



Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Canning River Estuary ~ Weekly profile

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Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were fine with up to 100% cloud cover and a predominantly south-westerly breeze of up to 7 knots. The tide was flowing during the sampling period. Gosnells recorded 2.4 mm of rainfall during the week prior to the morning of sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

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

Canning Estuary (downstream of Kent St Weir): The Canning Estuary was saline at SCB2 and SAL and brackish over saline at RIV and CASMID. Water was well oxygenated to oxygenated throughout, with the exception of low oxygen bottom water at CASMID. Water temperature ranged from 21.8 to 23.6 ° C.

Lower Canning River (upstream of Kent St Weir): The Lower Canning River was fresh throughout all sites. Water was well oxygenated to oxygenated throughout all sites, with the exception of low oxygen bottom water at KENU300, ELLD50 and ELL. Water temperature ranged from 18.1 to 21.5 ° 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

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