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PFAS monitoring and management

Aeria Management Group (AMG), operator of Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport, responsibly manages airport environmental and sustainability matters across our precincts, including instances of historical contamination.

AMG has never used per- and poly- fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) at our airports. However, PFAS is present at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport due to the historical use by Commonwealth and State Government agencies of firefighting foams containing PFAS, prior to privatisation of the airports.

Despite having no responsibility for the existence of such contaminants at our airports, AMG prioritises health and wellbeing and has proactively investigated legacy levels of PFAS, to ensure there are no related health concerns for airport users.

What is PFAS?

PFAS are a class of manufactured chemicals that have been used since the 1940s to make products that resist heat, stains, grease and water. Such use has included non-stick cookware, food packaging, paint, toiletries, firefighting foams and stain and water repellents for carpets, fabric, furniture and clothing.

PFAS at Australian airports

AMG has never used PFAS at Bankstown Airport or Camden Airport. However, Commonwealth and State Government agencies historically used firefighting foams containing PFAS at up to 37 civilian airports across Australia, including Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport.

PFAS is no longer used by such agencies in firefighting foams. In 2003, Commonwealth Government agency Airservices Australia commenced phasing out its use of legacy firefighting foam containing PFAS. In 2010, it ceased using fluorine containing foams and switched to fluorine free foam.

Health effects of PFAS

PFAS chemicals have been shown to be toxic to some animals and can accumulate in the bodies of animals and humans.

However, in August 2025, the [NSW Health Expert Advisory Panel on PFAS](#) found that: “Based on the substantial research already undertaken, the health effects of PFAS appear to be small.”

AMG has investigated and assessed PFAS levels and any potential health impacts at our airports, including testing of soil, groundwater and surface water.

In 2020, an independent Human Health & Environmental Risk Assessment, commissioned by AMG, found no risk issues of concern in relation to potential PFAS exposure for people working at either Bankstown Airport or Camden Airport.

PFAS Airports Investigation Program

AMG takes the treatment and management of PFAS contamination seriously and prioritises the health, safety and wellbeing of people using our airports.

We volunteered to participate in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport & the Arts PFAS Airports Investigation Program, to enable additional testing and assessments at Bankstown Airport and Camden Airport. As at August 2025, 16 airports in total across Australia were participating in the program.

The program, which runs to 30 June 2027, aims to identify the nature and extent of PFAS contamination at airports and develop management plans, as required, to address any identified risks.

We are working with our customers and the Department to facilitate the program, including further sampling of soil, surface water and groundwater at our airports.

Commitment to sustainability and the environment

Sustainability is a cornerstone in AMG's delivery of economic, environmental and social value to our customers, stakeholders and the broader community. Underpinning this is a commitment to be a responsible business, including in relation to historical contamination.

We are compliant with our safety and environmental obligations, including management of known locations of PFAS.

Copies of our environment strategies, and Sustainability Reports are available on our website [by clicking here](#).

For more information

[Click here to learn more](#) about the Department's PFAS Airports Investigation Program.

If you have any queries for AMG, please contact us via info@aeria.co or 02 8709 9400.