Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

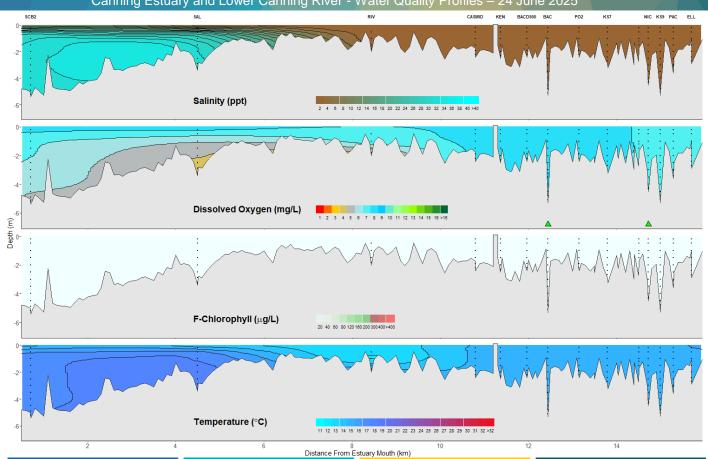
Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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<u>Weather & tide conditions</u>: Conditions were overcast with a variable breeze of up to 3.2 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.37 m at 9:49 am (high tide) and 0.65 m at 9:00 pm (low tide). Perth recorded 72.8 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

<u>Oxygenation</u>: The Bacon St and Nicholson Rd oxygenation plants were triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

<u>Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID)</u>: The Canning Estuary was brackish over saline from SCB2 to SAL and fresh between RIV and CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except for bottom waters from SAL to RIV which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and temperature ranged from 12.0 to 17.6 °C.

<u>Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL)</u>: The Lower Canning River was fresh, waters were well oxygenated and chlorophyll fluorescence was low. Water temperatures ranged from 14.0 to 15.0 °C at the time of sampling.

NB: Profile plots are visual interpolations of measured parameters only. Detailed data are available at wir.water.wa.gov.au.

Oxygenation Plant Operational Status:

Operating for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling

▲ Operable but not triggered to operate in the 24 hours prior to sampling

Inoperable for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling

Definitions:

Salinity - fresh <5, brackish 5-25, saline 25-35, hypersaline >35

<u>Dissolved oxygen</u> – well oxygenated >6 mg L⁻¹, oxygenated >4-6 mg L⁻¹, low oxygen >2-4 mg L⁻¹, hypoxic 0.5-2 mg L⁻¹, anoxic <0.5 mg L⁻¹

<u>Chlorophyll fluorescence (low flow)</u>: low < 50 μ g L⁻¹, moderate 50-150 μ g L⁻¹, high 150-400 μ g L⁻¹, extreme > 400 μ g L⁻¹

Recommended reference: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions 2025. Swan Canning Estuary water quality profile report, Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River 24 June 2025. Rivers and Estuaries Science (https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark)