

PFAS National Coordination Body Key Updates from 21 April 2026 meeting



Members agreed to a Program of Works to update the Australian Government's pfas.gov.au webpage. The updates are expected to be implemented over the coming months, and will provide the public with recent and up-to-date information on PFAS.

Members were advised of the progress being made by the Williamstown Working Group to address inundation issues, noting that Defence has commissioned new Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) surveys to better inform flood modelling and potential works to address drainage issues.

Defence presented an update and lessons learnt on its progress towards improving engagement on PFAS contamination and management with First Nations communities.

Members considered the need for an impartial mediator to consider outstanding PFAS claims and concerns. It was considered that on an analysis of data to date on claims to Defence that have been lodged, settled, declined, and in progress, the existing non-litigated Defence claims process is functioning well, and that a new mediation process is not necessary to address residual PFAS related claims.