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PFASIM Jervis Bay

Subject:

JBRF PCG Meeting 5 Minutes

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Dear JBRF PCG,

Please find attached the minutes from the JBRF PCG Monthly meeting 5 held 18 July 17. Appended to the minutes are figures detailing the soil and water concentrations of PFHxS/PFOS & PFOA.

Regards,

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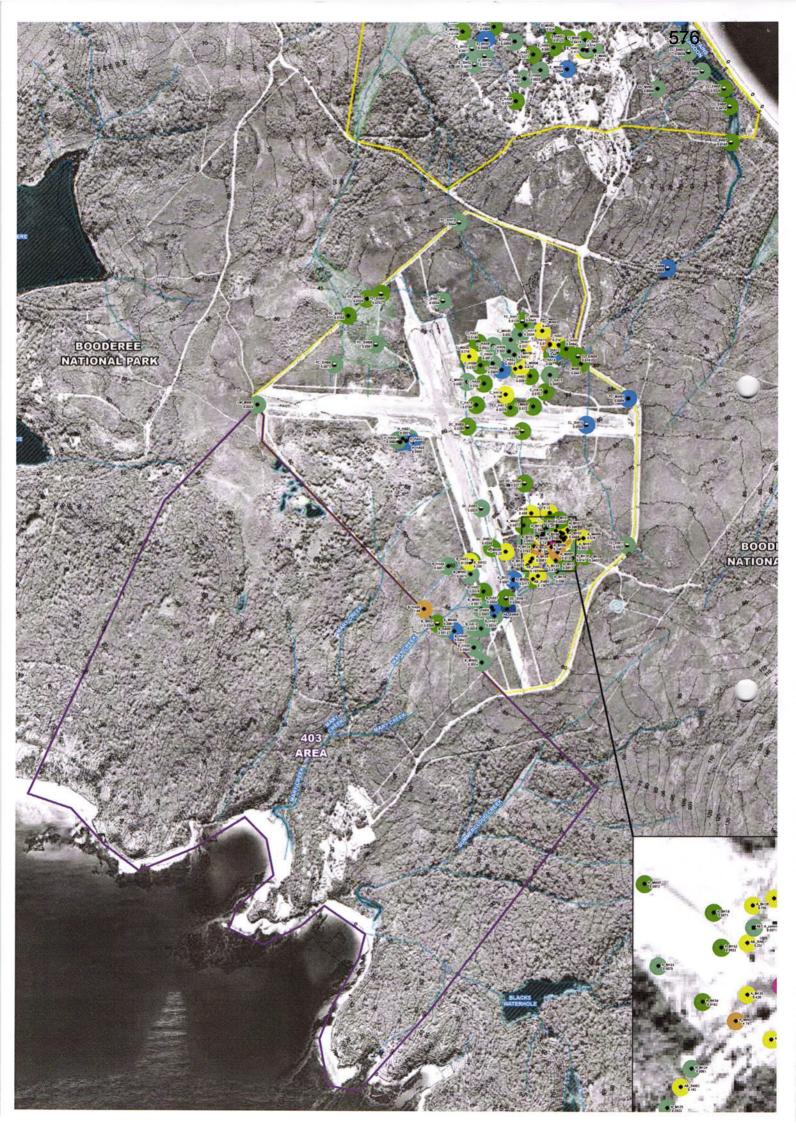
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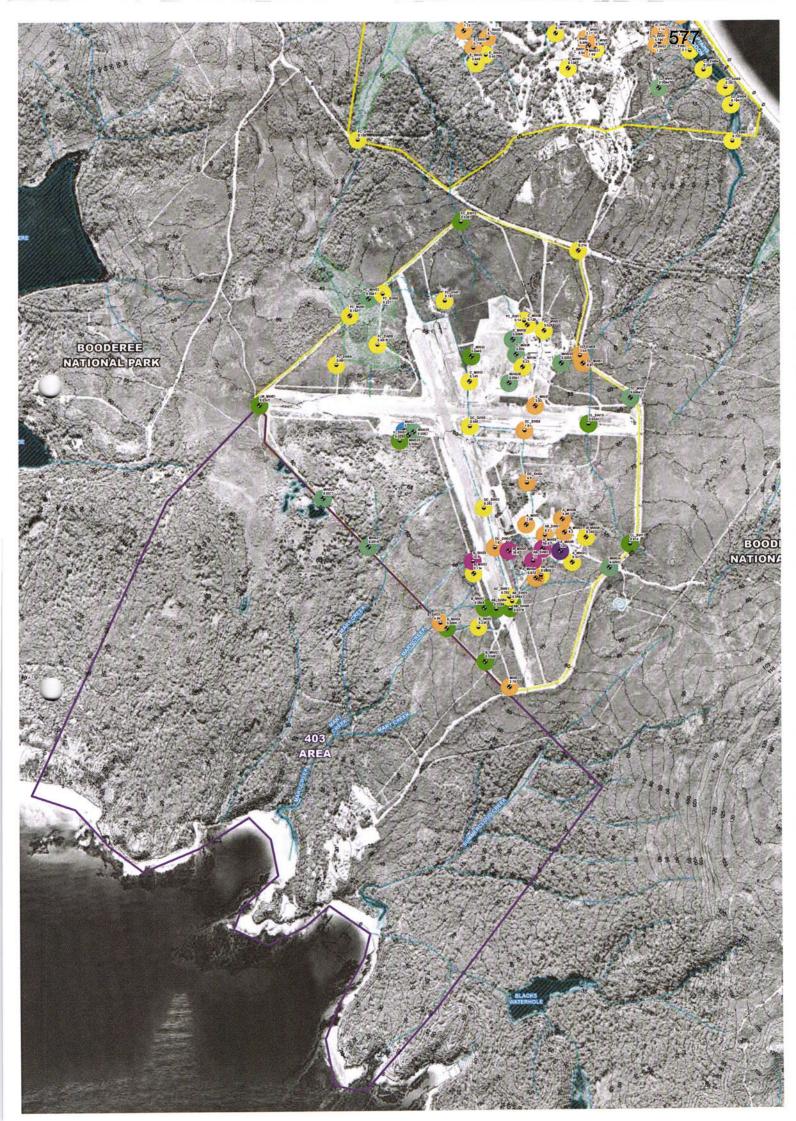
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Date	Tuesday 18 July 2017	
Time	14:00 – 14:45	
Venue	Teleconference	
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Chair	, Defence Project Director	
Minutes	Taken by	

