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Media Statement

Algal bloom monitored in Canning River

The Swan River Trust is monitoring a harmless algal bloom in the Canning River between Bacon Street in Wilson and Royal Street in Kenwick.

Trust and Department of Environment and Conservation Pollution Response Unit staff took samples and investigated the site yesterday morning after a report from the community.

Trust river systems manager Rachel Spencer said the *Euglena* algal bloom was harmless and a natural part of the Canning River's ecosystem.

"This type of alga is always present in pockets of the Canning River, and produces a thin sheen on the water which is not harmful to humans," Ms Spencer said.

"I would like to extend my thanks to Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group officer Matt Grimby and South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare coordinator Julie Robert, who reported the bloom.

"We encourage the community to report changed conditions or activities which may be harmful to the rivers by calling the Swan River Trust on 9278 0900 or after hours 0419 192 845.

"We will continue to monitor the situation."

