

An update about work in your area

We're upgrading the wastewater system in Kellyville to help service the growing community.

- We carried out investigations in February 2024 to help plan our work.
- We are planning to start construction from about March 2026 near Smalls Creek.
- Please call **1800 943 119** or email confluence@sydneywater.com.au to know more.

Our upgrades involve installing a new wastewater pipe along Smalls Creek within Sydney Water land.

This is one of several projects that will help service growth in the Metro North West Urban Release Corridor, between Cherrybrook and Tallawong.

What do I need to know?

We carried out investigations in early 2024 to help us plan our work. We'll soon return to the area to start construction.

The new pipe will closely follow the existing pipe that runs through Smalls Creek, between Marella Avenue and Maeve Avenue.

We'll also create temporary access tracks to our work area from Bernie Mullane Sports Complex. Our work areas are shown on the map over the page.

We plan to start setting up our temporary site compound in February, with work starting from March. We expect our work to be complete by late 2026, weather and ground conditions permitting.

We'll write to you again before we start construction.

Our work hours

We will work during standard daytime work hours, from **7 am to 6 pm on Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1 pm on Saturdays** (if required). We won't work on Sundays or public holidays.

If we ever need to work outside of these hours, we will notify you in advance.

What can I expect?

We understand our work can be disruptive at times, but we will make every effort to reduce our impact as much as possible. You may experience:

Tree removal and offsetting

We understand how important trees and vegetation are to the local community. We always try to minimise impact to trees and vegetation wherever possible.

We need to clear vegetation around our work area and along our vehicle access tracks. This includes trees, weeds and ground cover.

We are working with our arborists to explore how we can repurpose the vegetation we need to remove. This may include donating gum leaves and tree barrels to local zoos.

Other initiatives may include relocating hollow-bearing trees and installing nesting boxes for wildlife.

After construction is complete, we'll restore the area and replant native trees and vegetation. We will follow Sydney Water's Biodiversity Offset Guidelines which includes replacing impacted native vegetation at a 3:1 ratio.

We're continuing to work behind the scenes to reduce our vegetation impacts where possible.



We want to meet our closest neighbours



Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to sign up for project updates. We will continue to talk to the community as we prepare to start work.

Noise

You may experience some very loud noise when we use chainsaws, woodchippers and, rock breaking machines. The level of noise you will hear will vary depending on how close you are to our work and the type of home you live in.

We know noise can be disruptive, however we are committed to reducing impacts on you by:

- not carrying out very loud work before 8 am or after 5 pm.
- scheduling one-hour breaks in rock breaking and tree removal after each three-hour period of work, to provide respite to our neighbours.
- using noise blankets around our work areas and machinery, where possible.
- avoiding unnecessary loud noises and following all mitigation measures in the construction environmental management plan.

If you would like to discuss how this work will impact you, please contact us and we'd be happy to talk through more details.

Vibration

Some of our equipment may cause vibration. We will follow all mitigation measures in the construction environmental management plan to manage vibration impacts.

We will do property condition surveys for our closest neighbours before we start heavy construction work and again once we're finished, to ensure no damage is caused and to provide peace of mind.

Truck movements

There will be frequent vehicle movements in and out of the site from Marella Avenue, via local streets. Vehicle movements will vary each day, and our friendly traffic controllers will be on hand to guide you safely through the area.

From time to time, we may need to deliver oversized equipment outside of our standard work hours, to reduce impacts on daytime traffic flows. We'll write to you before we do this.

Pedestrian detours

Once our work starts, we will close the footpath near Smalls Creek to ensure the safety of the community as we work nearby. At times, we'll also close the footbridge near Maeve Avenue.

There will be a pedestrian detour in place and signage will be installed to direct you around the closures.

Temporary site compound

We're planning to use the grassed area next to Bernie Mullane Sports Complex as a temporary site compound. We'll use this space to store equipment and amenities for our crews. We will fence off the area to keep the community safe.

We plan to set up our site compound from February. Facilities and playing fields at the sports complex won't be impacted by the compound.

Restoration

When work is complete, we'll liaise with The Hills Shire Council to complete permanent restoration. This includes working with council on suitable locations for replanting within the local area.



