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UPDATE

The State of Hobson Bay



Hobson Bay. Photo / Richard Robinson

Ongoing Projects to Improve Water Infrastructure in the Eastern Bays

- ▶ Repairs to Newmarket's sewage network in 2022.
- ▶ Water testing of wet and dry overflows in the Eastern Bays.
- ▶ Feasibility studies will commence on Newmarket Gully Project in the next financial year.
- ▶ Goal to reduce overflows across the network from 237 to 100 a year by 2047.
- ▶ Removed red tape around the installation of water tanks.
- ▶ Strategic work ongoing to improve water quality, to align with government policy statements and RMA reforms.
- ▶ The Central Interceptor build continues. When complete it will release space in Orakei main sewer.

Where has the water quality targeted rate gone?

- ▶ Extension of the water quality targeted rate approved in 2021. This extended the scheme by three years and would now include work in the Eastern Bays.
- ▶ Enabling works – critical renewals that enable and support separation and capacity improvements in Eastern Isthmus started in 2022.
- ▶ Renewals and separation of Parnell's stormwater pipes in Parnell, Newmarket and Remuera, this is going through design and concept processes and is on the work programme for delivery this political term.

Community Advocacy in Waitematā

- ▶ Advocacy across the board area:
 - SASOC: Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition
 - Hapua Thrive
 - Community groups and Business Associations
 - Ōrākei and Waitematā Local Boards, residents and Environmental staff
- ▶ Support for the Central Interceptor, Newmarket Gully Project and ongoing separation with treatment of stormwater going into the ocean.
- ▶ more innovative approaches to mitigate impact of stormwater and run-off.
- ▶ Desire for no more than 2 overflows a year.



Storm Recovery

Group Recovery Manager for 12 months – coordinate on the ground recovery activity

Council budget to include \$50m of costs to support this

Crown Budget 2023 includes a \$1 billion package of initiatives to support recovery

2024-2034 long term plan will need to address planning and infrastructure issues

Public consultation in July and August, work programme finalised September.

Making space for Water: Council's stormwater plan

High-level endorsement of 9 key actions at Governing Body 23 May

Includes:

1. Blue-green networks – e.g. stream daylighting, enhancing open space near streams
2. High-risk properties – acquisition, retreat
3. Culvert and bridge upgrades
4. Overland low paths
5. Rural settlements
6. Flood intelligence
7. Stream rehabilitation – managing vegetation
8. Education in communities
9. Increased maintenance – prioritising clearance and cleaning



Local Board Plans

We would like you to help us shape our local board plan, the strategic three-year plan, which is developed, based on community feedback. The plan sets direction, reflecting community aspirations and priorities, important in the face of budget challenges.

Advocacy: the boards strongly supports Watercare's implementation of projects to mitigate the effects of aging infrastructure and intensification in an effort to improve the water quality and community safety in Hobson Bay and surrounding beaches.

We will consult on the plan from 13 July to 14 August.



Ōrākei and Waitematā Local Board Plans

Key focus areas include:

Waitematā is future-focused, green, and resilient to climate change our natural environment is healthy with rich biodiversity, clean waterways and increasing urban forest. Our communities and businesses have the tools they need to thrive as we work towards a low carbon future.

Ōrākei: our land, forests, waterways and marine environment are protected, restored and enhanced.

Thank
you

