



MEDIA STATEMENT

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HUNTER WATER ADOPTS UPDATED PFAS GUIDELINES

In consultation with NSW Health, Hunter Water has adopted the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) drinking water guidelines for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) of:

- less than 0.07 micrograms per litre for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS); and
- less than 0.56 micrograms per litre for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

Hunter Water's drinking water complies with these new limits and remains safe to drink. To date we have never had an exceedance of these guidelines in our regular water quality testing.

The FSANZ guidelines were released by the Australia Government's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Brendan Murphy, following an extensive public health review.

Hunter Water routinely samples for PFAS in all of its drinking water supply zones, and reports detections over 0.002 micrograms per litre, which is our independent laboratory's minimum limit of reporting.

Hunter Water will continue to include PFAS results in its [monthly water quality report](#).