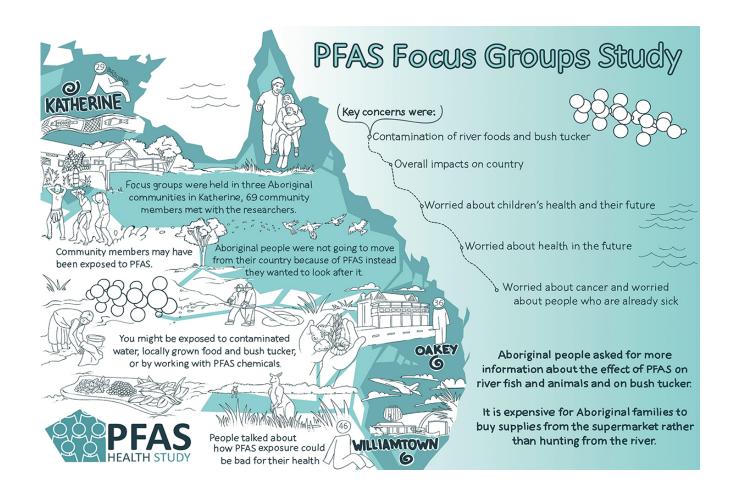


## **Appendix B - PFAS Health Study**

## PFAS FOCUS GROUP STUDY

Poster for Aboriginal communities in Katherine



## RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR PFAS SURVEY

- 1. What are the main potential sources of exposure to PFAS through occupation, food, waters, or other factors in Williamtown (NSW), Oakey (Qld) and Katherine (NT)?
- 2. What are the main concerns regarding health problems associated with living or working in the PFAS Investigation and Management Areas in Williamtown, Oakey and Katherine?
- 3. What are the main self-reported health outcomes associated with living in or working in the PFAS Investigation and Management Areas in Williamtown, Oakey and Katherine?
- 4. What are the current levels of psychological distress and how do these relate to PFAS blood results and location of residence or work?
- 5. What are the main risk factors for higher than background level serum PFAS concentration regarding sociodemographic and other factors?
- 6. Does the geographic distribution of blood PFAS levels correlate with known zones of contamination of groundwater and soil?
- 7. What are the mean serum concentrations of PFAS in Williamtown, Oakey and Katherine residents and how do these levels compare to those of people residing in non-contaminated areas?
- 8. How do serum concentrations vary by location and demographic factors, such as age, sex and length of residence, in the townships of Williamtown, Oakey and Katherine.

Source

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**Survey Help** — ANU PFAS Health Study, Instructions for participating in the survey at <a href="mailto:rsph.anu.edu.au/research/projects/pfas-health-study#acton-tabs-link-tabs-0-footer-5">rsph.anu.edu.au/research/projects/pfas-health-study#acton-tabs-link-tabs-0-footer-5</a>