



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PFAS CONTAMINATION IN WATERWAYS AND DRINKING WATER
SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT NEW SOUTH WALES

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO GIVE EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY INTO PFAS CONTAMINATION

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On Tuesday 20 May 2025 an Upper House select committee will conduct its sixth public hearing for its inquiry into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies throughout New South Wales. The hearing will take place at Parliament House in Sydney.

"The hearing will give the Committee the opportunity to continue its learning about PFAS, also referred to as forever chemicals" said Committee Chair, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC. Ms Faehrmann added "we will be hearing from witnesses from the United States of America who are at the forefront in confronting the issues associated with PFAS".

First up, the Committee will have the opportunity to question witnesses from the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, Dr Shiwen Li, Post-Doctoral Research Scholar and Dr Max Aung, Assistant Professor, Division of Environmental Health, Department of Population and Health Sciences. "Dr Li and Dr Aung have conducted important research into cancer incidence associated with PFAS contamination of drinking water in the USA" said Ms Faehrmann "and the Committee looks forward to tapping into their expertise in this area, which is of direct relevance to its inquiry".

The Committee will then speak with witnesses from Minnesota, namely Senator Judy Seeberger, Minnesota State Senator, representing Senate District 41, and Ms Avonna Starck, State Director, Clean Water Action Minnesota. "Minnesota is home to the headquarters of the 3M Company, a prominent producer of PFAS products since the mid-1900s" noted Ms Faehrmann. "Hearing from these witnesses will give us a chance to learn about the phase out of PFAS in that jurisdiction, and associated issues".

The hearing will be held in the Macquarie Room, Parliament House, commencing at 9.15 am. To view the hearing schedule please visit the Committee webpage: [Select Committee on PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies Throughout New South Wales](#)

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