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TasWater wet weather event update

TasWater continues to assess the extent of damage to its infrastructure and the impact the wet weather has had on its services over the last 24 hours.

As the flood waters recede in the Hobart and southern Tasmania areas people are reminded to stay clear of flooded areas as the flood water may have been contaminated by sewage.

An improvement in weather conditions today has enabled TasWater crews to return to the field to start repair work on several pump stations which were overwhelmed by the rain and floods as well as some sewer pipes which broke as floods washed away soil surrounding them.

There has been no risk or compromise to drinking water quality but a loss of power has affected drinking water pumping capacity. Supplies held in reservoirs have resulted in minimal disruption to services.

For some of customers however TasWater supplies have been cut.

In Lymington near Cygnet a downed power pole disturbed and broke a water main which has resulted in around 40 customers receiving no water.

TasWater crews are unable to attend to the break until the power pole is made safe with water being restored as soon as possible.

TasWater is making bottled water available on request to affected customers and anyone needing drinking water is asked to make contact with our call centre on 136992

TasWater will continue to monitor the situation, including dam levels, drinking water supplies and sewage services and has equipment and on call crews in place over weekend to respond to any issues that may develop should the weather system continue to impact on other areas of the state.

TasWater again reminds people to take care around any flood waters and take note of safety information distributed by the State Emergency Service or Tasmania Police.

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