

## DEGRADED STORMWATER DRAIN AT AIRPORT CAUSES SUBSIDENCE

Land subsidence was discovered on Wednesday at the airport grounds and is currently under repair.

Initial assessment and excavation of the hole showed the underground area was eroded due to a failed corrugated stormwater drain that was full of large debris including rocks and general earth materials.

Investigations are ongoing and an engineered solution will be sought to rectify the issue.

Internal camera investigation of the pipe has been organised and an above ground X-ray assessment will be carried out to ensure there are no other pockets of concern within the immediate vicinity.

The investigation and solution will take time, to ensure the stability and effectiveness of the surrounding stormwater system.

The operation of the airport is unaffected, and works will be carried out in accordance with safety regulations associated with CASA requirements.

NIRC would like to thank the Airport Staff for their ongoing attention and assistance in rectifying the matter.



We are currently undertaking works to fix the stormwater pipe as best we can in anticipation of the upcoming rain event.

To prevent this from happening in the future, we will build a retention basis and redivert the water through a separate, open stormwater drain, to avoid the use of the existing degraded drain. However, we'll start this process after the upcoming anticipated rainfall.



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