

# Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 18 April 2018



Interpretation of the results obtained from water samples collected at the respective sample points (refer map above).

<b><i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E.coli</i>)</b> Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	<i>E.coli</i> counts per 100ml at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	179	44	3,790	19,350	4,870	2,420	84	411	19,560
Last Week	115	52	4,810	1,986	5,730	2,420	276	249	15,150	102
<b>Guideline</b>	Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> < 130 counts/100ml			Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> 130 - 200 counts/100ml		Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> 200 - 400 counts/100ml		High risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> > 400 counts/100ml		

<b>Blue Green Algae</b> Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	Blue Green algae counts at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	274	2,172	< 40	4,706	28,357	5,309	41,751	1,327	1,755
Last Week	1,166	932	161	1,408	980	1,689	1,126	193	40	1,415
<b>Guideline</b>	Low Risk Blue Green algae < 20,000 cells/ml			Moderate Risk Blue Green algae 20,000 - 100,000 cells/ml			High Risk Blue Green algae > 100,000 cells/ml			

<b>Algal Pigments</b> Predicted nuisance conditions include: Scums & smells	Algal pigments expressed as Chlorophyll-a levels at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	6	5	2	15	18	12	47	46	4
Last Week	4	3	5	5	5	8	10	27	12	25
<b>Guideline</b>	Low Risk Chlorophyll-a < 15ug/l			Moderate Risk Chlorophyll-a 15 - 30ug/l			High Risk Chlorophyll-a > 30ug/l			

\* If ingested. X Sample not received / no data available. Reports generated every Friday of the year.

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