

Vaporooter Helps Strata Prevent \$40,000 Sewer Replacement

Location:	Clovelly, Sydney
Occupants:	Mostly women over 40. 2 with teenage children.
Home:	Block of four 2 bedroom flats 2 up, 2 down circa 1920
Trees in Vicinity:	Tree lined Street, many Hills Weeping Fig (Ficus Microcarpa Var.) large

This beautiful period block of flats, a 5 minutes walk from the beach is on **a street lined with Hills weeping fig trees.**

You know the kind, they produce the most beautiful summer shade with birds attracted to the fruit. **The branch canopy stretches right across the street.**

But **so does the root system** of these magnificent specimens.

We were **first called to this property to attend a blocked drain in May 2005.** The problem was tree roots from the specimens on the public footpath at the front of the property.

The ground floor flats were the worst affected. Not only did their toilets back up when they flushed them, but when the flats upstairs flushed their toilet, that also came up and sometimes overflowed in the ground floor toilets. That's called The U-Tube (poo-tube) effect!

We recommended to the owner occupiers that **Vaporooter would control the tree roots in their sewer.**

They declined to take up the offer.

In the 5 years since, we have attended to this sewer blocked by tree roots 7 times, we have carried out excavations to repair sections of drainage damaged by this aggressive tree root system. This unfortunately includes costly and inconvenient weekend and after hours callouts.

In total we have billed this client \$9,772.00 for tree root cutting and repairs.

In March 2010, they have finally indicated their interest in applying Vaporooter to control their tree roots in and around their sewer pipes.

The quote to apply Vaporooter is \$1,586.00. This comes with a 12-month Guarantee.

The estimated cost to renew this sewer around both sides of the building and out to the sewer main in the street is estimated to be an astonishing \$40,000.00.

The roots from the trees in this street are widespread. We have attended to blockages up and down the street. The roots are getting stronger. **Without Vaporooter, a full sewer replacement will be the only (costly) alternative.**

Some residents have indicated that instead of applying Vaporooter, they will lobby the Council to cut down the trees. That would change the entire streetscape and severely diminish their property value above the \$40,000 sewer replacement and well beyond the preventative Vaporooter solution that is guaranteed to solve the problem.