

Important information for SWIS Irrigators

Dear SWIS Irrigators,

You may not be aware but TI is experiencing some issues with the pumps at the Great Bend Pump station.

Late Thursday last week, one of the two pumps at Great Bend starting exhibiting some noise from the motor – Our pump specialist attended site first thing on Friday morning and suspects one of the motor bearings has developed a fault. Over the weekend, the pump was removed and sent locally to replace the bearing which was being flown in over the weekend. We are hoping to have the pump reinstalled on Tuesday or Wednesday this week.

There has been an intermittent problem with pump 2 tripping at Great Bend. After some fault finding we suspect this is due to the pump drawing excessive current combined with some network voltage fluctuations from the recent poor weather. After slightly reducing the pump output (hence reducing current draw), the pump has been running well. We have commissioned the electrical contractor to confirm there is no other issue with the protection relay. At this stage we are comfortable that Pump 2 has no issue.

Whilst one operational pump will keep up with water demand in most scenarios, there may be some requirement over the next day or two for irrigators to reduce water consumption slightly depending on demand levels.

Scott O'Halloran is managing the situation and is your direct contact point. Hopefully with decreased demand and usage we can have the pumps back in without any delay or reduction in water supply.

If the situation changes, I will inform you.

Kind regards,
David Skipper
General Manager - Water Delivery