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## JBT drinking water—PFAS testing results

Testing for October 2023 shows that Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) levels in JBT drinking water remain many times lower than levels recommended by the [Australian Drinking Water Guidelines](#).

The Guidelines are set by the National Health and Medical Research Council. They are regularly updated to make sure they are based on the latest scientific evidence.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts undertakes routine monthly testing for PFAS in JBT’s drinking water and engages an independent laboratory, accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities, to do this work.

This monthly testing continues to show drinking water is well within the national guidelines. The health and safety of JBT residents and visitors remains our first priority. We will continue to keep the local community informed on testing results.

	Sum of PFOS & PFHxS	PFOA
<b>JBT drinking water</b> October 2023 test results	0.0008 micrograms/litre	<0.0005 micrograms/litre
<b>Australian Drinking Water Guidelines</b> Health values for PFAS	0.07 micrograms/litre	0.56 micrograms/litre

\*PFOS=Perfluorooctane Sulfonate, PFHxS=Perfluorohexane Sulfonate, PFOA=Perfluorooctanoic Acid

For general information on PFAS health effects and exposure pathways, contact the Department of Health on 1800 941 180, or see the fact sheet: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-pfas.htm#pfas>.