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# Swan Canning Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Project

**Weekly Water Quality Report**

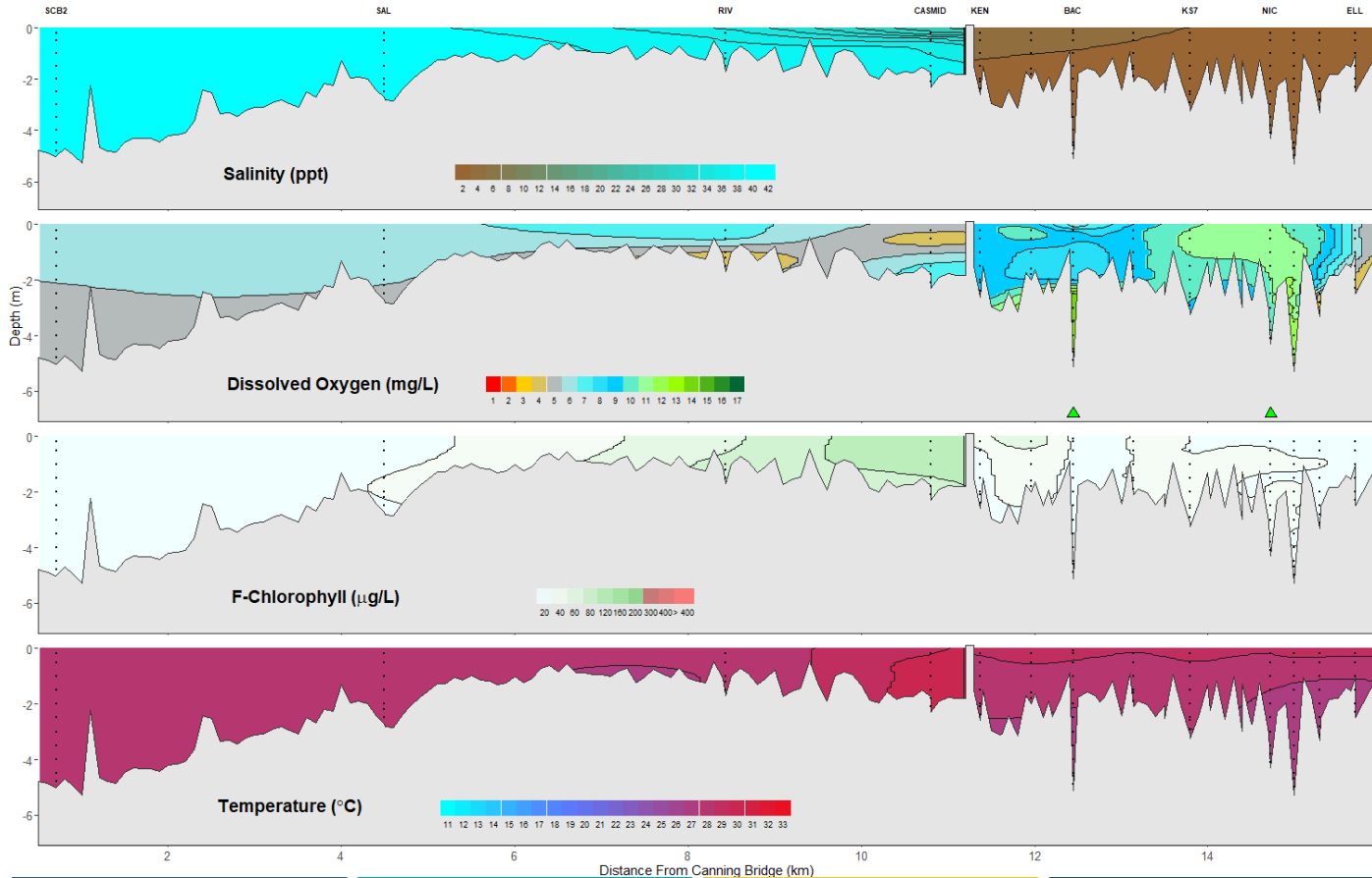
**Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River**

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## Canning Estuary and Lower Canning River - Water Quality Profiles – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Weather & tide conditions: Conditions were sunny with a predominantly northerly breeze of up to 4.5 knots. The predicted tides at Barrack St were 0.53 m at 7:03 am (low tide) and 1.12 m at 8:26 pm (high tide). Perth recorded no rainfall in the week prior to sampling (Bureau of Meteorology).

Oxygenation: The Bacon St and the Nicholson Rd oxygenation plant were triggered to provide oxygen in the 24 hours prior to sampling.

Canning Estuary (SCB2 to CASMID): The Canning Estuary was hypersaline from SCB2 to RIV and saline over hypersaline at CASMID. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except bottom waters of RIV and sub-surface waters of CASMID which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was low and water temperatures ranged from 27.1 to 29.6 °C at the time of sampling.

Lower Canning River (KEN to ELL): The Lower Canning River was fresh. Waters were oxygenated or well oxygenated, except for bottom waters of PAC and ELL, which were low in oxygen. Chlorophyll fluorescence was moderate in surface waters of BACD500. Water temperatures ranged from 26.5 to 28.9 °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).

**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 (mod/high 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>