

PFAS Williamtown Working Group - Key Updates from 31 August 2026 meeting



Defence provided the Williamtown Working Group with updates on communications, flood management, and PFAS management activities.

Work is continuing to finalise the communications plan, including proposed social media content. The scope for short-term drain clearing works is complete, with Defence and Port Stephens Council are progressing delivery arrangements. Defence presented updated flood modelling that will inform the long-term flood management report due in October 2026.

The NSW EPA advised that its review of the Williamtown Broader Management Zone will be delivered in two stages in October and December 2026. Defence also confirmed that procurement is underway to appoint an Independent Assessor to review the Williamtown Primary Management Zone, in line with Recommendation 14 of the PFAS Independent Review.

