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I write to you regarding the Committee's Inquiry into Airservices Australia's PFAS remediation of the former fire training ground at Rockhampton Airport

The residents of Pink Lily, which backs onto Rockhampton Airport, are rightly alarmed by the serious and lasting effects that PFAS contamination poses to both their health and the surrounding environment.

Beyond these immediate health and environmental concerns, there is also the substantial impact on property values in the affected area. This places additional financial and emotional strain on families already grappling with the uncertainty of contamination.

The health concerns of the Pink Lily community are far from speculative. A comprehensive study commissioned by the Australian Government and conducted by the Australian National University revealed elevated blood concentrations of PFOS and PFHxS in exposed communities, alongside physical health impacts such as increased cholesterol and uric acid levels.

Equally concerning, the study documented significantly higher levels of psychological distress among affected populations compared to communities without PFAS exposure.

Given the parallels in PFAS exposure between Pink Lily and other Australian communities studied, such as Katherine, Williamtown, and Oakey, it is reasonable to conclude that residents of Pink Lily face similar health risks and psychological impacts. This makes urgent remediation not just necessary, but imperative.

To delay or withhold funding for this critical remediation project would be a grave disservice to the residents who have already been affected by PFAS contamination and to future generations at risk of ongoing exposure.



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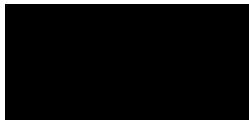
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I therefore strongly urge the Committee to approve and fully fund the remediation works at Rockhampton Airport as a matter of priority.

This action is essential to protect public health, restore confidence in the local environment, and support the economic wellbeing of the Pink Lily community.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this urgent issue. I look forward to your support in delivering the necessary remediation to address this longstanding contamination.

Kind regards,



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