



Environmental Monitoring and Reporting
Canning River Estuary ~ Weekly profile

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were overcast with up to 95% cloud cover and a south westerly breeze of up to 5 knots. The tide was ebbing during the sampling period. Perth¹ recorded 6.8 mm of rainfall during the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Nicholson Road and Bacon Street oxygenation plants were operational the week prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was fresh over brackish at SCB2 and SAL and fresh throughout RIV and CASMID. Surface water was well oxygenated at SCB2 and SAL, while bottom water was hypoxic at SCB2 and low in oxygen at SAL. Water was well oxygenated throughout RIV and CASMID. Water temperature ranged from 15.6 to 16.5 ° C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh throughout all sites. Water was well oxygenated throughout all sites. Water temperature ranged from 15.6 to 15.8 ° C.

Definitions:

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

Dissolved oxygen – well oxygenated >6 mg/L
oxygenated >4 to 6 mg/L, low oxygen >2 to 4 mg/L,
hypoxic >0.5 to 2.0 mg/L, near anoxic <0.5 mg/L

¹Perth rainfall data was used due to the absence of data from the Gosnells City station.

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