

Results of the Seasonal Kendall Test for water quality trends in the Western Buffer WCZ, 1986 – 2005					
Monitoring Station		WM1	WM2	WM3	WM4
Monitoring Period		1988 2005	1988 2005	1986 2005	1986 2005
Parameter	Water Depth				
Temperature (°C)	Surface	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Bottom	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Average	↗	↗	↗	↗
Salinity	Surface	↗	-	-	-
	Middle	↗	-	-	-
	Bottom	↗	-	-	-
	Average	↗	-	-	-
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Surface	↘	-	-	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
Dissolved Oxygen (%)	Surface	-	-	↗	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
pH	Surface	-	-	-	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
Secchi disc depth (m)		-	-	-	-
Turbidity (NTU)	Surface	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Bottom	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Average	↗	↗	↗	↗
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	-	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	↗	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
Total volatile solids (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	↘	↘
	Middle	-	↘	↘	↘
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	↘	↘	↘
5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	-	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	↗	-	-
Ammonia nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	-	↗
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
Nitrite nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	-	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	↘	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	-	-
Nitrate nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	↗	↗
	Middle	-	-	↗	↗
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	↗	↗
Total inorganic nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	-	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	-	↗	-	↗
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	↗	-	↗
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Middle	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Bottom	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Average	↘	↘	↘	↘
Total nitrogen (mg/L)	Surface	↘	-	↘	↘
	Middle	↘	-	↘	↘
	Bottom	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Average	↘	↘	↘	↘
Orthophosphate phosphorus (mg/L)	Surface	-	-	-	-
	Middle	-	-	-	-
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	-	↘	-
Total phosphorus (mg/L)	Surface	↘	↘	↘	-
	Middle	↘	↘	↘	-
	Bottom	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Average	↘	↘	↘	-
Silica (mg/L)	Surface	↘	-	↘	-
	Middle	↘	↘	↘	↘
	Bottom	-	-	-	-
	Average	-	↘	↘	↘
Chlorophyll- <i>a</i> (µg/L)	Surface	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	-	↗	↗	-
	Bottom	↗	↗	↗	-
	Average	↗	↗	↗	-
<i>E. coli</i> (cfu/100mL)	Surface	-	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	-	↗	↗	↗
	Bottom	↘	↗	↗	↗
	Average	-	↗	↗	↗
Faecal coliforms (cfu/100mL)	Surface	↗	↗	↗	↗
	Middle	-	↗	↗	↗
	Bottom	-	↗	↗	↗
	Average	-	↗	↗	↗

Note: 1. Results of the Seasonal Kendall Test statistically significant at $p < 0.05$
2. - indicates no significant trend
3. Test applied to past 20 years' data from each station unless stated otherwise
4. ↗ significant increase
5. ↘ significant decrease