

PFAS Health Study: August, 2018 CRP Progress Report

Study update

Systematic Review

- A draft manuscript was submitted to *The Lancet Public Health* on 22 August 2018.

Voluntary Blood Testing Program

- Nothing to report.

Component 1 – Focus Groups Study

- Seven focus groups were conducted in Katherine 6-10 August. Three focus groups were conducted with the local Aboriginal communities, one in each community, three focus groups were attended by members of the general community, and one focus group was reserved for Defence personnel and their families. A total of 98 attended the discussions.

Component 2– Blood Serum Study

- The draft Project Plan is in progress.
- The draft Research Protocol has been distributed for review.

Component 3 – Cross-sectional Study

- The draft Project Plan is in progress.
- The draft Research Protocol has been distributed for review.
- The draft questionnaire has been distributed for review.

Component 4 – Data Linkage Study

- Nothing to report.

Administration

Conferences/Meetings/Presentations

- On 10 August 2018 Katherine Todd attended a meeting in Brisbane with Jochen Mueller and Jennifer Bräunig to discuss PFAS blood testing logistics and recent developments.

Media

- On 4 August 2018 Cathy Banwell was interviewed by William Daw and Meg Topliss for Katherine Community Radio, talking about the Focus Group Study.
- On 6 August 2018 Cathy Banwell was interviewed by Conor Byrne for ABC Radio Katherine, talking about the Focus Group Study.
- On 7 August 2018 Katherine Todd was interviewed by Roxanne Fitzgerald for the Katherine Times, talking about the Focus Group Study.
- On 24 August Martyn Kirk was interviewed by Kayleen Bell regarding the Systematic Review.