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# Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

## Weekly Water Quality Report

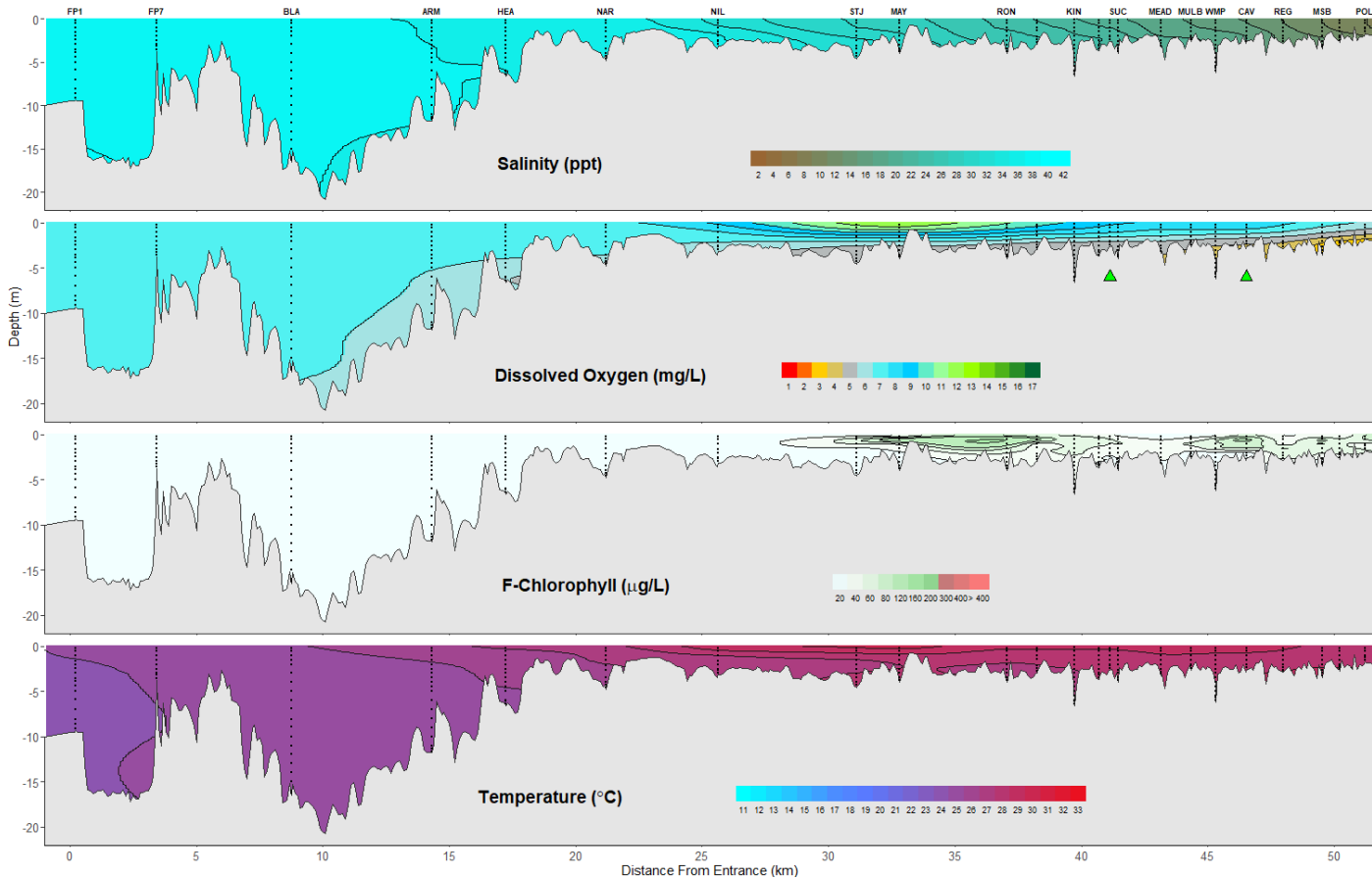
### Lower Swan Canning Estuary to Upper Swan Estuary

