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# Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay

Working with the local community to find a solution



12 residents, from Dover Heights, Vaucluse, Rose Bay and North Bondi, are working with Sydney Water to find the best way to manage three outfalls that are discharging untreated wastewater directly into the ocean.

Following a public expression of interest process, these 12 residents were selected to be part of a Community Reference Group (CRG) formed by Sydney Water to ensure it truly understands what's important to the community ahead of its decision on what the solution will look like in November.

Sydney Water's General Manager, Liveable City Solutions, Paul Plowman, says the tide has turned. There is greater community awareness of these outfalls and agreement we can do better.

"It's important that we find a solution that will stop our wastewater being discharged directly into the ocean," Mr Plowman said.

"And good decisions can only be made if you understand what the community values"

The CRG is providing advice as Sydney Water considers broad options to divert the wastewater from the Vaucluse and Diamond Bay coastline to Bondi's treatment plant where it can be treated before being safely released back into the environment.

"We have made excellent progress. The input by this group has been invaluable to Sydney Water selecting a technical option," said Mr Plowman.

The CRG, which has been meeting since May, will finish its work this month. Sydney Water will continue to review technical options before deciding on a lasting outcome for the area.

"According to our program, Sydney Water will select a technical solution to these outfalls in November 2018," Mr Plowman said.

## Thank you

Sydney Water would like to acknowledge and thank all the members of the CRG. They are:

**Allan Aaron, Bruce Bland, Tony Booth, Peter Cappe, Dov Frazer, Leon Goltsman, Ron Nothman, Terry Pullinger, Peter Quartz, Bob Steele, Bruce Thom and Susan Wynne.**





## What do you think?

Sydney Water is encouraging all residents to get involved. A secure webpage has been set up to allow you to provide feedback.

Simply register at **[sydneywatertalk.com.au](https://sydneywatertalk.com.au)** and go to the Refresh Vacluse Diamond Bay project page.

There's an online poll and interactive map for your comments and ideas.

## Want to know more?

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## What is Refresh Vacluse and Diamond Bay?

Refresh Vacluse and Diamond Bay is a Sydney Water project that is investigating the best way to improve the wastewater system in your area.

Unlike the rest of Sydney, the wastewater collected from the South Head Peninsula is not treated. Instead, it is discharged directly into the ocean at three locations along the Vacluse and Diamond Bay coastline.

Located at the base of cliffs near Christison Park, Eastern

Avenue Reserve and Diamond Bay Reserve are three pipes, or "ocean outfalls", that discharge raw wastewater into the ocean. These outfalls are a legacy of Sydney's early wastewater system and have been operating for over 100 years.

While BeachWatch data continues to show water quality at nearby recreational areas to be good or very good, Sydney Water is working towards a long-term solution for the three untreated wastewater outfalls.

**"While there's no easy fix, we're committed to working closely with the local community to find a solution,"**

Sydney Water's General Manager Liveable City Solutions,  
Paul Plowman.