

WATERFALL GULLY Wastewater System Upgrade Project

Welcome to the fourth newsletter keeping you informed about the Waterfall Gully Wastewater System Upgrade Project.

This project involves the replacement of the existing wastewater system at Waterfall Gully Road.

In previous editions of the newsletter the project brief was outlined and details were provided to assist you in understanding what has happened so far, how the project will affect the community, which contractor has been appointed and the project timeframes.

This edition is to keep you informed of the current activities and timeframes.

Why replace the wastewater system?

As previously advised, a number of safety and reliability issues have emerged with the current public vacuum wastewater system located at Waterfall Gully Road including restricted operational access to household collection pits, equipment blockages and objects in the network causing system failure.

Given these issues, SA Water (infrastructure owner) and United Water (infrastructure manager) will replace the current system with a new vacuum system and pumping station to improve reliability and safety.

What is happening on site?

The contracting firm, SA Civil, commenced work on site in March 2010.

You may have noticed a small work area has been established adjacent the existing pumping station. SA Civil is using the area as a site compound during the project.

Work has also commenced on laying a new communications cable along Waterfall Gully Road. This work started at the National Park and is progressing north toward the existing pumping station (approximately 2.5km). It involves excavation of a trench, laying a new cable, backfilling the work area and reinstating the bitumen.

When the cable has been laid, SA Civil will start installing new collection chambers/pits.

Over the past few months, SA Water and United Water have met with landowners with a collection chamber/pit on their property. Discussions with landowners and residents regarding terms of access and easement arrangements will be ongoing.

Property owners who have agreed to the construction of the collection chambers/pits on their property will be contacted in the near future as the works program is finalised.

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Project Dates

It is important to note that the program for this project is subject to favourable weather and site conditions during the construction phase. Work will be deferred during the wetter winter months and will recommence in Spring 2010. Work will also cease during periods of heavy rainfall until it is safe to continue.

Key dates for the project have been revised and the anticipated milestones are shown below. Further details of the timing and length of the construction work will be available as the project progresses.

<i>Task</i>	<i>Period</i>
Laying communications cable	March – May 2010
Construction of new collection pits	May – June 2010
Possible deferral of work due to wet weather	July – September 2010
Construction of new collection pits	October – December 2010
Construction of new pumping station	January – February 2010

What does it mean for residents and road users?

While every effort will be made to minimise disruption to residents and road users, you may experience some disturbance during the works including:

- trucks moving along Waterfall Gully Road delivering construction materials and removing surplus soil
- construction noise from machinery (particularly during rock breaking)
- minor disruptions to wastewater systems during connection.

Measures will be taken to minimise the potential disruptions. These will include:

- regular clean up of Waterfall Gully Road
- site signage and identification of alternative routes where possible
- traffic management to ensure safety of the public and construction workers
- reinstatement of private gardens disturbed during installation of the pits
- advanced notices to residents and road users of potential impacts
- limiting work from 7am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday with no work occurring on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays, except in emergencies or where a task cannot be undertaken in the normal working hours, for example, at low flow times.

You will be informed of any work scheduled to occur directly adjacent to your property as the project progresses including notification of temporary restrictions to private access ways.

Contact details

If you have questions or require further information about the project phone the SA Water Project Hotline on 1800 812 362 or email waterfallgully@sawater.com.au

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