

Water pipe bursts in river

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A burst water pipe in a river left residents from Mshawini to Grootville without water for three days.

The pipe, situated in the river in Grootville, burst on Wednesday, November 4 and Umgeni Water employees, the company responsible, took two days to repair it.

iLembe District Municipality technical services assistant director, Notha Maphumulo said the reason the repair took so long was because of where the pipe was situated. Material was also an issue.

"The pipe, which was 300mm in diameter, was hard to locate and was also

cemented before it was put into the river. Heavy machinery had to be brought in to locate the broken pipe and find a way to repair it. This is the first time a pipe has broken in such an awkward place and it had to be bypassed so that the repair could be done."

Water tankers were in the areas throughout the repair and water was restored on Saturday morning, November 7.

"We would like to apologise to the community as well as thank them for their co-operation. We also need to thank Umgeni Water, our staff at iLembe as well as the councillors for assisting with supplying and delivering water to the people," said Maphumulo.



Contractors are seen using earthmoving equipment to repair the burst water pipe situated in a river in Grootville

