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Submission re Pollution of Tomago

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For many years the community of the Tilligerry Peninsula and surrounds have requested safer handling practices of possible pollutants used on the Base at RAAF Williamtown and Salt Air Weapons Range to protect our aquifer, the world's second largest aquifer and our environment.

Our worst fears have now been realised:

I call on this enquiry to deal with this matter as a matter of urgency.

To ensure testing is carried out on all properties within the region of the Tomago Aquifer and the Tilligerry Creek where spearpoints are installed. This testing to include such towns as Lemon Tree Passage etc.....

That no effort be spared in finding a remedy for the contamination of both the creek and the Aquifer.

That all businesses and homes affected by the contamination be fairly compensated for their losses.

That RAAF Base Williamtown be fully investigated for their handling of possible pollutant threat materials on the Base and the Salt Ash Air Weapons Range past and present.

That a committee of inspectors independent of military influence be appointed. (This could be chemists and OH & S Officers from Newcastle and Sydney Universities) These persons to inspect Base and Weapons' Range practises of operation.

The independent committee be authorised to test affected surroundings