30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

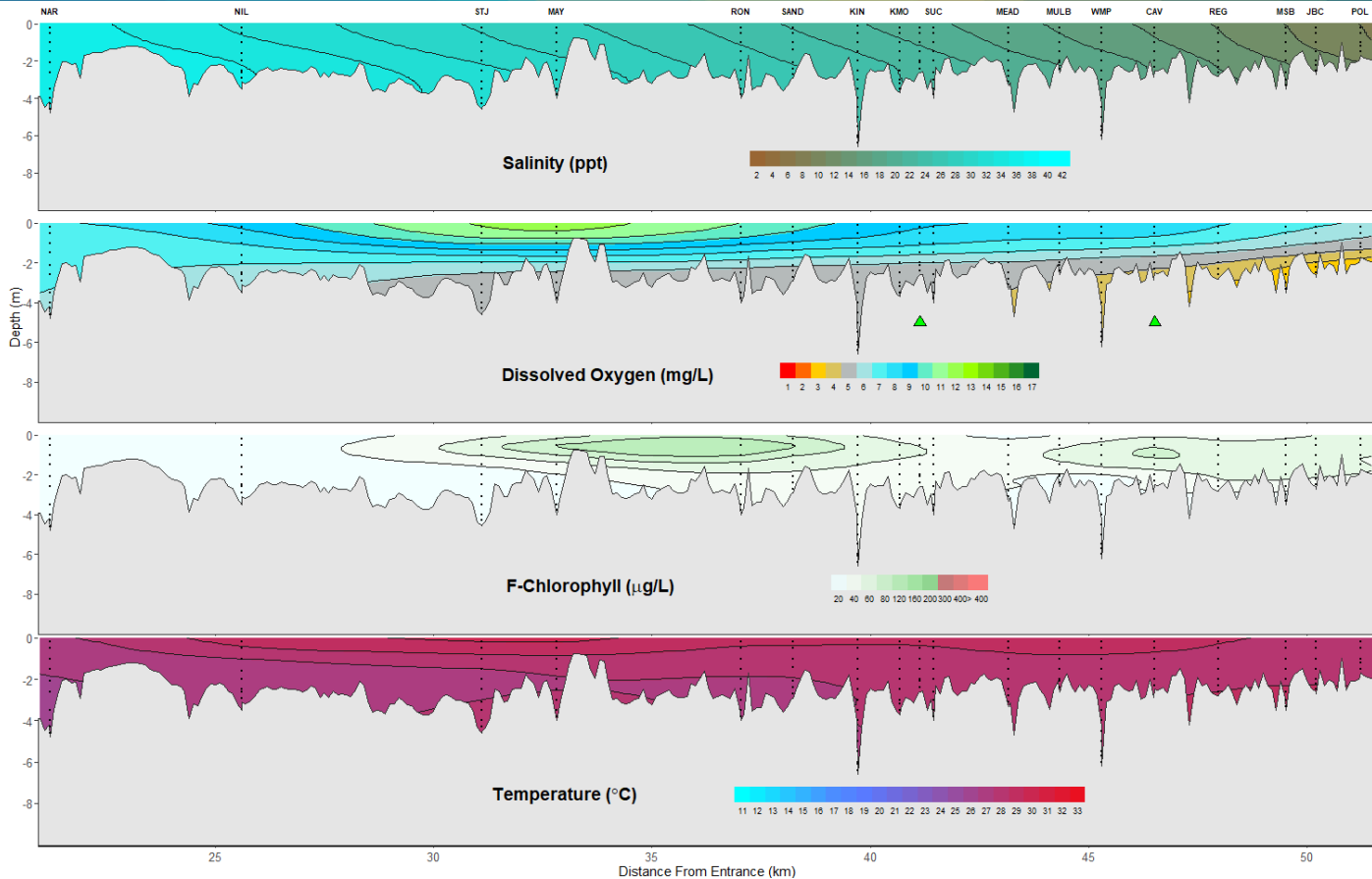
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## Swan Canning Estuary - Water Quality Profiles - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Middle and Upper Swan Estuary - Water Quality Profiles – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023



**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Weather & tide conditions:** Conditions were sunny with a variable southerly breeze of up to 8 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were of 0.5m at 5:14 am (low tide) and 1.04m at 5:16pm (high tide) . Perth recorded no rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

**Oxygenation:** The Guildford and Caversham oxygenation plants were both operable and providing oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

**Lower Swan Canning Estuary (FPI to NAR):** The Lower Swan Canning Estuary was hypersaline and oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low throughout, and water temperature ranged from 23.5 to 26.4 °C at the time of sampling.

**Middle Swan Estuary (NIL to RON):** The Middle Swan Estuary was saline from NIL to MAY, and brackish over saline at RON. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated throughout and Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in the surface waters between STJ and RON. Water temperature ranged from 26.2 to 29.3 °C at the time of sampling.

**Upper Swan Estuary (SAND to POL):** The Upper Swan Estuary was brackish. Surface waters were oxygenated to well oxygenated throughout while bottom waters at SAND, KMO,WMP,CAV and MSB were low in Oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in surface to middle waters from SAND to KMO and MULB to POL. Water temperature ranged from 26.9 to 28.8 °C at the time of sampling.

**NB:** Profile plots are visual interpolations of measured parameters only. Detailed data are available at [wir.water.wa.gov.au](http://wir.water.wa.gov.au). POL was sampled this week, however chlorophyll fluorescence was unable to be measured and caused all parameters to be removed from plotting.

**Oxygenation Plant Operational Status:**

- ▲ Operating for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling
- ▲ Operable but not triggered to operate in the 24 hours prior to sampling
- ▲ Inoperable for part or all of the 24 hours prior to sampling

**Definitions:**

**Salinity** – fresh <5, brackish 5-25, saline 25-35, hypersaline >35  
**Dissolved oxygen** – well oxygenated >6 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, oxygenated >4-6 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, low oxygen >2-4 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, hypoxic 0.5-2 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, anoxic <0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup>  
**Chlorophyll fluorescence (low flow):** low < 50 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, moderate 50-150 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, high 150-400 µg L<sup>-1</sup>, extreme > 400 µg L<sup>-1</sup>