

PFAS National Coordination Body

Key Updates from 12 June 2026 meeting



Members reviewed the status of the implementation of the Government response to the PFAS Independent Review and agreed to provide a progress update to the Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Peter Khalil MP.

Defence presented several options to progress work to develop principles for land use zoning, planning and development in PFAS impacted areas and consider the need for streamlined guidance and frameworks. Members agreed that a principles-based approach was preferred and that initially a sub-working group should be established to consider the scope of works.

Members considered the establishment of additional working groups in Queensland (QLD) and the Northern Territory (NT). The NT and QLD government members advised the Body they will seek internal consultation on the draft terms of reference for the working groups, and consider what structure is most fit for purpose for their jurisdictions.



The Chair provided a briefing on the Commonwealth legal action taken against 3M, and advised that members would be kept informed of progress of the legal action.

The Chair discussed membership of the Body, including that the Australian Centre for Disease Control will be the Commonwealth Health representative on PFAS matters going forward.



Members also agreed that the National Indigenous Australians Agency should be invited to join the Body and that once established on 1 July 2026, membership should also be extended to the National Environment Protection Authority.