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“A storm water drain collecting rubbish and pollution after recent floodings in South Auckland”

This photo captures the drastic effects of extreme weather conditions on our environment, captured on Westney Road in Mangere, South Auckland.

Plastic pollution in stormwater drains harms aquatic life, contaminates water, degrades habitats, spreads invasive species, and affects nearby soil, impacting biodiversity and ecosystems. Implementing effective litter traps and filtration systems in stormwater drains can prevent plastic pollution. Public awareness campaigns, recycling initiatives, and reducing single-use plastics also play vital roles in curbing plastic waste from entering stormwater systems, protecting the environment and aquatic life.