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Media release

Ongoing Allconnex repairs to wastewater main at Bundall

Allconnex Water is continuing work to repair a wastewater main at the corner of Racecourse Drive and Daimler Drive, Bundall.

Allconnex Chief Operating Officer Paul Heaton said as a safety precaution until further notice, people are asked not to fish, boat or swim in the waterways fronting Racecourse Drive, Daimler Drive, Jaguar Drive, Mercedes Place, Upton Street, and in the vicinity of the Bundall Road Bridge.

An estimated 50,000 litres of wastewater overflowed from the break yesterday and Allconnex will continue to monitor and mitigate any impacts today.

"Preliminary water quality testing at this stage suggests limited impacts on waterways in the area, with no impacts measured past the Bundall Road Bridge and out into the Nerang River," said Mr Heaton.

Allconnex is asking motorists to avoid the Racecourse Drive area while repairs are being carried out, which may extend over the weekend and into next week.

A section of Racecourse Drive between Daimler Drive and Crombie Avenue has been closed temporarily and diversions are in place, which will affect traffic flows today and over the weekend.

"The break is in a very difficult to access location," said Mr Heaton.

"We have shut down the main so that we can control the flow of wastewater, and crews are working on site 24 hours a day to date, to conduct the repairs.

"Tankers are on hand to transport any excess wastewater to our Coombabah Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"Unfortunately overnight, due to the load on the system, additional overflows occurred upstream of the break at Allconnex's Benowa holding station, and were contained in a stormwater lagoon on Racecourse Drive.

"The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) has been notified and representatives from DERM and the Gold Coast City Council are working with us to manage and mitigate any adverse impacts."

Mr Heaton said while water and wastewater services in the immediate area had not been interrupted, local residents had experienced significant noise and traffic interruption, and this would continue over the coming days.

“We would like to thank the surrounding residents for their care and patience as we continue to undertake the repairs,” he said.

Allconnex customer liaison officers have issued personalised letters of apology to residents affected by noise.

Allconnex has 12,000 kilometres of buried water and wastewater pipes.

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