



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Jandakot Airport PFAS Investigation

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Dear Resident,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Australian Government's national Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Airports Investigation Program (the Program) at Jandakot Airport (the airport). Since I last wrote to you in November 2023, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts (the department) has engaged Environmental Resources Management Australia (ERM) (www.erm.com) as the independent contaminated land specialist to lead the Program investigation at the airport.

As with all investigations under the Program, the investigation will seek to determine the nature and extent of PFAS contamination on-airport (including any potential migration pathways off-airport) that presents, or has the potential to present, a risk of harm to human health and the environment, and to support the airport in developing a robust PFAS management plan that addresses these risks.

ERM will adopt a nationally consistent approach to the assessment of contamination, which includes an independently audited Detailed Site Investigation. The investigation will involve the collection of seasonal data, a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, and the development of the PFAS management plan. The investigation is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

Throughout the Program, the department will provide updates to the Jandakot Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG). Where the investigation requires further sampling off-airport, ERM will engage directly with residents at any properties to be sampled. Once the investigation is finalised, the department will liaise with the airport and relevant government agencies to ensure that the broader community is appropriately informed of the outcome.

Further information about the Program is available on the department's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au/pfas-airports-investigation-program. While regular updates will be provided to the Jandakot Airport CACG, any specific queries regarding the ERM investigation should be directed to jandakot.investigation@erm.com.

Information regarding activities conducted by the airport, and relevant contact details, are available at www.jandakotupdates.com.au.

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