



Media Statement

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Trust investigating sewage spill into river at Mosman Park

The Swan River Trust is investigating a sewage spill today into the Swan River at Saunders Street, Mosman Park.

Swan River Trust general manager Rod Hughes said it was estimated that about five to 10 kilolitres of sewage overflowed into the river from an access chamber as a result of a blocked pipe.

Mr Hughes said the discharge had stopped but details were still to be confirmed.

“As a precaution, warning signs have been erected upstream and downstream of the spill along the river foreshore, advising people not to take part in direct water contact activities,” he said.

Department of Health Director of Environmental Health Jim Dodds said even though public access to the area was limited, people were being warned to avoid coming into contact with water in the contaminated area.

“Anyone who comes into contact with the water and becomes ill should contact their doctor,” he said.

The Department of Health is sampling to test bacteria levels in this section of the river.

The Swan River Trust will continue to keep the public informed as the river’s health is monitored.

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