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</p><font face="Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif" size="2">No one likes paying for clearing blocked drains as it puts you in the same position before the block. Drains are underground and out of sight. The money spent cannot be seen. By far the majority of blocked drains are caused by broken or cracked drains allowing tree roots to penetrate and block the drain. It is rare for a foreign object to go down the drain and block it as it has to pass through the pan u bend or the Gully Trap u bend where the waste pipes discharge. There are three methods of rodding. Hand Rod, Machine Worm, Industrial Water Blaster. They all have advantages and disadvantages however none will not repair a blocked drain, it will only remove the symptom. They may remove the roots temporarily. But the only sure method of repair is replacement. One thing is sure - a drain in good condition rarely blocks particularly the new PVC drains used today. Rodding is cheaper than replacement and can keep a drain going for many years but the inconvenient times that blocks occur is more than some can bear and in the end may need replacement any way. It could be said it is better to fix it right once. Drain Cameras - They give reassurance, and identify the problem some of the time to non believers. Most drainlayers can tell you what the problem is and where it is with a hand rod assuming they can gain access to the drain. Drain Cameras will not fix the drain and will often not see cracks or leaking and broken joints. </font> <p> </p>