

ST MARYS BAY SEPARATION PROJECT

Western Isthmus water quality improvement programme



We're undertaking a water quality improvement programme to reduce overflows, creating a better environment for you to enjoy.

Watercare and Auckland Council are undertaking a joint programme to improve water quality in central Auckland.

In older parts of Auckland, wastewater and stormwater flow through the same pipes. When the system is overwhelmed by rainfall, it is designed to overflow diluted wastewater into St Marys Bay and out to the Waitematā Harbour.

St Marys Bay separation project will reduce wet weather overflows by separating the wastewater and stormwater in the catchment. To create separate systems, Watercare will be building a new public wastewater network, so that the existing networks can be used for stormwater. Individual property networks will also be separated.

Separating every house is important as a single property with combined stormwater and wastewater will cause untreated wastewater to flow directly in to the harbour, impacting the environment.

The water quality improvement programme is jointly funded by Watercare and Auckland Council, and will take place at no cost to property owners.

Other related projects in your area

This project is part of our joint strategy to improve water quality in St Marys Bay. The new stormwater tunnel project led by Auckland Council is currently under construction. We have also been undertaking upgrade works on Hackett Street to replace the aging access chamber.

Key facts



Reduced overflows

Overall cost
\$33.4M

New public
wastewater
pipeline



455 properties
to separate



Reduced risks to
public health and
the environment



Completion
2024

