

17 April 2026

Ultimo wastewater emergency work - April update

Sydney Water is continuing emergency wastewater repair work in Ultimo. This work is part of our response to issues affecting the sewer network near Darling Harbour and Jones Street.

Update on Jones and Quarry Streets

- **Intersection works nearing completion**

Work at the corner of Quarry and Jones Streets is nearing completion, with three maintenance holes now replaced. The road is currently being restored and will be partially reopened to the public from Saturday 18 April, and fully reopened from Wednesday, 22 April.

- **Ventilation shaft installation**

The proposed location of the ventilation shaft has been adjusted due to nearby electrical services. Ventilation is needed in this area to allow wastewater gases to safely disperse, this helps reduce the risk of corrosion, leaks and blockages in the sewer over time. Installation of the ventilation shaft is due to begin in early May and will take three days to complete. A map showing the updated location is provided overleaf.

- **Valve replacement**

We'll be replacing a watermain valve located in the footpath at the corner of Quarry and Jones Streets. This work is expected to begin on 20 April and will take one week to complete. Pedestrian diversions will be in place to ensure community safety.

- **Pipe cleaning and lining**

We've been cleaning wastewater pipes along Jones Street to help maintain performance. We'll begin lining sections of the pipe along Jones Street to improve wastewater flow and overall network reliability. This work will begin on 20 April and will take three days to complete.

- **Further inspections**

Further inspections of nearby maintenance holes along Jones Street are planned. Depending on the findings, additional work may be required. Any further construction would occur after Jones Street has been temporarily restored.

- **Permanent restoration**

Permanent restoration of parts of the road, footpath and other affected areas is planned to begin in mid-May 2026.

- **Future work**

We expect to return to Jones Street later this year to repair another maintenance hole located on the corner of William Henry and Jones Streets. We will update the community before this work begins.

Updated work hours

Our work hours are **7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday**. No work is scheduled on Sundays unless emergency issues arise that require immediate response.

Other work in the area – Darling Harbour

- At Darling Harbour, planning work to progress the permanent repair is nearing completion. From late April we will be starting our permanent repair work to stop the leaking wastewater pipe. This will address the underlying issue that prompted the activation of the temporary bypass system in Wentworth Park.

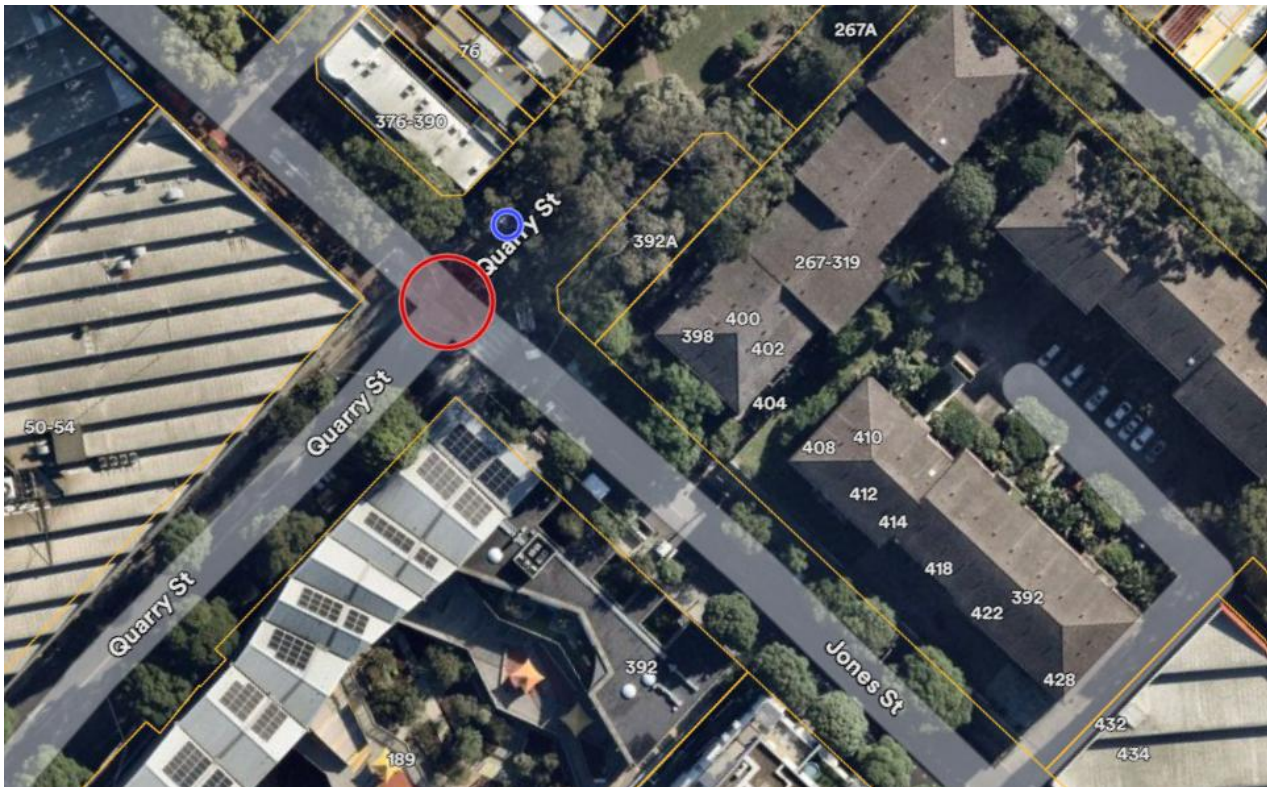
We understand construction can be disruptive and thank the community for their ongoing patience. We'll continue to provide updates as work progresses and as plans are finalised.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our Community Engagement Team at SouthCommunity@sydneywater.com.au or 1800 006 113 (option 6). For afterhours issues or emergencies, please call 13 20 90.

Yours sincerely

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Location of current work at intersection of Quarry and Jones Streets Ultimo



Key:

- Red circle indicates area of current maintenance hole restoration and road subsidence.
- Blue circle indicates approximate location of new ventilation shaft.

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