



Gingin Satellite Airfield

2021 Annual Interpretive Report (September 2020 – August 2021)

Defence monitors on and around Gingin Satellite Airfield to understand per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) movement and concentrations in groundwater and tap water. Monitoring requirements are set out in an Ongoing Monitoring Plan, and monitoring results inform PFAS management activities.

Defence started ongoing monitoring on and around Gingin Satellite Airfield in October 2019.

What is an Annual Interpretive Report?

An Annual Interpretive Report collates and interprets PFAS sampling results from the ongoing monitoring events.

Annual Interpretive Report (2020-2021)

This report covers groundwater and tap water sampling conducted between September 2020 and August 2021, from locations on and around Gingin Satellite Airfield.

The report compares the results of the new sampling data with historical data.

What does the Annual Interpretive Report tell us?

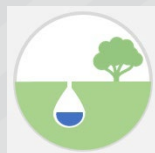
Sampling data indicates that the levels of PFAS contamination in groundwater were consistent with historical results.

Tap water (sourced from groundwater) concentrations showed increasing trends at some locations and stable trends at others. Tap water is not used for drinking water purposes at Gingin Satellite Airfield, meaning the risk is low and acceptable.

Defence is continuing to monitor in this area to identify any changes over time.

Number of samples collected and analysed September 2020 – August 2021

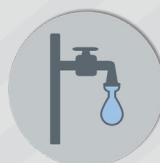
GROUNDWATER



Groundwater is water beneath the earth's surface. It often supplies bores, wells or springs.

107 samples collected from 58 groundwater bores.

TAP WATER



Tap water collected for this report is collected from taps which are connected to groundwater.

20 samples collected from 5 on-base taps.

The Annual Interpretive Report findings do not suggest a change in any potential exposure risks outlined in the Gingin Satellite Airfield PFAS Management Area Plan.

Refer to the map of the Gingin Satellite Airfield PFAS Management Area below, showing groundwater and tap water sampling locations.



Next steps

Defence will continue monitoring groundwater and tap water on and around Gingin Satellite Airfield to understand any changes in PFAS concentrations that may appear over time.

Read the full Gingin Satellite Airfield 2021 Annual Interpretive Report



Scan the QR code below to access the report via the Gingin Satellite Airfield webpage:



Or, use the link below to access the Annual Interpretive Report:

www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/pfas/pfas-management-sites/gingin-satellite-airfield

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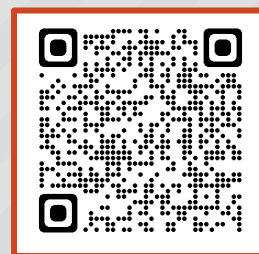
Defence will continue to keep the community informed about the management and ongoing monitoring of PFAS on and around Gingin Satellite Airfield.

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