

11 February 2026

Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay Project | Out of hours pump | Saturday work | Carlisle Street Stage 3 traffic continuing

Below the cliffs of Vaucluse and Diamond Bay, wastewater flows directly into the ocean untreated. It's time for change and we're continuing to work to ensure this iconic area of Sydney gets the clean, blue backyard it deserves. Under the Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay project, we are building new infrastructure to divert the flows from the last three remaining ocean outfalls in Sydney to the Bondi Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

24/7 intermittent pump operation

As previously outlined on 5 December 2025, we are continuing Stage 3 work to excavate new maintenance holes, micro tunnelling to install a new wastewater pipeline and the construction of new maintenance holes on Carlisle Street.

To manage ground water during micro tunnelling we may need to operate a pump intermittently **24/7** which includes operation outside of standard construction hours. Our standard work hours are from Monday to Friday between 7 am and 6 pm and on Saturdays between 8 am and 1 pm.

The pump operation will start from **Friday 13 February 2026** and is expected to be in place until late March 2026.

Saturday microtunnelling

In addition to weekdays, microtunnelling works will also take place on Saturdays from **Saturday 14 February** and are expected to continue until late March 2026. This work may be noisy and we will continue to monitor our work to ensure that there are no noise exceedances at all times. At night you may notice some lighting and staff activity within our site.

Traffic flow

For the safety of pedestrians, motorists and the community, **one way traffic flow will continue on Carlisle Street** during this work. Carlisle Street will remain open to traffic with detours and a 40km per hour speed limit in place. These temporary traffic changes will continue to be in place **24/7** during this stage.

We are working hard to reduce our construction footprint on Carlisle Street and reinstating parking where possible. Traffic on Carlisle Street is expected to return to two way from 45-53 Carlisle Street to Fernleigh Avenue in 2026. We will provide an update on this soon.

Traffic control, signage, detours and digital message boards will be in place on Carlisle Street and the surrounding area to direct road users and for the safety of our crew, residents and road users.

Contact

We will provide regular updates to the community as the work progresses. If you have any questions, please contact our community engagement team on 1800 641 349 or email us on vauclusediamondbay@sydneywater.com.au.

