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### **River Derwent water tests show low level of contamination**

Test results from water samples taken yesterday at five locations from the River Derwent following Sunday's sewage spill from the Macquarie Point Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) indicate a limited impact on water quality.

Enterococci tests returned late this afternoon indicate the highest level of 132 MPN/100 millilitres was recorded at Macquarie Wharf No 1 falling to less than 10 at Bellerive Beach and 10 at the CSIRO at the end of Salamanca Place.

All results are comparable to good results typically measured by the Derwent Estuary Program's Recreational Water Quality Program (Beach Watch) which operates over summer.

However, people are advised to continue to take note of public health warnings and not to swim in the estuary for several days after heavy rains, and never in the vicinity of stormwater pipes and urban rivulets.

With the Macquarie Point STP now operating normally, it can be expected no further impact as a result of the sewage discharge, Mr Hanigan said.

#### **Sample sites:**

Bellerive Beach

CSIRO wharf

Derwent Rowing Club, North of Tasman Bridge

Regatta Grounds Jetty

Macquarie No 1 Wharf

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