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## Media Release

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### Macquarie Point Sewage Treatment Plant back online

TasWater confirms the Macquarie Point Sewage Treatment Plant is now operating normally following an internal power failure which interrupted the treatment process for a period on Sunday.

The power supply at the plant failed around midday yesterday, resulting in a discharge of untreated sewage into the River Derwent.

The Hobart City Council and Environment Protection Authority (EPA) are monitoring the impact of the sewage flow on the environment.

General Manager Service Delivery, Bennie Smith said TasWater estimates around 6 Megalitres of sewage and stormwater runoff, as a result of weekend rain, was discharged into the river.

“I understand there may be community concern over this incident relating to public health and the environment and therefore TasWater has initiated an independent investigation into the cause of the sewage discharge.”

“The investigation will identify any operational shortcomings at the Macquarie Point Sewage Treatment Plant and we commit to introducing any changes to ensure this doesn’t happen again.”

“The treatment plant is now operating normally, and TasWater is working with the Hobart City Council and the EPA in managing any environmental impact,” Mr Smith said.

The community is asked to take note of any public health advice following a sewage discharge, or heavy rainfall event, such as experienced over the weekend.

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