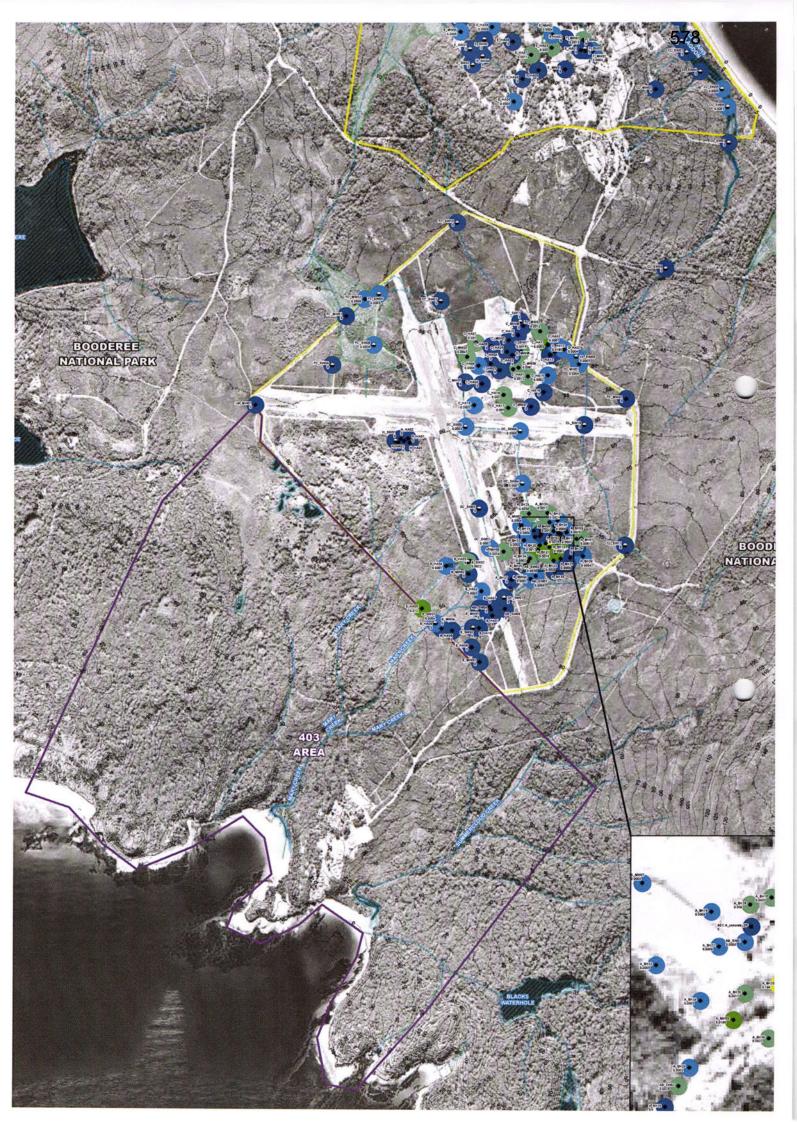
ATTENDEES	
Defence	
6 mm (S)	Project Director, Environmental Investigations
	Project Manager
	Assistant Director PFAS Environmental Management
Lead Contractor (LC), GHD	
	Service Line Leader - LC Project Director
	Principal Environmental Consultant
	Stakeholder Engagement
	Project Manager
(BC)	Principal – Stakeholder Engagement
Site Auditor (SA), AECOM	
	Technical Director-Environment Defence appointed peer review
	Defence appointed peer review
Agencies	·
ТМ	Jervis Bay Territory Administration
(05)	NSW EPA
	NSW EPA
	ACT Health
	Booderee -Park Administrator
	Spotless Shoalhaven Operations Officer
	Illawarra Health
	Meeting Minutes

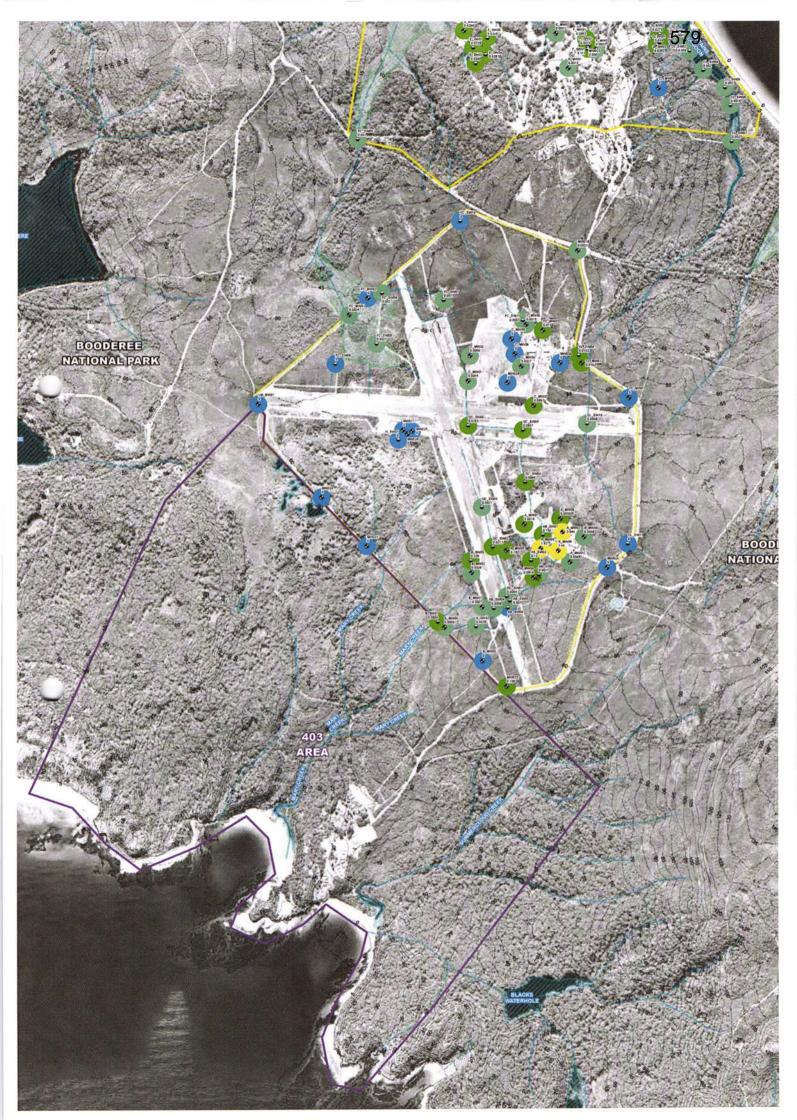
Agenda Item	Summary		
Welcome and Conduct of PCG Meetings	Defence PFAS -Welcomed attendees to the JBRF PFAS Investigation meeting.		
Investigation Progress Detailed Site Investigation	<ol> <li>(GHD)Provided an overview of the investigation:         <ul> <li>Reissue of factual memorandum 3, minor amendments to data table formats.</li> <li>Issue of factual memorandum 4 – Summary of leachate results from current and former fire training grounds on site at JBRF. Results indicated low concentrations of PFAS in soil, with higher concentrations of PFAS in concrete detected.</li> <li>Issue of factual memorandum 5 – Summary of a concrete stockpile (Lower PFAS levels), Tank S440 underground tank located fire training ground (Higher PFAS levels) and water treatment plant raw water inlet and potable water distribution tanks (No PFAS detects).</li> <li>The water use survey has been completed and the results will be incorporated into the conceptual site model and updated SAQP Rev 2 anticipated to issued to Defence on the 18/08/17.</li> </ul> </li> <li>PCG Comments received:         <ul> <li>Good result with negative results received for water treatment plant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(Im) The uptake of the water use surveys, which commenced end of June, was slow. GHD held community engagements on 9th and 11th of July in the form of a community barbecue to support the uptake of the water use survey with 22 completed. Good information was received on types of bush tucker and localities through the area. No water bores on individual properties were identified, however drinking from local streams was reported as was swimming in local creeks and the ocean. The use of clay from the local area for traditional ceremonies was reported. The main source of biota identified was fish, oysters and pipis from the ocean and some consumption of local fauna of various types. No reports of fishing from local freshwater creeks as the locals are aware of the potential for poor condition water within the creeks, however swimming in the creeks occurs locally. Report of findings will be available soon.</li> </ol>		
SAQP and Conceptual Site Model	4. JBRF SAQP Rev1 has been reviewed by Defence, Auditor and agencies with all comments received recorded. SAQP Rev 2 will incorporate REV 1 agency comments and water use survey results expected to be issued to the PCG for comment approximately 25/08/17.		
Future Stages - Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)	5. ( Defence have received GHD's recommendation detailing the requirement for a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA). GHD has also recommended that numerical groundwater modelling be carried out to support the investigation. It is likely that Defence will accept the recommendation.		
Site Auditor Update	6. ( ) Site auditor comment – no new actions or issues from last PCG meeting, next expected action review of SAQP Rev 2 in August.		

