

South Belmont Main Drain

The catchment of South Belmont Main Drain consists of a network of deeply incised drains that combine to form the South Belmont Main Drain itself. The drain discharges into the Middle Swan Estuary in Belmont, opposite Clarkson Reserve.

The catchment is highly modified and comprises urban uses such as light service industries and medium- to high-density residential developments. The middle and upper catchment is almost entirely residential, while the lower catchment immediately above the monitoring site is a commercial and industrial area. There are no areas of remnant vegetation in the catchment.

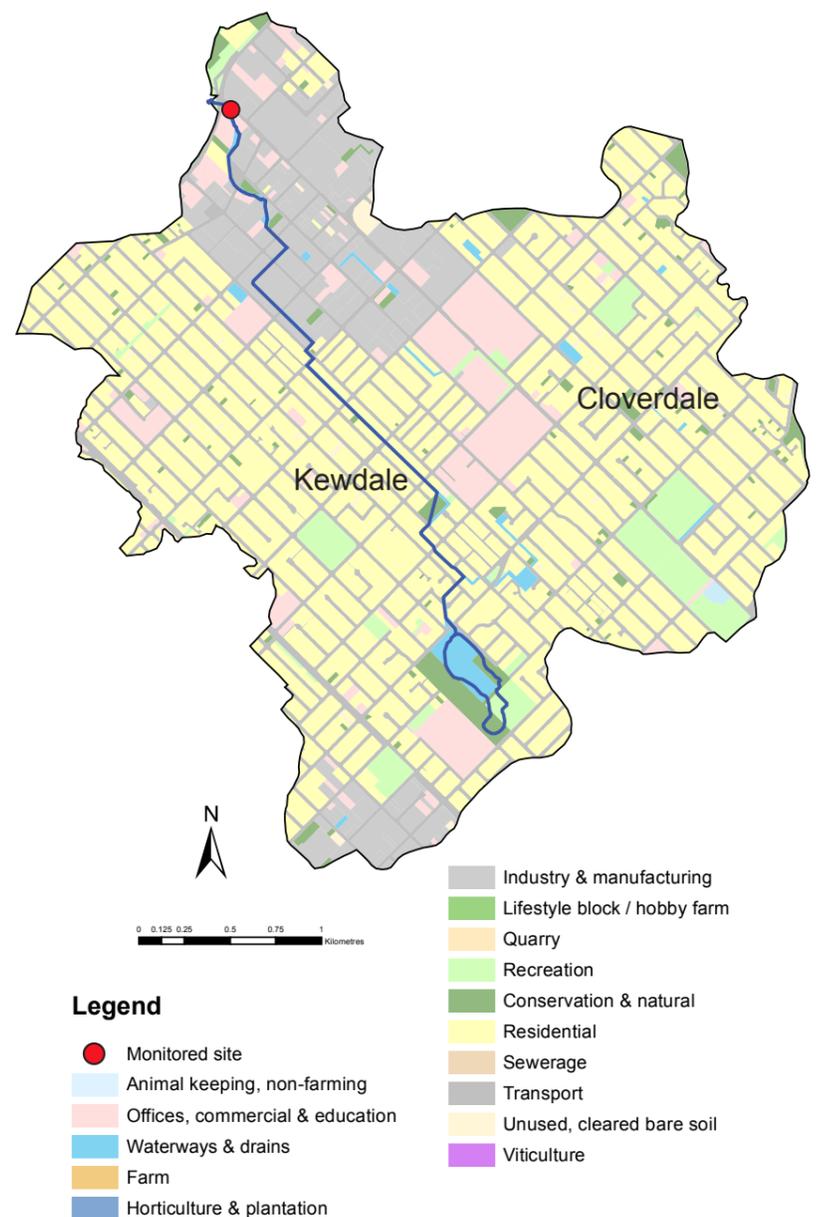
The catchment of the South Belmont Main Drain is situated almost entirely over permeable Bassendean sands. The

deeply incised drains intercept the groundwater in low-lying areas.

Water quality monitoring and stream gauging was once undertaken just near the end of the catchment. In 2008 the gauging station was shifted about 400 m upstream because it was being tidally influenced. In 2011 the water quality monitoring site was moved 100 m upstream from its original location for the same reason. This site is monitored fortnightly and is positioned to indicate the nutrients entering the estuary, so the data do not accurately represent nutrient concentrations in upstream areas. There were no discharge data available in 2018.

South Belmont MD – facts and figures

Average rainfall (2014–18)	~ 720 mm per year (Perth metro)
Catchment area	10 km ²
Per cent cleared area (2005)	97%
River flow	Permanently flowing drainage network No major water supply dams in catchment
Average annual flow	~ 2.1 GL per year (2013–17 average)
Main land uses (2005)	Residential, industry and manufacturing and associated transport (roads)



Tomato Lake, the grass along the lake has recently been sprayed, August 2017.



Adachi Park near the Swan River in the South Belmont Main Drain catchment, May 2006.

Nutrient summary: concentrations, estimated loads and targets

Year	Site	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Annual flow (GL)	616133	2.2*	1.6*	1.0*	1.7*	1.3*	1.6	1.9*	1.4*	1.8*	3.9*	
TN median (mg/L)	SWS13	0.76	0.80	0.66	0.78	0.65	0.63	0.69	0.72	0.71	0.75	0.85
TP median (mg/L)	SWS13	0.096	0.150 [#]	0.130 [#]	0.100	0.096	0.110 [#]	0.130 [#]	0.125 [#]	0.120	0.140	0.180
TN load (t/yr)	SWS13	1.54*	1.19*	0.69*	1.10*	0.93*	1.10	1.37*	1.03*	1.31*	2.84*	
TP load (t/yr)	SWS13	0.22*	0.17*	0.11*	0.17*	0.13*	0.16	0.20*	0.16*	0.19*	0.43*	

TN short term target = 2.0 mg/L

TN long term target = 1.0 mg/L

TP short term target = 0.2 mg/L

TP long term target = 0.1 mg/L

insufficient data to test target
 failing both short and long-term target
 passing short but failing long-term target
 passing both short and long-term target

* Best estimate using available data. # Statistical tests that account for the number of samples and large data variability are used for testing against targets on three years of winter data. Thus the annual median value can be above the target even when the site passes the target (or below the target when the site fails).