

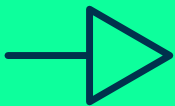



Regulation of PFAS firefighting foams

Consultation outcomes

This document presents an overview of the key outcomes from external consultation on the proposed Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (PFAS Firefighting Foam) Regulation 2020 (the proposed Regulation). The outcomes informed the preparation of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Amendment (PFAS Firefighting Foam) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation), which seeks to change how

firefighting foams containing per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are used in NSW. The Regulation is the first step to achieving the agreed objectives in the National PFAS Position Statement.

Between 1 October and 21 December 2020, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) held a targeted consultation with invited stakeholders to seek feedback on the following proposals:

	A ban on the use of any PFAS firefighting foam for the purposes of training or demonstrations
	Restriction on the use of long-chain PFAS firefighting foam, unless used by a relevant authority in response to a catastrophic fire or by way of a portable fire extinguisher
	Labelling of portable fire extinguishers containing long-chain PFAS firefighting foam
	Restriction on the use of long-chain PFAS firefighting foam in portable fire extinguishers

This document provides a high-level overview of the consultation process and outcomes.

