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CITY OF
GOLDCOAST.

To The Resident

Dear Sir/Madam

**Community Notification – Algal Bloom Identified at Lake Hugh Muntz
Water Contact and Consumption of Fish/Shellfish Not Advised**

Recent water quality monitoring conducted by the City of Gold Coast has revealed an algal bloom at Lake Hugh Muntz. As a nearby resident and potential user of this lake system we're informing you of recent changes in the water quality.

Algae blooms are a common and naturally occurring component of most marine and estuarine ecosystems and can be caused by various environmental conditions such as warmer temperatures, water turnover and nutrient levels. Blooms such as this can often persist for a number of weeks until nutrient sources are depleted.

In order to minimise risk it is requested that residents refrain from:

- Consuming seafood obtained from the lake (including fish, crabs and shellfish);
- Contact with the water (including swimming);
- Allowing pets to enter the lake.

Gold Coast Public Health Unit has advised that symptoms of illness associated with consumption of seafood from affected waters include vision disturbances, gastroenteritis, nausea, vomiting and muscle weakness. If you suspect you are suffering any symptoms after contact with the lake water or eating fish or other marine species from the lake please see your local doctor or call 13 Health (13 432 584).

Signage has been installed in public access areas and we're investigating ways to improve water quality in the lake system. We will continue to monitor the area and provide an update when water quality recovers.

For more information about algal bloom go to:

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/blue-green-algae-4977.html>

If you require further information, please contact City of Gold Coast on 1300 GOLD COAST (1300 465 326).

Yours faithfully



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