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## *Media Statement*

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### **Blocked pipe causes lake fish deaths**

Swan River Trust Riverpark officers have removed more than 300 dead juvenile fish from a lake at the end of Mill Point Road in South Perth near the Narrows Bridge.

The fish were mainly black bream and mullet, ranging from five to 15 centimetres in length. Water quality sampling showed the fish died from low oxygen conditions in the lake.

Swan River Trust Riverpark manager Chris Mather said a drain connecting the lake to the Swan River became blocked by a build up of beach sand at the river shoreline.

“We are now trying to unblock the pipe, as tidal flows between the lake and the Swan River will restore water quality in the lake and allow the fish to move freely,” Mr Mather said.

“We will continue to check it remains clear.”

To report dead or sluggish fish in the Swan and Canning rivers, please contact the Trust on 9278 0900 or after hours 0419 192 845.

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