	Nil	Nil			
Item #	Description	Owner	Due date		
		ction Items			
Meeting Close	14:45 PM				
Other Business	f) sum of	PFOA Surface and Groundwater			
resurts	e) sum of	PFOA Soil and sediment			
PFAS investigation results	<ul><li>a) sum of PFHxS &amp; PFOS Soil and sediment</li><li>b) sum of PFHxS &amp; PFOS Surface and Groundwater</li></ul>				
DEAC immediation	concern are shown in the attached Figures respectively:				
	11. Investigation results received to date for PFAS compounds of key				
Risks and Issues	10. No additional risks or comments received				
- Community Enquiries	No formal enquirie	received in the past month			
		hin the Statement of Risk whole of bud	get paper for 17/18		
	remote and non remote defence contamination, contained				
	h. ( ) WBACC requested NP look into contingencies for				
	threatened species are in decline and what potential causes exist, including relationship to contaminated water.				
	Parks () investigate threatened species to ascertain if				
	g. (Many rumours exist within the community with regards to health impacts. WBACC have requested that National				
	other contaminates primarily accelerants/hydrocarbons.				
	additional contaminates. (Confirmed offsite testing of				
	19	ain a complete list of chemicals used by the complete list of the investigation.	is testing for		
	de	ree of sceptitism with the investigation ain a complete list of chemicals used by	n. WB want to		
	f. ( ) Attended WB board meeting, identified WB board has a				
		sts based on the conduct of previous co estigations.	ntamination		
	SOI	ne community wont engage with the pro-	oject as lack of trus		
	e. (	) Does a trust issue exist? ( ) It was			
Engagement		el of community concern is present, bot tamination issues.	th PFAS and legacy		
Stakeholder	d.	) What is the level of community conc	ern?. A high		
		nmunity consuming? (Fish, oysters in the past) eaten regularly (wheneve			
	с. (	) How many serves of locally caught fi	ish/seafood is the		
	b. (	) Defence assumes the "Plan" referred			
		waiting for a "Plan" from Defence and be provided to access the offsite land.	then permission		
	a. (	) Feedback received from Mal Hanser			
		offsite locations.	nuct the		
		ted the issue of SAQP Rev 2 to WBAC I act as the catalyst for approval to cond			
	in any way.				
	auditor to provid	ossibility that WBACC may consider a e independent advice, however this is n	ot beenconfirmed		
	WBACC has ma	de further enquires about the site audito	or ( ) credentials.		
	8. ( ) WBACC appointment of an independent adviser has not been achieved and there is no indication at this time when this may occur.				
	8 ( ) WRACC	prointment of an independent adviser h	as not been		
		results for review.			



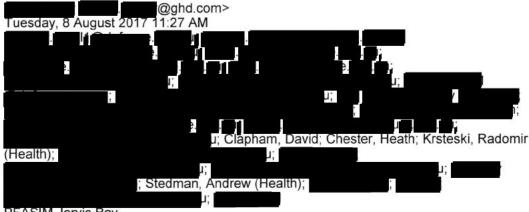






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**PFASIM Jervis Bay** 

Subject:

RE: JBRF PCG Meeting 5 Minutes

Attachments:

JBRF PFAS Investigation June Monthly Report.pdf

Dear JBRF PCG,

Please find attached the June monthly report for the JBRF PFAS Investigation.

Regards,

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### PFAS Investigation and Management Monthly Report- Jervis Bay Range Facility

18 07 2017

BP3-02-B091 26 Brindabella Circuit Brindabella Business Park PO Box 7925 Canberra BC 2610

Re: Jervis Bay Range Facility Environmental Investigation - Progress Report June 2017

### 1.0 Introduction

The following progress report has been prepared by GHD Pty Ltd to provide a summary of activities for the Comprehensive Investigation of PFC Site Conditions at Jervis Bay Range facility, HMAS Creswell and surrounds for the period between 31 May 2017 and 30 June 2017

#### 2.0 Critical items

### 2.1 New items

- The Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) Sampling Analysis Quality Plan (SAQP) Rev 1, issued to Defence, Site Auditor and Agencies for comment. Comments received and recorded from ACT Government, Spotless and NSW EPA.
- SAQP will be updated to Rev 2 to include agency comments (where required), water use survey community information and biota sampling.
- The Board of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) agreed to allow water use survey interviews to be conducted. Water use survey interviews commenced 19 June 2017.
- Sampling of Jervis Bay water treatment plant, raw water inlet and potable water tanks was carried out with approval from WBACC. Factual results have been provided to the PCG.
- The On-Site sampling has been completed, with additional factual reports of On-Site sampling provided as received to the PCG.
- GHD has prepared advice to defence to investigate the source of the PFAS contamination arising from the Creswell sewage treatment plant and treated effluent water retention basin.

### 2.2 Previously raised items to be addressed

The Board of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) was briefed on 11
Apr 2017 to seek agreement to access aboriginal lands for the PFAS investigation. The
Board stated that no access to aboriginal lands will be granted, prior to appointment of
independent expert to advise WBACC. This directly impacts the DSI works for the '403
land' and the Booderee National Park.

• As a result of the delay associated with accessing aboriginal land (expected to be 3 months or greater) the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) has at this time been undertaken on Defence land only (with the exception of the water treatment plant). The DSI for non-Defence land will commence when approval from WBACC is provided and will require an update of the SAQP to incorporate feedback received from water use survey and other information provided by the community.

### 3.0 Project progress

- The following items have been completed this reporting period:
  - WBACC approval to conduct Water Use Survey.
  - WBACC approval to sample surface water from Lakes Windermere and McKenzie.
  - Commencement of Water Use Survey.
  - Sampling of Jervis Bay water treatment plant, raw water inlet and potable water tanks.
  - Factual reports of sampling results provided as received to the PCG.

### 3.1 Project impacts

- Identification of WBACC independent adviser and approval to conduct investigation on aboriginal lands.
- Requirement to conduct numerical groundwater modelling and Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA).

### 3.2 Project meetings

Project meetings held this reporting period are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of meetings held during the June reporting period

Meeting date	Meeting title	Participants	Minutes circulated
20 June 2017	PCG No 4	PCG members	Yes
Recurring Wednesday's	Weekly meetings	JBRF project team – Defence, GHD & Site auditor	Yes

### 3.3 Project deliverables submitted this period

Project deliverables submitted during this reporting period are presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Project deliverables submitted during the June reporting period

Document status	Title	Date submitted
Final	Factual Memorandum of JBRF sampling results No. 3 (Rev 2)	21 June 2017
Final	Factual Memorandum of JBRF 21 June 2017 sampling results No. 4	
Draft	Wreck Bay Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan	20 June 2017

#### 3.4 Project Milestones

The following project milestones were achieved in the June reporting period:

- Approval to conduct Water Use Survey
- Commencement of Water Use Survey

### 4.0 Project Forecast

The project schedule is enclosed in this document, dated 18 July 2017

### 4.1 Schedule tracking forecast

- The development and finalisation of the SAQP has been impacted by access to the Wreck Bay community and land and therefore has been delayed.
- SAOP (Rev 2) will be developed which will include:
  - o Response to Rev 1 agency comments (where required)
  - o Incorporation of water use survey community information
  - o Biota sampling.
- Successful negotiation with WBACC to facilitate community water use surveys has been achieved with access to community commencing late June 2017.

### 4.2 Project deliverables expected next period

Recommendation for HHERA and Groundwater numerical modelling

#### 4.3 Technical Advisor forecast

The Technical Advisor's achievements and planned activities are presented in Table 3.

# Table 3: Technical Advisor achievements and key activities during the June reporting period

Scope item	Achieved to date	Planned for next month
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

### 5.0 Community enquiries

In this reporting period:

- No community enquiries in total were received via the Community Hotline (1800 987 618) and email (Jervisbay@ghd.com.au)
- There are 0 outstanding stakeholder enquires

### 6.0 Interaction with Government

Meetings and communications with Government stakeholders are summarised in Table 4.

