



# MEDIA RELEASE

## **PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING FOR EMILY AND SLAUGHTER BAY**

Once again the community are advised to keep away from any freshwater in the KAVHA catchment and avoid swimming in Emily Bay as this heavy rain event will have caused polluted storm water to enter the catchment causing a public health risk.

The stormwater in this catchment is of extremely poor quality and causes significant water quality issues in streams and in Emily Bay.

Public Health warning signs will be erected through the KAVHA site and will remain in place until the risk to the community has subsided.

Council will have the water tested and advise the community once the results have been received. Water testing will also be increased until the contamination has been cleared.

The community members at most risk are young children, elderly people and persons with compromised immune systems. Symptoms can include ear and throat infections, gastroenteritis or diarrhea. If these symptoms occur Council advise that you should seek medical assistance as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Customer Care via email [customercare@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:customercare@nirc.gov.nf) or by telephone on local free call 0100.

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