

# Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 23 June 2021



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

<b>Escherichia coli (E.coli)</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	121	36	15,530	249	22	140	2	313	46,110
Last Week	178	219	12,460	22,820	1,300	32	13	70	141,360	11

Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* < 130 counts/100ml  
Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* 130 – 200 counts/100ml

Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* 200 – 400 counts/100ml  
High risk of gastrointestinal disorders *E.coli* > 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	1,609	1,569	33,425	8,849	17,698	11,584	28,719	51,404	17,135
Last Week	< 40	< 40	23,771	8,008	< 40	6,999	13,635	12,549	28,598	18,100

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	4	4	4	3	9	28	300	208	6
Last Week	2	12	2	7	44	173	178	439	11	76

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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