

I live at 5 Waller Place McCrae and have been a permanent resident here for going 17 years. [REDACTED]  
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Below is a copy of the notes I shared with Kevin Hutchings, in it I referred to hearing running water I think it's important to emphasise that it was the sound of a significant flow of water running into the pit in the region of the Boulevard and flowing through the main storm water pits at the rear of my residence and in Waller Place

We had a new neighbour move into number 4 Waller place before Christmas and they had a vehicle become bogged in the soaked nature strip outside of number 1 Waller place at the site I mentioned in the notes.

I have included three explanatory photos and attached original unaltered photos separately.

Regarding the events leading up to the McCrae landslide I have made some notes for you.

The road surface on Charlesworth Street had risen and was leaking for some time. On the 11th of December 2024 my daughter and I were returning from an appointment when we noticed the road had been patched. The site had not been excavated rather, asphalt had been used to patch the damaged surface - much like a temporary pot hole repair.

This soon began to leak again and the nature strip at 34 Coburn became wet and was leaking into the gutter. Shortly after, water began running out of the nature strip of number 1 Waller place and across the road and into the drain out the front of number 4 Waller Place. This steadily got worse day by day. Water was also flowing at a considerable rate through the storm water pipe that runs alongside my house.

SEW and Leak detection services were constantly in the street with sounding meters. I'd say it was almost on a daily basis during this period leading up to Christmas Eve.

During multiple conversations with the Leak detectors I made mention that although the drain usually runs constantly, that the amount of water running through it was very unusual given the lack of rain.

On Christmas Eve I again talked with SEW and leak detection workers and mentioned the service pit at the rear of my house and that they should have a look at it, this was deemed ok, while we were there we discussed the storm water drain and the quantity of water flowing through it, you could easily hear it due to the open pit on the freeway side of the fence, I mentioned that the origin of the water flow is probably at the Boulevard on the other side of the freeway where this drain (a former creek) has its origin and that they should look there which they said they intended to do.

Christmas Day I walked around to the Boulevard and walked into the basin between Bayview Rd and the freeway fence it was overgrown. I proceeded until I could clearly hear running water and the ground was sodden, convinced what I had told the workers the day before was correct I left (at this point I had had a concern the origin of the water may have been near our house) I then walked down to the beach via the stairs at Margret Street to the out fall of the stormwater pipe, the water flow out of the pipe was washing a deep trench into the beach, walking back up the Margeret street stairs I could see a significant amount of muddy water flowing through the open portion of the drain -again really out of character given the dry climate at the time.

Following the repair of the pipe in the region of the Boulevard, and before the landslide, the leaking that had been increasing started to slow and eventually dry up. Most notably the leaking from number 1 Waller place that had been flowing across the road into the drain outside number 4 significantly reduced.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me,



You can see from this Photo the quantity of water flowing from the road in the curb and channel. This is post the repair at the Boulevard and the flow has reduced as it was flowing into the curb at the top right of the picture leading into Waller place previously.



This photo shows the site of the burst pipe, to the left of this is an open grate storm water pit covered in overgrowth. The area to the left is where I walked in towards this grate, the ground was extremely wet. You can see the proximity to the sewer asset tunnel / trench that crosses the freeway to the rear of 3 Waller place.



This photo is taken in Waller Place and shows the nature strip outside number 1. This was where the vehicle was bogged before Christmas when new tenants moved into number 4 it was also where the water first showed signs of reducing. Water was flowing from here across Waller place into the storm water pit out the Front of Number 4