Table 4: Summary of interactions with Government during the June reporting period

Meeting date	Meeting title	Participants	Minutes circulated
20 June 2017	PCG No 4	NSW & ACT Agencies	Yes

### 9.0 Requests for information from Defence

 All relevant historical reports associated with JBRF environmental assessments and contamination investigations have been provided to GHD by Defence.

### 10.0 Other Matters

Nil

Yours sincerely



CC:

Enclosures: JBRF Environmental Investigation Key Milestone summary

## **JBRF Environmental Investigation Key Milestone summary**

Item	Start	Finish	
SAQP	30/03/2017	15/09/2017	
Defence, Auditor and Agency review of SAQP Rev 1	04/05/2017	18/05/2017	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
Finalise SAQP Rev 1	19/05/2017	26/05/2017	GHD
Approval to conduct Water use survey	19/06/2017	07/07/2017	WBACC
Conduct WBAC water use survey	19/06/2017	11/07/2017	GHD/WBACC
Update of SAQP (REV 2) to incorporate water use survey results and Biota sampling	12/07/2017	18/08/2017	GHD
Defence, Auditor and Agency review of SAQP Rev 2	21/08/2017	01/09/2017	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
WBACC review of SAQP Rev 2	04/09/2017	15/09/2017	WBACC
Finalise SAQP	18/09/2017	30/09/2017	GHD
Off Site Access	15/09/2017	TBA	WBACC/Booderee
Appointment of WBACC independent Adviser	11/04/2017	TBA	WBACC
Approval to conduct Off-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling	11/07/1017	TBA	WBACC
DSI	5/04/2017	28/08/2017	GHD
On-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 1).	5/04/2017	09/05/2017	GHD
On-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 2).	TBA	TBA	GHD
Factual report of On-Site sampling results	09/05/2017	11/07/2017	GHD
Off-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 1)	TBA	TBA	GHD
Off-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 2)	TBA	TBA	GHD

ltem	Start	Finish	
Factual report of Off Site sampling results	TBA	TBA	GHD
DSI Reporting	11/05/2017	14/02/2018	
Defence and Auditor review of Draft DSI Report	16/11/2017	26/11/2017	Defence/Auditor
Update of Draft DSI Report	26/11/2017	28/11/2017	GHD
ACT & NSW State Agency review of draft DSI Report	28/11/2017	22/12/2017	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
Finalise DSI Report	10/01/2018	14/01/2018	GHD
Final DSI Report approved	15/01/2018	15/01/2018	Defence
Community Information Session	18/01/2018	14/02/2018	GHD/Defence/Agency
Groundwater numerical modelling and Human Health and ecological risk assessment	24/08/2017	25/05/2018	
HHERA Recommendation	18/07/2017	21/07/2017	GHD
HHERA Methodology preparation	24/08/2017	06/09/2017	GHD
Review of Draft HHERA Methodology	07/09/2017	20/09/2017	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
Implementation	21/09/2017	21/12/2017	GHD
Draft Reporting	05/01/2018	15/03//2018	GHD
ACT & NSW State Agency review of draft HHERA	16/03//2018	26/04/2018	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
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Community Information Session	28/06/2018	28/06/2018	GHD/Defence/Agency

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From: Sent: Monday, 14 August 2017 3:20 PM To: ŀ u; u; Clapham<u>, David;</u> Chester, Heath; Krsteski, Radomir (Health); Stedman, Andrew ( **PFASIM Jervis Bay** Cc: Subject: JBRF PCG Meeting 6 Agenda JBRF PCG\_MEETING06\_AGENDA.pdf; PCG Schedule Aug 17.pdf Attachments: Dear PCG, Please see attached Agenda for the JBRF PFAS investigation teleconference, scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday 14 August at 2:00pm. Also Attached is an updated milestone summary, highlighting the planned review periods for development of the SAQP Rev 2. Join WebEx meeting Meeting number: Join by phone Call-in toll-free number (Australia) (Australia) Call-in number: articipant Pin Code: Regards,

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Time	14:00hrs (AEDST)
Venue	Teleconference
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Agenda	
Introductions	
Investigation Progress (DSI scope and schedule)	<ul> <li>Detailed Site Investigation (DSI)</li> <li>SAQP &amp; Conceptual Site Model (CSM)</li> <li>Factual memorandums</li> </ul>
Future Stages (schedule)	- Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)
Site Auditor	- Update from site auditor
Stakeholder Engagement	<ul> <li>Meetings and briefs</li> <li>Community Info Sessions</li> <li>Community enquiries</li> </ul>
Risks and Issues	
Other Business	
Close	

**Table 1 - JBRF PFAS Investigation Key Milestone summary August 17** 

Item	Start	Finish	
SAQP	30/03/2017	11/10/2017	
Defence, Auditor and Agency review of SAQP Rev 1	04/05/2017	18/05/2017	Defence/Auditor/ACT & NSW Agencies
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Defence and Auditor review of Draft SAQP Rev 2	21/08/2017	12/09/2017	Defence/Auditor
Defence, Auditor and GHD Draft SAQP Rev 2 Workshop	13/09/2017	13/09/2017	GHD/Defence/Auditor
WBACC, ACT & NSW Agencies review of Draft SAQP Rev 2	20/09/2017	04/10/2017	WBACC/ACT & NSW Agencies
Finalise SAQP	04/10/2017	11/10/2017	GHD
Stakeholder engagement	30/01/2017	01/06/2018	
Community engagement Event 1	21/03/2017	21/03/2017	Community/Defence/ACT & NSW Agencies
Community engagement Event 2	25/10/2017	25/10/2017	Community/Defence/ACT & NSW Agencies
Off Site Access	05/10/2017	TBA	WBACC/Booderee
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DSI	5/04/2017	TBA	GHD
On-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and	5/04/2017	09/05/2017	GHD

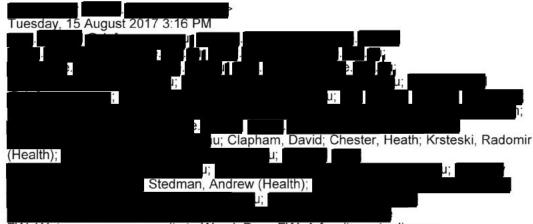
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surface water sampling (Round 1).			
On-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 2).	TBA	TBA	GHD wet weather event
Factual reports of On-Site sampling results	09/05/2017	11/08/2017	GHD
Off-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 1)	TBA	TBA	GHD
Off-Site Groundwater Bore Installation, Soil, Sediment and surface water sampling (Round 2)	TBA	TBA	GHD
Factual report of Off Site sampling results	TBA	TBA	GHD
DSI Reporting	11/05/2017	14/02/2018	
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Subject: Attachments: FW: Water use survey results to Wreck Bay - FW: A few items to discuss.

2126171 -Water Use Survey Findings report\_DRAFT.pdf

ear JBRF PCG,

Attached is the Draft Water use survey, compiled by GHD, using information provided by the Jervis Bay Community.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council has requested the results of the survey to be presented to the Board, which is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

The Draft document attached will be finalised, following this meeting.

Regards,



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# **Department of Defence**

Water Use and Biota Survey Jervis Bay Range Facility and HMAS Creswell – Jervis Bay Territory Commonwealth of Australia

**DRAFT** Report of Findings

August 2017

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# **Appendices**

Appendix A - Map and legend used at community barbeque

Appendix B - Water Use Survey

### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

The Department of Defence (Defence) has commenced a detailed investigation program at Jervis Bay Range Facility (JBRF) and HMAS Creswell (the base) and surrounding areas of Jervis Bay Territory, Commonwealth of Australia.

The investigation is part of Defence's review of a number of its sites around Australia that used fire-fighting foams containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). PFOS and PFOA are two of a number of compounds that are collectively known as PFAS and are emerging as an international concern due to their persistence in the environment.

