

Community Update

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Planned wastewater discharge - Taylors Drain and Kananook Creek

Following recent high rainfall, Melbourne Water is actively managing high water levels across our network.

The Eastern Treatment Plant is now at capacity and has not been able to treat sewage to its normal standard. Excess water is now exceeding the onsite storage capacity of the Eastern Treatment Plant. If the onsite storage basins reach full capacity there is a risk of downstream flooding.

Over the next 10 days, Melbourne Water is planning to discharge treated wastewater to Taylors Drain and Kananook Creek to relieve the sewerage system, which will help prevent uncontrolled discharges and minor flooding when combined with rainfall. This will increase onsite capacity at the Eastern Treatment Plant to cater for upcoming rain events.

This procedure is being carried out in accordance with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requirements.

What does this mean for me?

The discharge from the Eastern Treatment Plant is currently at a reduced water quality level. This means that the water quality at the northern end of Kananook Creek and surrounds may not be suitable for recreational activity or pets until further notice.

Melbourne Water is committed to public health through the delivery of our core services and will continue to actively manage and monitor the Eastern Treatment Plant and downstream waterways. Melbourne Water is placing signs alerting surrounding residents and community to avoid contact with the water.

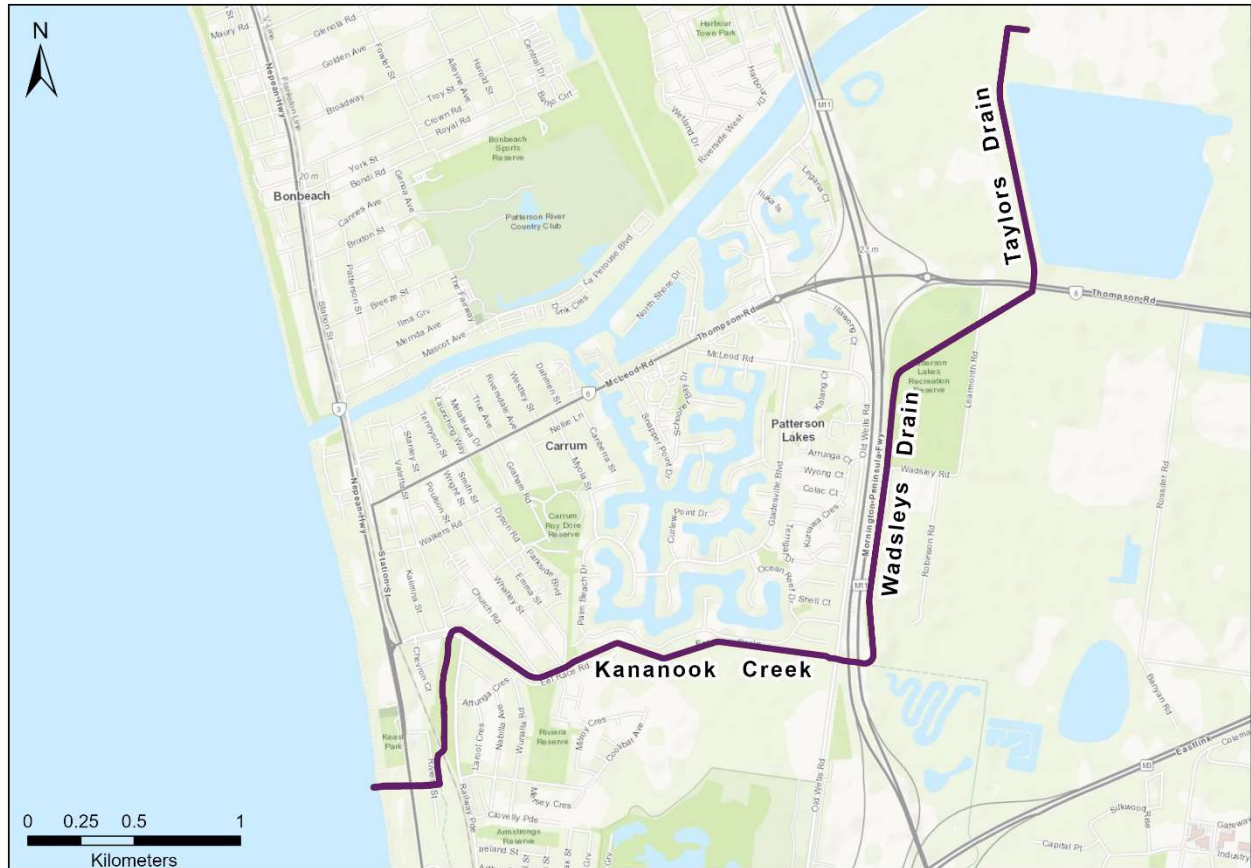
What does this mean for the health of our rivers and creeks?

There is a likelihood that the discharge may affect fish in the northern end of Kananook Creek. During this time, please do not fish or swim at Kananook Creek until advised to do so. Melbourne water will continue to monitor the area and work closely with the EPA.



Melbourne Water is owned by the Victorian Government. We manage Melbourne's water supply catchments, remove and treat most of Melbourne's sewage, and manage rivers and creeks and major drainage systems throughout the Port Phillip and Westernport region.





About Melbourne Water's sewerage system

Melbourne's sewerage system has the capacity to handle the vast majority of weather events. In the event of significant rainfall, the sewerage system is designed with relief structures that allow wastewater to be discharged into local waterways which helps prevent sewage flowing back into people's homes.

Questions?

Contact Melbourne Water on **131 722** for more information.