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Great result from collaboration between local government and water agency

A red alert warning for the Edward River at Deniliquin has been lifted after collaborative testing between Edward River Council and Water NSW revealed that blue-green algae levels had fallen.

The red alert had been in place since March 6, when algae levels in the river surpassed the cut-off for contact or consumption.

The amber alert now in place does not place restrictions on recreational activities.

The downgraded warning was the result of testing undertaken by Edward River Council staff, which showed that blue-green algae levels had fallen since last tested by WaterNSW. The results were confirmed with an amber result from a new WaterNSW test.

Edward River Council Mayor Cr Norm Brennan said the downgraded warning was an excellent result for all involved.

“WaterNSW was happy to accept council’s readings, which was a really positive result and a great example of local government working collaboratively with agencies,” Cr Brennan said.

Updates about blue-green algae warnings are available at <https://www.watnsw.com.au/water-quality/algae#stay>.

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