



## PFAS INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SNAPSHOT – August 2025

### 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.

### 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.

### REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES

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

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

### KEY STATISTICS

Properties connected to town water **378**



**161** rainwater tanks provided to **118** properties



**185** Community engagement events held



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



Treated or removed over **187,000** tonnes of contaminated soil



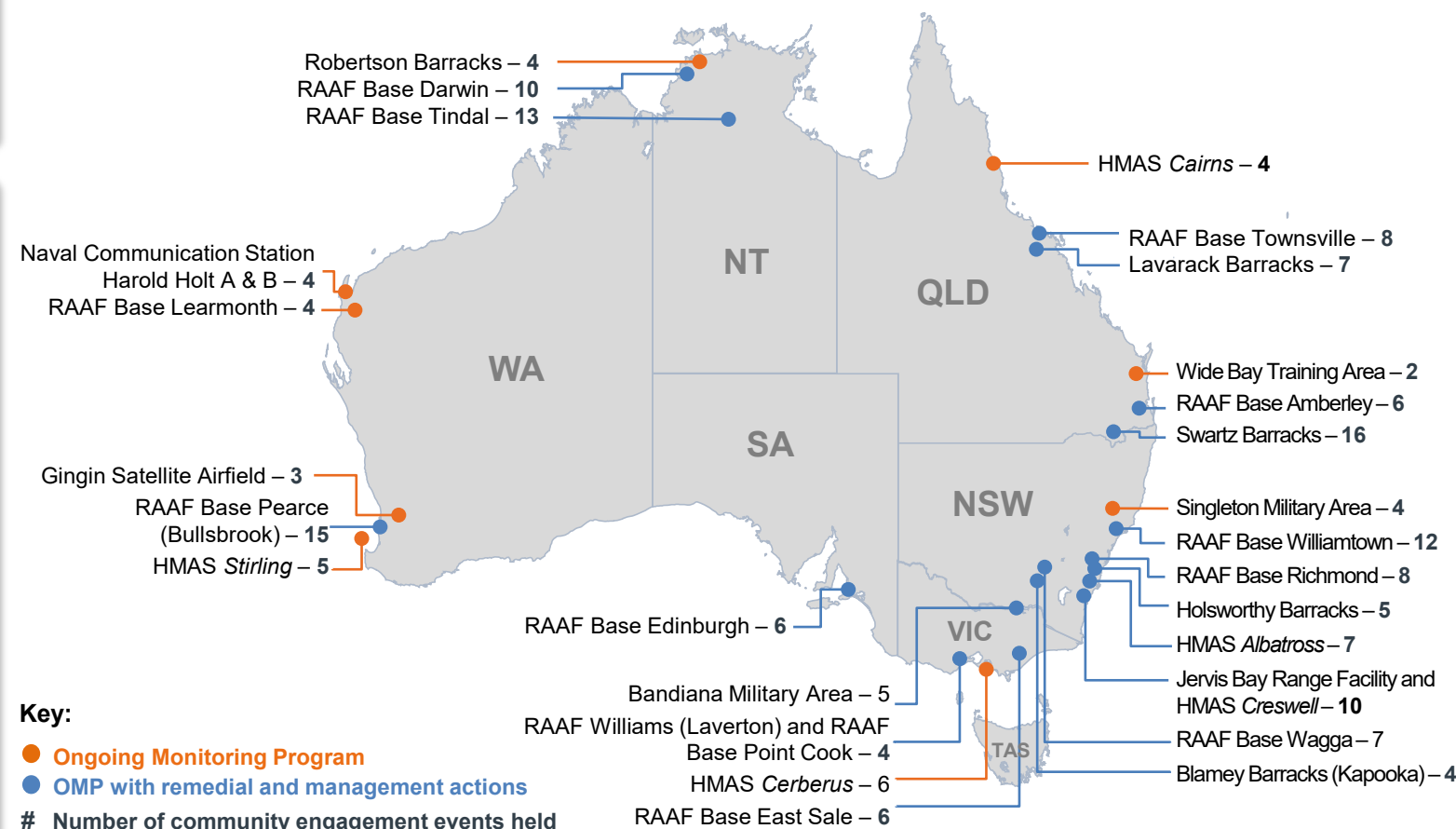
Operate and maintain **7** water treatment plants



Treated over **12.5** billion litres of water



**\$817m** invested to manage, remediate and conduct research



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Defence has held 185 engagement sessions to keep communities informed.

#### Recent events

- 24 May 2025 – RAAF Base Pearce
- 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

### LONG TERM MANAGEMENT

When all recommendations within the PFAS Management Area Plan for a site have been addressed, the site will transition from the investigation and remediation phase to long term management and monitoring. Monitoring results will continue to be published on the Defence website.

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Defence has worked with Australian and international research groups and industry partners to support PFAS investigation and remediation activities.

Defence is currently working with industry on undertaking research and technology projects at HMAS *Albatross* and RAAF Bases East Sale and Pearce.