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PFAS: The catalyst for a bigger environmental conversation

PFAS continues to dominate environmental headlines across Australia.

From growing public concern and increased regulatory scrutiny to the recent multi-billion-dollar legal action against 3M, PFAS has firmly entered the national spotlight.

During a recent Lotsearch Executive Roundtable, one thing became clear: the conversation is about far more than PFAS.

Bringing together environmental scientists, legal experts, government representatives, academics and industry leaders, the Roundtable discussion explored not only the challenges posed by PFAS contamination, but also the broader questions it has brought to the surface around environmental disclosure, contaminated land management, data accessibility, transparency and the way environmental risk is identified and communicated.

A consistent theme emerged throughout the discussion which was that while PFAS is undoubtedly one of Australia's most significant environmental challenges today, it's also acting as a catalyst for a much larger conversation about environmental awareness.

Australia is investing billions of dollars into managing PFAS contamination typically focusing on high profile sites where firefighting foam has been widely used, yet countless other contamination and environmental risks continue to receive far less attention and funding, despite their potential impact on communities, property, development and decision-making.

The challenge before industry is therefore broader than PFAS alone and poses questions around:

- how do we create a more environmentally aware Australia
- how do we better identify and manage environmental risk
- how do we improve access to information and strengthen transparency

These questions sit at the heart of Lotsearch's mission and were central to our Roundtable discussion.

The findings from the Roundtable are now being developed into an industry whitepaper, which will explore the opportunities, challenges and recommendations identified by participants and help continue the conversation across industry.

If you would like to stay across the findings and receive the PFAS Roundtable Whitepaper, “PFAS in Practice: turning policy into action for Australia's contaminated sites”, when released, we'd love to hear from you.

Register your interest <https://www.lotsearch.com.au/industry-news/pfas-roundtable>

or contact our team at marketing@lotsearch.com.au

Together, we believe we can help build a more informed, transparent and environmentally aware Australia.



Product Updates

New PFAS-related contamination insights now available in NSW & ACT

As PFAS continues to attract increasing regulatory, industry and public attention, environmental professionals are under greater pressure to identify potential contamination risks early and accurately.

To support this, Lotsearch has enhanced its Enviro Pro and Enviro Lite reports for New South Wales and the ACT with the addition of a new Emergency Service Facilities dataset.

The enhancement provides greater visibility into potential contamination sources associated with PFAS risk, including fire and rescue facilities, rural fire services, ambulance stations, policing facilities, SES locations and other emergency management sites.

The update reflects growing recognition of PFAS contamination risks associated with firefighting and fire protection activities. In Version 3.0 of the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (NEMP), firefighting and fire protection services are specifically identified as activities potentially associated with PFAS contamination.

We've also improved the presentation of potential contamination sources within reports by consolidating Waste Management Facilities and Liquid Fuel Facilities into a single standardised map and table, making desktop assessments faster and easier to interpret.

How this improves your workflow:

Environmental consultants undertaking Preliminary Site Investigations (PSIs) and Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments often spend significant time gathering information from multiple sources to identify potential contamination risks.

These enhancements help streamline the desktop investigation process by:

- Improving visibility of potential PFAS-related contamination sources
- Reducing time spent sourcing and validating environmental information
 - Improving report interpretability and usability
 - Supporting more comprehensive site characterisation
- Reducing the risk of critical contamination sources being overlooked

The result

By bringing more environmental intelligence into a single report, Lotsearch continues to strengthen its position as the one-stop-shop for desktop environmental investigations.

This means less time spent gathering data and more time focused on assessing risk, developing conceptual site models and delivering outcomes for clients.

