

## **GROUNDWATER TESTING – JANDAKOT AIRPORT**

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In November 2022, Jandakot Airport Holdings (JAH) commenced a program of residential groundwater testing in areas adjoining the north-west boundary of Jandakot Airport to investigate the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) associated with the historic use of firefighting foams.

To gain better insight into how a summer of low rainfall has impacted levels of PFAS and groundwater flow, a second round of residential testing was offered to select properties in June 2023.

The second round of residential testing focussed on a limited area where PFAS was detected in groundwater at levels above Drinking Water Guidelines (DWG). Some properties in a broader area were also randomly selected to confirm previous results.

The results of the second round of testing are consistent with the first round of testing. The area of impact remains off the north-west boundary of the airport.

The testing was conducted by an independent National Association of Testing Authorities accredited laboratory.

We have continued to ensure affected residents have access to suitable water for drinking and domestic use in the immediate term. This has included the delivery of potable water and water tanks, plumbing connections to fresh water, and the refilling of pools as required.

We are continuing the program of groundwater monitoring on the airport site and at its boundaries. In parallel, we are continuing to work with relevant WA and Commonwealth government agencies on a long-term solution for affected residents.

Jandakot Airport has recently been included in the Australian Government's *PFAS—Airports Investigation Program*. JAH will be working with the Australian Government to conduct a PFAS investigation at the airport. JAH understands that the investigation will likely take at least two years. Further information about the Australian Government's *PFAS—Airports Investigation Program* can be found at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/>.

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