

Sorell Council Southern Beaches CERMP Outfall Project

Outfall Project 3_SE115527

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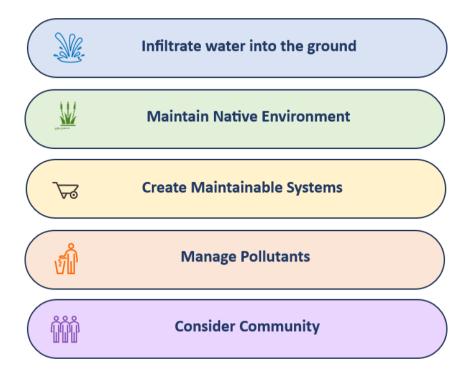
Brief

Manage Sorell Southern beach stormwater outfalls to protect dunes and beaches from erosion and pollutants as per the Sorell Council Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Project.

Each outfall project will follow a number of overarching principles to ensure that works are good for the community and will tie in with overall stormwater and pollution management objectives.

SE115527 Brief

Exposed pipe with no headwall. Some erosion occurring downstream.



SE115527 189 Lewisham Scenic Drive Existing conditions

The outfall SE115527 is at the back boundary of title 112209/1 - a designated but unused footway – and 189 Lewisham Scenic Drive. The outfall is a 225 dia PVC pipe of varying grade collecting stormwater from 1 side entry pit on Lewisham Scenic Drive. The pipe does not appear to be in Councils mapping system.

The existing outfall falls at the rear of the property boundary with approximately 23 metres of overland flow and 13.8m of fall prior to water level. The flow crosses a small footway at approximately 10m

down.

The existing conditions are:

- Erosion occurring at the outfall
- Walkway is affected by water muddy sections- however is holding up with no erosion.
- No apparent erosion downstream of the walkway.



Figure 2 Outfall Location



Figure 1 Image of outfall and residential outfall in same location

Existing Issues and Threats

There are several issues that need to be addressed in this area as described below.

Table 1 Tables of Issues and threats

No.	Issue	Notes
I1.	Extensive weeds on slope	Significant weed infestation particularly uphill of the walkway.
		The high proportion of weeds is causing the maintenance crew to undertake spray
		poisoning to manage the weeds. This may result in an increase in erosion risk if sections of
		vegetation die off.
12.	Green waste dumping	Dumping green waste over back fences seems common along this area. This is causing weed
		infestations, peaks in nutrients and in the case of this outfall is exacerbating the erosion
		issues by killing localised vegetation.
13.	Limited Access	There is walkway access to the site. It is possible that a very small machine may be able to
		access the site, otherwise any construction at this site will have to managed by hand
		equipment only.
14.	Walkway	The walkway at this point appears to be created by locals but unofficially managed by
		Council. Keeping larger flows from impacting the walkway is desirable.



Figure 3 Side view of site

Discussion

The erosion at this site is at a nuisance level rather than a significant risk or threat. The outfall location itself has some erosion and the outfall is freestanding in the air however this is partially due to the level of fill in 187 Lewisham Scenic Court rather than entirely due to erosion from the outfall.

Due to the profusion of weeds it is difficult to tell how far down the existing erosion goes but there is no erosion present at or below the walkway. It appears that the existing vegetation is providing protection to the soil from erosive forces.

Access to the site is difficult and most machines will not be able to access the site. The site works will need to be carried out predominantly by hand with some small motorized machinery to assist if possible. The proposed design takes this issue into consideration.

The site is low risk for stormwater treatment as it has a small catchment without significant risk factors and outfalls into a marine zone.



Figure 4 Access Route

Recommendations

The recommendation is to install a PE sewer pipe from the outlet to a slightly flatter section just below the footway and installing a dissipator TEE junction (Washington State Department of Ecology, 2019) at the new outfall.

Reasoning behind this recommendation:

- The recommended pipe is scour and UV resistant so will operate at the high grade it will need to be laid on and will be fine if section are not able to have cover due to construction limitations.
- Moving the outfall to below the walkway will
 - o Ensure the flow of water does not impact the footway
 - o Bring the outfall closer to maintenance and inspection access
 - Remove the flow from the existing erosion risk area.
- Installing a diffusion TEE junction will spread the water load over a larger area and should minimise the risk of future erosion at the site.

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Construction Plan

