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# Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

## Weekly Water Quality Report

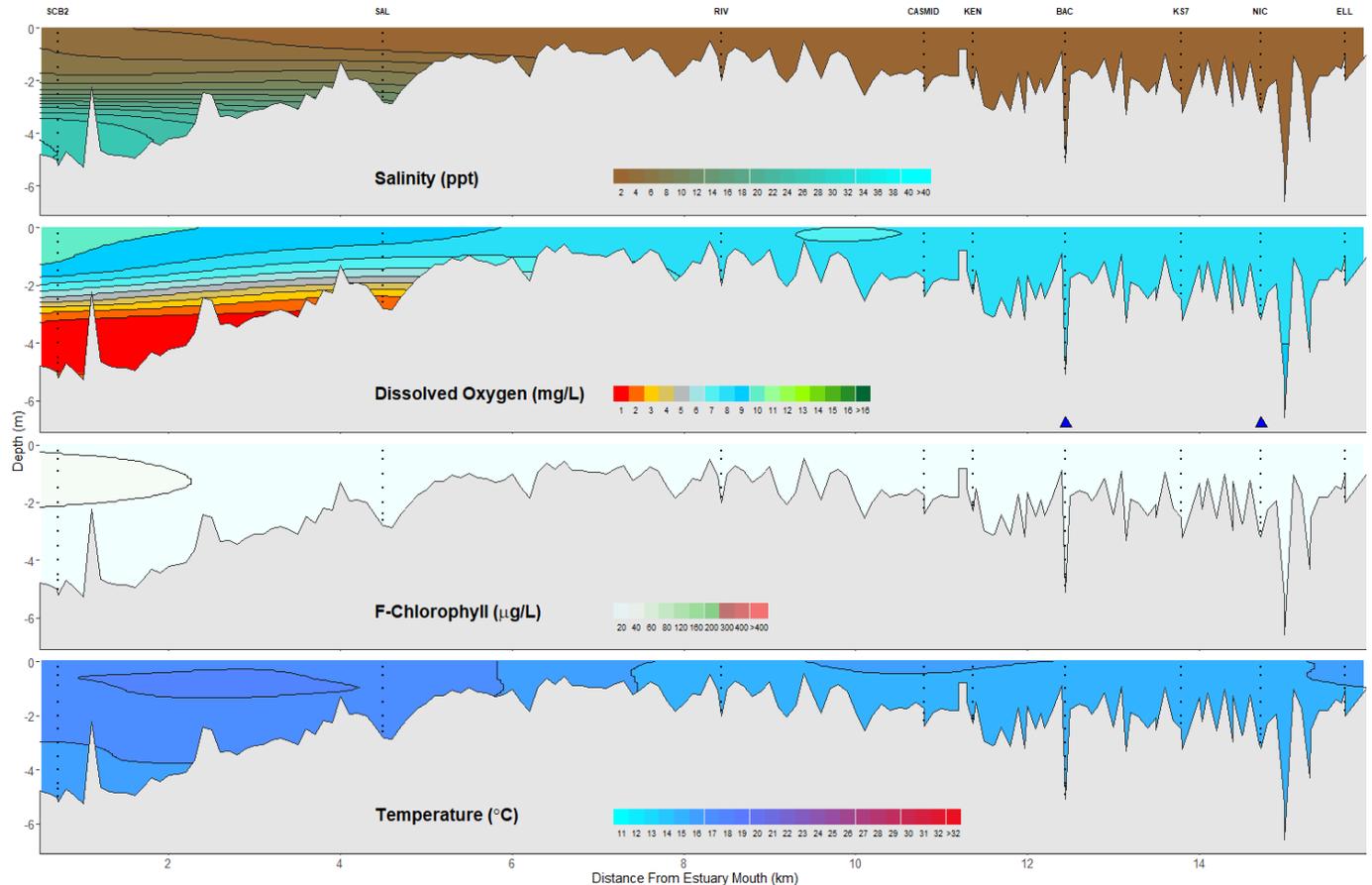
### Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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## Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River - Water Quality Profiles – 2 September 2025



Date: 2 September 2025

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were partly cloudy with a variable breeze of up to 3.4 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.06 m at 5:37 am (high tide) and 0.64 m at 17:36 pm (low tide). Perth recorded 12.6 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St and Nicholson Rd oxygenation plants were operable but not triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to RIV): The Canning Estuary was fresh over saline at SCB2, fresh over brackish at SAL, and fresh from RIV to CASMID. Waters were well-oxygenated except for bottom waters at both SCB2 and SAL, which were hypoxic. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 14.7 to 17.0°C.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh and well oxygenated with low chlorophyll fluorescence throughout. Water temperatures ranged from 14.7 to 15.4 °C.

NB: Profile plots are visual interpolations of measured parameters only. Detailed data are available at [wir.water.wa.gov.au](http://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  
Dissolved oxygen – well oxygenated >6 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, oxygenated >4-6 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, low oxygen >2-4 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, hypoxic 0.5-2 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, anoxic <0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup>  
Chlorophyll fluorescence (low flow): low < 50 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, moderate 50-150 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, high 150-400 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, extreme > 400 µg L<sup>-1</sup>