

Days Bay wastewater overflow incident

Works Status Update

UPDATE 15 - 26/08/2024 - DAYS BAY WASTEWATER OVERFLOW

Kia Ora Koutou

The recommissioning of the main outfall pipeline got underway late Thursday night and is slowly returning to full service. It was expected that this would be taken slower than anticipated due to heavy rain forecast overnight on Friday and into Saturday.

Once it resumes full service, the current treated wastewater discharges into the Waiwhetū Stream will cease.

Following this development, crews and resources have shifted over to the Days Bay pump station work site to help with pipe installation, and connection back to the local wastewater network.

Based on current estimations, these repairs are expected to be completed by next Friday. Note, the timeline is subject to weather, site conditions and any other unforeseen circumstances.

Health and safety teams continue to support the work, carrying out checks to ensure safety of workers and the public. We're also liaising with the Roothing Alliance and the Department of Conservation on traffic management, and the safety of penguins.

There is still ongoing engagement with nearby residents to ensure we are minimising impacts for them.

Sucker trucks are continuing to operate around the clock to transfer wastewater to the Seaview treatment plant for processing. We are looking at contingency options to phase out the use of sucker trucks as works progress next week.

While works continue at the Days Bay pump station, we advise the community to avoid water recreational activities near the pump station until further notice.

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.

While works have progressed, we are asking the community to conserve water where possible; this is especially the case for Days Bay and Mahina Bay residents.

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.

We really appreciate the patience and understanding of the community. We are making headway on what is a complex repair, and the progress made this week has been exceptional given the circumstances.

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