



Media Release

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WATER QUALITY – TENTERFIELD DAM SUPPLY

As a result of the recent torrential rainfall event which resulted in severe runoff from the fire ravaged areas in the Tenterfield Dam catchment, Council is receiving numerous complaints regarding the taste and odour of water in the town reticulated water supply.

Council wishes to assure the community that chemicals utilized in treatment of the water are food grade and in-line with NSW Health Guidelines.

A Reverse Osmosis water treatment unit has been ordered and is expected to be in place within the next 2 weeks. It is anticipated that due to the mix of water from the Reverse Osmosis water treatment plant being a higher level of bore water fed directly into the Water Filtration System and a diminished amount from the Dam itself, that the smoky taste and odour will abate.

However, the **BOIL WATER ALERT** will remain in place until further notice and despite the increase in the Dam level, current 4.7 Water Restrictions also remain in place.

For peace of mind, Tenterfield residents are advised that water is tested daily to ensure it is within the NSW Health Guidelines and in addition, weekly sampling is required by NSW Health for bacteriological analysis. In addition new meters to log turbidity on an hourly basis are to be installed in the Water Filtration Plant in the very near future.

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