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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **AWA welcomes National Environmental Management Plan for PFAS**

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The Australian Water Association's Chief Executive Jonathan McKeown has welcomed Australia's first National Environmental Management Plan for PFAS.

"Given the concerns late last year regarding elevated levels of PFAS in multiple Victorian wetlands and waterways, and bans on local produce consumption in Katherine, the Plan empowers environment ministers and protection authorities to address and manage PFAS contamination consistently across the country," he said.

"While the Plan includes future work to address gaps in PFAS management, it is important to recognise the achievements the water industry has made to date. This includes technology like CRC CARE's pfasCARE, which cleans water to make it safe to drink, and new water treatment plants to treat bore water to minimise PFAS contamination levels."

"Australia has an obligation to protect environmental and public health, and the Association welcomes the coordinated and cooperative action on this cross-boundary issue."

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