

## Media Release

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**Re:** Smithton Sewerage Main Update

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Cradle Mountain Water is continuing to undertake repairs to the Lee St sewer main in Smithton following the collapse of the main on Saturday.

Acting CEO Doug Doherty said, “an investigation into the collapse of the sewer main (approximately 250m) has been completed. These investigations have indicated that the entire sewer main in Lee Street requires replacement.”

“Temporary measures have been put into place to ensure there are no interruptions to sewerage services in this area. Arrangements are also currently underway to connect to a temporary power supply so we can remove the generator that is currently keeping the interim pump station operational. It is expected for the power supply to be connected within a week. Until this time the generator will need to remain in place. “

The sewer pipe in question is approximately 40 years old. Normally the expected lifetime of the sewer pipe would be 70 years. “It would appear the integrity of the pipe has been compromised for reasons beyond our control”, he said.

Repairing the pipe line is a major capital project for Cradle Mountain Water which needs to take priority as the sewer main services residents, schools and businesses in the area. Mr Doherty said, “we will make every effort to maintain services those customers serviced by the main. Cradle Mountain Water appreciates the patience of our customers at this time.”

Further updates will be provided as repair work continues. If further information is required please contact Acting CEO, Doug Doherty on 0400 118 742.

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