Cairns Water Security Stage 1

UPDATED Mulgrave River, Gordonvale

Construction Works Notification #103a

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Welcome to the latest localised update for the Cairns Water Security Stage 1 project. These construction works notifications will continue to be distributed to keep you informed of upcoming construction activities within the Gordonvale, Aloomba and Behana Gorge communities.

On **Tuesday,6 January 2026**, John Holland commenced the final Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) works beneath the Mulgrave River from Swan Street to the eastern side of the Mulgrave River, across from Greenpatch Campground (see map overleaf) which will form part of the Aloomba treated water main.

The works were originally scheduled for twelve (12) weeks; however, unforeseen weather conditions have extended the program. There are now approximately three (3) weeks of work remaining, weather permitting.

Works will take place between **6:30am** and **6:30pm, Monday to Saturday**

To enable works to be undertaken, a construction zone will be established adjacent to the Gordonvale Bowls Club. This area will be barricaded, and traffic controls will be in place, to ensure the safety of the community and workers at the site (see map overleaf).

Location	Duration	Road Closures & Access	Detour/Access Info
Swan Street	~15 Weeks	Closed at Mill Street intersection. No street parking.	Access to Swan Street via Mayers Street. Local Driveway access will be maintained.
Mill Street	~15 Weeks	Closed at Swan Street	Detour via Moller Street / Griffin Street

These activities may result in additional traffic impacts, and we recommend you allow extra travel time.

What is Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)?

HDD is a trenchless boring method for installing underground pipes along a prescribed bore path with the use of a surface-launched rig / machine, which minimises the disruption of the surrounding area.
This type of trenching method is used to minimise the impact on certain infrastructure and waterways.

What can I expect?

- The work zones will be clearly marked with traffic cones, barriers and temporary fencing.
- Intersection closure at Swan Street and Mill Street.
- Installation of pipes using a large drilling machine.
- Construction noise, machinery, and increased construction vehicle movement.
- Activities on Sundays will commence at 8:00am and no hammering works will be performed.
- Streets and impacted areas will be restored to their original condition upon completion of the works.

How are we managing impacts?

- Clearly marking the work zone with traffic cones, barriers, and fencing.
- Liaising with property owners if access to properties is temporarily impacted.
- Implementing traffic control measures in accordance with approved traffic management plans.
- Providing advance notification to nearby residents and businesses about key activities, including works performed on a Sunday or out-of-hours work.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we conduct this important work.

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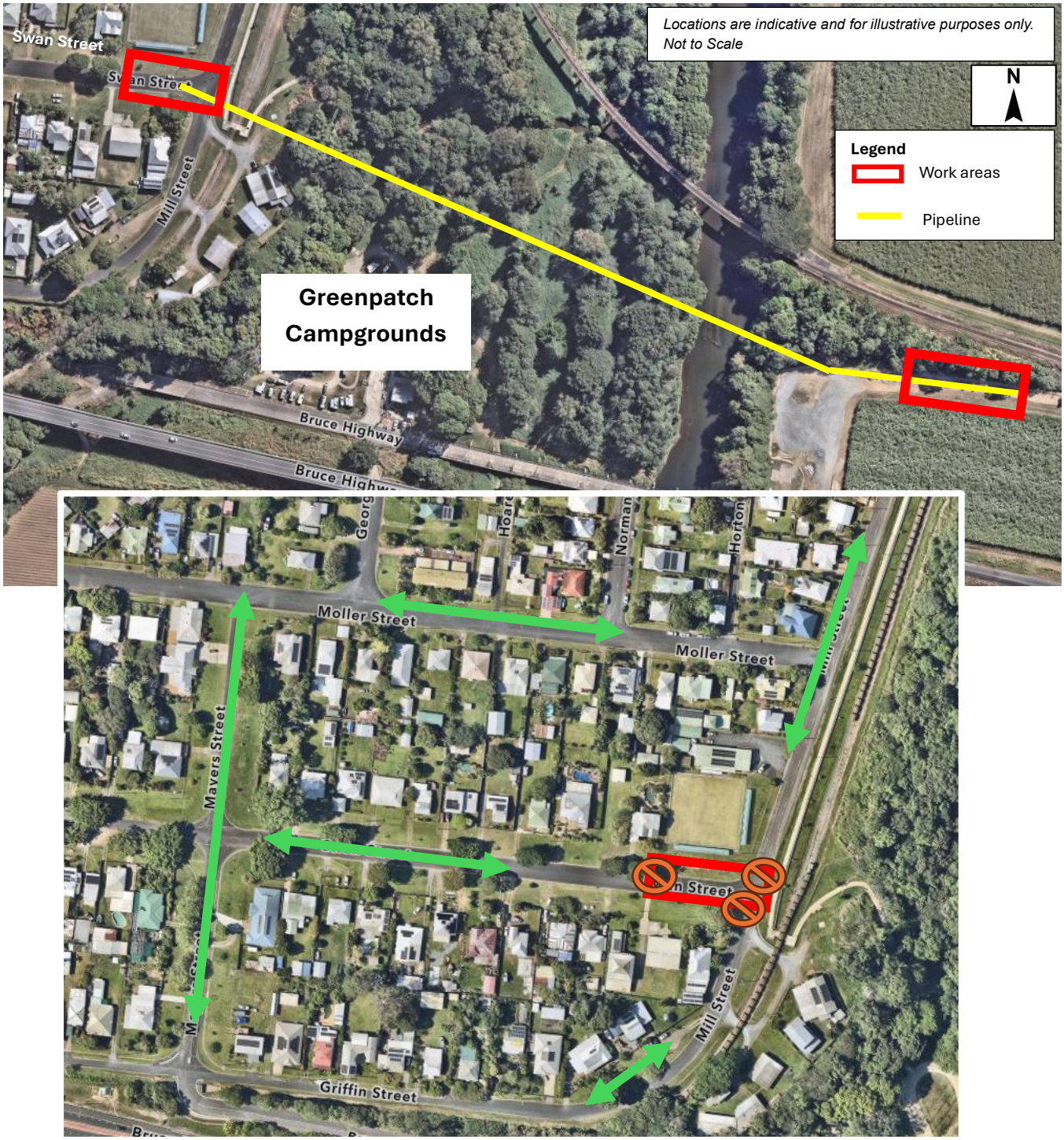
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Work Location

Aloomba treated water main –Swan Street to the eastern side *of the Mulgrave River (opposite Greenpatch Campground), Gordonvale*



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