

Australian Government

Defence

PFAS INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Program financials

As of May 2023

Spend to date (since 2016) \$655 million

FY 2023-24 budget \$117.7 million

RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 12 April 2023 RAAF Base Wagga and Blamey Barracks (Kapooka).
- 27 February 2023 Jervis Bay Range Facility/HMAS Creswell.
- 16 December 2022 RAAF Base Pearce.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2023

RAAF Base East Sale - 6

 RAAF Base Richmond, RAAF Base Pearce, RAAF Base Darwin and RAAF Base Tindal.

Key updates

REMEDIATION WORKS

- Remediation works targeting soil and other materials are finished or underway at Army Aviation Centre Oakey, HMAS Cerberus and RAAF Bases Williamtown, Edinburgh, Tindal, Darwin, Pearce, Richmond and Townsville.
- Soil remedial works are scheduled to commence in 2023 at HMAS Albatross, RAAF Base Wagga, Jervis Bay Range Facility, RAAF Base Amberley, and Lavarack Barracks.



- Defence has directly provided approximately \$26 million in funding for 21 research and technology programs to support Robertson Barracks - 5 RAAF Base Darwin - 8 PFAS investigation and remediation activities. Some of these, HMAS Cairns - 4 RAAF Base Tindal – 11 such as soil stabilisation and foam fractionation, have formed part of Defence's remediation approach on some bases. RAAF Base Townsville - 7 Lavarack Barracks – 6 Defence has additionally provided approximately \$27 million in **Naval Communication Station** funding to other government agencies to support PFAS-related Harold Holt A & B – 4 NT health and remediation research. QLD RAAF Base Learmonth - 4 Defence collaborates globally to both share its learnings and to WA ensure the best available remedial actions are implemented on Wide Bay Training Area – 2 its PFAS impacted bases. RAAF Base Amberley – 5 SA Army Aviation Centre Oakey - 15 Gingin Satellite Airfield - 3 Singleton Military Area - 4 **NSW** HMAS Stirling - 5 RAAF Base Williamtown - 11 **Community support** RAAF Base Pearce (Bullsbrook) - 13 Holsworthy Barracks - 5 HMAS Albatross - 6 RAAF Base Edinburgh - 6 VIC In affected communities Defence has: Jervis Bay Range Facility / HMAS Creswell – 8 provided 149 rainwater tanks to 104 impacted properties Bandiana Military Area - 4 RAAF Base Richmond - 7 Key: RAAF Williams (Laverton) - 4 RAAF Base Wagga – 7 Ongoing Monitoring Program connected 378 properties to towns water HMAS Cerberus - 5 • Delivery of remedial and management actions Blamey Barracks (Kapooka) - 4
- # Number of community engagement events

Since 2016 Defence has:

- installed 11 water treatment plants and treated over 9.5 billion litres of PFAS impacted water
- excavated more than 80,000 tonnes of PFAS impacted soil
- treated more than 50,000 tonnes of PFAS impacted soil
- continued to support trials of new remediation technologies.

Research

conducted more than 160 community events.