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STATEMENT ON CONTAMINATED SITES MANAGEMENT

“Professor Mark Taylor’s Review of the Environment Protection Authority’s (EPA) Management of Contaminated Sites has found the EPA’s future PFC (perfluorinated chemicals) program is “structured and appropriate”.

“The EPA’s state-wide investigation program was announced in February 2016 to coordinate management of and reduce risks posed by PFCs at potentially adversely affected sites across NSW.

“Professor Taylor’s second interim report found the historical management of PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulfonate) and PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) could have been improved.

“I am pleased the EPA’s recent management of emerging contaminants was also recognised.

“I welcome Professor Taylor’s interim findings. His report is critical to ensuring the community has confidence in the NSW government’s environmental regulation and understands that protecting public health is always our number one priority.

“The final report by Professor Taylor is expected to be completed in the coming months.”