

# Circular

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Rowing South Australia has received an update from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the developing algal bloom in South Australian waters.

We encourage members to be alert but not alarmed. SA Health is leading the public health response, and we will continue to monitor their advice closely. The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is currently conducting additional water sampling, with updated results expected later this week. DEW will continue regular monitoring as the situation evolves.

As of 2 July 2025, Rowing SA has been advised that the West Lakes lake and regatta course remain open and safe for recreational activities involving rowing. The algal species identified is *Karenia mikimotoi*, which does not cause long-term harmful effects in humans. However, exposure to discoloured or foamy water may result in short-term symptoms, including skin or eye irritation and respiratory issues such as coughing or shortness of breath.

DEW has provided the following guidance:

"If you experience irritation, go indoors and rinse exposed skin. If symptoms are more severe or do not resolve, seek medical advice from a GP and call 000 if it is a medical emergency."

Rowing SA will continue to liaise with relevant authorities and will provide further updates as new information becomes available.

In the meantime, we encourage all clubs, schools, and participants to remain aware of conditions on the water and to follow the health advice provided.