GHD consulted with residents of Jervis Bay and Wreck Bay villages to understand how they use locally sourced food and water within the field investigation area surrounding JBRF and the base. This information will help inform the off-site investigation program.

This report summarises the findings from surveys that comprised 23 interviews of people who live and/or use water (including animals or plants that are consumed – biota) in the investigation area. The survey was conducted over two weeks, from 19 June to 29 June 2017 with additional information collected during two community barbeque events held on Sunday 9 and Tuesday 11 July, 2017.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this survey was to obtain information from local residents about water and land use at their properties and within the investigation area. The results presented in this report will assist Defence in recommending appropriate management strategies throughout the JBRF and HMAS Creswell Investigation.

### 1.3 Methodology

The chosen survey method was a questionnaire developed to act as a guide when interviewing community members through the collation of both qualitative and quantitative responses. For seven days between 19 and 26 June team members were located at Jervis Bay Territory Administration (JBTA) office (located in Jervis Bay village) or Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) office (located in Wreck Bay village). Dates and locations were arranged in collaboration with the WBACC and promoted to the community through notices via letterbox drops. Residents were invited to drop in or make an appointment to complete a survey. Fourteen surveys were completed during the period.

On 9 and 11 July, community barbeques were held with the assistance of members of the Wreck Bay Community, outside the WBACC office in Wreck Bay village. The barbeques were promoted by WBACC through a mailout to their registered members (roughly 300). Attendees spoke to GHD team members to complete a survey. A second method used to capture data at this time was using large coloured aerial maps of the investigation area to allow residents to place coloured coded dots to visually demonstrate how and where they have interacted with land and water in this area. There were 14 attendees at the two barbeques, with nine new surveys being completed (four attendees had previously completed a survey). This is discussed in more detail in section 3.14. and illustrated in Figure 13.

The original map used at the barbeque showing the investigation area and coloured dot legend is attached as **Appendix A – Map and legend used at community barbeque**. A blank copy of the water use survey is attached to this report as **Appendix B – Water Use Survey**.

# 2. Summary of key findings

There are a number of findings from the water use and biota survey responses that provide an insight into how residents of Jervis Bay Territory use land and water.

The key findings include:

- The majority of respondents (86%) indicated they are private renters. The remaining respondents were the Jervis Bay Village School, shop and police station.
- No respondents had bores located on their properties.
- One respondent, the Jervis Bay Primary School, has rainwater tanks that are used to flush some of the toilets, and to water the school vegetable garden. Town water is used for all other purposes.
- Seven respondents (30%) reported that after wet weather events, water pooled on their property and did not quickly drain away.
- Eighteen respondents (78%) regularly swim (or used to swim, when younger) in the oceans in Jervis Bay Territory.
- Thirteen respondents (57%) regularly swim (or used to swim, when younger) in the rivers or creeks in Jervis Bay Territory.
- Sixteen respondents (70%) regularly fish (or used to fish, or used to fish when younger) from the oceans in Jervis Bay Territory.
- Eight respondents (35%) regularly fish (or used to fish, when younger) from the rivers or creeks in Jervis Bay Territory.
- Nineteen respondents (83%) have consumed or continue to consume flora/vegetation collected from within the investigation area.
- Seventeen of the respondents (74%) have, at some point, used or consumed clay collected from within the investigation area on a regular basis.

### 3. Water use

The findings of the survey showed that all people surveyed use mains water as their primary water source.

The results also indicate that respondents regularly use land and water around Jervis Bay Territory. All respondents reported using land or water in some way including swimming, fishing, consuming flora or using clay.

All respondents had, at one point lived within the investigation area, with the majority currently living in Wreck Bay village.

### 3.1 Property type

Nineteen responses (83%) indicated that they rented a private residence. The remaining 13% of respondents (three) were the Jervis Bay Village Primary School, the local takeaway shop/general store and the Australian Federal Police station located in Jervis Bay Village. 57% of respondents (13) currently live in Wreck Bay Village and 26% of respondents (six) live in Jervis Bay Village. Of the 13% of respondents (three) who did not live in either village, two had previously lived in Wreck Bay village and one had lived in Jervis Bay village.

### 3.2 Type of supplied water

The majority of respondents indicated that there were no bores or water tanks on their property. Survey respondents are all supplied with mains water. The one respondent with water tanks was the Jervis Bay Primary School and water from rainwater tanks is used only to flush some of the toilets and to water the school vegetable garden.

### 3.3 Surface water on property

Respondents were asked if there was any surface water on the property, including; dam, wetland, creek, surface drain, pond or other. One respondent reported that they had a pond on their property, which was filled by a tap (mains water). 30% of respondents (seven) indicated that after wet weather, water pooled in their front or back yards and did not drain away quickly. Respondents did not indicate that this water was used in any way other than eventually draining away.

### 3.4 Drinking water from creeks/rivers

The survey asked respondents if they drank water from the creeks and rivers around the Territory. 74% of respondents (seventeen) indicated that they drank (or used to drink) from a number of creeks and rivers around the Territory, while 22% of respondents (five) said they did not. Locations were primarily Mary's Creek and Blacks Waterhole, but also included Summercloud Creek, Whiting Bay and Green Patch. Figure 2 below shows the breakdown of drinking water locations, and the most popular locations for drinking water.

Respondents have been drinking from these creeks and rivers for a range of 12 to 60+ years. Four respondents no longer drink creek or river water; one stopped drinking water from Mary's Creek 20-30 years ago. One stopped drinking from Whiting Bay 16 years ago and one stopped drinking at the Falls (Mary's Creek) about 40 years ago. Both of these respondents were not specific about why they had stopped drinking the water. One respondent stopped drinking around five years ago as they were concerned about potential contamination.

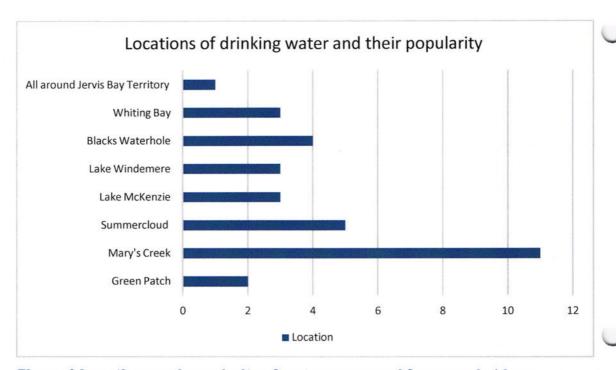


Figure 1 Locations and popularity of water consumed from creeks/river

### 3.5 Swimming in the ocean

The survey asked respondents if and where they swim in the ocean. 83% of respondents (nineteen) indicated that they swim in oceans around the investigation area regularly, while 13% of respondents (three) said they did not. Locations were primarily Mary's Beach and Summercloud Beach (also known as "Front Beach"). Figure 2 shows the breakdown of where respondents indicated that they swim in the ocean, and the number of people who swim at those spots. Respondents have been swimming in these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years.

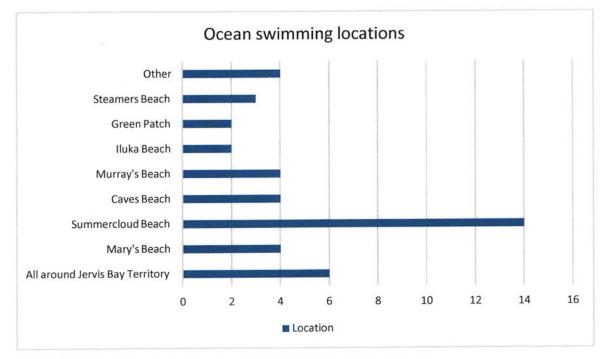


Figure 2 Locations where respondents swim in the ocean

### 3.6 Swimming in creeks/rivers

The survey asked respondents if and where they swim in creeks or rivers within the investigation area. 65% of respondents (fifteen) indicated that they swim (or in two cases used to swim) in creeks or rivers, while 30% of respondents (seven) said they did not.

