

Project Introduction

EASTERN SECTOR SEWER TRUNK MAIN UPGRADE



WORKS NOTICE

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GMB Water has commenced the construction of a new Sewer Trunk Main (the Project) in your area.

The Project includes the installation of approximately 2.1 kilometres of new sewer pipeline, commencing at the Laratinga Wastewater Treatment Plant and finishing at Emerald Way. See Figure 1 for details.

Project Benefits

The Project brings multiple benefits to the Mount Barker community, including:

- **Increased Capacity:** Enhanced capacity for existing wastewater flows and future growth, ensuring reliable service for residents and businesses.
- **Improved Environmental Protection:** Minimised risks of leaks and overflows, protecting local waterways and natural areas.
- **Reduced Service Disruptions:** Modern infrastructure requiring less maintenance, leading to fewer interruptions for households and businesses.

How this affects you

As construction gets underway, you will notice some activity in your area. Here's what to expect:

- **Construction activity:** workers, machinery and vehicles will be active in the area.
- **Laydown area and compound:** a temporary laydown area and construction compound will be set up in the reserve on Parkview Drive, between Scarborough Way and Melville Street.
- **Traffic and Pedestrian Management:** traffic and pedestrian controls will be in place, where required, to keep everyone safe. This may include reduced speeds, temporary footpath, lane or road closures, as well as detours. Please follow traffic instructions and take care when moving through the area.
- **Noise and dust:** Some works may generate noise, dust or minor vibration. Equipment such as vacuum trucks can be especially noisy at times. Dust and noise control measures, including water trucks, will be used where possible to minimise impacts.

When

February 2026 to January 2027

Hours of Work

Dayshift: Monday to Friday

7am to 5pm

Nightshift: Sunday to Thursday

7pm to 5am (Bald Hills Road only)

Where

Laratinga Wastewater Treatment Plant,
Parkview Drive, Bald Hills Road,
Hartman Road to Emerald Way

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- **Vegetation removal:** some vegetation removal is required to deliver the work. This will be undertaken only when necessary and in consultation with the Council's Urban Forest Officer. Some sections along Parkview Drive have been redesigned to retain native vegetation where practicable.

Two construction methods are being used to install the new sewer pipe - traditional open trenching and horizontal directional drilling (HDD).

- **Open trenching** involves excavating a long, narrow trench to lay the pipe. Once in place, the trench is backfilled, compacted, and the surface restored to match existing conditions, whether road, footpath, or vegetation. This is the main method of construction being used for these pipeline installation works.
- **HDD** involves welding pipe sections together and pulling the full length of pipe through a pre-drilled underground path with an entry and exit pit at each end. This method is being used beneath the golf course (stage 3) to reduce surface disturbance and minimise the need to remove vegetation and trees. Construction of pits and the underground path is undertaken prior to pipe pulls involving excavation and installation of temporary reinforcement.

Construction will be carried out during both day and night shifts. The majority of works will take place during day shifts, Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 5:00pm.

Due to high traffic volumes on Bald Hills Road, works during this stage will be carried out at night to ensure the safety of workers and road users. Night shifts will occur Sunday to Thursday between 7:00pm and 5:00am, with detours in place during these times.

Works will not occur on weekends or public holidays unless required and approved by GMB Water, or during periods of extreme weather.

Once construction is complete, all disturbed areas will be reinstated, restoring roads, footpaths, and land to their original or better condition.

Further information will be provided as works progress through each stage of construction. We understand construction can be disruptive and appreciate your cooperation as we complete these important works for the community.

Find out more

To learn more about the Project and other wastewater projects, and to stay up to date with construction activities and timings, please visit the GMB Water Facebook page or website at <https://gmbwater.au/projects-and-works>.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to deliver these important upgrades for our community. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Community Relations Advisor or GMB's Wastewater Service team at the contact details listed on page 1.



Figure 1: Map of Pipeline Installation Corridor