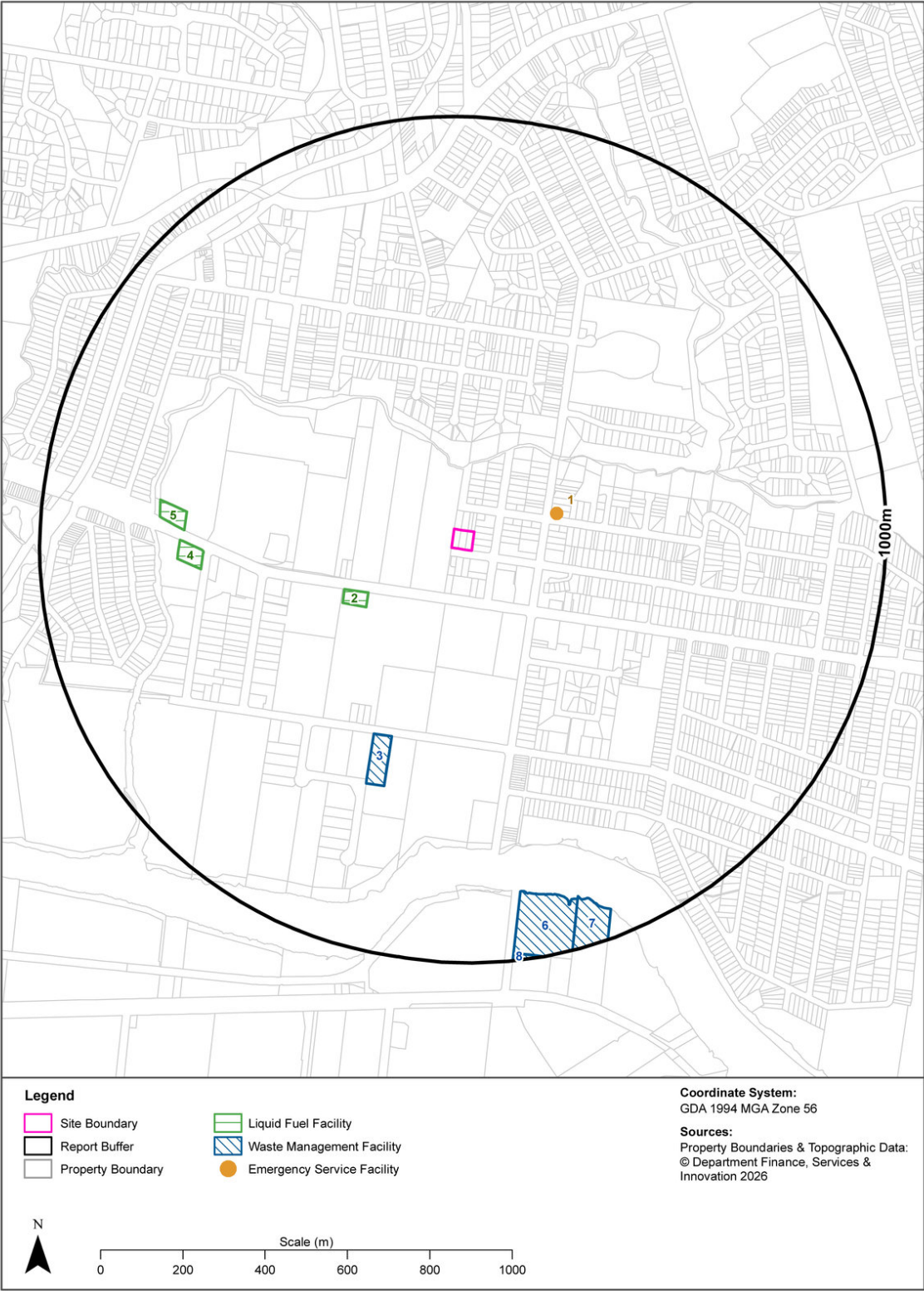
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Other Potential Contamination Sources

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Did You Know? A site's greatest risk may not be what's visible today.

When undertaking a Preliminary Site Investigation or environmental due diligence assessment, the biggest risks are often hidden in the past.

A seemingly ordinary site may have a history involving industrial operations, former landfills, gasworks, fuel storage, manufacturing activities or other historical land uses that are no longer visible on the ground today.

In fact, undisclosed historical land uses remain one of the most common causes of contamination risk being overlooked during desktop investigations. Environmental professionals who rely solely on publicly available datasets may miss critical historical information that can influence site characterisation, investigation scope and ultimately project costs.