Locations were primarily Mary's Beach (also known as 'Front Beach') and Summercloud Beach. Figure 3 below indicates where respondents swim in creeks or rivers. Respondents have been swimming in these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years. Some older respondents no longer swim, or swim rarely.

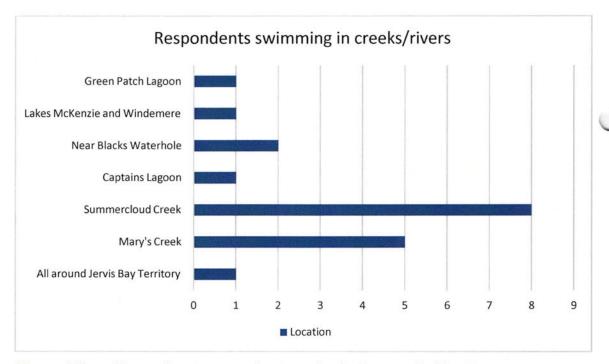


Figure 3 Locations where respondents swim in the creeks/rivers

### 3.7 Fishing from the ocean

The survey asked respondents if they fished from the ocean, the location of where they fished in the ocean and what they mostly caught. 83% of respondents (nineteen) indicated that they fished at beaches within the investigation area, while 13% of respondents (three) said they did not. The majority of respondents reported that they fished all around Jervis Bay Territory. Figure 4 shows where respondents indicated they fish from the ocean.



Figure 4 Locations where respondents fish from the ocean

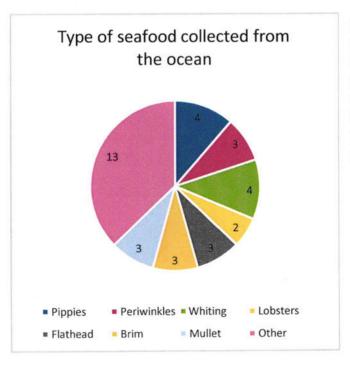


Figure 5 shows the types of seafood caught or collected. Respondents have been fishing at these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years. One respondent said that they had stopped fishing in the area in the last six months due to concerns about potential contamination.

Figure 5 Types of seafood collected

### 3.8 Fishing from creeks/rivers

The survey asked respondents if they fished from creeks or rivers, the location of freshwater fishing and what they caught. 61% of respondents (fourteen) indicated that they fished in creeks or rivers within the investigation area, while 35% of respondents (eight) said they did not. The majority of respondents reported that they fished from Mary's Creek and Summercloud Creek (or the surrounding areas). Figure 6 shows which creeks and rivers respondents use for fishing.

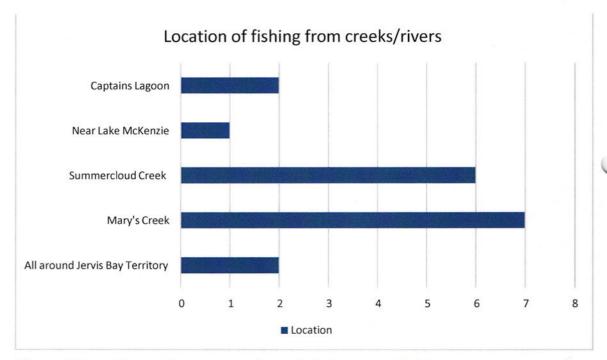


Figure 6 Locations where respondents fish from creeks/rivers

Figure 7 shows the types of fish collected from creeks and rivers. Respondents have been fishing at these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years. One respondent reported that they fished for yabbies from Mary's and Summercloud Creeks 40 years ago, but doesn't any longer. They stopped collecting yabbies due to contamination concerns.

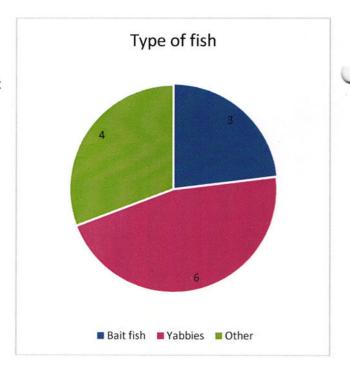


Figure 7 Types of fish collected from creeks/rivers

### 3.9 Eating flora

The survey asked respondents if they consumed flora/vegetation collected within the investigation area. 78% of respondents (eighteen) indicated that they collected and consumed flora, while 13% of respondents (three) said they did not. The majority of respondents reported that they collected flora from all over Jervis Bay Territory. Figure 8 indicates where respondents collect flora.

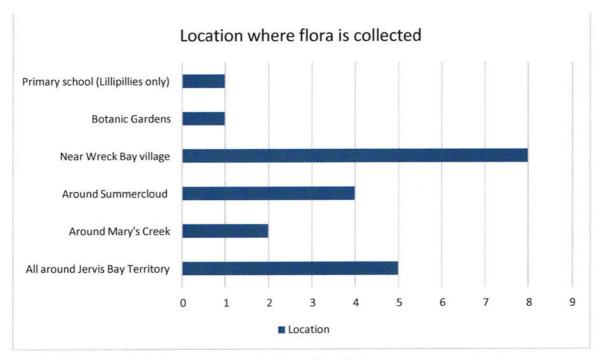


Figure 8 Locations where respondents collect flora

Figure 9 illustrates the type of flora that respondents collect. Respondents have been collecting and consuming flora from these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years. Two respondents reported that they no longer collected flora but did not specify why. All of these plants are collected for consumption.

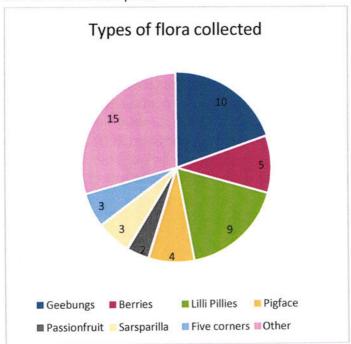


Figure 9 Types of flora collected and consumed

### 3.10 Eating fauna

No respondents indicated that they are fauna found in Jervis Bay Territory. Two people reported that they knew that historically, people did eat fauna such as, kangaroo, possum, rabbit and birds in the area but this no longer occurs.

### 3.11 Using water collected from creeks for cooking

Respondents were asked if they used water collected from creeks or rivers for cooking. 30% of respondents (seven) indicated that they have cooked with water collected from creeks and rivers, while 65% of respondents (fifteen) said they did not. Figure 10 describes where respondents collected water.

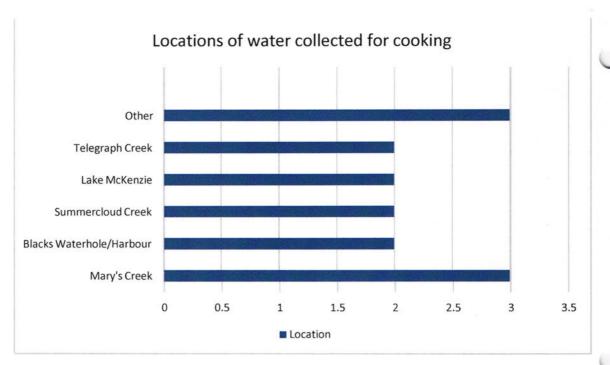


Figure 10 Where water has been or is collected for cooking

### 3.12 Using water collected from creeks for washing

Respondents were asked if they used water collected from creeks or rivers for washing. 87% of respondents (twenty) said that they did not collect water from creeks or rivers for washing, while 9% of respondents (two) indicated that they had. One respondent said that they have occasionally used water from the creek west of the aerodrome (JBRF) for washing. Another respondent said that they had occasionally washed at The Falls (Mary's Creek) as a child. The two respondents washed in the creeks as children in the 1950s and 1970s.

