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Media Statement

Trust continues to monitor flows into the Swan River

The Swan River Trust's Incident Response Team is monitoring the Swan Estuary to determine the potential impacts of high river flows from the Wheatbelt rains.

Trust General Manager Rod Hughes said additional monitoring was undertaken on Monday, January 16, to assess the condition of the river and to collect water quality samples for laboratory analysis.

"Results indicate that flows from the recent rains in the catchment have reached the Narrows Bridge," Mr Hughes said.

"At this stage, oxygen levels in the river are satisfactory and there does not appear to be any troublesome algae washed down from the catchment.

"However, discolouration of the water may be seen due to sediment being washed downstream from the Wheatbelt."

Mr Hughes said this additional monitoring was part of the Trust's preparations for any potential algal blooms that may arise in coming weeks.

"We are working with other agencies to ensure a coordinated response is in place and that the community are informed of any changes in water quality," he said.

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