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Westport Water Treatment Plant malfunction

Another incident involving the backwash cycle occurred at the Westport Water Treatment Plant overnight.

The plant went into failure which has caused sediment from the reservoir to enter into the water system causing gross discolouration. The low level alarm system worked on Sunday afternoon, the plant was checked and put back into operation. At some stage after that the system failed and the alarm system did not work.

“Testing of this alarm this morning showed the alarm was working again. Council is unsure why the alarm did not work and are investigating this further” comments Steve Griffin, Manager, Operations.

The Treatment Plant is back in operation and water will gradually clear and mains flushing is being carried out. To help clear the system consumers can run an outside hose tap until water is clear, rather than using internal taps.

Consumers on the Westport and Carters Beach water supply are advised to boil all drinking water and water used for food preparation until further notice. Any persons who have suffered a loss as a direct result of the discoloured water should contact Council who will consider each case on its merits.

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