



PFAS INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SNAPSHOT – May 2025

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 Pearce, Edinburgh, Williamtown, East Sale, Tindal, Richmond, Wagga, Darwin and Townsville.

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

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.

DEFENCE ESTATE

Since 2004, Defence has reduced the use of legacy firefighting foams containing PFAS across the Defence Estate. Defence has transitioned its fire vehicles and handheld and portable extinguishers to a PFAS-free foam. To prevent future contamination, Defence is undertaking a program of works to remove foams containing PFAS from the estate.

KEY STATISTICS

Properties connected to town water **378**

161 rainwater tanks provided to **118** properties

Community engagement events conducted **185**

869 properties have water assistance extended from 6 to 8 years

REMEDIATION

Treated or removed over **180,000** tonnes of contaminated soil

Operate and maintain **7** water treatment plants

Treated over **12.2** billion litres of water

FINANCIAL FACTS

\$850m invested to manage, remediate and conduct research

INCLUDING

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Defence has held 185 engagement sessions to keep communities informed.

Recent events

- 13 February 2025 – Jervis Bay Range Facility and HMAS *Creswell*
- 5 December 2024 – RAAF Base Williamtown
- 27 November 2024 – Swartz Barracks
- 16 October 2024 – RAAF Base Tindal
- 15 October 2024 – RAAF Base Darwin
- 6 August 2024 – RAAF Base Amberley

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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

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.

