



## **PFAS Health Study: July to October 2020 CRP Progress Report**

### **Study update**

#### **Component 2 and 3 – Blood Serum Study and Cross-sectional Study**

- Fieldwork in comparison communities began on 10 August 2020 and will continue until 18 December 2020.
- Preparations are underway for the biomarker study of stored blood samples for the exposed study population.
  - Participants who did not complete the survey in 2019 will be recontacted to obtain consent for the biomarker study. The consent form will be hosted online with a short survey of demographic characteristics.
- Analyses are underway for the exposed blood serum study and cross-sectional survey.

#### **Component 4 – Data Linkage Study**

- Analyses are underway for these outcomes using jurisdictional (NSW, QLD and NT) perinatal datasets.
- A data analysis plan for the national data linkage is being finalised.

### **Administration**

#### **Staffing**

- Dr Nina Lazarevic joined the team as a Research Fellow and will be helping to conduct analyses and write reports for the Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Studies and the Data Linkage Study.
- Ms Amelia Joshy and Ms Rose Hosking joined the team to help with registration of participants from the comparison communities and other administrative tasks related to the survey and blood serum study components.
- Ms Anna Rafferty has extended her secondment with the Australian Government Department of Health until the end of December 2020.

#### **Media**

- Martyn Kirk spoke to several media outlets in the comparison areas in the week beginning 10 August 2020, to provide information to residents about the Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Study.