### 3.13 Eating or using clay

Respondents were asked if they consumed or used locally sourced clay. Clay can be applied to the skin for sun protection or ceremony, may be consumed for mineral benefits or may be played with by children. 70% of respondents (sixteen) indicated that they used clay from within the investigation area, while 26% respondents (six) said they did not. The majority of respondents reported that they used it as a topical application, usually as a sunscreen. 13% respondents (three) said they knew that in the past pregnant women consumed the clay when they had cravings. Figure 11 indicates the areas where respondents collected clay.

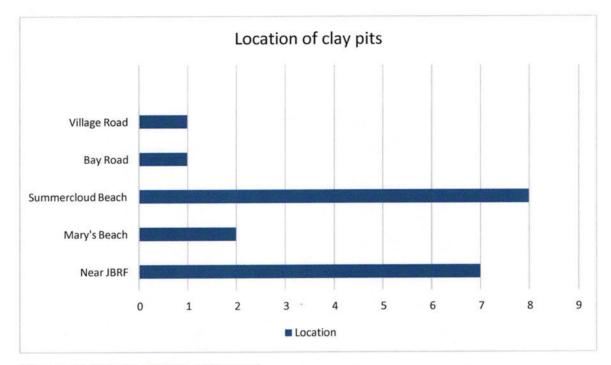


Figure 11 Where clay is collected

Figure 12 illustrates the reason respondents used clay. Respondents have been collecting and consuming clay from these locations for a range of 12 to 60+ years. 17% respondents (four) said that they had only used the clay as children.

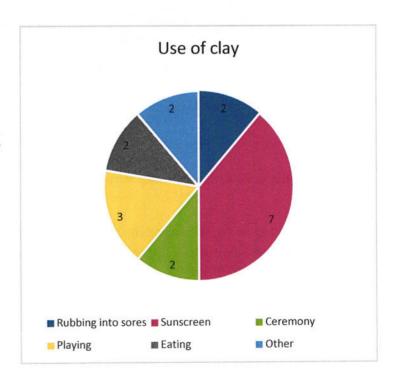


Figure 12 Use of clay

#### 3.14 Additional comments

On 9 and 11 July, community barbeques were held and surveys taken. A second method used to capture data from the community members who attended the barbecues was using large coloured aerial maps of the investigation area to allow residents to place coloured coded dots to visually demonstrate how and where they have interacted with land and water in this area. There were 14 attendees at the two barbeques, with nine new surveys being completed (four attendees had previously completed a survey).

The data collected visually indicates the ongoing activities occurring between the Wreck Bay and Jervis Bay Communities and the environment within and close to the investigation area.

The map with collated responses which also shows the investigation area, and colour dot legend is shown below as Figure 13 - Collated Map Responses.

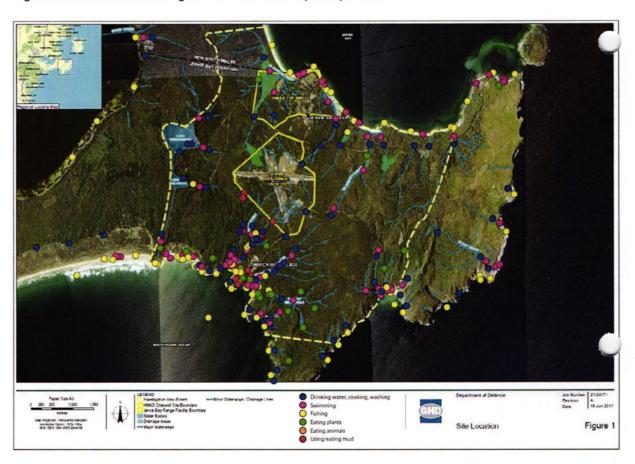


Figure 13 Collated Map Responses

A small number of respondents provided some additional comments that may be relevant to the investigations. Table 1, below summarises the comments and the number of respondents who raised the same issues.

**Table 1 Additional comments** 

Number of respondents	Comments
Three	"There are a lot of community members who have died because of cancer or heart disease. We are dealing with different exposures over different generations."
Three	There are historical stories of people born in the 1930s and 1940s eating fauna. This included possums, birds, kangaroo, rabbits and porcupine [we assume this is echidna].
Three	References to the Coffey report:
	<ul> <li>Contamination in firefighting area which is referenced in the Report.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"Level of contamination was to be monitored (at border [on WB] of JBRF) but Defence hasn't done anything. Remediation Action Plan from the Coffey Report laid out actions to be taken by Defence in partnership with the community but nothing has happened. This has caused the lack of trust."</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"Health risks (Coffey Report) around carcinogens haven't been communicated."</li> </ul>
Two	How do you quantify the loss of cultural knowledge, through not being able to forage, etc. We lived off land, it was our whole life.
Two D	befence used to do burn offs on JBRF using rubber tyres. In North Easterly winds, black smoke used to come towards community. It would go for hours on a daily basis.
Two	Buried drums with unknown contents:
	<ul> <li>"There was talk of Defence burying drums down the back of the JBRF, on the south western side."</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>"There were 44 gallon drums buried [outside the testing area], near Bherwerre Track. Pippi's are collected in the area on a regular basis."</li> </ul>
Two	Wells:
	<ul> <li>There was an old well used for water (30 years ago) - near Summercloud Beach.</li> </ul>
	There were wells in mission days.
Two	Since awareness of contamination, kids have been banned from eating yabbies (which are deformed), bush food, etc.
Two	In 1964 Lake McKenzie was overflowing and running into Lake Windemere.
One	Information about Booderee National Park and worker practices.
One	Request for blood tests.
One	"At the moment [June 2017] there is a white substance on the bottom of Mary's Creek, we don't know what it is."

Number of respondents	Comments
One	Kids sit in the water laying around the village after wet weather.
One	There is no link between health providers monitoring the area and the community.
One	"Flight patterns and high usage (of planes and helicopters) in the area affects plants. The fuel goes over the land, but no one has captured environmental impacts or impacts on people. They look at impacts that are visible but miss the invisible impacts."
One	"Lack of consultation/communication from the WBACC board about this investigation/project (amongst other issues) is frustrating for the community."
One	Used to be a firefighter and did drills at JBRF. I thought foam was going into a holding.
One	Foams used to run into Lake Windemere.

### 4. Conclusion

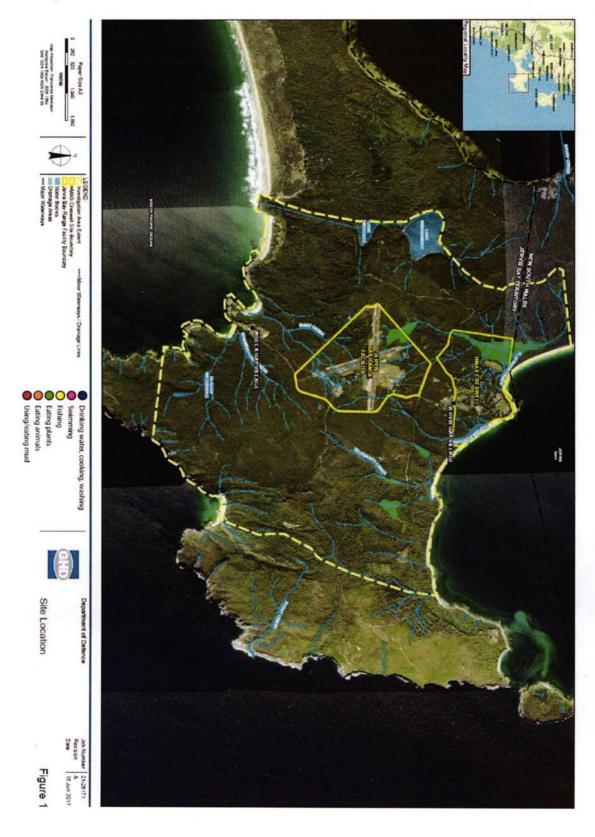
Residents of Jervis Bay Territory are connected to mains water; no respondents who lived in a private residence reported that they had bores or water tanks.

