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Sacha Blumen
By email blumensacha@yahoo.com.au

Dear Sacha

Beare Park

I refer to your email about the discharge of raw sewage into Elizabeth Bay. I agree that this situation is unacceptable and apologise for the delay in responding.

Sydney Water has complete control over the operation and maintenance of its pumping stations, including the one in Beare Park. The City immediately alerted Sydney Water of the sewage discharge, and it promptly responded.

On 26 November and 15 December, I also wrote to the Minister for Water, The Hon Phillip Costa MP, and asked him to take immediate action to rectify the problem. I enclose a copy of my letters and the Minister's response.

Sydney Water reports that the overflow wasn't caused by a breakdown or overburdening of the pump station in Beare Park, but by a blockage in sewerage pipes further up the hill in Ithaca Road. Sydney Water has removed this blockage and assured the City that the system is operational.

The City has now installed warning signs letting visitors know that they shouldn't swim and eat fish, and that the stairs are slippery.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about Beare Park, you can contact Andrew Chippindall, Project Manager, on 9265 9333 or at achippindall@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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