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North Yarra Main Sewer Rehabilitation Project

In Melbourne, a safe, clean and healthy environment is essential to our way of life. The North Yarra Main (NYM) Sewer transports sewage from Melbourne's north-east to the Western Treatment Plant in Werribee. The sewer was constructed in the early 1900s, and some sections are coming to the end of their working life. That is why, at Melbourne Water, we will be relining the sewer to ensure a safe sewerage service for local homes and businesses today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Project update - Ivanhoe East to Alphington

Melbourne Water has received planning permit approval from Banyule City Council to carry out tree and native vegetation removal necessary for sewer relining works between Yarra Flats Park and La Trobe Golf Club (refer figure 1 below). Planning permit applications have also been submitted to Yarra City Council for endorsement.

The project has additionally submitted its Cultural Heritage Management Plan for approval by the area's Registered Aboriginal Party, which is expected shortly.



Figure 1





Land access agreements and bypass pumping arrangements

Several maintenance holes are located within private property that will need to be accessed by the project team when relining the sewer. The project will also need to construct a temporary sewage bypass pumping pipeline within some private properties to maintain services during relining works.

Melbourne Water's engagement consultants Jacobs will be contacting those residents directly impacted by our works, or bypass pipeline arrangements, to discuss access agreements.

This information will include:

- type of works, or access arrangements, required at a property
- how the delivery team will work with residents to facilitate access
- any reinstatement required upon completion.

Over the coming weeks, Jacobs will be in contact with property owners to progress the land access agreements.

Project timing

Works are expected to commence in late 2025 and will take approximately 24 months to rehabilitate 3.5 kilometres of sewer pipeline. More detail on exact timings will be shared with the community closer to the time of works.

For more information, please contact the project team via the channels below.

We thank you for your understanding as we deliver this essential project.