That's why desktop research remains one of the most important stages of any contaminated land assessment.

Lotsearch's Enviro Pro Report was designed specifically to support environmental consultants undertaking Preliminary Site Investigations, Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments and environmental due diligence projects. By combining government datasets, historical aerial imagery, maps, business directories, hydrogeological information and Lotsearch's proprietary Historical Land Use Database (HLUD), Enviro Pro helps rapidly identify potential contamination sources, pathways and receptors before field investigations commence.

Why environmental professionals use Enviro Pro

- Streamlines desktop investigations and baseline data collection
- Supports compliance with industry regulations and professional standards
- Identifies potential contamination risks that may otherwise be overlooked
- Assists with the development of robust Conceptual Site Models (CSMs)
- Leverages Australia's most comprehensive Historical Land Use Database
- Provides mapped, peer-reviewed and quality-checked environmental information

With environmental assessments becoming increasingly complex, access to

accurate, consolidated and defensible information has never been more important, because when it comes to environmental risk, what happened decades ago can still shape decisions made today.

For more information, download our Enviro Pro Product Card or receive a no-obligation quote or make your order today.

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12 Years. 100,000+ Reports. One Mission.

As Lotsearch celebrates its 12th year, we're reflecting on something bigger than a company milestone, we're reflecting on the role environmental intelligence plays in helping Australians make better decisions about the land beneath their feet.

When Lotsearch launched in 2014, environmental data was often fragmented, difficult to access and time-consuming to interpret, with environmental professionals and legal practitioners spending their valuable time searching for data rather than solving problems.

Over the past 12 years, we've worked incredibly hard to change that for the better.

From pioneering environmental reporting in New South Wales to becoming one of Australia's most trusted providers of environmental, planning and property intelligence, Lotsearch now supports industry professionals nationwide with the data and insights needed to identify risk, reduce uncertainty and make better decisions.

Today, Lotsearch provides more than 20 environmental, planning and spatial intelligence products and has delivered over 100,000 environmental reports nationwide. Every report, search and dataset contributes to a greater understanding of environmental risk and helps professionals make faster, more informed and more defensible decisions.

Along the way, we've built one of Australia's most comprehensive environmental and historical land-use databases, identifying more than 260,000 known and potentially contaminated sites across the country through the digitisation and analysis of historical records, aerial imagery, maps and government datasets.

But our contribution extends beyond reporting as we strongly believe that environmental awareness starts with access to information and education.

Over the years, Lotsearch has partnered with industry associations, councils, government agencies and industry professionals and contributed to many a policy discussion, supported multiple contaminated land management initiatives and invested heavily in industry education.

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As environmental challenges continue to evolve, so too does the need for reliable, accurate and accessible information.

At its core, Lotsearch has remained focused on a simple mission:
To provide best-in-class environmental information and insight that helps build a more environmentally aware Australia.

To our clients, partners and industry colleagues, thank you for being part of the journey.

Here's to the next chapter, together.





ACLCA VIC Early Career Professional Presentations Night

Supporting the Next Generation

We're proud to have been the Platinum Sponsor of the ACLCA ECP Seminar Presentations in Melbourne.

