



PFAS Health Study: May, 2019 CRP Progress Report

Study update

Components 2 and 3– Cross-sectional Survey and Blood Serum Study

- The Research Protocol and Project Plan have been accepted by the Department of Health, the Research Protocol will be published on the redeveloped study webpage.
- A survey company has been contracted to work with the study team to manage the cross-sectional survey.

Component 4 – Data Linkage Study

- A Research Protocol and Project Plan have been submitted to the Department of Health.
- Ethics and data custodian applications are being drafted.

Administration

Conferences/Meetings/Presentations

- Martyn Kirk, Cathy Banwell and Kayla Smurthwaite travelled to Katherine, NT, to present the results of the focus group study to the community, including the Aboriginal communities who participated in the research. The team also updated the community on the progress of the blood serum study and cross-sectional survey.
- Martyn Kirk, Cathy Banwell and Kayla Smurthwaite met with staff from Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Services to discuss the study.

Staffing

- Dr Miranda Harris joined the study team as a Public Health Registrar.

Media

- Martyn Kirk was interviewed for the Katherine Times prior to the community consultations in Katherine, NT.

Other

- The study webpage is being redeveloped.