

# Days Bay wastewater overflow incident

## Works Status Update

**UPDATE 16 26/08/2024 -3:20pm - DAYS BAY WASTEWATER OVERFLOW**

Kia Ora Koutou

It is now Day 17 since crews responded to a wastewater overflow at the Days Bay pump station.

- The main outfall pipeline was recommissioned over the weekend and has resumed full service.
- All work efforts are now concentrated on the Days Bay pump station with focus on pipe installation and connection back to the local wastewater network.
- From today, the incident response is being de-escalated from Level 4 to Level 3. The Customer Operations Team will now manage the remainder of the response.
- As is the case with all major incidents, Wellington Water will be undertaking a post incident review (including technical) and debrief in the coming weeks.

## **Weather impacting progress**

- Crews this morning have reported the site being inundated following today's stormy weather. As a result, repair works have been stalled as crews clear up the site and manage the stormwater.
- Given this week's projected weather forecast, the timeline for reinstatement of the Days Bay pump station to full network service is likely to change.
- The new timeline and further updates from the site will be provided on a daily basis throughout this week.
- Sucker trucks meanwhile are continuing to operate around the clock to transfer wastewater to the Seaview treatment plant for processing. We're looking at contingency options to phase out the use of sucker trucks as works progress.
- We are also liaising closely with the councils' roading contractor and have alerted bus companies to remember to reduce speed when in the vicinity of the work site.
- Media interest has been minimal over the weekend, with just general enquiries from Newstalk ZB on the status of works.
- Please note, the rāhui covering the Waiwhetū Stream, the eastern portion of Te Whanganui a Tara to Parangarehu (Pencarrow Point) and Te Awa Kairangi (to Waione Street Bridge) is still in place.

## **Community**

- We are still asking the community to conserve water where possible; this is especially the case for Days Bay and Mahina Bay residents.
- Every drop of water counts, reduce shower times, use half flush for toilets, and consolidate laundry loads where possible.
- Crews and our traffic management team will continue working with local residents keeping them informed of developments.
- The Department of Conservation and Wellington Water are liaising closely on plans to ensure the long-term sanctuary of the penguins, after the works are completed.

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