

PESTICIDE DETECTIVES

A national assessment of pesticides in waterways

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SAMPLING BLITZ #3 Feb-Apr 2020 79 sites across 8 States/Territories



VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION



24+ volunteers

24+ groups

FINAL RESULTS

Pesticides were detected at 10% of sites sampled:

in each of

ACT TAS

QLD SA

 $\mathbf{2}$ in each of

VIC

4 of the 8 sites were urban. Types & numbers of pesticides detected:

1 Herbicide



Insecticide

Fungicide





PESTICIDES DETECTED INCLUDE:

Diuron

Broad spectrum herbicide and algaecide used to control weeds in agriculture and irrigation channels and to protect boats from algal growth.

Bifenthrin

A synthetic pyrethroid used in a combination of home gardens, agriculture, commercial and domestic pest control

Iprodione

A fungicide used to control a wide variety of crop diseases. It inhibits the germination of spores.

PROJECT FUNDING





PROJECT PARTNERS







