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Dear Houseboat Owner

Blue-Green Algae Warning for Lake Eildon

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has detected high blue-green algae levels within Lake Eildon.

Blue-green algae present a risk to the health of humans and animals. The algae detected may cause gastroenteritis if ingested. Characteristic signs of algae contact are skin rashes or itchiness; sore eyes, ears and nose; or if swallowed, nausea or vomiting.

The situation is being closely monitored and the following precautions are recommended:

- People and pets should avoid contact with the water.
- Untreated water should never be used for human consumption (e.g. drinking, cooking, showering, bathing, washing).
- People who come into contact with the water should wash affected skin immediately in clean cold water.
- Boiling the affected water will not make it safe to use. Blue-green algae release toxins into the water when heated.

You can determine if the warning is still current by visiting the GMW website <https://www.g-mwater.com.au/water-operations/bga> or by ringing 1800 013 357.

Please remember that water in Lake Eildon is not suitable for human consumption without first being properly treated.

Yours sincerely

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