



Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

Weekly Water Quality Report

Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River

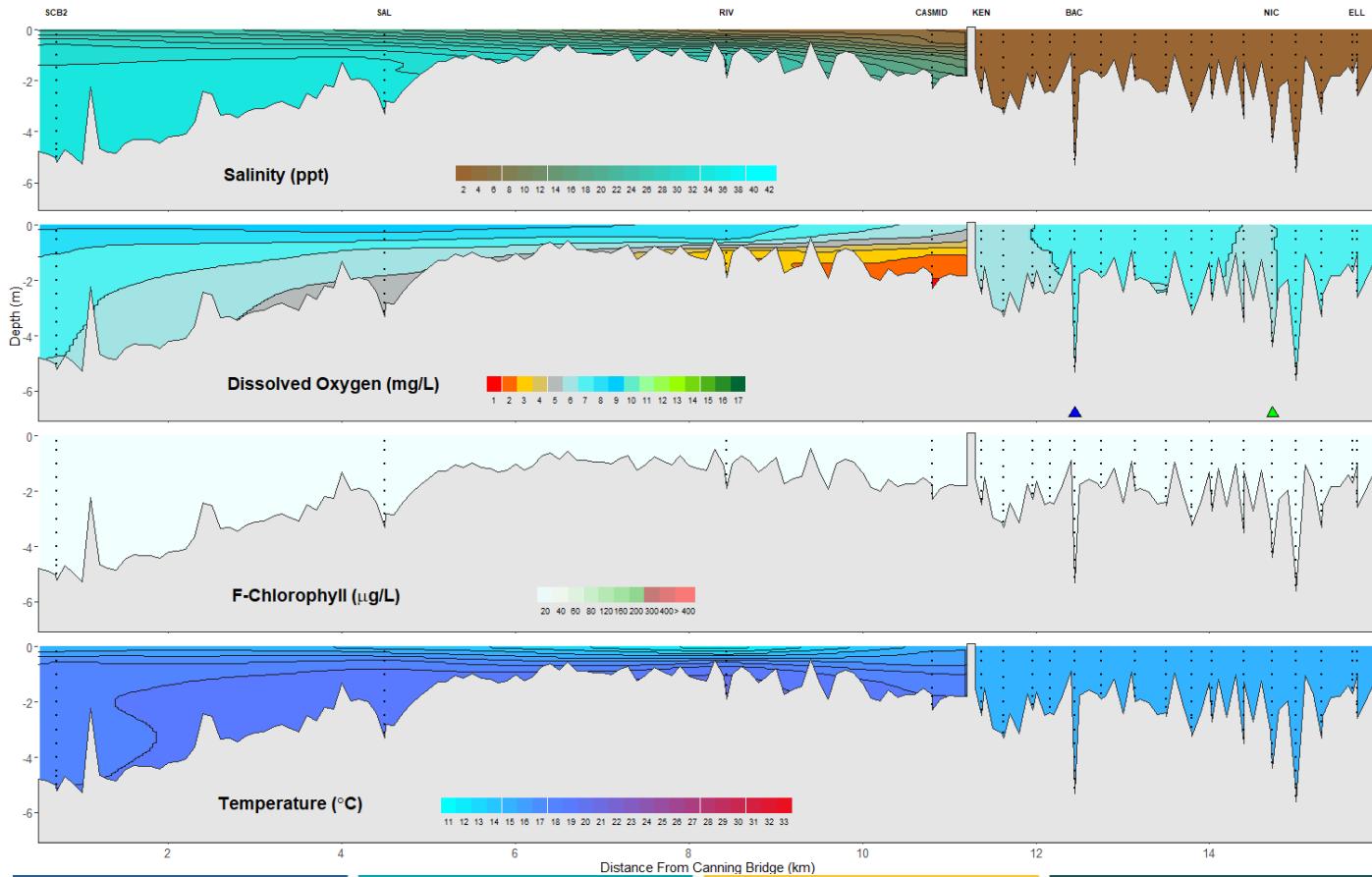
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Date: 31 May 2022

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were partly cloudy with a light south easterly breeze of up to 7 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 1.3 m at 11:07 am (high tide) and 0.76 m at 9:47 am (high tide). Perth recorded 1.6 mm of rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St oxygenation plant was not triggered however the Nicholson Rd oxygenation plant was triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): Waters were saline from SCB2 to SAL, brackish over saline at RIV and fresh over brackish at CASMID. Surface waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout and bottom waters were hypoxic between RIV and CASMID. Chlorophyll fluorescence remained low throughout this zone. Water temperature ranged from 15.0 to 19.3 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh and waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout this zone and water temperatures ranged from 14.0 to 15.1 °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

Dissolved oxygen – 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

Chlorophyll fluorescence (summer): low < 50 µg L⁻¹, moderate 50-150 µg L⁻¹, high 150-400 µg L⁻¹, extreme > 400 µg L⁻¹