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### **Morrison's Beach health warning lifted**

Signs warning about the possibility of water contamination at Morrison's Beach in Bluff have today been lifted, the Invercargill City Council's Manager Environmental Health Service Debbie Fortuin said.

Miss Fortuin said that when notified by Environment Southland about elevated levels of contamination in the storm water, Council had moved immediately to put up warning signs at the beach as a precaution. However, after further investigation the Council found that there was no evidence to suggest that there was an ongoing problem with recreational beach waters.

"The warning was generated as a result of elevated water contamination levels in the storm water system, which is a normal event after rainfall.

"The Invercargill City Council apologises to recreational beach users for any inconvenience caused by the warning precautions, but it had to act with caution to keep people safe," she said.

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