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But Professor Landos says despite Queensland government monitoring showing runoff contaminant levels "above those which we expect will cause ecological impacts", regulator the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority does "very little to respond".

His comments follow a Senate inquiry into PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), which last month found Aus-

tralia's regulation and management of synthetic chemicals was at odds with growing concerns worldwide.

The Senate select committee referenced international findings that have linked PFAS chemicals – found in a wide range of household products – to cancer, heart disease, neurological impacts and developmental problems.

The committee called on the federal government to review

its stated position that health effects of PFAS chemicals had been "generally s

Professor Landos said US Academy of Science concluded that PFAS chemicals were carcinogenic but Australian government "I saying things like there's no definitive evidence that PFAS cause harm".

"This is almost like claiming the sun doesn't come up in the morning," he said.