

# Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 26 February 2020



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	236	26	13,200	1,300	36,540	517	1	117	89,100
Last Week	816	34	613	13,960	57,940	517	238	11	7,270	8
Guideline	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	724	241	1,327	3,741	3,620	5,171	4,344	230,715	6,757
Last Week	579	724	603	1,086	5,430	8,567	2,051	53,670	13,756	55,869
Guideline	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	0	8	5	2	14	33	92	226	12
Last Week	4	7	4	18	18	32	38	151	75	85
Guideline	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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