

**33. STORMWATER/SEWAGE PROBLEMS  
- INNESMAY AREA**

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Corporate Plan Output: Elected Member Advice	

The purpose of this report is to respond to the request from the 4 August meeting for a report regarding complaints received of recurring problems following periods of heavy rainfall, with overflowing stormwater and sewage in the area covered by the Innesmay Neighbourhood Group.

The Senior Engineering Officer in the Waste Management Unit reported as follows:

*“The sewer in Tomes Road overflowed from house gully traps from Saturday 17 to Monday 19 August 1999. The cause was established as a blockage of fat deposits in the sewer.*

*At the time of blockage, the City was affected by a severe storm later assessed at a 10 year return frequency. A large number of sewers were gorged particularly in the north west part of the City. The Works Operations Unit staff who responded to the resident’s complaint assumed the gorging of the sewer in Tomes Road was the result of the storm and that little could be done until the storm passed.*

*On Monday, 19 July when it was reported that the sewer was still overflowing, works staff were asked to investigate in detail and they found blockage. The properties affected were from No. 60 to No. 80 Tomes Road. All properties were cleaned and disinfected on Monday 19 July.*

*On Wednesday 21 July a card addressed to Council staff was received from the resident at 76 Tomes Road thanking staff for clearing the blocked sewer and for their efforts in cleaning and disinfecting her property.*

*The sewer is in good condition and adequate in size for any reasonable infilling of residential development. Another Tomes Road resident also affected by the sewer blockage commented that the sewer had not overflowed before in his 18 years of residence. It is regretted that the blockage was not recognised as such at the time.”*

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson’s**

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