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PFAS Regulation: What's next?
A global perspective

Construction disputes

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Overview of PFAS regulation in Australia

Chemical Regulation

Australia ratified Stockholm Convention in 2004, but amendments listing PFOS, PFOA, PFHxS not yet adopted domestically

Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Act 2021 (Cth)

Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS) Register – manufacture, import, use and export of PFOS, PFOA, PFHxS will be banned from 1 July 2025 (limited exceptions)

Contamination Regulation

Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Framework for Responding to PFAS Contamination

PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (guidance only)

Variations in approach between States/Territories – regulatory and policy uncertainty

Construction disputes: case study



West Gate Tunnel Project

Delivering a vital alternative to the West Gate Bridge



West Gate Tunnel soil 'stuff-up' turns toxic

West Gate Tunnel project faces \$4b blowout amid contaminated soil crisis

'Toxic' soil blunder leads to costly WGT hold ups

EPA under fire over handling of contaminated soil from the West Gate Tunnel

Project timeline

Original

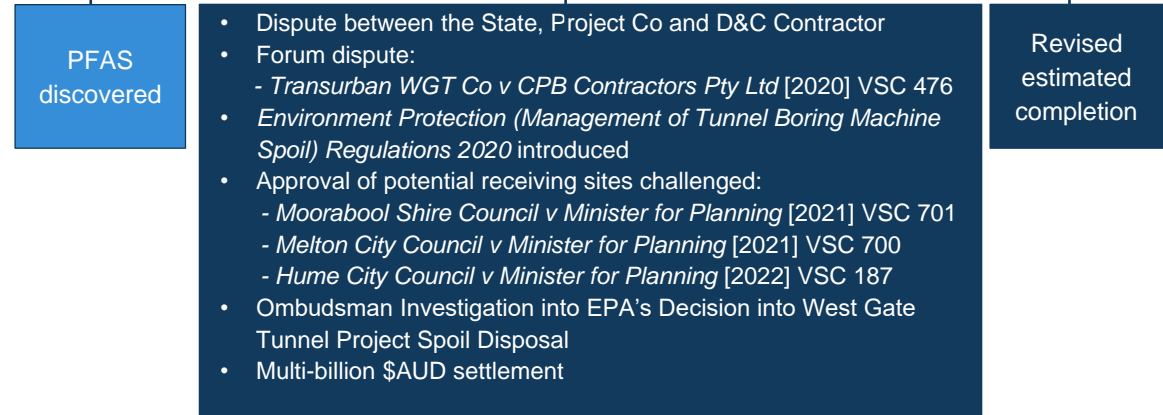


Project timeline

Original



Actual



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