4 December 2025

Night and day work: Wastewater system emergency work, Quarry Street Ultimo

Sydney Water is doing emergency work to divert wastewater flows away from a leaking pipe deep underground in a highly trafficked area of Darling Harbour. While the leak is currently minor and contained, it is critical that we act quickly to divert flows away from this pipe to allow inspection and repair, as the issue may worsen.

To support this work, we need to urgently inspect a wastewater pipe located on Quarry Street, Ultimo. Due to safety requirements, busy traffic conditions and high flows in the wastewater system during the day, we need to do this work at night.

Work will be done from Thursday, 4 December 2025 and Saturday 6 December 2025, weather permitting.

We apologise for the short notice and appreciate the support we are getting from the community as we work around the clock to respond to this emergency.

Our night work hours are 6pm to 6am.

The work involves:

- excavating the road to reveal a section of pipe
- inspecting the wastewater pipe with closed circuit television
- cleaning and restoring the site when our work is complete.

We'll make every effort to minimise disturbance by:

- doing our noisiest work in the early evening between 6pm and midnight or during the day.
- not running motors and equipment unnecessarily
- keeping vehicle movements to a minimum
- pointing lights at the work site and away from homes.

During the work, you may notice an increase in vehicle movements, noise and temporary disruption to pedestrian and traffic movements. We'll have traffic controls to safely maintain traffic flow.

This work will not interrupt your water or wastewater services.

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To find out more about this work, please contact our community engagement team at SouthCommunity@Sydneywater.com.au or 1800 006 113 (option 6) during work hours, for afterhours contact please call 13 20 90.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this essential work.

Yours sincerely

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Map highlighting approximate work area at Quarry Street, Ultimo

Orange line showing approximate work area