

## **PESTICIDE DETECTIVES**

A national assessment of pesticides in waterways

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# **SAMPLING BLITZ #2 Sept-Oct 2019**

63 sites across 5 States/Territories



## **VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION**



**30** volunteers

12+ groups

### **FINAL RESULTS**

Pesticides were detected at less than 13% of sites

1 site in SA

2 sites each in NSW & VIC

3 sites in ACT

All 8 sites were dominated by urban land use.

Types & numbers of pesticides detected:

Insecticides

**Fungicides** 

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# PESTICIDES DETECTED INCLUDE:

## **Aldrin/ Dieldrin**

Legacy organochlorine insecticides banned in Australia since 1997. Aldrin breaks down into Dieldrin.

# Synthetic pyrethroids-Bifenthrin & Permethrin

These insecticides are used in a combination of home gardens, agriculture, commercial and domestic pest control

#### **Tebuconazole**

Broad spectrum fungicide used in home gardens, agriculture, turf grass & ornamentals for controlling foliar fungi

#### **PROJECT FUNDING**











