

PFAS National Coordinating Body Key Updates from 14 August 2026 meeting



Members were provided an update on the Sub-Group for National Guidance for land use zoning, planning and development agreed to by members at the NCB meeting in June. Members endorsed the Terms of Reference and agreed on the Group's membership. The first Sub-group meeting is expected to be held September 2026.

The Commonwealth continues to engage the Northern Territory and Queensland governments on the establishment of Working Groups for the Oakey and Katherine communities.

Members were advised of the progress made by the Williamstown Working Group to address local inundation issues, noting that the Group would be presented with the final short-term drainage maintenance works at the August 2026 meeting, with focus to then shift to development of long-term solutions.



Members agreed to appoint an Independent Assessor team to undertake a review of the Williamstown Primary Management Zone and residual risks to human health and property following the conclusion of the Williamstown Broader Management Zone review.

The Government, through the National Coordinating Body is investigating undertaking simultaneous reviews of the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan and National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999.

