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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: **Calling for a Global Ban on PFAS Chemicals to Protect Health and the Environment**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), often called 'forever chemicals,' have become a major global environmental and public health problem. These persistent chemicals, found in a wide range of consumer products, do not degrade naturally, leading to widespread pollution of our atmosphere, land, and water.



Exposure to PFAS has been linked to serious health concerns such as cancers, weakened immune systems in children, hormonal disruptions, and weight gain ([Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry](#)). Despite the risks, companies continue to produce PFAS, though stricter regulations may be imminent ([ABC News](#)).

These chemicals contaminate drinking water, food packaging, cookware, and even firefighting foam ([NPR News](#)). PFAS are nearly impossible to remove from the environment and accumulate over time, posing ongoing threats to both wildlife and human populations. The concerns caused by PFAS chemicals have been discussed in-depth in the report [Long-term Pollution Caused by Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) - should we be concerned?](#).

[Householders' Options to Protect the Environment \(HOPE\) Inc. \(Australia\)](#) is urgently calling for a global ban on all PFAS chemicals in products. Having thoroughly looked into the working of several organisations including [International Pollutants Elimination Network \(IPEN\)](#) and Australia's [National Toxics Network](#), we advocate for immediate action to eliminate PFAS production. It is critical to adopt safer alternatives and prevent further harm to our planet and future generations.

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