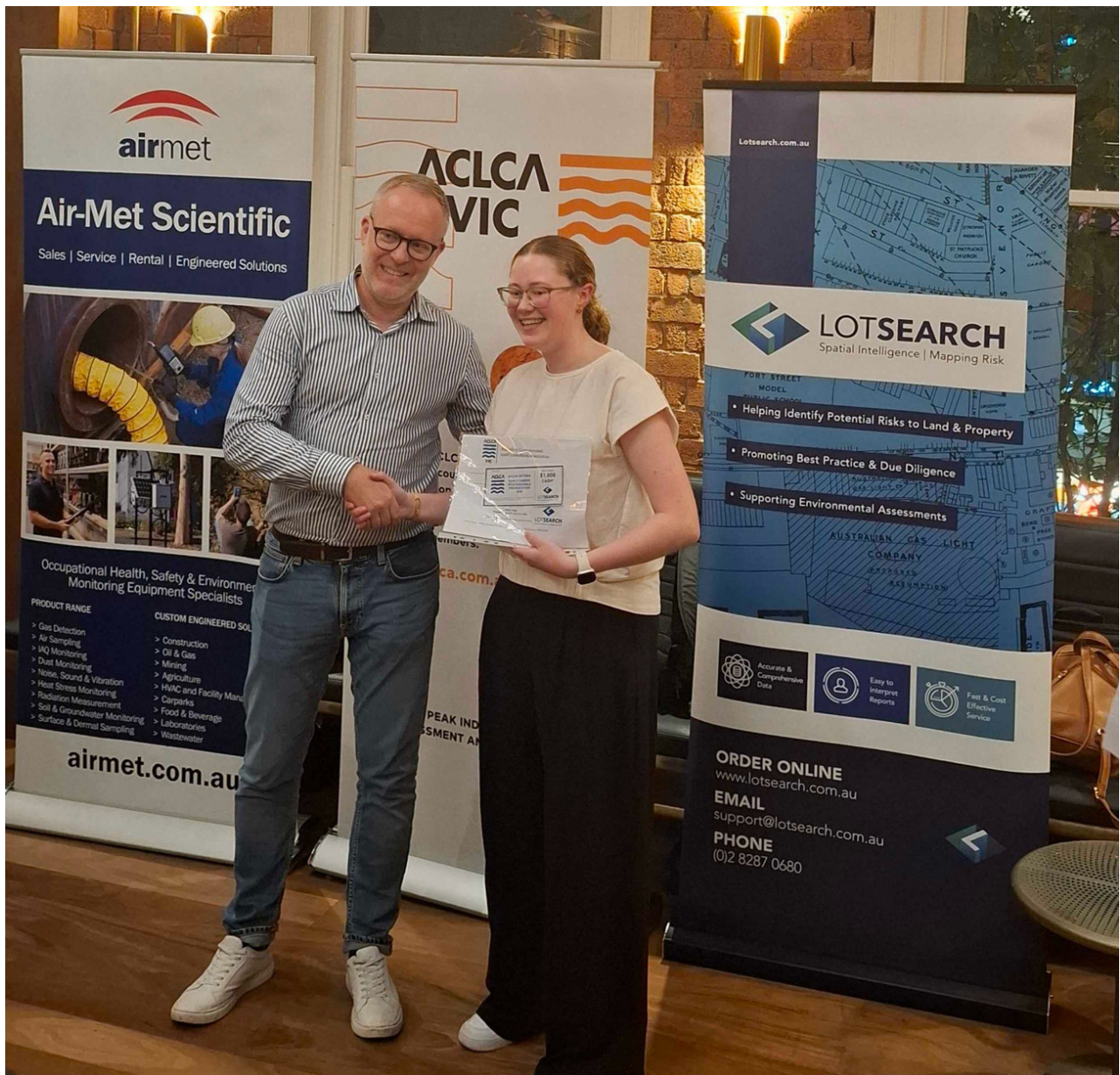
Now in its 15th year, this event gave early career professionals in the contaminated land management industry a stage to present to their peers, and we couldn't think of a better event to have gotten behind.

At Lotsearch, supporting the next generation of environmental professionals is important to us and aligns with our mission of creating and contributing to a more environmentally aware Australia, because that starts with the people who choose to dedicate their careers to understanding, protecting, and rehabilitating our Australian land.

This series was founded by the late Sarah Richards, who believed deeply in creating real opportunities for emerging talent and her legacy lives on in every ECP who takes the stage. We're all honoured to play a small part in carrying that forward.

We were also honoured to announce the winners on the night, with prizes awarded to the top three presenters as judged by a special guest industry panel, on a variety of topics. Congratulations to all three and to every ECP who had the courage to get up and present.

Congratulations Maddison McLeod (JBS&G) for winning the top prize!



Above: Lotsearch Co-Founder Howard Waldron with ACLCA ECP Presentation
Night Winner Maddison McLeod - JBS&G

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