

## Process for renewing public infrastructure

When public infrastructure is required to be renewed on private land, the following process occurs:

- 1) **Preliminary planning** of the project.
- 2) **Notifying** affected land owners and occupiers. Concerns raised will be accommodated where possible.
- 3) **Tenders** for the works are sought and awarded.
- 4) **Project details** are determined e.g. the timing, sequence and duration of the work.
- 5) **Communicating** with land owners/occupiers regarding details of the work.
- 6) **Constructing** the infrastructure using experienced contractors, overseen by DCC staff. Disruption is kept to a minimum.
- 7) **Reinstating** the disturbed area.



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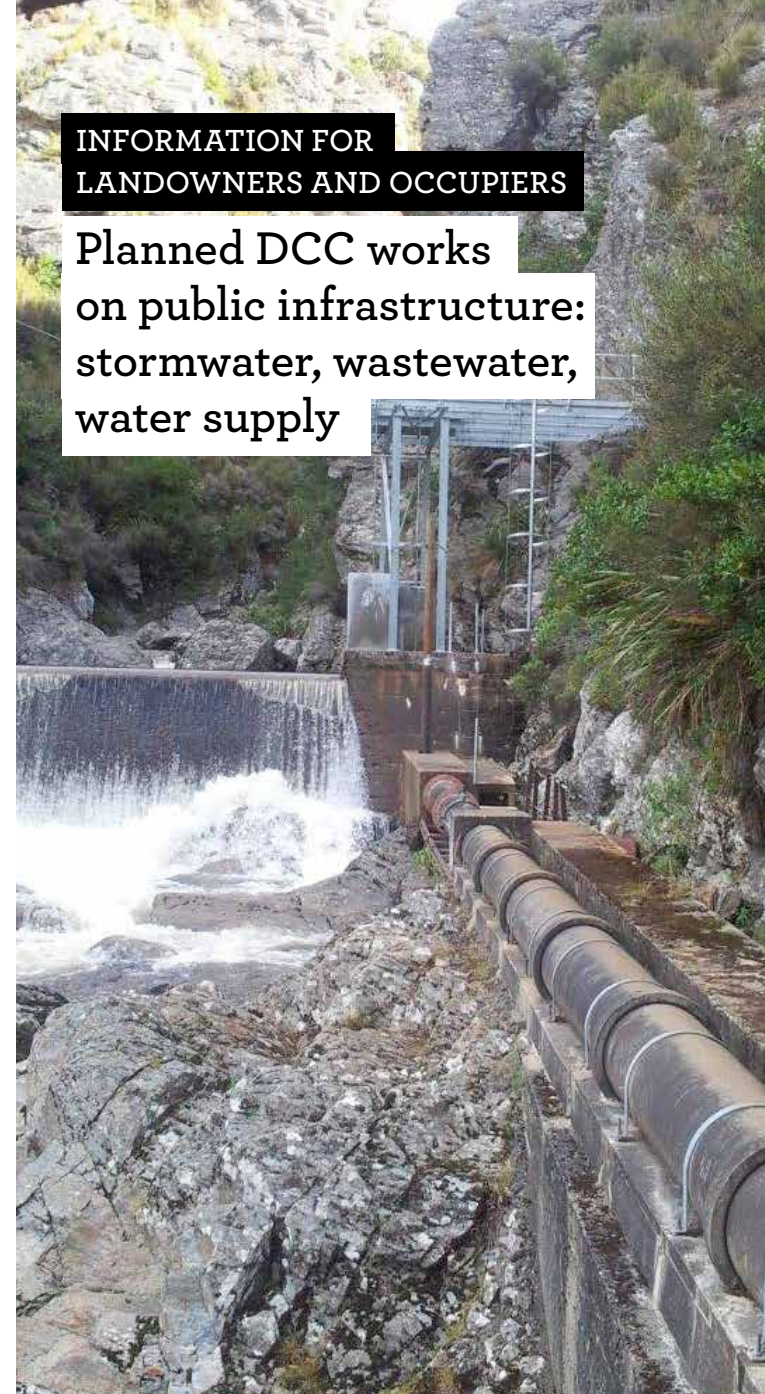
During



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INFORMATION FOR  
LANDOWNERS AND OCCUPIERS

Planned DCC works  
on public infrastructure:  
stormwater, wastewater,  
water supply





The DCC provides water supply, and stormwater and wastewater (foul sewage) drainage, to protect the health of our communities and the environment.

Most of these extensive networks are located on public land, such as within road reserve. Sometimes, generally due to local topography, those networks are located on private land, and the DCC may need to enter that land to manage and maintain that infrastructure.

## How do I know if there is public infrastructure on my land?

You can find aerial photographs showing public infrastructure on the DCC website at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/water-services-map](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/water-services-map).

Generally, public infrastructure for stormwater is shown in green, wastewater in red, and water supply in blue (see the map legend for detail).



The certificate of title for your property will show any registered easement for infrastructure that may exist between the land owner and the DCC. However, as the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) provides rights for public infrastructure, registered easements are not required.

If you are unsure whether any infrastructure is located on your property you should contact the DCC.



## What are my rights and responsibilities?

For planned works on your property, you can expect the DCC to:

- Give reasonable notice of the intention to enter your land.
- Reinstall any disturbed area following work.
- Adhere to specified conditions of any registered easement.

When you have public infrastructure on your property, you must:

- Not build or undertake other work within 2.5 metres of the infrastructure, or as specified on any registered easement, without written permission from the DCC.
- Ensure the infrastructure is not damaged or otherwise interfered with.
- Avoid planting near infrastructure, and in particular be mindful of large trees or other species whose roots could cause damage.
- Adhere to specified conditions of any registered easement.

## What are DCC's rights and responsibilities?

The DCC has rights under the LGA to enter private land to manage its infrastructure.

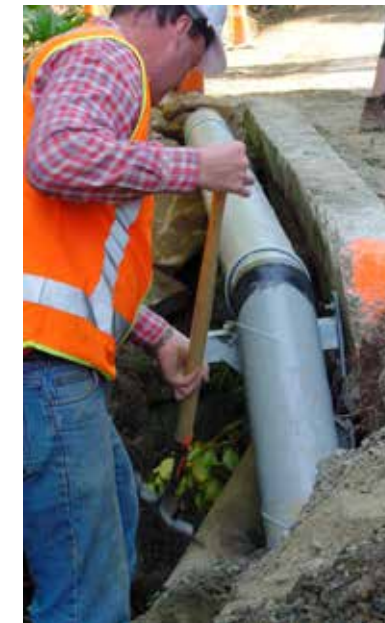
- Sections 181 (4) and (5) of the LGA allow the DCC to enter private land to inspect, alter, renew, repair or clean its infrastructure, provided "reasonable notice" is given to the land owner and occupier.

What is "reasonable" will depend on the nature, scale and duration of any proposed works – eg 24 hours may be reasonable for an inspection, while 2 weeks may be reasonable for works involving heavy machinery.

- The LGA also provides for the DCC to enter private land in the event of an emergency or for enforcement purposes, although the information in this brochure relates to planned works.

Where possible the DCC will work with you to minimise disturbance.

Following works, the DCC will reinstate the disturbed area of your property.



The DCC will also adhere to any additional conditions that may be specified on an easement.

The DCC may also require a landowner to remove any tree whose roots have entered, or are likely to enter, a public drain (under the Local Government Act 1974).