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Labor's water management marked F for failure

The 2009 Healthy Waterways Partnership Report Card has shown water quality in Moreton Bay is going backwards under Labor, the LNP said today.

LNP spokesman for Climate Change and Sustainability Glen Elmes said only one of the 18 measured estuaries had improved in quality – while 10 of the 18 measured showed water quality had deteriorated.

“Of even greater concern is the Minister expected these results,” Mr Elmes said.

“Twelve months ago there were no F ratings in Moreton Bay, but since Ms Jones has been appointed Minister there are now two areas that receive an F for quality.

“This is another black mark against the junior minister's environmental record.”

Mr Elmes said further concerns with Moreton Bay included:

- increased reports of dolphins, dugong and turtles dying;
- heavy metals found at Warrill Creek sewage treatment plant which flows into the Bremer and Brisbane rivers and Moreton Bay;
- wetlands specialists reporting pollution may have killed up to 6000ha of mangroves.

“This is a wake-up call for those who care about the environment ...under this Minister water quality is going backwards.”

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