The survey results indicate that the residents of Jervis Bay Territory regularly use the land and water within the investigation area.

Given the number of people who regularly consume seafood, flora, clay or water it is recommended that investigation includes sampling in the areas indicated on the maps. A number of testing sites and different types of media (e.g. biota, surface water, soils, sediment) may need to be sampled and tested for PFAS and other chemicals.

**Appendices** 

# **Appendix A** – Map and legend used at community barbeque



## **Appendix B** – Water Use Survey

### Water Use Survey – Jervis Bay Territory

The Department of Defence is seeking to understand how water is used in the local area and requests your help to answer survey questions about water and land use on your property, and the quantity and type of local foods you and your family eat (such as meat, fruit and vegetables). This survey is an important part of the investigation and will assist in developing the detailed sampling program.

This investigation will determine the extent and levels of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on, and around some of its bases around Australia. For more information regarding this investigation you can contact us on 1800 987 618 or at JervisBay@ghd.com

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you do not have to provide an answer to each question if you choose not to. The privacy statement below explains how the information you provide will be used.

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Property address:	
Postal address:	
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Other (please specify	
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2. How many pe	ople usually live at this property?
3. How long hav	e you lived at this property?
4. How is water if required.	currently supplied to your property? Please select more than one answer
☐ mains water	☐ rain water ☐ bore water
Other (e.g. recycled	water):
5. Do you have v	water tanks on your property?
☐ Yes	□ No
If there a	re no water tanks on your property, please go to Question 10.

6.	How many water to (e.g. concrete, iron			nd what material tl	ney are made from?
7.	Are your water tar	nks above or	below ground?		
8.	Have your water t			either currently or	in the past? Please
	No				
	Yes – my water tank/	s are <b>currently</b>	mixed with bore	water	
	Yes – <b>in the past</b> my h	nousehold rain	water tank/s we	re mixed with bore w	ater
□ Ho	I use / have used bore w often do you clean y				
9.	Are your water t purposes?	anks plumbe	ed directly into	the house and u	ised for household
	☐ Yes – the water to	anks are plumb	ed directly to the	house to supply hou	sehold water
	☐ No - the water tall household purpos		nnected to the ho	use but water is some	etimes used for
	□ No - water is used	l for outdoor p	urposes only		
10.	Is there any surfac	e water on ye	our property?		
	□ dam		creek		pond
	□ wetland		surface drain		other
	□ none				
If ye	s – please specify and	outline any use	es of surface wate	er that you may be aw	vare of

If there is no bore on your property, please go to Question 15.

11. How many bores do you have on your property?
Active bores
Inactive bores
12. Please provide further details about your bore(s) if known. What is / are the depth(s) of your bore(s)?
When were the bores installed?
Has the water quality of your bore ever been tested? If yes, would you be able to provide the results?
How much water do you take from the bore in a year?
Do you take water from your bore and store it on site (in dams, tanks etc.)?
□ Yes □ No
If yes - please specify how many dams / tanks and their capacity
If you extract bore water and store on site in a dam, what is that water generally used for?
13. Is, or has your bore/s ever been, plumbed directly into the house and used for household purposes?
☐ Yes – the bore is / was plumbed directly to the house to supply household water
☐ No – the bore is not directly connected to the house

# 14. How often do you or your family use water (other than mains water) on your property for the activities listed below? Please tick all that apply.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Years of use
Drinking						
Cooking						
Other indoor use (e.g. showering, washing up)						
Outdoor use (e.g. swimming pool, sprinkler play, washing vehicles)						
Watering fruit / vegetable garden						
Lawn watering						
Watering for livestock (drinking or irrigation of feed)						
Watering for poultry (drinking or irrigation of feed)						
Irrigation of commercial horticulture / crops						
Dust suppression (commercial sites)						
Fire fighting water (commercial sites)						
Aquaculture (growing fish) (private or commercial)						
Other uses (please specify						

15. How often do you, or your family do the following activities? Please tick all that apply. Feel free to use the supplied maps to show locations.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	For how many years?
Drinking water from creeks/rivers/etc						
If so, whereabouts?						
Swimming in ocean						
If so, whereabouts?						
Swimming in creeks/rivers/etc						
If so, whereabouts?						
Fishing from ocean						
If so, whereabouts?						
Fishing from creeks/rivers/etc						
If so, whereabouts?				_		
Eating flora (vegetables/leaves/etc)						
If so, whereabouts?						
Eating fauna						
If so, whereabouts?			e			
Using water collected from creeks for cooking						
If so, whereabouts?						
Using water collected from creeks for washing						
If so, whereabouts?						
Eating clay/mud						
If so, whereabouts?						

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any questions, please contact the GHD  $\it Team:$ 

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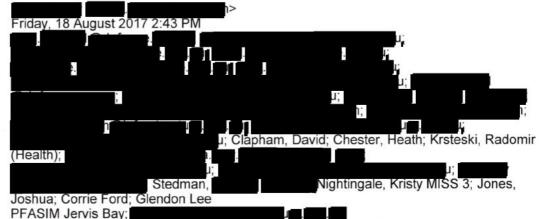
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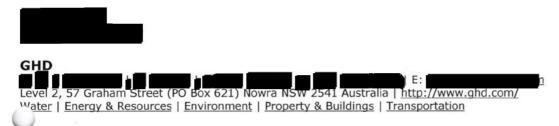
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Attached is the figure illustrating the PFAS results for water sampling conducted by GHD at Jervis Bay lakes and water treatment plant.

All samples returned non-detects (or below Limit of Reporting (LOR)).

It should be noted that the investigation is yet to conduct the more intrusive sampling at the lakes. It should be noted that Lake Windermere supply's the Jervis Bay water treatment plant, not Lake Mckenzie.

Regards,



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#### PFAS Investigation and Management Monthly Report- Jervis Bay Range Facility

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Re: Jervis Bay Range Facility Environmental Investigation - Progress Report July 2017

#### 1.0 Introduction

The following progress report has been prepared by GHD Pty Ltd to provide a summary of activities for the Comprehensive Investigation of PFC Site Conditions at Jervis Bay Range facility, HMAS Creswell and surrounds for the period between 30 June 2017 and 31 July 2017

#### 2.0 Critical items

#### 2.1 New items

- GHD collected a water sample from S440 on 28 June 2017 to assist the action plan for the replacement/remediation for the underground storage tank. GHD have issued factual memo 5 to communicate the results to project team and EMOS contractor (Spotless).
- GHD conducted water sampling on 28 June 2017 at the three above ground potable water storage tanks and the raw water inlet pipe (total of 4 samples) at the potable water treatment facility. GHD have issued factual memo 5 to communicate the results to project team and PCG.
- GHD received written confirmation from WBACC to undertake surface water sampling at Lake Windermere and Lake Mckenzie and collected 7 samples on 27 July 2017.
- GHD completed the Water Use Survey between 17 June and 11 July. The program
  included the consultation team being present at Wreck Bay and Jervis Bay village during
  the first two weeks, and attendance by the consultation team at two community barbecue
  sessions on Sunday 9 July and Tuesday 11 July.
- GHD have issued the Draft Water Use Survey report for Defence comment, with presentation of the report requested by WBACC board.
- GHD has issued groundwater numerical modelling and HHERA recommendation to Defence.
- GHD has prepared preliminary investigation advice (28/06/17) relating to the use water from the retention dam. GHD are developing a proposal to investigate the source of PFAS infiltration into the STP for consideration by Defence.