



## BULLSBROOK TRAINING AREA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

<b>Base Address</b>	Bullsbrook, Western Australia
<b>Base Established</b>	1947
<b>Region</b>	Central and West
<b>Date of Last Data Review</b>	February 2021



### Description

Bullsbrook Training Area (or 3TU) is on over 1,000 hectares of land and is located about 3 kilometres west of RAAF Base Pearce, 35 kilometres north of Perth. Before its closure in 1994, 3TU's function was to provide high frequency communication to RAAF operations in Western Australia.



### Base Activities

Activities relating to potential contamination include electrical and vehicle maintenance, incineration of paper and ink ribbon materials, the use of fuel and the conduction of firefighting training.

There is also a landfill on the property, which was used to dispose of waste from on-site operations.

### Contamination Information

#### Known Contamination

The known contamination issue at the property relates to elevated levels of heavy metals in soil and groundwater around the former landfill.

#### Risk Assessment

Potential risks from known contamination have been identified on the property. These risks are actively managed by Defence to ensure that impacts to human health and the environment are minimised.

#### Current Status

A Stage 1 desktop investigation and site wide Stage 2 intrusive investigations have been completed at the property. Remediation and validation works have also been completed around fuel storage infrastructure.

Defence seeks to identify and minimise risks caused by contamination during the planning and conduct of all base activities. Contamination risks will be reviewed based on the results of future investigations.





### **Additional sampling**

Defence is undertaking additional sampling at Bullsbrook Training Area and in the surrounding area. The purpose of this sampling is to understand if further assessments into the nature and extent of per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination are required. Samples will be collected from public land where possible, if sampling on private property is necessary, Defence will consult directly with property owners.

After the additional sampling is completed, Defence will update this factsheet to share the outcome. If further assessments are required, we will engage with the community to outline the next steps.

### **Other Information**

For further information, contact Department of Defence at [yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au](mailto:yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au).

For further information on per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), refer to <http://www.defence.gov.au/Environment/PFAS/>.

