

## **Annexure A**

This is an important notice about the PFAS Class Action for compensation against the Commonwealth of Australia and is approved by the Federal Court of Australia.

The class action seeks compensation as a result of the Commonwealth's use of chemicals commonly referred to as 'PFAS' in firefighting foam at Commonwealth bases in Pearce/Bullsbrook Western Australia, Darwin Northern Territory, Richmond New South Wales, Wagga Wagga New South Wales, Edinburgh South Australia, Wodonga/Bandiana Victoria and Townsville Queensland.

If you own property near any one or more of those bases just mentioned you may be a class member in the class action and able to claim compensation. The compensation includes diminution in property values, and damages for inconvenience, distress and vexation caused. The class action is NOT about personal injuries.

The class action is being run by Shine Lawyers and the costs are being funded by LCM.

Class members are NOT, and WILL NOT be, liable for any "out of pocket" costs by staying in the action or if the action is not successful.

However, if the action is successful and money is recovered, the Court will be asked to distribute the legal and funding costs, from the money recovered fairly among those who receive compensation.

You have three options:

One, you can opt-out of the class action if you do not want to be a class member. However, you will not receive any money from this class action if you opt out. To opt out is a serious step - You should seek legal advice. If you opt out you can make a financial claim against the Commonwealth in writing. To opt out, complete and return the "Opt out notice" to the Federal Court of Australia by this date:

Two, you can sign up for the class action. You can sign up here by clicking on the link to the site where your property is, and filling in your details, and signing a funding agreement with LCM. You do not have to sign up to remain a class member.

Three, you can do nothing and remain a class member.