

Senator Malcolm Roberts

One Nation Senator for Queensland

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PFAS meetings kept secret

One Nation Senator Roberts' requests for documents relating to the Government's PFAS Taskforce have been denied.

Minister Ley's department, through the PFAS Taskforce, is responsible for solving the PFAS contamination disaster zones across Australia.

"PFAS contamination on air force bases in Australia has destroyed the lives of those bordering the bases, yet the supposed plan to help these residents is being kept secret," Senator Roberts stated.

Senator Roberts added, "On behalf of the residents, I want to know what meetings are happening, who is attending and what actions are being agreed upon to help these people."

One Nation is committed to achieving like-for-like relocation of residents in the red zones across Australia, and fair compensation for affected businesses.

"Instead of fair compensation for residents the Government is forcing red zone residents into court where their settlements are feeding lawyers instead of families."

"PFAS has been a known problem for over 15 years and the ongoing refusal to release documents that give residents confidence of a resolution, suggests the Minister is hiding something," Senator Roberts said.

The Hunter Valley wetlands, which the government is responsible for maintaining, has PFAS contamination that requires remediation.

The plume from RAAF Base Williamtown is heading south-east and only 50m from the Hunter River at Fern Bay and heading to Worimi surf beach.

"An effective strategy would be to pipe the groundwater back to the RAAF base and use the PFAS treatment plant they have built there to clean that water," suggested Senator Roberts.

The Government must stop the delays, take responsibility and provide like-for-like remediation and fair compensation for affected residents immediately.