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JBT drinking water - PFAS testing results

Testing for January 2026 shows that Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) levels in JBT drinking water remain substantially lower than levels recommended by the recently updated [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, with new guidelines released on 25 June 2025. The JBT levels remain safe.

On behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts, Shoalhaven Water 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.

The drinking water at Wreck Bay and the rest of JBT is sourced from Lake Windemere. The drinking water from Lake Windemere is tested for PFAS at the treatment plant before and after treatment. This water is then supplied by pipeline to the various locations within JBT including Wreck Bay. 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.

	PFOS	PFHxS	PFOA
JBT drinking water January 2026 test results	0.0005 micrograms/litre	<0.0005 micrograms/litre	<0.0005 micrograms/litre
Australian Drinking Water Guidelines Health values for PFAS	0.008 micrograms/litre	0.03 micrograms/litre	0.2 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: [enHealth fact sheet on Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\) | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)