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'Significant' flooding at CBD tower forces 170 residents from homes

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Serious flooding forced about 170 people from their homes in a city apartment building early on Thursday morning, in what residents say is the third such incident in about two months.

Floors 16-19 of the Zen Harmony tower on Therry Street, near the Queen Victoria Market, were evacuated about 6am after a 50 millimetre hot water service pipe burst on the 19th floor.



Floors of the Zen Harmony apartment tower on Therry St have been evacuated for a third time in months because of flooding ZACH HOPE

A Metropolitan Fire Brigade spokesman said "significant flooding" was discovered on the four affected floors.

Frustrated residents told *The Age* it was the third time in about two months parts of the building were evacuated because of flooding.

Dozens of people dressed in pyjamas or hastily cobbled outfits congregated in the foyer on Thursday morning, some of them trying to catch up on sleep.

One 19th-floor resident, Vicky, said the alarm began blaring about 6am. When she opened the door to the hallway, she was greeted by a wall of steam and saw water rushing down the stairwell.



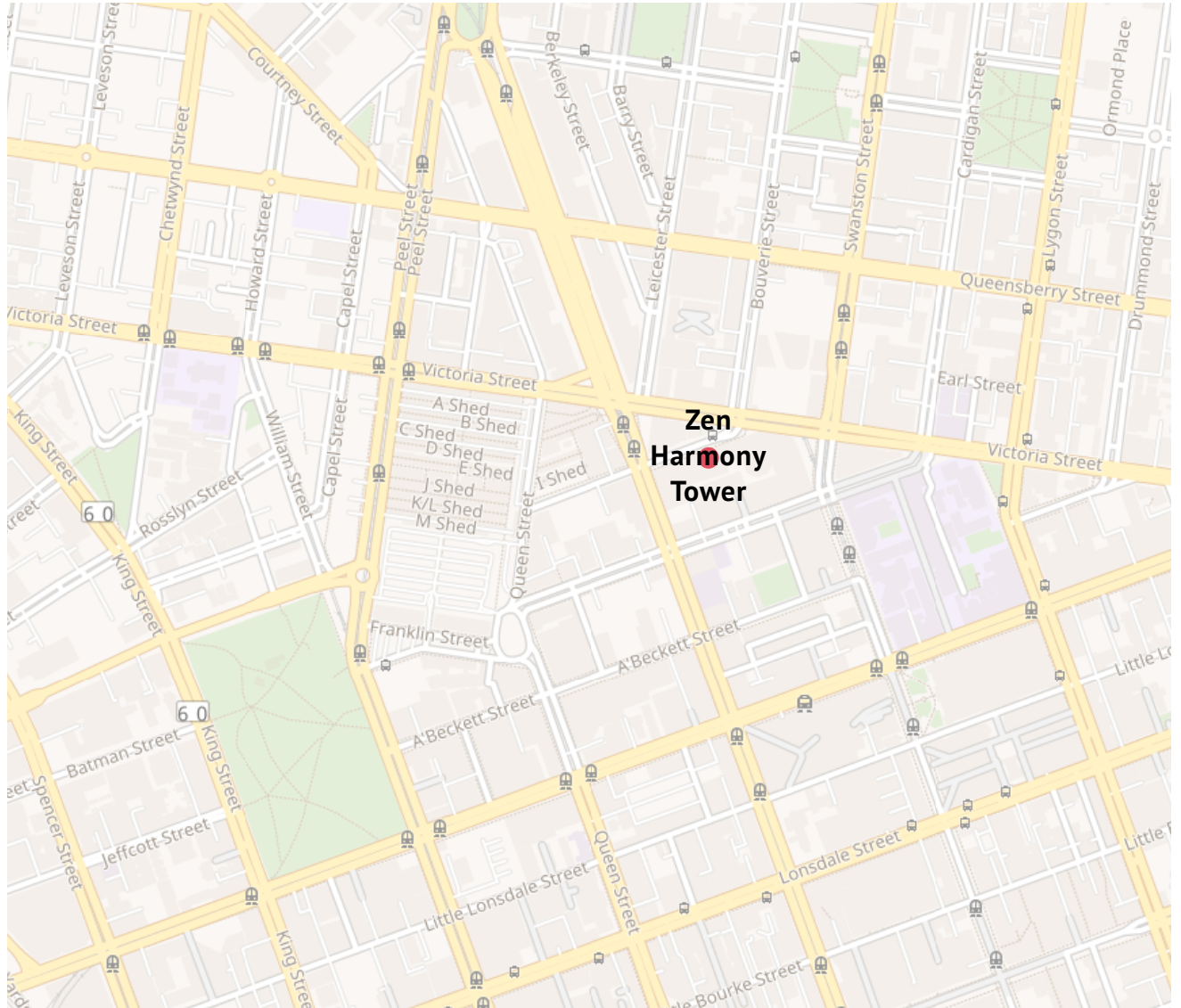
She wasted no time leaving and believes the water may have damaged her apartment.

"I'm very worried, because all my stuff is in my room," she said.

A 17th-floor resident, William, said was nervously waiting to find out if his apartment was damaged.

"Last (evacuation) no, but this time I think yes," he said. "I think this time very badly."

Four floors flooded in apartment building



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The residents said on Thursday morning they were yet to hear from building management about the latest incident.

The Age has contacted building management for comment.

Firefighters managed to shut off the water to the affected area before handing the scene back to management shortly after 7am.

Firefighters were still assisting with the clean-up, and residents have not been allowed back in.

There were no reports of injuries.

Victoria Police was at the scene assisting.

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