

# Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 26 June 2019



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><br>Predicted symptoms include:<br>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  | 43 | 38    | 291   | 11,780 | 4,352  | 23 | 11  | 980   | 7,170 |
| Last Week   | 81   | 91 | 2,420 | 23,820  | 697    | 26   | 22 | 866 | 14,140  | 88    |
| Guideline   | Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders<br><i>E.coli</i> < 130 counts/100ml |    |       | Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders<br><i>E.coli</i> 130 - 200 counts/100ml |        | Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders<br><i>E.coli</i> 200 - 400 counts/100ml |    |     | High risk of gastrointestinal disorders<br><i>E.coli</i> > 400 counts/100ml |       |

| <b>Blue Green Algae</b><br>Predicted symptoms include:<br>Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders* | Blue Green algae counts at sample points       |     |       |   |     |       |  |     |       |       |
|--|--|-----|-------|---|-----|-------|--|-----|-------|-------|
|  | 1  | 2   | 3     | 4   | 5   | 6     | 7  | 8   | 9     | 10    |
|  | This Week                                      | 386 | 1,207 | 2,051   | 845 | 1,327 | 724  | 362 | 1,689 | 845   |
| Last Week  | 483  | 40  | 1,724 | 277   | 241 | 80    | 362  | 603 | 603   | 1,426 |
| Guideline  | Low Risk<br>Blue Green algae < 20,000 cells/ml |     |       | Moderate Risk<br>Blue Green algae 20,000 – 100,000 cells/ml |     |       | High Risk<br>Blue Green algae > 100,000 cells/ml |     |       |       |

| <b>Algal Pigments</b><br>Predicted nuisance conditions include:<br>Scums & smells | Algal pigments expressed as Chlorophyll-a levels at sample points |   |   |  |    |    |                                     |    |     |    |
|---|---|---|---|--|----|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|----|
|   | 1   | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7                                   | 8  | 9   | 10 |
|   | This Week   | 1 | 4 | 6  | 5  | 12 | 2                                   | 9  | 107 | 11 |
| Last Week   | 1   | 5 | 8 | 10   | 16 | 5  | 26                                  | 35 | 24  | 41 |
| Guideline   | Low Risk<br>Chlorophyll-a < 15ug/l                                |   |   | Moderate Risk<br>Chlorophyll-a 15 - 30ug/l |    |    | High Risk<br>Chlorophyll-a > 30ug/l |    |     |    |

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

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