandiana Military Area and nearby areas.
- The Ongoing Monitoring Plan is regularly updated to reflect the latest sampling data, management actions and environmental settings.
- In updating the Ongoing Monitoring Plan, Defence consults with its Technical Advisor (an accredited Site Auditor) and with the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA).
- Sampling of groundwater and surface water will continue twice a year.
- Defence will continue to provide property owners with sampling results. Depending on privacy requirements, the results will be published in an Ongoing Monitoring Report.
- All plans and reports are published on the Defence website.

#### What is an Ongoing Monitoring Plan?

The Ongoing Monitoring Plan (OMP) outlines what Defence is sampling (e.g. soil, water, sediment), where the sampling will take place, and how often.

This ensures Defence maintains an up-to-date understanding of any risk that the community may be exposed to from PFAS coming from the base. This understanding helps us work out the best way to minimise that risk.

Defence regularly reviews and updates the OMP to make sure what, where, and how often we sample provides us a good understanding of any change in PFAS risks.

#### Background

Defence has been monitoring PFAS on and around Bandiana Military Area since November 2021 as part of implementing the PFAS Management Area Plan for Bandiana.

#### Ongoing Monitoring Plan and Ongoing Monitoring Report

The Bandiana Military Area OMP outlines what Defence is sampling, where the sampling will take place, and how often.

The OMP also sets out what actions Defence will take if the sample results are significantly higher than previously or are unexpected. These are called triggers.

The results of the sampling are compared with previous results and with the triggers to see if there are any changes to where PFAS is found, or the levels of PFAS found. This tells us whether a new action is required.

Defence provides property owners with sample results. Depending on privacy requirements, the results will be published in an Ongoing Monitoring Report (OMR). The 2021-2023 OMR for Bandiana Military Area found that the levels of PFAS risk for the community have not changed over the monitoring period.

This means that the precautionary advice for Bandiana Military Area remains in place. EPA Victoria issue this precautionary advice, which is available online at: [www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/1735-2](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/1735-2)

#### Change to the Ongoing Monitoring Plan

In March 2025, Defence updated the OMP for Bandiana Military Area, in consultation with a Defence Technical Advisor (an accredited site auditor) and the EPA. It is now available on the Defence website.

#### The key changes in the OMP include:

- Provision of new groundwater sampling locations in on- and off-base areas
- Reduction in sampling frequency of on-base groundwater sampling locations from biannual to annual
- Discontinuation of ongoing sediment sampling.

Defence made these changes based on the data we already have, and what we'll need in future to continue to understand if PFAS risks to the community change.

#### Next steps

Defence will continue to monitor PFAS in the environment, and take action if required. As new remediation actions get underway, monitoring will be undertaken to assess their effectiveness.

#### The revised OMP is available on the Defence website at:

[www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/pfas/pfas-management-sites/blamey-barracks-kapooka-military-area](http://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/pfas/pfas-management-sites/blamey-barracks-kapooka-military-area)

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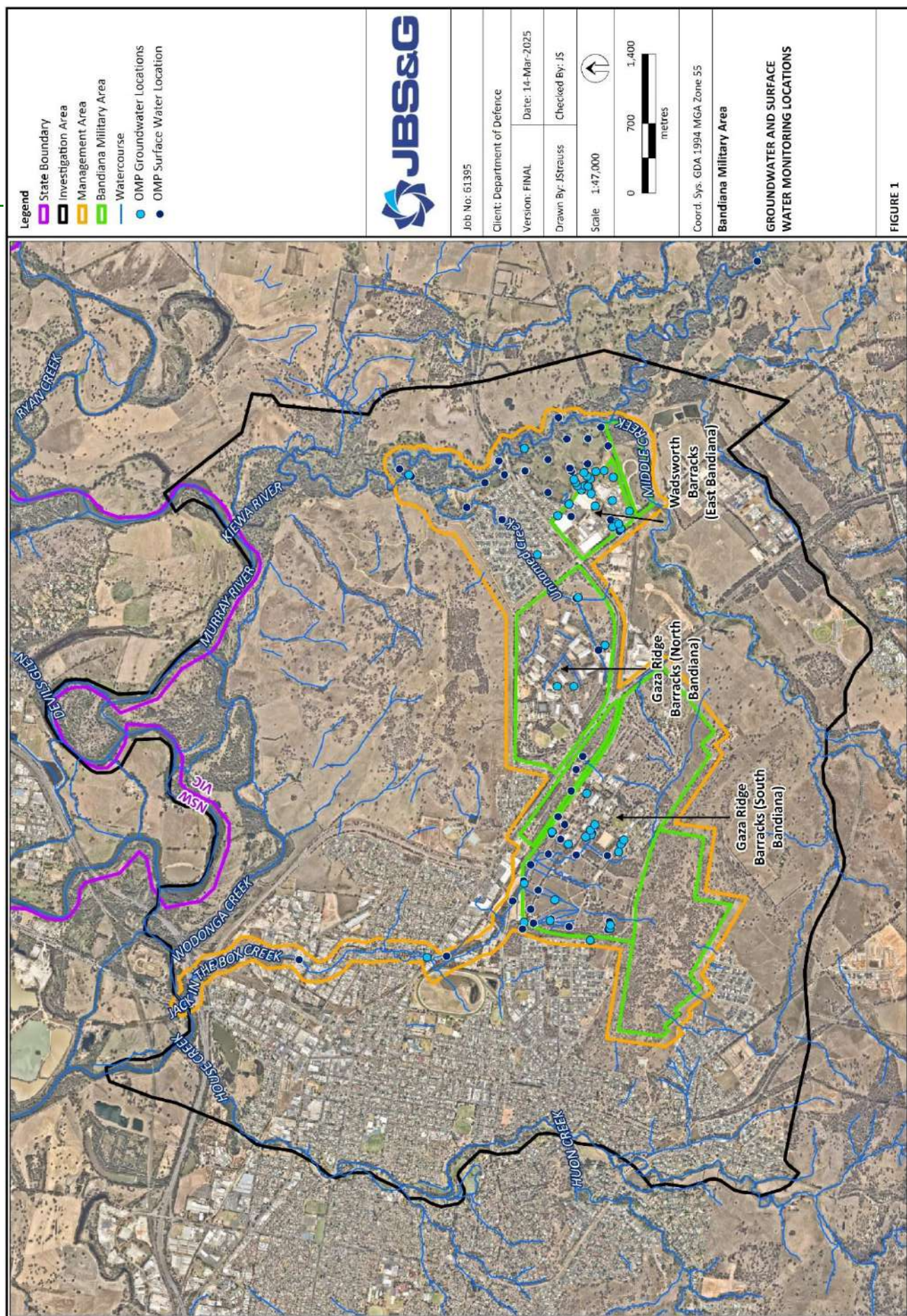


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**Bandiana Military Area ongoing monitoring locations**