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WATER MAIN BREAK CAUSES PRESSURE PROBLEMS IN PARTS OF HOBART

A break in a major water supply trunk line in Davey Street in Hobart has resulted in a number of premises experiencing water pressure problems while repair work is carried out.

Southern Water's Executive Manager Service Delivery, Mr Ian Dunbabin, said the system had to be reconfigured to isolate the affected area where the break had occurred while maintaining supplies to the rest of the city. This had resulted in reduced pressure in some areas.

The repair work also has required the partial closure of Davey Street while maintenance crews attend to the problem.

"The break has occurred in a particularly difficult location and it is requiring considerable ingenuity on the part of our crews to fix the break without a major disruption to water supplies to our customers," he said.

"While we are still able to maintain supplies, unfortunately some customers in high rise buildings and those towards the end of the trunk line are experiencing low pressure for varying periods of time while we work to fix the problem.

"We sincerely apologise to our customers for any inconvenience they may be experiencing." Areas affected included the Central Business District and parts of Battery Point, South Hobart and North Hobart.

Mr Dunbabin said crews would continue to work on the problem until it was fixed.

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