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A Sound Result for Cockburn Desalination

Kwinana Industries Council supports the Water Corporation's call for an end to its desalination plant outflow monitoring – but wants more resources for the further monitoring of Cockburn Sound.

“Monitoring is good,” said KIC director Chris Oughton: “It is a means of providing real evidence about the state of the Sound.”

“We are concerned there is still a community perception Kwinana industry is having an adverse effect on Cockburn Sound: and this latest issue has once again shown that, under normal conditions, industry's impact is not detrimental.

“When the desalination plant was planned, the modelling predicted negligible impact and it is satisfying to see the modelling was correct.”

These good results strengthen KIC's case for increased funding for programs designed to continue the improvement of Cockburn Sound, he said.

“KIC financially supports the monitoring work carried out by the Cockburn Sound Management Council to the tune of \$30,000 which helps the Council track environmental conditions.

“It would be highly desirable were the state government to ensure the Management Council is well resourced.

“It is in everyone's best interest to ensure Cockburn Sound remains in a sound state”.