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## West Lakes given all clear for swimmers, rowers

Test results on water samples taken from West Lakes have confirmed that the lake is safe for recreational use.

The EPA took water samples in late August after elevated concentrations of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were found in soil, groundwater and sewage sludge samples collected at and in the vicinity of the former Port Adelaide wastewater treatment plant.

EPA Director Regulation Peter Dolan said that laboratory analysis showed there were no detectable concentrations of PFAS in the water samples collected from West Lakes at any of the sampling locations.

Traces of PFAS were found in stormwater, which feeds into the lake system, but at levels that were well below the national standard.

“The results in stormwater are not a surprise, given the widespread historical use of PFAS,” Mr Dolan said.

“These results confirm that it is safe for swimmers and rowers to use the lake.”

Fish samples collected from the lake are also being analysed and those results are not expected to be available for several more weeks.

A copy of the test results can be found at <https://engage.epa.sa.gov.au/westlakes>.

Note for media:

For further background please see EPA media release of August 25 at [www.epa.sa.gov.au/mediaroom](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/mediaroom).