

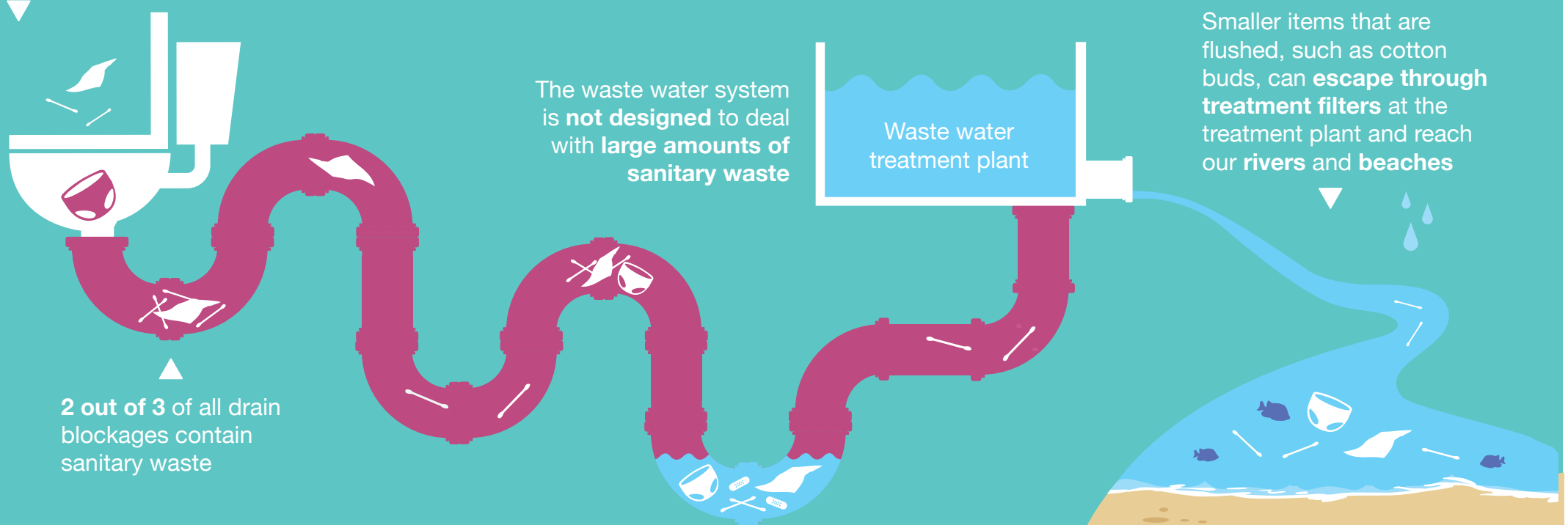
# THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

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Flushing items such as wet wipes down the toilet can cause pipe blockages and damage our marine environment

Thousands of sanitary products are flushed down the toilet every day, including wet wipes, cotton buds, and facial cleansing pads



2 out of 3 of all drain blockages contain sanitary waste

The waste water system is not designed to deal with large amounts of sanitary waste

Waste water treatment plant

Smaller items that are flushed, such as cotton buds, can escape through treatment filters at the treatment plant and reach our rivers and beaches

Sewage related litter causes harm to the environment and can pollute our water supply and coastlines

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