



ANNEXURE
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
NOTICE AS TO THE WRECK BAY PFAS LAND
CONTAMINATION CLASS ACTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The Court has approved the settlement of the class action for \$22 million.
- If you have not already registered with Shine Lawyers, and wish to participate in the proposed settlement, you must register by 12 July 2023
- The Court will decide on 8 September 2023 how the settlement should be divided up between WBACC, and eligible group members.
- The Court has appointed Mr Joshua Creamer (an independent barrister) to prepare a report on questions of eligibility to receive distribution from the settlement and a proposed way of distributing the settlement.

A. What is the Settlement?

1. The Court on 19 June 2023 approved a settlement by which the Commonwealth will pay **\$22 million** (without admitting liability) to settle all claims by class members for property value losses, for inconvenience and distress, and for interference with use and enjoyment of the Wreck Bay land, including on traditional community and cultural usages. All those claims have been released (which means they cannot be brought again).
2. The settlement does not prevent any future claim for personal injury being brought.
3. Under the settlement, a capped amount of up to \$5 million will go to pay the legal costs of bringing the case, and Shine Lawyers estimate at least \$16.5 million will go to WBACC and community members (after adding interest and then taking out the costs of getting the money to everyone).

B. What is Happening Now?

4. The Court needs to work out who are the eligible group members and then consider how the settlement should be distributed between them.
5. You are a group member and may be eligible to participate in the settlement if, as at 1 September 2016, you:
 - a) held any interest in the land granted to WBACC (the Wreck Bay Land);
 - b) resided in or occupied any part of the Wreck Bay Land *and* were either named on the register of members of WBACC *or* were a spouse or descendant of a current or former WBACC member; *or*
 - c) resided outside the Wreck Bay Land, but were either named on the register of members of WBACC *or* were a spouse or descendant of a current or former WBACC member.
6. The “Wreck Bay Land” refers to the area per the map below:



	<p>If you register, you will receive a Proposed Distribution Notice, and can then have a say about how the settlement should be distributed.</p> <p>If you do not register, then you will not receive any compensation even if you are otherwise eligible.</p>
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E. Where can you get further information?

10. If you want more information or documents, you should not contact the Court but either:
 - a) download documents from <https://www.shine.com.au/service/class-actions/pfas-contamination-class-actions/jervis-bay-pfas-contamination>; or
 - b) email Shine Lawyers at pfaswreckbay@shine.com.au, or telephone Shine Lawyers on 1800 325 172.
11. Please consider the above matters carefully. If there is anything of which you are unsure, you should contact Shine Lawyers, or seek your own legal advice. Please bear in mind that while you should contact Shine Lawyers for further information as necessary, if you do not require further assistance, it is in the interests of all class members to keep further costs to a minimum.