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To whom it may concern,

I was a Motor Transport Fitter from March 1971 to March 1991.

My first posting after Trade School was at 3AD at Amberley, where I worked on the overhaul of Fire Vehicles.

In the early 70s Fire Vehicles were converted to PFAS which required less maintenance in the fire vehicles.

During this time PFAS was used like water as we were told it was no risk to health,

This was the way it was handled the whole time during my service.

After servicing the Fire Vehicles were taken onto the outside grass or in-between the runways to pump foam to check its consistency.

The method of checking was to scoop a handful of foam and turn it upside down and check its density and ability to stick to the skin.

If a tank had to be drained, it was taken to the FIRE PIT on the eastern side of the base where a cocktail of toxic waste was dumped (Including Kerosene)

The Fire Pit sat above the edge of a river bank above Warrill creek and would have overflowed on the dumping of liquids, firefighting practise or rain.

This creek regularly floods and it flows into the Bremmer river through Ipswich into the Brisbane river then Morton Bay.

To my knowledge and experience the activities have been occurring at Amberley for at least 50 years and similar (Fire Pits) were used at most Operational bases.

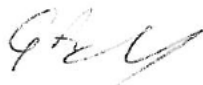
During my 20 years service almost 11 years at Amberley this was the way things were done, and many people like I accidentally stepped backwards in this toxic pool.

Since my service at Amberley, not only were many Firefighters exposed to PFAS but literally Hundreds of Motor Transport Fitters over the years, were also heavily exposed as they were the ones who serviced the firefighting equipment cleaned PFAS tanks and had to dump liquid into the pit.

During and after my RAAF service I have suffered from Irritable Bowel had Four heart bypasses and now diabetes,

Fowarded for your information,

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