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# Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

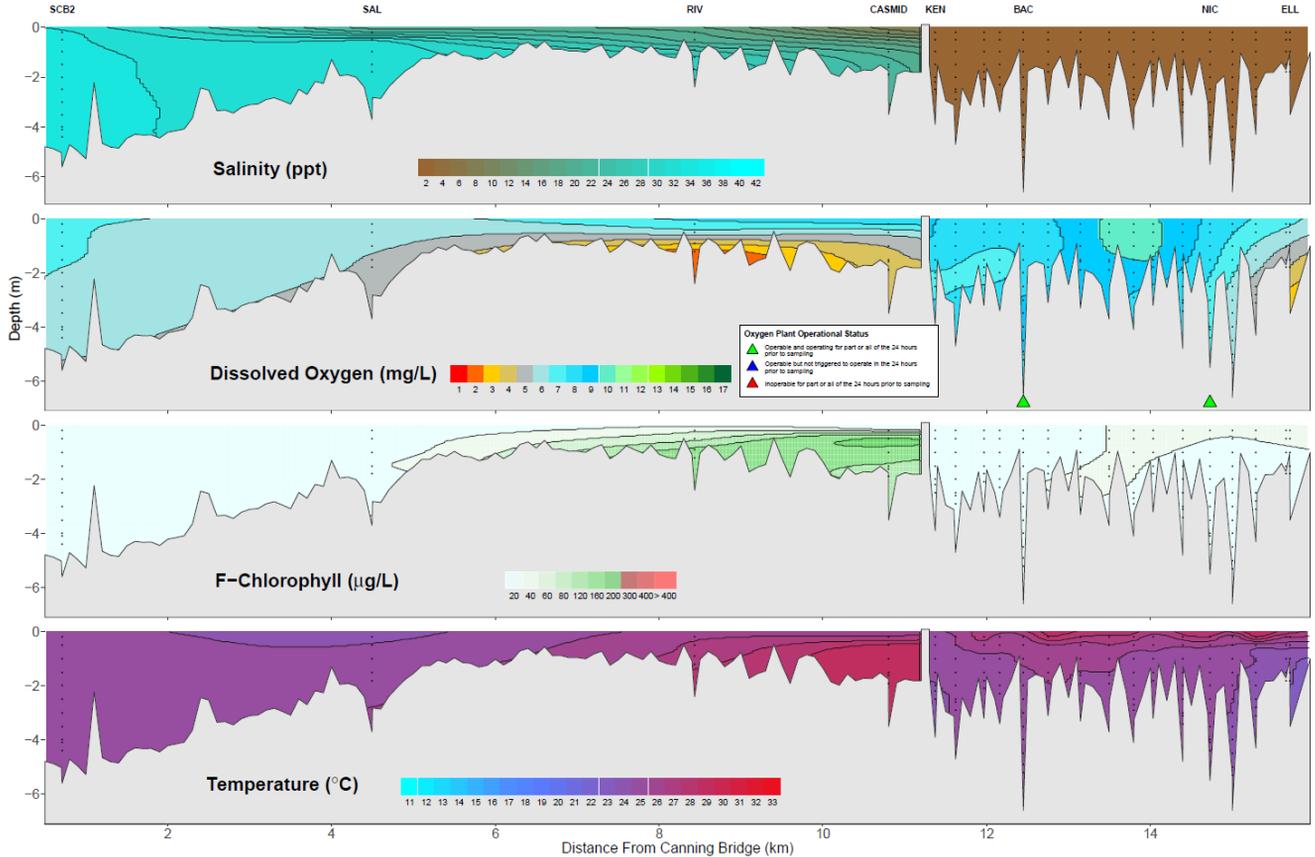
## Weekly Profile Report for the Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

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### Canning River Estuary – Physical-Chemical Profile – 10th Dec 2019



Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were clear with a predominantly south easterly breeze of up to 6 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.56 m at 07:20 am (low tide) and 1.06 m at 9:50 pm (high tide) and flow was observed at Kent St Weir. Gosnells recorded 1.0 mm of rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline at SCB2 and SAL and brackish at RIV and CASMID. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout this zone. Bottom waters were hypoxic at RIV and low in oxygen at CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence was elevated at RIV and CASMID indicating higher microalgal activity in this area. Water temperature ranged from 23.7 to 28.8°C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh throughout. Surface waters were well oxygenated and bottom waters were low in oxygen at PAC and ELL. Chlorophyll fluorescence was highest at ELL indicating higher microalgal activity in that area. Water temperature ranged from 23.7 to 28.2 °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).

#### **Recommended reference**

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions 2019. *Swan Canning Estuary water quality monitoring weekly profile report, Canning River Estuary, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019*. Rivers and Estuaries Science (<https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/swan-canning-riverpark>)

#### **Definitions:**

Salinity – fresh <5, brackish 5-25, saline 25-35, hypersaline >35  
Dissolved oxygen – well oxygenated >6mg/L, oxygenated >4-6mg/L, low oxygen >2-4mg/L, hypoxic 0.5-2mg/L, anoxic <0.5mg/L.