

PFAS Williamtown Working Group – Key Updates from 30 March 2026 meeting



Defence provided an update on the Flood Action Plan, including on the recent work to refine flood assessments. Defence also presented a range of options to improve drainage that will be further refined as additional data becomes available.

The NSW EPA provided an update on its review of the PFAS Broader Management Zone. The EPA will prioritise examining the area east of the base and aim to provide advice on the boundaries of the Broader Management Zone for the area around mid-2026.

The EPA also advised that any decisions on areas in the Broader Management Zone south of the base will not occur until Defence implements planned remedial works, specifically the pump and treatment of groundwater on Cabbage Tree Road. An EPA accredited independent site auditor is to provide a technical review. Defence will continue to obtain data to support this work.



Defence presented an update on remediation activities underway at RAAF Base Williamtown, including the ongoing water treatment operations, completed soil remediation works and upgrades to on base treatment infrastructure. Defence advised that the water treatment plant for the western plumes was now operational and is treating one million litres of groundwater per day from the south western base boundary.