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Ms Cate Faehrmann  
Chair  
Select Committee into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies throughout  
New South Wales  
Parliament House of NSW

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Dear Chair

I refer to the inquiry hearing on 6 December 2024 into PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies Throughout New South Wales.

Please find enclosed my response to the question taken on notice during the hearing.

Thank you also for the opportunity to review the uncorrected transcript. I do not have any corrections or clarifications to the transcript.

Yours sincerely

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Encl: Answer to transcript question

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## NSW Standing Committee on State Development - Inquiry into beneficial and productive post-mining land use

### NSW EPA response to the question on notice (page 31)

**The CHAIR:** Have you found any fish or eels or any aquatic life that has concerning levels of PFAS anywhere across the State?

**STEPHEN BEAMAN:** Yes, the obvious one is Williamstown where there are bans on—where we don't want people consuming the fish from those areas.

**The CHAIR:** Other parts of the State?

**STEPHEN BEAMAN:** I'd have to take that on notice. I can't remember. I've done lots of these.

### Answer:

The EPA has issued dietary advice for the consumption of aquatic biota in 8 locations:

#### **1. Botany Bay and Georges River:**

- Species: Dusky Flathead, Sea Mullet, Mulloway, Luderick, Siler Trevally, Australian Salmon, Estuary Perch, Tailor
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/795630/Botany-Bay-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/795630/Botany-Bay-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf)
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/botany-bay-area>

#### **2. Former Trial Bay Caltex Depot: Saltwater Creek and Lagoon**

- Species: Giant Mud Crab
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/trial-bay-south-west-rocks>

#### **3. HMAS Albatross Nowra: Currambene Creek**

- Species: Eastern Sea Garfish, Estuary Perch, Luderick, Mulloway, Sea Mullet, Silver Trevally
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/808609/Currambene-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/808609/Currambene-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf)
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/currambene-creek>

#### **4. Lake Toolooma**

- Species: Advice to catch and release Australian Bass
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/lake-toolooma-heathcote-national-park>

#### **5. RAAF Base Williamstown: Hunter Estuary, Fullerton Cove, Tilligerry Creek**

- Species: Blue Swimmer Crab, Mud Crab, School Prawns, Dusky Flathead, Luderick, Mulloway, Sea Mullet, Silverbiddy, Sand Whiting, Yellowfin Bream
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/718108/williamtown-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/718108/williamtown-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf)
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/837371/15042-Hunter-Dietary-Advice-OCT18\\_V2.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/837371/15042-Hunter-Dietary-Advice-OCT18_V2.pdf)

## 6. Shoalhaven River

- Species: Luderick, Sea Mullet, Sand Whiting, Dusky Flathead, Silverbidy, Mulloway
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/795629/15042-Shoalhaven-Dietary-Advice-OCT18\\_V2.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/795629/15042-Shoalhaven-Dietary-Advice-OCT18_V2.pdf)
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/hmas-albatross>

## 7. Lake Macquarie

- Species: Giant Mud Crab, Blue Swimmer Crab
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/lake-macquarie>

## 8. Tamworth Airport: Peel River

- Species: Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Carp
- Link: DPI - [https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/738713/Tamworth-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/738713/Tamworth-fishing-and-dietary-advice.pdf)
- Link: EPA - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/pfas-investigation-program/pfas-investigation-sites/tamworth-regional-airport>