

# MEDIA RELEASE

Dalby Town Council  
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## Broken water main flowing again

Council's utilities maintenance crew were called to a broken water main at the corner of Marble and Patrick Streets around 5.30pm yesterday following a report from local laws officer Aidan Leahy.

A fracture in the 20 year old water main was found and to minimise water loss supply to properties in the immediate vicinity was turned off for a two hour period while the leak was repaired.

Spokesperson for water Cr Barry O'Shea said that pipe failure in this type of water main was not a common occurrence.

"This particular main has a useful life of 60 years. It's likely that the pipe breakage was caused by an isolated manufacturing defect."

To comply with strict requirements under the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines Council was required to use a nearby fire hydrant to flush the repaired main of any contaminants before restoring the connection.

"During this flushing process approximately 12 kilolitres of water or approximately 0.2% of the town's daily water usage was discharged into the Myall Creek.

"Water services were restored around 7.30pm that evening and Council apologises for the inconvenience caused to property owners who had their water supply disrupted during repairs."

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