

Katherine PFAS Community Consultation Group Meeting Summary Paper

Meeting date: 20 November 2018, 1730 to 1945

Discussion Lead: DCM – Regional Coordinator – Nathanael Knapp

Subject: Katherine PFAS Community Consultation

Attending	Nathanael Knapp Chris Horton Robert Jennings Errol Lawson Meg Geritz Thomas Manning	Department of the Chief Minister (A/Chair) Power and Water Corporation Community Member Community Member Community Member Department of the Chief Minister (A/Secretariat)
Apologies	Fay Miller Natalie Ellis Petrena Ariston Kevin Grey Xavier Schobben Andrew Tatnell Matt Clarke Jake Quinlivan	Community Member Community Member Community Member Community Member Department of Health RAAF Tindal Department of Defence Department of the Chief Minister

Order of Business:

The Chair Welcomed all to the meeting. Although a quorum was not present, members present agreed that there was value in continuing with the meeting to discuss the Terms of Reference and continuation of the group more broadly.

Discussion:

- NT PFA IASC Out of Session Paper - The group noted the discrepancy between there initially being listed 67 sites as identified by the NTEPA and the current information provided in the Out of Session Paper for 163 sites.
- The group noted it was of significant concern that the words 'health' and 'environment' were omitted from the NT PFAS IASC Out of Session Paper and it was crucial they were included and were core tenaments of the work of the group.

Terms of Reference (TOR) – discussion

- The group considered the TOR and indicated a need for these to be updated to reflect the Groups position as a trusted source of information that provides the following functions;
 - A regular accurate information and messaging source for the community
 - An opportunity for questions to be answered

- An advocacy and consultative group
- With key focus points and goals to be managed
 - Short Term: Water Treatment Plant, PFAS Psychological First Aid, PFAS Blood testing
 - Medium Term: Property Price Impact, Tourism Impact, overall economic impact
 - Long Term: Environment, University investigative study, Epidemiological study, Defence and Site remediation and ongoing public relations
- The group further discussed;
 - That the outputs, outcomes and the Terms of Reference document would be reviewed after 2 years with an inbuilt sunset clause
 - that PFAS was to stay in the title, but to be reviewed by November 2019, noting the potential need to expand to include the environment, water and the community and other ongoing issues,
 - That the membership of the committee should comprise of individuals that in the opinion of the committee hold the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to enable the committee to carry out its functions effectively.
 - That the “code of conduct” was to be omitted and the principles of the Chatham House rule be applied to note the sensitivity of some discussions, as required.
 - That “section 5” was to be omitted and replaced by a standard meeting procedures type document
 - That there was to be a direct point of contact to the Inter Agency Steering Committee, such as– Director NT PFAS Management.
 - That it was crucial to have the Australian Government Department of Defence as well as any other group that feels necessary to attend.
 - That it is crucial to continue to be an authorised advocate with a level of authority providing weight when seeking information
 - That the principles of Local Decision Making be adopted and implemented
 - That the meeting of 15 January 2019 shall be to focus the thoughts of the committee for strategic planning and finalise the proposed ToR.

ACTIONS:

Action	Meeting	Responsible	Status
1 Secretariat to provide draft copy of the revised Terms of Reference to members for feedback and further ammendment.	20.11.18	Secretariat	

Next Meeting : Tuesday 15 January 2019, 5:30pm, Level 1 Conference Room, Katherine Government Centre