



Senate Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances)

In December 2024, Cancer Council Australia completed a submission to the Senate Select Committee on PFAS. The Committee was formed to inquire into the extent, regulation and management of PFAS in Australia.

Cancer Council's submission called for:

- A national approach to PFAS regulations and guidelines to reduce confusion among drinking water providers and the general public.
- Regulations and guidelines that are responsive to new evidence as it emerges, given this is a rapidly evolving space.
- More funding of research investigating PFAS exposure using longitudinal methods, including future epidemiological studies investigating potential health effects associated with PFAS exposure.
- Guidelines for healthcare professionals on PFAS testing and clinical follow-up to help them respond to public concerns about PFAS exposure, noting that the current evidence of the risk of cancer associated with PFAS exposure is not strong enough to warrant additional cancer screening of individuals with high exposure or high blood levels.

Information about the progress of the consultation, as well as a copy of our submission, can be found on the Committee's webpage:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/PFAS_per_and_polyfluoroalkyl_substances/PFAS/Submissions