



**Swan River Trust**  
Government of Western Australia

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## *Media Statement*

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### **Algal bloom affects fish in Swan River**

The Swan River Trust has found more than 75 dead Bream and numerous small Gobies in the Swan River at several locations between Bayswater and Guildford.

Trust general manager Rod Hughes said the Trust had been monitoring high algal densities for several weeks.

“These conditions combined with decreased levels of oxygen in the water are likely to continue to put pressure on aquatic life,” Mr Hughes said.

“The Trust has collected sample fish and examination results should be available next week.

“The public may notice a strong fishy odour which is a result of the breakdown of algae – there is also a sheen on the surface and water discolouration.

“The Trust has put up signs in the affected area, alerting the public of the algal bloom.

“Anyone who sees sluggish or lethargic fish in the Swan River should contact the Trust on 9278 0900 or the after-hours river emergency number on 0419 192 845.”

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